

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA**, Pastor  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Director of Music  
**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
**Ms. Irene M. Quigley**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

**Mrs. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities  
**Ms. Joanne Manning**, Parish Secretary

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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., 7:00 p.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	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	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 Grubb .....	610-762-9072	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka .....	610-262-2559
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart Bus Trips	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2016

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 11, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Linda Doiron	Bella and Mike Skweir
Jan. 12, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Leesha Robertson	Casmir Szapka
Jan. 13, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Haldeman	Elwood and Pat Thompson
Jan. 14, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Dr. Eugene Pelczar	Mike and Bella Skweir
Jan. 15, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Lucille Fowler	Steve Marsch
Jan. 16, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Richard Brinker	Brian and Diane Romanhow
Jan. 17, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Francis Budnik	Louis Stubits
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

#### Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Jan. 16, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	C. Marth	B. Bankos/E. Ossiander/E. Meister	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
Jan. 17, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	K. Bennett	J. Millan/N. Millan/B. Gallagher	B. Cwitkowitz/M. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	A. Kaminsky	P. Hunsicker/M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

**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.

# dear Padre:

## Long-distance godparenting

*My two-year-old goddaughter's mom has taken a job in another city. I'm heartbroken. How can I be a good godparent when I'm 2,000 miles away?*

**There's never been a better time** to be a long-distance godparent. Inexpensive mobile and data plans, email, social networking, and camera phones make keeping in touch easy.

Your goddaughter is very young, so when you can't visit in person, regular video chats are your best bet for making sure she knows who you are. Keep them short; forcing her to sit still too long will make your time together an ordeal. And don't be hurt if she'd rather be doing something else. Just say hello, tell her you love her, and let her go.

You can also send a picture of yourself to display and a box of preaddressed, stamped envelopes so her parents can send you her artwork. If they do, hold it up to the camera and admire it. And don't forget to celebrate her baptismal birthday or patron saint's feast with a card or gift of Christian books, stickers, and other activities.

As your goddaughter gets older, you'll communicate in more sophisticated ways—phone conversations, handwritten letters, emails, texts, and whatever else has been invented by that time. But the important thing isn't how you keep in touch. It's that you keep in touch regularly and build a faith-filled relationship that will last a lifetime.

FR. RICK POTTS, CSsR  
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

## Calendar:

### Monday - January 11

Weekday  
1 Sm 1:1–8  
Mk 1:14–20

### Tuesday - January 12

Weekday  
1 Sm 1:9–20  
Mk 1:21–28

### Wednesday - January 13

Weekday  
1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20  
Mk 1:29–39

### Thursday - January 14

Weekday  
1 Sm 4:1–11  
Mk 1:40–45

### Friday - January 15

Weekday  
1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a  
Mk 2:1–12

### Saturday - January 16

Weekday  
1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19; 10:1a  
Mk 2:13–17

### Sunday - January 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 62:1–5  
1 Cor 12:4–11  
Jn 2:1–11

**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE PREP** : Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, January 10  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, January 24, 2016  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., February 6, 10:00 a.m.  
**CONFIRMATION** : Tue., March 15, 2016, 4:30 p.m.  
**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** : Sunday, September 11, 2016



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Today, Sunday, January 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.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, January 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 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 6/7, students from our 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



**MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING** will host a Designer Bag Bingo **today, Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016,** beginning at 1 p.m. (doors open at noon) at the school, located at 830 S. Woodward St. in Allentown. Tickets are \$25 for 20 games at the door. Bingo specials, auction tickets and food will be available for purchase. For more information, please call the school at 610-797-8242.

**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.

**NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK** will hold a Vera Bradley Bingo on Sunday, February 7, 2016 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 bingo prizes and specials will be Vera Bradley products. All paper bingo. Additional boards are available for purchase. To purchase tickets or for more information contact: Barbara Budnik at 610-262-6156. "Snow Date: Sunday, February 14."

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory Anthony DelPrete:** \$25 Sister, Margaret Caterino; \$25 Niece, Cathy Gerard; \$20 M/M Ralph DelPrete.



**YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS:** The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in the church social hall.

**REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM:** Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape/Gas Card. If you don't have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. This past year (2015) we received \$3,399.34. Just think, that's almost \$3,400.00 received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your full receipts in the containers located in the church vestibule. We need the WHOLE receipt, not just the bottom portion of the receipt. See the letter from Redner's Markets, Inc. posted on the bulletin boards for more information. Thank You!



**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.

**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.

**ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2015 OFFERING STATEMENTS**

will be mailed the week of January 11 to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2015. If you desire a statement of your 2015 contributions and your contributions are under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or place it in your church envelope any Sunday during the month of January.

ENVELOPE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, January 24, 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