

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.
 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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 21, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of the Assante Family	Priscilla and Ron Koch
Nov. 22, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Nov. 23, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Hanzarik	Wife, Betty, and Family
Nov. 24, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day – Mass of Thanksgiving	
Nov. 25, Friday		NO MASS	
Nov. 26, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Leonard Fry	Wife, Ann
Nov. 27, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew Madea	Paul Gergel
	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>
Nov. 26, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	F. Cerino	D. Bassert/E. Ossiander	M. Mraz/P. Schuler
Nov. 27, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	T. Melosky	W. Cuchran/J. Millan/N. Millan	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	M. Sommer	A. Nemeth/M. Thierer/M. Hartman	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of the sons and daughters 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. Also remember in your prayers Alfred Nederostek who died recently.

dear Padre:

My youth group sometimes raises funds for activities. Once, an angry parishioner told me that the Church was only concerned with money. Is raising money within or for the Church OK?

Schools and religious groups commonly raise money for their activities and projects. It's also normal for parish organizations to get their funds from membership dues or event tickets. The parish is often the first place people go, but if your group already receives a lot of support from its members, consider looking to other sources, such as local businesses that are interested in supporting youth in your area.

The fundraising you plan often dictates your methods. If you're promoting an event, such as a dance, ticket sales are an appropriate model. If you choose a third-party or commercial fundraiser, make sure its business practices are morally acceptable within a Catholic context. If you desire a special mention, collection, or to solicit after Mass or during a parish function, obtain approval from the pastor or designated staff beforehand.

Some people are very sensitive to financial appeals. Maybe that person had just received multiple requests. Fundraising efforts should be coordinated within the parish. If groups are competing or events fall too closely together, problems can arise.

Money is necessary for many things. Fundraising for a good purpose, especially to help others, has existed in the Church since St. Paul himself.

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Monday – November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5

Lk 21:1–4

Tuesday – November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Rv 14:14–19 / Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday – November 23

Weekday

Rv 15:1–4

Lk 21:12–19

Thursday – November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Rv 18:1–2, 21–23; 19:1–3, 9a

Lk 21:20–28

Friday – November 25

Weekday

Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2

Lk 21:29–33

Saturday – November 26

Weekday

Rv 22:1–7

Lk 21:34–36

Sunday – November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1–5

Rom 13:11–14

Mt 24:37–44

Calendar:

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PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, November 20, 2016
KOLACH ORDERS DUE : Sunday, November 20
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., December 3, 10:00 a.m.
KOLACH ORDER PICKUP : Sunday, December 10/11
PENANCE SERVICE : Sat., Dec. 10, 10:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sun., December 11
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The rectory office will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Richard Hanzarik. They were donated by wife, Betty, and Family.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Anne Ciecko:** \$15 Joanne and Larry Hiestand. **In memory of Alfred Nederostek:** \$10 Steve Marsch.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The **2017 "Visiting the Sick and Homebound"** books are here. They are located in the church social hall this weekend. Your name is on your book.

ATTENTION LECTORS: The 2017 Lector Workbooks which begin on November 27, the First Sunday of Advent, are here. They are located in the church social hall this weekend. Your name is on your book.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Queenship of Mary Church will be singing the Divine Mercy Chaplet to commemorate the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, **today, Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m.** Father Bernard Ezaki, assistant pastor at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church in Easton, will give the reflection. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome!



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Masses **today, Sunday, November 20.** 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.



SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by **today, Sunday, November 20.** Please complete the pink colored form and return it with your payment as soon as possible. **The cost is \$15.00 each.** Additional order forms will be available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is schedule for Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11.



REMEMBER THE NEEDY: Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which are located in the Church vestibule. The tags list items needed by the Catholic Charities Office to care for the needs of babies and their families. **Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by December 11** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.



STOCKING STUFFER: Need a stocking stuffer? Or just a little something to add to a gift for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for January 2017. The calendars are \$5 each and the winners are based on the **evening daily** Pennsylvania Lottery number. Calendars will be on sale before Mass the weekends of November 19/20, November 26/27, December 3/4, 10/11, and 17/18. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2017.

ANNUAL PRO LIFE ROSE CAMPAIGN: Knights of Columbus Council 4050 will conduct their annual **Pro Life Rose Campaign** at the church entrances the weekend of December 3 and 4, at all Masses. Your generosity supports Knights Pro Life activities throughout the local council.

PLEASE SUPPORT the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. Brochures and giving envelopes will be available in the vestibule, and you will be receiving a request letter in the mail within the next few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

"CARE NOTES": Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

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

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

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, November 20, 2016



TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE DOOR ONLY

ADULTS \$7.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

MENU

French Toast

SPECIAL: Pumpkin Spice 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