

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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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 3:45 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 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.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
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.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	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			

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****JANUARY 28, 2018****MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Jan. 29, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Noel Van Dyke	John and Betty Toolan and Family
Jan. 30, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Stella Mitch	M/M John Marshall
Jan. 31, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†John Pavlick	Lenny and Paula Kosciolek
Feb. 01, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Feb. 02, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Louis Pavlovic	Wife, Nancy, and Family
Feb. 03, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Margaret Tepes	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Feb. 04, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Sipics	Rose Prickler
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:**Lector:****Euch. Min.:****Altar Servers:****Greeters:**

Feb. 03, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	B. Kosman	N. Bischof/M. Hartman	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Feb. 04, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	K. Bennett	J. Confer/C. Confer	A. Fry/V. Hall
	10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	D. Maron	G. Heidecker/S. Kroll	P. Madea/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week for the health and blessing of Nikki Kotoris requested by Juliet and Joanne Manning.

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

dear Padre:

Whenever I try to pray, I'm plagued with a thousand distractions. How can I learn to control my mind better?

Maybe you're trying too hard. You've heard how some baseball hitters press when they're trying to come out of a slump. Their very effort to overcome their problem makes them tighten up more. They are so worried about the mechanics of their swing, stance, or grip that they can't hit the ball. That's why their coach might advise them to stay loose in the batter's box. We could use the same advice in our approach to prayer. Do your best to pray well, but don't be too upset if your prayer is not "perfect."

Some scrupulous Catholics will repeat a prayer if their mind wanders the first time through, but this isn't advisable. I suggest that you make a good intention, say your prayer and, even if your mind wanders, don't repeat it. Remember that distractions are as natural as breathing, and even the saints couldn't pray without them. When a distraction comes, treat it as you would a fly buzzing around your head. Occasionally shoo it away, but don't spend all your time and concentration on it. The good Lord can read your heart. He loves you just as you are, distracted mind and all.

From Understanding Scrupulosity by Fr. Thomas Santa, CSsR,
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Calendar:

Monday - January 29

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday - January 30

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday - January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday - February 1

Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

Friday - February 2

Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

Saturday - February 3

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday - February 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-71

Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

- PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
- CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, **7:30 p.m.**
- BREAKFAST** : **Sunday, January 28, 2018**
- BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., February 3, 2018
- BLESSING OF THROATS** : Sat./Sun. February 3/4
- DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, February 11, 2018
- PRAYER SHAWL MEETING** : Tues., February 20, 10 a.m.
- CONFIRMATION** : Thursday, March 8, 2018
- BASKET SOCIAL** : Sat./Sun., May 19/20
- BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018
- PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018

BLESSING OF THROATS: Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 4 throats will be blessed immediately after all Masses.

CANDLES WILL BE BLESSED for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2 – Candlemas Day). They will be available for your personal use. We ask an offering of \$3.50 per box to help cover the costs.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of William Birocik. They were donated by his wife, Nancy Jane, daughter, Stephanie, son, Billy, and family.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: February is the month assigned to our parish for volunteering to work at the Northampton Area Food Bank. Work is not strenuous and only requires a few hours on certain days. The more volunteers we have, the less work for all. If interested or for more information please call Bella Skweir at 610-262-2673.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **today, Sunday, January 28.** 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 brown, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**



SOUPER SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, **February 3/4** students from our 7th Grade Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.) will be present at all Masses collecting funds for the Northampton Area Food Bank.

Throughout the country Billions of dollars will be spent to celebrate the Super Bowl. Can you afford \$5 or \$10 to help feed the needy? **Drop your donations in the soup pots that the teens will be holding after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.**

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK will hold a Super bowl Gift Card Bingo on **Sunday, February 4, 2018** in the Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton. There will be 20 games for \$20 and five specials for \$5. Chinese Auction - 50/50 - Door prizes - Mystery Envelope Game - Cash Drawing - Food. Bingo prizes and specials will be Gift Cards from area stores, dining, and entertainment. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. and Bingo will begin at 2:00 p.m. All paper bingo. Additional boards are available for purchase. **To purchase tickets or for more information contact: Pam Kametz at 610-439-4814.**

"Snow Date: Sunday, February 11."



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": On Sunday, February 11, 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 in memory of John and Margaret Harhart by their children.**

CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER: FAMILY HOLY HOUR: The Diocesan Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry aspires to provide a culture of encounter. In this day and age, our culture has become consumed in technology and has forgotten the gift of encounters with one another and with the Almighty. These encounters happen in a special way through liturgy, prayer, Scripture, and fellowship. This year, we will provide real encounters for you through Culture of Encounter: Family Holy Hours. We hope these Holy Hours will foster encounter between: God and you, Parents and children, Families of the parish.

Today, Sunday, January 28, at Assumption B.V.M., the 10:30 a.m. Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a Holy Hour to follow and concluding with Benediction at 12:15 p.m. We hope you will bring your whole family to pray in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist!

SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Good Shepherd Catholic School will hold their annual Catholic Schools Week Open House next Sunday, January 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are invited to come tour our school and see the wonderful things that are happening. Registrations will also be accepted for the 2018-19 school year. We are accepting enrollment for students entering Preschool (age 3) through 8th grade. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

**Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 9, 2018
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,
continues with music, games
and food until 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the music of "The Large Flowerheads"
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, January 28, 2018

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
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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