

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Weekdays 8:00 a.m.
 Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
 8:00 a.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	Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....	484-540-5090	
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
CYO	Tim Gribb	610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 2, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 03, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Theresa Acerra	John Hesch
Oct. 04, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Farkas	Phyllis Yastrzab
Oct. 05, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
Oct. 06, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of Our Memorial Fund	
Oct. 07, Friday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Bill Holmes	Wife and Family
Oct. 08, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Alfred Weber	Wife, Ann, and Family
Oct. 09, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Nicola Mancino	Daughter, Luisa Assante, and Family

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Oct. 8, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor	C. Marth	B. Gallagher/E. Meister	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Oct. 9, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	J. Ciecko	C. Confer/E. Confer/J. Confer	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	D. Maron	B. DelVecchio/N. Bischof	J. DelVecchio/C. Marano

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Maryann Kaweta requested by Husband, Frank.

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

dear Padre:

Why does the priest break off a small piece of the consecrated host and drop it into the chalice before Communion is distributed?

This action has a spiritual and historical meaning. Let's look at the historical significance first.

In the first centuries of Christianity, it was important for churches in outlying areas to express their unity with Rome. The pope would send a small piece of the consecrated bread to each church. During Mass, the priest would place the portion in the chalice to recognize the union between Rome and the local church.

But sending pieces of consecrated bread from Rome to each church became impractical as Christianity grew, so a practice was adopted to allow each priest to drop a piece of the host he had just consecrated into the chalice.

Spiritually, this action serves to remind us that Christ is wholly and truly present in both Eucharistic forms: the host and the wine. When we receive the Most Holy Body or the Precious Blood, we partake in the entire person of Christ, the same Jesus Christ who lived, died, and rose from the dead.

The Real Presence, the singularity of the Mass, and the unity of the Church are all realities that point to the communion of saints and life beyond death. These things are not merely beliefs or promises; they are God's greatest gifts to us.

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Weekday

Gal 1:6-12

Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday – October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Gal 1:13-24

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday – October 5

Weekday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14

Lk 11:1-4

Thursday - October 6

Weekday

Gal 3:1-5

Lk 11:5-13

Friday – October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 3:7-14

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday – October 8

Weekday

Gal 3:22-29

Lk 11:27-28

Sunday - October 9

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17

2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19

Calendar:

Monday - October 3

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PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sun., October 2, 12:00 noon
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, October 9
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 30, 2016
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., November 5, 10:00 a.m.
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.

RECTORY HOURS are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or call for an appointment.
Rectory office is closed on Wednesdays.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS: In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22nd Street and Lincoln Avenue) **today, Sunday, October 2 at 12:00 p.m.** After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.



ANNIVERSARY FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in honor of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Betty and Al Kosman. They were donated by their children and families.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queenship of Mary Church **next Sunday, October 9 at 3:00 p.m.** Our pastor, Rev. Francis P. Straka, will give the reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome.



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Next Sunday, October 9, 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 Masses on **Sunday, October 30.** 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 browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "**A Night at the Races**" on Saturday, November 5, 2016 in the School Gym. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. To buy a horse, buy your tickets or for more information please call the school at 610-262-9171. You must be 21 years or over for this special event! Limited to the first 200 tickets!

DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 2016** at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Our parish, along with Holy Trinity and Queenship of Mary, are chartering a bus for the pilgrimage. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the pilgrimage. **Call Holy Trinity Rectory at 610-262-9315 to reserve your seat. Cost \$30/person.**



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by Mary and Joseph this week are in memory of James Nicosia. They were donated by his parents, Sal and Joy.

CHOIR NEWS: Your FAVORITE Choir **will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m.** Please consider joining us as we prepare for Sunday Liturgies and Christmas. We are looking for voices in all parts but are desperate for a few Altos and Tenors! We know you're out there! No experience necessary, And you're welcome to join us even if you can only sing for Christmas!



CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS will be available in the church social hall starting the weekend of October 8/9 thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.



REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM: Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape 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. **So far this year we have received \$2,779.97. Just think, that's over \$2,700.00** 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!

BASKET PARTY: Holy Trinity Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall will be having a Basket Party on Saturday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, **October 30, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets: 25 for a \$5.00 donation and will be on sale at the door. Questions or for more information please call 610-262-9315 or 610-533-2794.



CYO WINTER SPORTS sign-ups for Boys & Girls Basketball (grades 5-8 \$75); Boys and Girls Basketball (grades 3-4 \$40); Instructional Bidy Basketball (Co-ed K-2 \$40); High School Boys and Girls Basketball (\$100); Cheerleading K-4 (\$25) will be held on Thursday, October 6 6:00-7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, October 12 6:00-7:30 p.m.; Monday, October 17 6:00-7:30 p.m. All sign-ups will be held at Good Shepherd Gym. Any questions or more information please contact Dave Sweetana at sweetana98@gmail.com or 610-502-1950.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, October 30, 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