

# 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**

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**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		

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 04, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret Tepes	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Feb. 05, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Zastko	Kathy Eslinger and Bill Gumhold
Feb. 06, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Maria and Mariano Rossini	Rossini Family
Feb. 07, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†David Liskanich	Haldeman and Churetta Families
Feb. 08, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.	Frank Maurek
Feb. 09, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Al Marhefka	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Feb. 10, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Angelo and Micalina Berlinger	Rossini Family

### Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Feb. 09, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	B. Fritz	A. Colandrea/N. Bischof	C. Kovacs/P. Madea
Feb. 10, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	T. Melosky	W. Cuchran	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	J. Nicosia	A. Miletics	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Herb Bitenc requested by wife, Marie.

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

# Good News!

February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

The consoling words from the prophet Jeremiah give comfort to all of us. God told him that he, like each of us, was known even in his mother's womb. It was this knowledge of being known and loved that gave Jeremiah the strength to stand before his people and prophesy some very strong and harsh words. He was set as a strong pillar, a wall of brass, a fortified city. He was rooted in love, because he needed to be so as not to be crushed by the anger and resentment stirred up by his prophetic words.

Jesus faces the same ire when visiting his hometown. At first the Nazarenes praise him, but soon, as if they had some entitlement, they presumptuously demand that he perform miracles to satisfy their vanity—not to change their hearts. When Jesus challenges them, their response is to want to throw him off a cliff!

As Christians, we all have a prophetic mission. We're called to preach the truths of the gospel, and at times this isn't popular. In the public square, the Church and Christians are often praised for their charitable work but asked to silence their religious voice when morality is discussed. We need the strength and conviction of prophets as well as the love that drives them.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday – February 4**

*Weekday*

Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday – February 5**

*St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*

Heb 12:1-4

Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday – February 6**

*St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday – February 7**

*Weekday*

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24

Mk 6:7-13

**Friday – February 8**

*Weekday*

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday – February 9**

*Weekday*

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday – February 10**

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Cor 15:1-11

Lk 5:1-11

**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.  
**Blessing of Throats** : Sat./Sun. after Masses  
**Baptismal Preparation Class**: Wed., Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.  
**Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, February 10  
**Breakfast** : Sunday, February 24  
**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 Joseph Sentiwany. They were donated by his son, Joseph.

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** Saturday, February 2 and Sunday, February 3 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.



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Next Sunday, February 10, 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.**



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, February 24**. 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, omelet or cheese steak omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**



**NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME:** Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 22** on the Party Porch, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**HEALING OUR CHURCH DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**COMING IN LENT:** Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. *Healing Our Church* is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions "an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith." Discussions will take place during the six weeks of Lent. Watch for more information, including how to sign up, soon

**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.

**BINGO:** Mercy School for Special Learning, 830 S Woodward Street, Allentown will host a **Michael Kors/Vera/Coach Purse Bingo next Sunday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m. \$25 for 20 games, specials extra.** The kitchen will open at 12:00 noon. For more information please call 610-797-8242. Please join us in support of Mercy's educational program for children having intellectual/developmental disabilities.

**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.



**YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS:** The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be Tuesday, February 26, 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.

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR**

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator  
 DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER  
 1-800-791-9209

Email: [victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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## BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 24, 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