

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
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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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 18, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Perry Koch	Paul and Sylvia Horvath
Jan. 19, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Theresa Benko	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Jan. 20, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Famalette	Rita Pavlick
Jan. 21, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Mike Plata, Jr.	Brother and Sisters
Jan. 22, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Jan. 23, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Sue Olesak	Mildred Maikits
Jan. 24, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Annette Yurish	Tony and Hattie Rienish
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Jan. 23, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	P. Kovach	J. Warren/M. Warren/A. Weber	M. Mraz/P. Schuler
Jan. 24, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	J. Ciecko	E. Confer/C. Confer/J. Confer	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	J. Alba	M. Thierer/S. Heidecker/D. Bassert	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John Filipovits requested by Wife, Ann.

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

dear Padre:

Parents aren't culpable for the actions of children

I'm terrified that the birth-control pill my son's girlfriend takes contains an abortion-inducing ingredient. He has asked me not to discuss his sex life, but am I committing a sin if I don't mention this related issue?

Children grow up and ultimately make and live with their own decisions, including those involving matters of faith and morals. Parents can (and should) advise and encourage them to live according to the truth that Christ revealed to us through the Church, but parents cannot force them to do anything and therefore are not culpable for their child's actions. This is why children past the age of reason need to confess their own sins.

Mention your concerns in a clear, straightforward manner; then don't dwell on them. You will have done your part, and pressing further may push your son away from the Church and, perhaps, yourself. What he needs now is the knowledge that you still love and care for him, and doing so while remaining faithful to our beliefs as Catholics speaks louder than any words you might say. Take the matter to prayer and trust that God will work within your son and his girlfriend in many ways.

It's never easy to challenge another's lifestyle, but we must never turn our back on others. As St. Augustine said, we should have "due love for the persons and hatred of the sin."

FR. PAUL BOROWSKI, CSsR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday – January 18

Weekday
1 Sm 15:16–23
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday – January 19

Weekday
1 Sm 16:1–13
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday – January 20

Weekday
1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51
Mk 3:1–6

Thursday – January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7
Mk 3:7–12

Friday – January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn
Children
1 Sm 24:3–21
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday – January 23

Weekday
2 Sm 1:1–4,
11–12, 19, 23–27
Mk 3:20–21

Sunday – January 24

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

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
7th GRADE PREP : Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, January 24, 2016
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., February 6, 10:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, February 14
CONFIRMATION : Tue., March 15, 2016, 4:30 p.m.
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place this Tuesday, January 19 at 10:00 am in the Parish Religious Education Center. Please bring the shawl you are working on so we can spend some time working together. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Mary at 610-502-0160. Please note: the group will meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **next Sunday, January 24**. Please support this fine effort of the parish and enjoy a delicious homemade breakfast with your friends and family. French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage or bacon, hash brown, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**

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SOUPEr SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, February 6/7, 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.

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."



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

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.

SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Good Shepherd Catholic School is now enrolling new students for the 2016-2017 school year. We offer full day Kindergarten through Grade 8, as well as, Preschool and Pre-K programs for 3 year old and 4 year old children. Extended care is available. Please call 610.262.9171 to schedule your family tour or email mrspoccia@ptd.net today!

Thank you to the organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and participants who helped make the GSCS Bingo event to benefit school technology this past Sunday so successful.

Catholic Schools Week Open House will be held on Sunday, January 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Next weekend, January 23/24 our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. **How will you help?** Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise**. Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.

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.

ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2015 OFFERING STATEMENTS

were mailed already 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, February 28, 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