

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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. Susan Parker, Coordinator of Religious Education
Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary
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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Weekdays 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 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.	Susan Parker..... 610-262-7343
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..... 610-393-9126	Religious Education	Susan Parker..... 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		

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 01, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Serensits	Wife, Elaine, and Family
Oct. 02, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Cherski	Daughter, Bernadette, and Family
Oct. 03, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
Oct. 04, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Marvin Wright	Sara Schaffer
Oct. 05, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Santucci, Sr.	M/M John Toolan

**Holy Hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
9:15 a.m. Benediction**

Oct. 06, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Alfred Weber	Wife, Ann, and Family
Oct. 07, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Virginia Haldeman
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Oct. 06, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	F. Cerino	N. Bischof/A. Nederostek	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Oct. 07, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	N. Birosik	N. Millan/L. Fusco	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	B. Chambers	G. Miletics/J. Bobko	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Frank Serensits requested by Joanne and Juliet.

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

Good News!

September 30, 2018
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The tapestry scene may not seem to have much to do with the readings, yet it does. Let me explain: This wall-size work of art depicts the murder decreed by Herod of all the children two years and under. It was his desperate effort to extinguish any possibility that the Messiah might eventually contest his throne.

The reading of James could very well be applied to the greedy and avaricious Herod. "You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of [your own] slaughter" (James 5:5). All the wealth, authority, and success he had only led him to be more grasping and insecure. Anyone who sees a threat to his own well-being in the birth of a child reveals his own internal poverty of spirit.

Rather than remove the little ones from our lives, we should do all we can to edify and maintain their faith. Jesus, as well as James, has harsh words for anyone who would lead a little one to sin.

Herod was the first who needed to hear the words of the Messiah he was trying to silence. If anything causes you to sin, even something as precious as a hand or foot, it's better to cut it off and live physically impaired rather than maintain apparent wholeness while spiritually rotting from within. The life of our souls and that of the little ones is of paramount importance, and no material security should be placed ahead of it.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

- Monday - October 1**
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday - October 2**
Holy Guardian Angels
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23
Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Wednesday - October 3**
Weekday
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16
Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday - October 4**
St. Francis of Assisi
Jb 19:21-27 / Lk 10:1-12
- Friday - October 5**
Weekday
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday - October 6**
Weekday
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday - October 7**
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11
Mk 10:2-16

Rel. Ed. Classes : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting : 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed. : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Adoration : Friday, Oct. 5, after Mass
Baptismal Preparation Class: Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.
Blessing of Animals : Sunday, October 7, 11:30 a.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, October 14
Breakfast : Sunday, October 28

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: The First Friday of October, October 5, 2018, our parish will offer a holy hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The 8 o'clock Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will last one hour concluding with Benediction at 9:15 a.m.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS: In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22nd Street and Lincoln Avenue) **next Sunday, October 7 at 11.30 a.m.** After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that

animals are leashed or caged for their safety.



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Sunday, October 14, our Hospitality Committee will be 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 by Marie Bitenc in memory of her husband, Herb Bitenc.**



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Masses on **Sunday, October 28.** Please support this fundraising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs or omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for Christmas and weekly Mass are held **Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** (we are usually finished before 9:00 p.m.). As always, we're looking for new members. If you like to sing please consider joining this group of wonderful people with hearts of service who join together in something so much bigger than themselves. For us joining our voices in praise is the closest thing to Heaven that we can experience here on earth. If you are unable to make a commitment for weekend Masses, please consider joining us just for Christmas, when we sing at the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. If you have any questions, please call Karen at 610-691-0525.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of George and Mary Stefaniak. They were donated by their daughter, Linda Stefaniak.

MEN'S CONFERENCE: Spiritual Combat: Armed with the Spirit – This year's Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at DeSales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a Vigil Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. General Admission is \$40 and the High School/College rate is \$15. For more information or to register visit www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference. Questions can be directed to mensconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2028.

RACE FOR EDUCATION: The Good Shepherd School community will have their annual **Race for Education this Friday, October 5.** This is our largest and most successful fundraiser of the school year! **There will be a second collection next weekend, October 6/7,** to support our students and our school. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generous support.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES: Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "**A Night at the Races**" on Saturday, November 3, 2018 in the School Gym. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. To buy a horse, buy your tickets or for more information please call the school at 610-262-9171. You must be 21 years or over for this special event! Limited to the first 300 tickets! Cost is \$20 per ticket.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: We invite and encourage you to participate in the offertory procession at Mass. This is especially appropriate if you have requested the Mass, or if the Mass is being offered for a family member or friend. If you would like to present the gifts, please see one of the greeters at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins.



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.

CARE PACKAGES FOR DEPLOYED MILITARY MEMBERS: Blue Star Mothers of America, Lehigh Valley Chapter PA 201 is planning to send care packages to deployed military members in November. We'd love to send a package to your family members or friends. If you have anyone deployed or serving overseas and would like them to receive a package, please email their name and address to Joan Glover at jglover@ptd.net or give her a call at 610-349-7791 by November 1st. For more information about the Blue Star Mothers, please call or email Judy Miller, President of the LV Chapter @ 610-428-0778 or jmillerbsmx2@gmail.com.

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