

# 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, Director 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.  
 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		

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 14, 2018**

### **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Oct. 15, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Paulino	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Oct. 16, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†George and Mary Stefaniak	Daughter, Linda
Oct. 17, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Bobinta	Luton-Clayton Family
Oct. 18, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Mary Ann and Bill Holmes on the occasion of their 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	Joanne and Juliet Phyllis, Terry and Family
Oct. 19, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Weiner	
Oct. 20, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
Oct. 21, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†John Humenik	Sons, David and Paul
	10:30 a.m.	†Nicola Mancino	Daughter, Luisa Assante, and Family

<b>Next Week's Schedule:</b>	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Oct. 20, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor	R. Shearman	J. Warren/M. Warren	C. Kovacs/M. Bitenc
Oct. 21, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	T. Melosky	K. Cuchran/W. Cuchran	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza	C. Walsh	K. Lesisko/G. Heidecker	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of George and Mary Stefaniak requested by daughter, Linda.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish.

# Good News!

October 14, 2018

*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Wis 7:7–11; Heb 4:12–13; Mk 10:17–30 or Mk 10:17–27

The Book of Wisdom is attributed to King Solomon, son of David. Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom rather than longevity or power. To be a good ruler, he desired to know the truth, to have depth and understanding. He knew this was the strongest foundation a ruler could have. Even if he were a king appointed by God, he would one day have to render an account at his own judgment.

The Roman Emperor Constantine also learned this truth. The fresco here is dedicated to the moment of his vision of the cross. The historians Eusebius of Caesarea and Lactantius tell us of how—ahead of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in which Constantine would attack Maxentius to reunite the empire under himself—he had a vision of a cross in the heavens and heard these words: “In this sign, you will conquer.”

Constantine was not a Christian, yet he had this sign emblazoned on the breastplates and shields of his soldiers. They won that battle against great odds. Archeologists have uncovered shields, helmets, breastplates, and coins with this symbol, attesting to the truth of his vision.

Eventually Constantine, the most powerful figure in the world, was baptized a Catholic and built several large churches in Rome, including St. Peter's Basilica. This was not to his political advantage, and the risk he took in promoting the faith showed the sincerity of his conversion. He understood the wisdom of the cross, and it was worth selling all to follow Jesus and receive the treasure of eternal life.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

### **Monday - October 15**

*St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1

Lk 11:29–32

### **Tuesday - October 16**

*Weekday*

Gal 5:1–6 / Lk 11:37–41

### **Wednesday - October 17**

*St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*

Gal 5:18–25 / Lk 11:42–46

### **Thursday - October 18**

*St. Luke, Evangelist*

2 Tm 4:10–17b / Lk 10:1–9

### **Friday - October 19**

*Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs*

Eph 1:11–14 / Lk 12:1–7

### **Saturday - October 20**

*Weekday*

Eph 1:15–23 / Lk 12:8–12

### **Sunday - October 21**

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 53:10–11

Heb 4:14–16

Mk 10:35–45

**Rel. Ed. Classes** : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.  
**Prayer Shawl Meeting** : 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel. Ed.** : Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Choir Rehearsal** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, October 14  
**Adult Gathering** : Thurs., October 18, 8:30 a.m.  
**Breakfast** : Sunday, October 28  
**Baptismal Preparation Class**: Wed., Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m.  
**Confirmation** : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.



**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.



**ANNIVERSARY FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of William and Mary Ann Holmes. They were donated by daughter, Kelly, and son, Keith.

**BAPTISM:** We are happy to welcome Gabriele Colandrea, child of Mauro and Rosanna Colandrea, who began to share in the life of Jesus recently in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Gabriele as he continues to grow in our faith.



**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 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. If you have any questions, call Karen at 610-691-0525.



**CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS** will be available in the church social hall now thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.

**ADULT GATHERING:** Our BVM Adult Gathering Group will meet again on **Thursdays from October 18 to November 15 at 8:30 am.** We will view short videos about our "Catholic Faith" and then have a discussion about the subject presented. Please join us each week in the 5th grade classroom!

**A NIGHT AT THE RACES:** The countdown is on for our big Night at the Races Good Shepherd Catholic School fundraiser on November 3! We had a great time last year and are looking to make this year bigger and better with your help. We will be selling tickets before and after all masses starting the weekend of October 13 through October 28. Stop by and buy your tickets or a horse for the race. Cost is \$20 per ticket. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. You must be 21 years or over for this special event!

**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 please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference). Questions can be directed to or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2028 or [mensconference@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mensconference@allentowndiocese.org).

**HELP NEEDED:** Mercy is seeking to employ both full and part-time Direct Service Workers for our TLC/Over 21 Adult Habilitation Program. This person will assist with the day-to-day operation of the Adult Habilitation Program in an efficient manner that supports the mission of Mercy School for Special Learning. There are 2 full time position with a maximum of 32.5 hours weeks year-round with benefits as well as a part time position offering 20 - 25 hours per week year-round. This person will assist the Program Specialist and Director with implementation of annual goals developed for adults with multiple disabilities. Performs such routine tasks as feeding, lifting and toileting on a daily basis. Follows program policies in maintaining order and safety in the program room, hallways, all-purpose room and at events both on and off program premises. Performs other duties as assigned. The following clearances are required: Criminal History Check, Child Abuse Clearance, FBI Clearance and Mandated Reporter Certificate Interested candidates should contact Beth Gryns, Principal, at 610-797-8242 or [bgryns@mercyschool.org](mailto:bgryns@mercyschool.org). You may also mail your resume to: Mercy School For Special Learning, 830 S. Woodward Street, Allentown, PA 18103.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Next weekend, October 20/21, we are invited to unite with Catholics around the world to "celebrate the hope that saves" through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously. In this way, we stand in solidarity with the young and developing churches in over 120 countries through our support for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through this special collection. Please be generous in your prayer and support for the Church in mission around the world. There is an envelope in your October/November packet for this special collection.

**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, October 28, 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