

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 EASTER

APRIL 22, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 23, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph and Justine Regina	Daughters and Families
Apr. 24, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine Arnst	Granddaughter, Debra Kay Bennett, and Family
Apr. 25, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Thomas Osmunson	Robin and Gary Hall
Apr. 26, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Apr. 27, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Jerry Lynn Fennell	Betty and John Toolan and Family
Apr. 28, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Joseph Seko, Jr.	Daughter, Mary Jane Kovach, and Family
Apr. 29, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Nicki and Gene Savelli	Rossini Family

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Apr. 28, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	B. Fritz	J. Warren/M. Warren	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Apr. 29, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	C. Marth	J. Confer/C. Confer	A. Fry/V. Hall
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	C. Walsh	L. Lesisko/K. Lesisko	P. Madea/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Betty Crouthamel requested by Crouthamel Family.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers, Fred Hurban who died recently.

Dear Parishioners,

After nineteen years of service as our parish Coordinator of Religious Education, Mrs. Linda Santucci has decided to retire as of June 15, 2018. Many students have gone through our parish religious education program through the years, and they have all received the generous and gentle care and attention of Linda in their experience of education in the Catholic faith. From First Penance and First Holy Communion to Confirmation and even Marriage, from births and Baptisms to illness and even death, from first grade through high school, Communion retreats and Confirmation retreats, May Crownings and Stations of the Cross, Christmas pageants and Fun Day, baking bread and Breaking Bread, growing sunflowers and growing children: through it all, Linda has been a constant, graceful, self-sacrificing presence in the parish and the school, and has tendered our parish children loving care. We will miss her- but only in this one formal aspect of her dedication and devotion to our Parish. I am sure Linda will still be a faithful, gentle presence in our parish in new and creative ways. I am personally grateful for her cooperation and collaboration in the year that I have been with you- we have had many conversations, usually about two or three times as long as we had planned them to be, always with laughter and smiles. Surely, we all have had similar experiences of her presence. As she transitions to a new time of life, we wish her and her husband, Vinnie, her children and grandchildren, friends and relatives, many blessings and joy in her retirement. Please take the opportunity to thank Linda for her service to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish!

At the same time, I am happy to announce that Mrs. Susan Parker, a member of our parish, will take on the responsibilities of Coordinator of Religious Education. Susan and her husband Chris and son Kyle have been members of our parish since 2005. Susan is a teacher at Good Shepherd School, and has Bachelor's degrees in Music Education from Chestnut Hill College and Elementary Education from Cedar Crest College, and will soon have a Master of Education in Leadership this June from Holy Family College. Susan will continue as teacher of Kindergarten at Good Shepherd School. Please welcome her in her new position with our Parish!

Monsignor Koons

Calendar:

Monday – April 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:1–10

Tuesday – April 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19–26

Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday – April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b–14

Mk 16:15–20

Thursday – April 26

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

Friday – April 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26–33

Jn 14:1–6

Saturday – April 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44–52

Jn 14:7–14

Sunday – April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26–31

1 Jn 3:18–24

Jn 15:1–8

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Tues., April 17, 10 a.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, April 22
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., May 5, 2018
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, May 13, 2018
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 3 & Sat., Aug. 4
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018

2018 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL – CALLED TO SERVE:

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. If you have not taken the opportunity to make a gift, you may drop off your pledge form in the collection basket anytime this month or you can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **today, 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. The next breakfast will be held on October 28, 2018.



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.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of William Molchany, Sr. and Robert Lakatos. They were donated by Anthony and Diane Molchany and family.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Assumption B.V.M. children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 14. Kellen Bauer, Antonio Colandrea, Ellie Cuchran, Shane Foley, Dahlia Janis, Kira Kiel, Hailey Kotch, Holly Kotch, Liam Skinker and Violet Walakovits.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POPPY DRIVE:

The Catholic War Veterans of Post 454, Northampton, would like to thank everyone for their donation to the Annual Catholic War Veterans Poppy Drive. Thank you for supporting their annual drive!



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS:

The Young-at-Heart Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Tuesday, May 15. You do not have to be a member to come along. Cost: \$23 per person. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6908 or Bella at 610-262-2673.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

It’s time to put your foursome together, round up your friends, family and co-workers. Good Shepherd Catholic School has changed the date and site for the **7th Annual Golf Outing** on Saturday, **May 19, 2018** at Whitetail Golf Club. Please pick up a sign-up sheet in the back of church, or if you have any questions please contact Tim Egan at 610-261-4649 or Pat Wright at 484-221-5044.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON-LINE!

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SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS

– Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

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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