

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
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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 Gribb610-762-9072	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
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Dec. 03, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Josephine Miller	Barbara Gallagher
Dec. 04, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Patricia Reynolds	Barbara Pengitore
Dec. 05, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Robin Hall	John and Sally Hudock
Dec. 06, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	John Bobinta
Dec. 07, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Strohl	Steve Marsch
	7:00 p.m.	†Anna Plata	Daughters
Dec. 08, Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	Husband, Paul, and Family
	4:00 p.m.	†Lucille Mikucik	Louise Tepes, Jr. Family
Dec. 09, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Hillpot	
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Dec. 07, Fri.	7:00 p.m.	E. Hozza
Dec. 08, Sat.	8:00 a.m.	N. Kotoris
Dec. 08, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz
Dec. 09, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	J. Santee
	10:30 a.m.	F. Kosticky

Euch. Min.:

J. Nicosia
L. Santucci
B. Kosman
K. Bennett
D. Maron

Altar Servers:

M. Hartman
J. Warren
N. Millan
A. Miletics

Greeters:

M. Bitenc
S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
A. Fry/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in for the health and blessing of Dennis and Janice Bankos on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary requested by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Robert Strohl, brother of Nancy Birosik, who died recently.

Good News!

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Jer 33:14–16; 1 Thes 3:12–4:2; Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

If anyone can keep a promise, it's God. His very nature is to be faithful to his promises and to fulfill all he has foretold. His promise after the fall of Adam and Eve was to send us a Redeemer, to bring peace to Jerusalem, and to reestablish his reign on earth. The prophets continually reminded the chosen race of God's fidelity and, although things looked far from their fulfillment, they insisted that God is faithful and would deliver.

Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise, comes in two phases. First, by coming as a baby in Bethlehem. This Incarnation and his arrival as Savior is what we're preparing to receive this Advent. Extra prayers, generous giving of your time, and special sacrifices are the best way to ready your soul for his coming.

Jesus' Second Coming will bring to completion what he started on the cross. His glorious return, which all of creation will foretell in those last days, is when the full effects of Christ's victory on the cross will be seen at the judgment of all living creatures.

The advice for all Christians in this period of waiting and preparation is to keep watch; to not allow the delay to lead us to drowsiness. Don't let the vanities of this world dazzle us, for in time, they will become dust.

God promises real treasures that will endure forever, and as we know, God keeps his promises.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday - December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 2:1–5 / Mt 8:5–11

Tuesday - December 4

Advent Weekday
Is 11:1–10 / Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday - December 5

Advent Weekday
Is 25:6–10a / Mt 15:29–37

Thursday - December 6

Advent Weekday
Is 26:1–6 / Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday - December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 29:17–24 / Mt 9:27–31

Saturday - December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

Sunday - December 9

Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1–9
Phil 1:4–6, 8–11
Lk 3:1–6

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.
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



Lighting of the Advent Wreath [Week One]

– [Before the evening meal, the family gathers at table.]

Leader: A flower shall blossom from the root of Jesse; the glory of God will fill the earth. **All:** All creation will be filled with the saving power of God. **Leader:** O Emmanuel, Savior of Israel, you are God’s Son among us. **R** - Come and save us, O Lord our God. **Leader:** O Wisdom of the Most High God, you rule with gentle might. **R** - Come and save us, O Lord our God. **Leader:** O Lord of Israel, you gave us the Law on Sinai. **R** - Come and save us, O Lord our God. **Leader:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN** [One purple candle is lighted and left burning during the meal.]

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.**

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: The First Friday of December, December 7, 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.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS: **Wednesdays,** December 12 & 19 following the 7:00 p.m. Mass; **Fridays,** December 14 & 21 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.; **Saturdays,** December 8, 15 & 22 from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.; **Monday,** December 17 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.; **Tuesday,** December 18 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.; **Thursday,** December 20 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

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 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.



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“DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY”: Next Sunday, December 9, 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 Juliet Manning.**

OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS) is available (free will offering) in the church social hall all weekends during Advent. The 2019 Calendars, which are free, are now available in the church social hall, compliments of Schisler Funeral Home.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION for the National Appeal of Retired Religious takes place **next weekend, December 8/9.** Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.



VOLUNTEER GIFTS: Gifts for the following volunteers will be located in the Church Social Hall **next weekend, December 8/9:** Altar Servers, Baptismal Prep Leaders, Breakfast Workers, Chi-Rho Members, Church Cleaning Crew Members, Eucharistic Ministers, Finance Committee Members, Funeral Team Members, Greeters, Hospitality Committee Members, Lectors, Picnic Committee Members and Ushers. P.R.E.P. teachers gifts will be located in the classrooms. Choir gifts will be located in the choir loft.



SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Order pick up date is **next weekend, Saturday, December 8, and Sunday, December 9.**

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Anna Hicks and Robin Hall:** \$25 Sandy Stoffel.



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.



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, 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