

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 8, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 09, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Mike Plata, Sr.	Daughters
Apr. 10, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Paulino	M/M Richard Meckes
Apr. 11, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Frank Geosits	Anna Hammel
Apr. 12, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Conarty	Bennett Family
Apr. 13, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Preisler	Daughter, Mary Ann Holmes, and Family
Apr. 14, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Members of the Stephen and Sophia Bankos Family	Family
Apr. 15, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Mark Heckenberger	Parents, Deb and John, and Brother, Luke

Next Week's Schedule:

Apr. 14, Sat. 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 15, Sun. 8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Lector:

S. Parker

T. Kovalchik

D. Hozza

Euch. Min.:

B. Kosman

K. Bennett

L. Santucci

Altar Servers:

J. Warren/M. Warren

C. Cuchran/W. Cuchran

S. Kroll/M. Thierer

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, Suzanna Minnich, Robert Higgins, husband of Dolores Higgins, and Joann Ferris, sister of Rocco Fusco, who died recently.

dear Padre:

When our priest raises the host during the consecration at Mass, a parishioner says out loud, "My Lord and my God!" Am I out of line to feel this isn't right?

The liturgical assembly at Mass isn't a random collection of individuals; rather, the faithful form a holy people to give thanks to God. "They are consequently to avoid any appearance of singularity or division....This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestures and bodily postures observed together by the faithful" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 95–96). Moreover, unity is achieved in the vocal prayers and responses at Mass, "that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit," we "may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer IV).

The Eucharistic Prayer—the preeminent prayer of the Church—is voiced by the priest on everyone's behalf. All participate in the collective prayer by our acclamations throughout: the dialogue preface, Sanctus, memorial, and great amen. Here we express our belief in the mystery of faith and our unity in the Church's prayer.

The revised *Roman Missal* omitted the memorial acclamation, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again," because there's no equivalent text in the original Latin and also because it's more of a proclamation of faith than a prayer.

Likewise, "My Lord and my God" is a proclamation of faith that may be for some an entirely appropriate response for a believer as the host is raised, but the Church provides three communal prayers as acclamations immediately following the consecration. Any personal expression should be said quietly to preserve the unity of the Mass.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday – April 9

Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday – April 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday – April 11

St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

Thursday – April 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

Friday – April 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

Saturday – April 14

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

Sunday – April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 Jn 2:1–5a

Lk 24:35–48

- PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
- CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
- DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, April 8, 2018
- FIRST EUCHARIST** : Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.
- PRAYER SHAWL MEETING** : Tues., April 17, 10 a.m.
- BREAKFAST** : Sunday, April 22
- BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., May 5, 2018
- PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING** : Fri., Aug. 3 & Sat., Aug. 4
- BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018
- PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018

FIRST EUCHARIST: There will be practice for First Eucharist tomorrow, Monday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. **All children and parent(s) must attend.**

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Aloysius Makovsky:** \$10 Irene Laubach. **In memory of Carl and Anna Bennicas:** \$50 Daughter, Rachael Suranofsky. **In memory of Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$100 Margaret Mason, Tim and Michele Paul, and twins, Autumn and Brooke.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **on Sunday, April 22.** Please support this fund raising 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.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 3 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 4 starting at 7:00 a.m.** Friday we will be peeling and cooking potatoes. Saturday we will be making, cooking and packing the pierogies. Please come and help. The more help we have, the faster we get done. We need both Men and Women. Please come and join us. We do have fun.



NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 16** on the Party Porch, 1st 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). Please make checks payable to the church.



MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN: In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place. Join the men of the parish the weekend of August 24, 25 and 26 for their Malvern retreat. To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045. For information on retreats for women, married couples and families visit Malvern's website at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Please join Bishop Schlert on Sunday, April 22 for World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (1879 Applewood Dr, Orefield). Eucharistic Adoration will follow Mass until 2:30pm in the church when several prayers for vocations will be offered with the seminarians of our Diocese along with a reflection by newly appointed Director of Vocations Promotion, Fr. Mark Searles. The afternoon will conclude at 3:00pm with Solemn Benediction with Bishop Schlert. If you cannot join us at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, please take time on April 22 to remember this important intention in your prayers!

FAITH AND SPIRITS – The Forgotten Person of the Trinity. Join us on Monday, April 23, from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Allentown Brew Works in the High Gravity Lounge as Deacon Tony Campanell explores the third person of the Blessed Trinity. Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the role and relationship of the Holy Spirit to us and the Church? How does a relationship with the Holy Spirit affect me? These questions and more will be discussed. There is no cost to attend and no registration is required. Brew Works is located at 812 Hamilton St., Allentown and they will have menus available for ordering food and drink at your expense. For questions contact the Office of Adult Formation by email at adultformation@allentowndioocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.

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.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator
DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER
1-800-791-9209

Email: victimassistance@allentowndioocese.org

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndioocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 22, 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