

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons**, Administrator  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Director of Music  
**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
**Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed.**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School  
**Mrs. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Ms. Joanne Manning**, Parish Secretary  
**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities

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### Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.  
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
 Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]  
 8:00 a.m.

### Confessions

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
 or by appointment

### Baptism

Every Weekend after Mass on request. Baptismal preparation classes are the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the classrooms above the church. Please call the rectory in advance to schedule class attendance and Baptism.

### Sponsors

Parishioners need to meet with Msgr. Koons to determine whether they are eligible to serve as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Please call the rectory.

### Marriage

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to schedule a wedding. Attendance at diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes is required six months prior to the wedding date, as well as three or four sessions with the priest. Current Baptism and Confirmation certificates are needed for the Catholic parties. In the case of previously existing marriages, a death certificate or declaration of nullity is necessary before another marriage can be considered.

### Parish Registration

New parishioners living in the parish boundaries are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address or phone number or move out of the parish.

### Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and on First Fridays. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners on First Fridays several times a year. Please call the rectory to request being included on the homebound Communion list.

**Please call the rectory when parishioners are admitted to a local hospital.**

## Parish Activities/Contacts

Adult Education	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Ministry to the Sick	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Gribb .....	610-762-9072	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	484-226-0188	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491
Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....		484-540-5090			

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 12, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret Wright	Joe and Debbie
Mar. 13, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Mar. 14, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Rudolph and Susan Bauer	Daughter, Carol, and Gary Houck
Mar. 15, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Janice Kuhenecker	Friend
Mar. 16, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Debbie Nothstein	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Mar. 17, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Poandl	Family
Mar. 18, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Mary Bankos	Daughter, Ann

### Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Mar. 17, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany
Mar. 18, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik
10:30 a.m.	F. Kosticky

### Euch. Min.:

C. Wuchter
N. Birosik
J. Nicosia

### Altar Servers:

N. Bischof/M. Hartman
M. Cuchran/K. Cuchran
A. Miletics/G. Miletics

### Greeters:

L. Bet/P. Schuler
N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of the sons and daughters of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Sister M. Electa Barlok, who died recently.

# dear Padre:

***A friend said he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. Can you explain that word to me?***

The word *triduum* is Latin meaning "three days." In the early part of the 1900s, most major feasts of the Church were preceded by three days of prayer and pious exercises in preparation for the feast at hand. Today we use the word to refer to the paschal Triduum. These three days celebrate Christianity's most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends in somber stillness, as the tabernacle is emptied and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence.

Good Friday is a day of somber quiet, as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by the spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. The Triduum ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

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## Calendar:

### Monday - March 12

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 65:17–21

Jn 4:43–54

### Tuesday - March 13

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 47:1–9, 12

Jn 5:1–16

### Wednesday - March 14

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 49:8–15 / Jn 5:17–30

### Thursday - March 15

*Lenten Weekday*

Ex 32:7–14

Jn 5:31–47

### Friday - March 16

*Lenten Weekday*

Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

### Saturday - March 17

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 11:18–20

Jn 7:40–53

### Sunday - March 18

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Jer 31:31–34

Heb 5:7–9

Jn 12:20–33

**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** : Wednesdays, after 7 p.m. Mass  
**CONFESSIONS** : Wednesdays, after Stations  
**LENTEN ADULT GATHERING** : Thursdays after 8 a.m. Mass  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, March 11, 2018  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, March 18  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING** : Tues., March 20, 10 a.m.  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., April 7, 2018  
**BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018  
**PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018

**LENTEN ACTIVITIES: Mass:** Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m.  
**Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. **Confessions:** Wednesday evenings after Stations of the Cross; Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Easter Season Slovak Kolach orders will be ready for pickup **the weekend of Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25** in the church social hall.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** is a wonderful way to bring the spirit of Lenten sacrifice home. Operation Rice Bowl allows millions of our starving brothers and sisters to benefit and it doesn't cost us a cent! To participate, choose one night a week to eat a sacrificial meal. We will publish suggested meals in the bulletin each week. **This week's menu: Broccoli Cheese Soup, Captain's Wafers, Citrus Sections OR Grilled Cheese and Tomato Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread, Banana and Orange Sections.**



**EASTER BASKET STUFFER:** Need just a little something to add to an Easter card/basket for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for April 2018. The calendars are \$5 each and the winners are based on the **evening daily** Pennsylvania Lottery number. Calendars will be on sale before Mass the weekends of: March 17/18; March 24/25. Calendars must be purchased prior Easter Sunday, April 1.



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Today, Sunday, March 11, our Hospitality Committee is hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. **This month's donuts are being donated in memory of Rev. Francis P. Straka by Martha and Edward Hozza.**



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses next **Sunday, March 18**. Please support this fundraising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, omelet or cheese steak omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**

**HAMS NEEDED:** The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Hams to distribute to needy families for Easter. Anyone interested in donating is asked to please call the church rectory between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at 610-262-2559.

**BAPTISM:** We are happy to welcome Lincoln Daniel Haddad, child of Corey and Zoe Haddad, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Lincoln Daniel as he continues to grow in our faith.

**NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME:** Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 16** on the Party Porch, 1<sup>st</sup> base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$37 per person and is due at time of reservation. **Deadline for reservations is Sunday, July 1.** For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations).



**ALADDIN, JR.:** Good Shepherd Catholic School Senior Drama Club proudly presents "Aladdin, Jr." on **Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call the school at 610-262-9171.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:** Are you looking for a challenging academic core curriculum which also maintains subjects like art, music, physical education, foreign language, and technology? Register now for the 2018-2019 school year at Good Shepherd Catholic School. We have teachers and staff who lead us in the rich traditions of hard work, responsibility, virtues, and faith in God. Our school's philosophy is **"Shepherding in Faith, Inspiring in Education, and Learning for Life."** There are over 250 students in Preschool through 8th grade! The success rate of a quality Catholic school education is amazing in the Diocese of Allentown...97% of students in our Catholic high schools go on to attend college. **Please call Victoria Frystack, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 to schedule your tour now.**

**Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 9, 2018**  
**EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK**  
**begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,**  
**continues with music, games and food until 7:00 p.m.**  
**Featuring the music of "The Large Flowerheads"**  
**4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**HAVE YOU NOTICED** the **CareNotes** display in the back of the church? CareNotes offer helpful ideas and inspiration on dealing with some of life's most difficult moments. Please help yourself.

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, March 18, 2018

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD  
AT THE DOOR ONLY

ADULTS \$7.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

## MENU

French Toast

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs & Hash Brown

Choice of: Sausage, Bacon or Ham

Omelet your way & Hash Brown

Cheese Steak Omelet & Hash Brown

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea