

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
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Mrs. Susan Parker, Director 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.
 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 3:30 p.m.
 or by request

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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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 19, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick, and Family
Nov. 20, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Gloria Wyckoff	Bennett Family
Nov. 21, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†James Wills, Sr.	Joanne and Juliet
Nov. 22, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day	– Mass of Thanksgiving
Nov. 23, Friday	NO MASS		
Nov. 24, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Richard Hanzarik	Wife, Betty, and Family
Nov. 25, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Leonard Fry	Wife, Ann

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Nov. 24, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	D. Hozza	C. Marth	M. Warren/A. Colandrea	L. Bet/P. Schuler
Nov. 25, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	J. Ciecko	K. Cuchran	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	R. Shearman	J. Bobko/S. Kroll	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Paul Kovach, Sr. requested by Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchild.

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

Good News!

November 18, 2018

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dn 12:1–3; Heb 10:11–14, 18; Mk 13:24–32

The Sistine Chapel fresco *The Last Judgment* may be the greatest representation of the coming of Christ at the end of time. The centerpiece of the composition is Christ the judge with the Virgin at his side represented in a halo, surrounded by a crowd of apostles, prophets, patriarchs, Old Testament heroines, martyrs, and saints who form a double crown of swirling bodies. Michelangelo painted hundreds of figures, all with exquisite attention to detail.

Just think, when Michelangelo was painting, his work in the chapel was destined to be seen by very few—the pope, his court, a few visiting kings and diplomats at most. The Sistine Chapel would receive less foot traffic in Michelangelo's time than a medium- to small-sized parish today. Yet, Michelangelo painted with the same eye to perfection as if he knew his work would be seen by millions. He was not painting for the multitudes but for God and his patron, the pope.

Similarly, if we act with generosity and love, whether observed by millions or no one, we will follow the path to true freedom and love. We do what is right, not to be seen, but because we want to be true to God, ourselves, and others. Living like this, we will have no reason to fear the Last Judgment.

More than six million people annually see *The Last Judgment* in person, and countless more via broadcasts and social media. So do everything well, since it is seen by God and yourself—and maybe some day, by more eyes than you ever imagined!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday - November 19

Weekday

Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5

Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday - November 20

Weekday

Rv 3:1–6, 14–22

Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday - November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 4:1–11 / Lk 19:11–28

Thursday - November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Rv 5:1–10 / Lk 19:41–44

Friday - November 23

Weekday

Rv 10:8–11

Lk 19:45–48

Saturday - November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Rv 11:4–12

Lk 20:27–40

Sunday - November 25

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13–14

Rv 1:5–8

Jn 18:33b–37

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.
Breakfast : Sunday, November 18
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, December 9
Confirmation : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The 2019 “Visiting the Sick and Homebound” books are here. They are located in the church vestibule. Your name is on your book.

ATTENTION LECTORS: The 2019 Lector Workbooks which begin on December 2, the First Sunday of Advent, are here. They are located in the church vestibule. Your name is on your book.



SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by **next Sunday, November 25**. Please complete the form and return it with your payment by next Sunday.

Additional order forms will be available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, December 8 and Sunday, December 9. **Please note:** The order forms list “Pumpkin Cream” should have been listed as “Pumpkin Cheese”.



STOCKING STUFFER: Need a stocking stuffer? Or just a little something to add to a gift for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for January 2019. 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 November 17/18, November 24/25, December 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23 and 29/30. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2019.



REMEMBER THE NEEDY: Please take a tag from the “Giving Tree” which is located in the Church vestibule. The tags list items needed by the Catholic Charities Office to care for the needs of babies and their families. **Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by December 15** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Masses **today, Sunday, November 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 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. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast**. Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Northampton Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Grace United Church of Christ, 9th Street and Lincoln Avenue, Northampton **tonight, Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.** A free will offering will be taken and the proceeds will go to the Northampton Area Food Bank. A social will follow. All are invited to attend this special community service.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Leonard Fry. They were donated by his wife, Ann.



WINTER WEATHER: With the return to colder temperatures and the possibility of snow and ice, we ask everyone to exercise caution when using the front church steps. A recommended alternative would be to enter thru the side entrance and use the interior Steps/Elevator.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The Young-at-Heart Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Thursday, November 29. You do not have to be a member to come along. Cost: \$23 per person. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6308.

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL NEWS:



Good Shepherd Catholic School Junior Drama Club proudly presents “The Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon, Kids” **this weekend, Saturday, November 17th**

at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

Good News! Race for Education donation totals are up to \$37,342 as of this writing. Thank you to all of our donors in helping our families!

Radio City Christmas Show: The GSCS Drama Club is sponsoring a trip to New York City on Saturday, **December 15, 2018**. You will attend the 9:00 a.m. showing of the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular and have lunch at Connolly’s Pub. **Cost is \$165 per person with bus ride, ticket price and lunch all-included.** Bus leaves Good Shepherd Catholic School parking lot at 6:15 a.m. There are limited seats available so please contact Mrs. Parker A.S.A.P. at mrsparkegscs@gmail.com if interested. Tickets are first come, first served.



ALTAR FLOWERS: We would like to keep live flowers on the altar for all weekend Masses. **The cost is \$60.** If you would like to honor a deceased loved one or friend or honor a living person by placing flowers on the altar in their name, please call Joanne at the rectory 610-262-2559.

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 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

Creamed Chipped Beef on toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea