

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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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 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 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 Fr. Straka 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	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....	484-540-5090	
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
CYO	Tim Gribb	610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 9, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 10, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Brinker	Cheryl and John Hudicka
Oct. 11, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Perry Koch	Mom and Dad
Oct. 12, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret Tepes	Bob and Kathy Wiswesser
Oct. 13, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Sipics	Steve Marsch
Oct. 14, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Ed Reimer	M/M John Toolan and Family
Oct. 15, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Jonathan Keller	Family
Oct. 16, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth, and Family

Next Week's Schedule:

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

Altar Servers:

Greeters:

Oct. 15, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	P. Kovach	D. Bassert/E. Ossiander/S. Haldeman	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Oct. 16, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	T. Melosky	J. Millan/N. Millan/S. Kroll	A. Fry/M. Kovalcik
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	C. Walsh	A. Nemeth/M. Thierer/M. Hartman	E. Lessel/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Rachael Faber 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 Daniel Heberling, brother of Richard Heberling, and Vincent Santucci, Sr., father of Vinnie Santucci who died recently.

dear Padre:

If we practiced devotions linked to an indulgence, but didn't know about it, are the benefits still attained?

"Every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death..." (CCC 1472). This "temporal punishment," often removed in purgatory, is distinct from "eternal punishment," from which we are saved through baptism and absolution.

Indulgences, which are granted through the mercy of God and the authority of the Church, remove all (if plenary) or part (if partial) of a person's temporal punishment for sin. Both presuppose the actions are performed with contrition and the intention of gaining the indulgence: "Although indulgences are in fact free gifts, nevertheless they are granted for the living as well as for the dead only on determined conditions. To acquire them, it is required on the one hand that prescribed works be performed, and on the other that the faithful have the necessary dispositions, that is to say, that they love God, detest sin, place their trust in the merits of Christ and believe firmly in the great assistance they derive from the Communion of Saints" (Pope Paul VI, *Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 10).

So indulgences are not retroactive or automatic, but they in no way "diminish the value of other means of sanctification and purification, first and foremost among which are the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments, particularly the Sacrament of Penance" (ID 11).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Weekday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday – October 11

Weekday

Gal 5:1-6

Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday – October 12

Weekday

Gal 5:18-25

Lk 11:42-46

Thursday – October 13

Weekday

Eph 1:1-10

Lk 11:47-54

Friday – October 14

Weekday

Eph 1:11-14

Lk 12:1-7

Saturday – October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Eph 1:15-23

Lk 12:8-12

Sunday – October 16

Twenty-ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13

2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Lk 18:1-8

Calendar:

Monday – October 10

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PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, October 9
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 30, 2016
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., November 5, 10:00 a.m.
CEMETERY PRAYER SERVICE: Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m.
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.

RECTORY HOURS are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or call for an appointment.

Rectory office is closed on Wednesdays.



COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS: On Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. at our cemetery, we will have a special prayer service to remember the faithful departed, bless the cemetery, and to read the names of those buried/entombed there this past year.

CHOIR NEWS: Your FAVORITE Choir has begun rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Please consider joining us as we prepare for Sunday Liturgies and Christmas. We are looking for voices in all parts but are desperate for a few Altos and Tenors! We know you're out there! No experience necessary, And you're welcome to join us even if you can only sing for Christmas!



WEDDING FLOWERS: The flowers in church this week are in honor of the Wedding of Ashley Mikulcik and Jordan Strause who were married today, Saturday, October 8.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queenship of Mary Church **today, Sunday, October 9 at 3:00 p.m.** Our pastor, Rev. Francis P. Straka, will give the reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Mary Wasko:** \$25 Ann Fry. **In memory of Walter Rasich:** \$50 Rev. Francis P. Straka. **In memory of Bernard Csensits:** \$25 Rev. Francis P. Straka. **In memory of Rose Marie Gibbons:** \$25 Rev. Francis P. Straka.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Masses on **Sunday, October 30.** Please support this fund raising 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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: The weekend of **October 22/23** 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:

Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "**A Night at the Races**" on Saturday, November 5, 2016 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 200 tickets!

DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 2016** at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Our parish, along with Holy Trinity and Queenship of Mary, are chartering a bus for the pilgrimage. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the pilgrimage. **Call Holy Trinity Rectory at 610-262-9315 to reserve your seat. Cost \$30/person.**



CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS are available in the church social hall starting this weekend, October 8/9 thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.

BASKET PARTY: Holy Trinity Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall will be having a Basket Party on **Saturday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets: 25 for a \$5.00 donation and will be on sale at the door. Questions or for more information please call 610-262-9315 or 610-533-2794.

FOOD BANK NOTICE: Due to the parade on October 20 we are **moving the 3rd Thursday distribution to Wednesday, October 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause.

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.



CYO WINTER SPORTS sign-ups for Boys & Girls Basketball (grades 5-8 \$75); Boys and Girls Basketball (grades 3-4 \$40); Instructional Biddy Basketball (Co-ed K-2 \$40); High School Boys and Girls Basketball (\$100); Cheerleading K-4 (\$25) will be held on Wednesday, October 12 6:00-7:30 p.m.; Monday, October 17 6:00-7:30 p.m. All sign-ups will be held at Good Shepherd Gym. Any questions or more information please contact Dave Sweetana at sweetana98@gmail.com or 610-502-1950.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, October 30, 2016

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