

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
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
Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

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 610-334-9147

Courage:
Diocesan Website: www.allentowndioocese.org

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		

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 21, Monday	NO MASS		
Jan. 22, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mike Plata, Jr.	Sisters
Jan. 23, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†William Birocik	William and Eleanor Scherr
Jan. 24, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrea Dias	Brenda and Bob Fritz
Jan. 25, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Connie Marth	Berdell Haines and Family
Jan. 26, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Diane and Joe, Brother, Joe and Sister, Jenny
Jan. 27, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†John Pavlick	Ron and Pris Koch

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Jan. 26, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	L. Assante	M. Warren	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Jan. 27, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	F. Cerino	N. Millan	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	M. Sommer	G. Heidecker	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

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

Good News!

January 20, 2019
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
 Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

The weaver works from the back side of a tapestry while looking into a mirror in front to see the reflection of his work. Next to the mirror sits a painting of what he is weaving. The back of the tapestry is full of knots and dull colors. In front it is beautiful and ornate. The way a tapestry is made is a great allegory for marriage. Spouses look at the ideal they are trying to reproduce: God's love for humanity, Jesus' love for his Church. It is a sacrificial, lay-down-your-life kind of love. While viewing the ideal, the spouses have their hands on the threads, weaving the right color at the right time to reproduce that ideal.

Those strings can represent the different virtues or acts of love required by the specific situation of the relationship. Sometimes a spouse has to stop, tie off a string, pull it out, and start over. From the back, it can look chaotic, but slowly the ideal takes shape and the beauty of the tapestry of marriage comes into view.

God will marry us, says the prophet. He will take us as his own, giving us the gifts of his Spirit to enrich us. Together, we will bear fruit of new life in ourselves and others. Trying to weave that loving union with God and others may be chaotic and knotty; thus, the need to repent and try again. But with his grace, the final product, which comes into full view only at the end, will be unique and beautiful.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

- Monday - January 21**
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
 Heb 5:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday - January 22**
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 Heb 6:10-20 / Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday - January 23**
Weekday
 Heb 7:1-3, 15-17
 Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday - January 24**
St. Francis deSales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Heb 7:25-8:6
 Mk 3:7-12
- Friday - January 25**
Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
 Acts 22:3-16
 or Acts 9:1-22
 Mk 16:15-18
- Saturday - January 26**
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
 2 Tm 1:1-8
 Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday - January 27**
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
 1 Cor 12:12-30
 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

- 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, January 27
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, February 10
Confirmation : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his Parents, Diane and Joe, Brother, Joe & Sister, Jenny.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **next Sunday, January 27**. 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. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.** Tickets on sale at the door.



SOUPE SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, February 2/3 students from our 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:

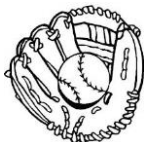
Good Shepherd Catholic School will hold their annual **Catholic Schools Week Open House next Sunday, January 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** All are invited to come tour our school and see the wonderful things that are happening. Registrations will also be accepted for the 2019-20 school year. We are accepting enrollment for students entering Preschool (age 3) through 8th grade. For more information please see the flyer in this week's bulletin or call the school office at 610-262-9171.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED: Are you looking to work in a fun, faith-filled environment where you can make a difference in the lives of children? Consider applying to become a substitute teacher at Good Shepherd Catholic School. We are in search of flexible, dynamic people that can help at school in the event of teacher absences. Competitive hourly rates are offered as compensation but there is no better reward than spending your day with the children of GSCS!



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 in the church social hall. Bus Trips: Atlantic City overnight - Thursday/Friday, February 14/15. Cost is \$125 per person; Mohegan Sun Casino on Thursday, February 28. You do not have to be a member to come along. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6308 or Bella at 610-262-2673.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Next weekend, **January 26/27**, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. **How will you help?** Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.** Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.



NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 22** on the Party Porch, 1st base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. **Deadline for reservations is Monday, July 1.** For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations). Please make checks payable to the church.

ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2018 OFFERING STATEMENTS

were mailed out the week of January 7 to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2018. If you desire a statement of your 2018 contributions and your contributions are under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket any Sunday during the month of January.

ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____
 NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK will hold a Super Bowl Gift Card Bingo on Sunday, February 3, 2019 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. 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: Kelly Frantz at 610-262-7826. "Snow Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019."

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PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Assumption B.V.M. Church Picnic will be held next year on **Sunday, September 8th, at Egypt Memorial Park.** Please mark your calendars.



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