

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARYCHURCH



## 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  
**Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed.**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

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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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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Nov. 26, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Bernice Cherski	Daughter, Bernadette, and Family
Nov. 27, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret Wright	Bill and Connie Molchany
Nov. 28, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Theresa Hutnick	Richard and Helen Cuth
Nov. 29, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Gollatz	Rosemarie Hutterer
Nov. 30, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Elaine Hunsinger	Linda and Vinnie Santucci and Family
Dec. 01, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Health and Blessing – Dennis and Janice Bankos	on the occasion of their 55 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Family
Dec. 02, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph and Kathryn Makovsky	Makovsky Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

**Next Week’s Schedule: Lector:**

Dec. 01, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher
Dec. 02, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik
	10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger

**Euch. Min.:**

L. Assante
F. Cerino
M. Sommer

**Altar Servers:**

N. Bischof/A. Nederostek
W. Cuchran
G. Heidecker

**Greeters:**

M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
J. DeVecchio/R. Marakovits

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Leonard Fry requested by wife, Ann.

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

# Good News!

**November 25, 2018**

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)**

**Dn 7:13-14 | Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37**

Lorenzo Sabbatini painted an amazing Christ the King ascended in heavenly glory. Have you heard of the artist? He and his art were sought after by the wealthiest, most powerful people of his day—so famous then, but unknown today. Thus is the feeble nature of human glory.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is in chains at the mercy of Pontius Pilate. The Roman procurator failed to recognize him. Thus is the feeble nature of human recognition.

Pilate had before him the King of Kings, the author of all authority in heaven and on earth, his maker and judge. It appeared that Pilate was the powerful one, but Jesus knew all power really came from his Father. Thus the feeble nature of vision without faith.

The scene painted by Sabbatini is what we should always keep in mind—Jesus taken up into the clouds as he blesses us. Cherubs dance and celebrate the return of the King, their fearless leader, who faced all the forces of hell and emerged victorious. He was taking his rightful throne and they are rejoicing at having him back. He still reigns from there today.

He has opened the gates of heaven so all his beloved can now enter and populate the mansions prepared for them from the dawn of time. We may often feel like victims of circumstances or totally limited by our failures, health, or enemies. Yet, we are more than conquerors if we allow ourselves to be set free by the truth of Christ’s kingship.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday - November 26**

*Weekday*  
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5  
Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday - November 27**

*Weekday*  
Rv 14:14-19  
Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday - November 28**

*Weekday*  
Rv 15:1-4  
Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday - November 29**

*Weekday*  
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a  
Lk 21:20-28

**Friday - November 30**

*St. Andrew, Apostle*  
Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

**Saturday - December 1**

*Weekday*  
Rv 22:1-7  
Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday - December 2**

*First Sunday of Advent*  
Jer 33:14-16  
1 Thes 3:12—4:2  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**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.  
**Baptismal Preparation Class:** Wed., Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.  
**Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, December 9  
**Breakfast** : Sunday, January 27  
**Confirmation** : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.  
**BVM Night – Iron Pigs** : Thursday, August 22, 2019

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Saturday, December 8, is a Holy Day of obligation, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Masses will be celebrated on Friday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m.**

**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 **today, 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.**



**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 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.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Richard Hanzarik. They were donated by his wife, Betty, and Family.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Anna Hicks:** \$100 Heidi and Harold Knox.



**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.

**CHILDRENS 2019 ENVELOPES** will be located in the Church Social Hall next weekend, December 1/2. Please look for yours and take them home. Religious Education Student envelopes (grades 2-7) will be placed in the Religious Education Classrooms; Good Shepherd Student envelopes (grades 2-8) will be taken to the School.



**HAMS/TURKEYS NEEDED:** The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Turkeys or Hams to distribute to needy families for Christmas. Anyone interested in donating is asked to please call the church rectory between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at 610-262-2559.

**OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)** will be available (free will offering) in the church social hall all weekends during Advent. The 2018 Calendars, which are free, are now available in the church social hall, compliments of Schisler Funeral Home.

**REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM:** Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape Card. If you don't have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. **So far this year we have received \$3,150.84. Just think, that's over \$3,100.00** received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your **full receipts** in the containers located in the church vestibule. **We need the WHOLE receipt**, not just the bottom portion of the receipt.

**RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SHOW:** The Good Shepherd Catholic School 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 as soon as possible at [mrsparkegscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrsparkegscs@gmail.com) if interested. Tickets are first come, first served.



**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.

**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.

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## BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 27, 2019

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