

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons**, Administrator  
**Mr. Eugene M. Flanley**, Deacon  
**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. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Ms. Joanne Manning**, Parish Secretary  
**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities

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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 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	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	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	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.	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	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.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	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.....	484-226-0188	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Mar. 27, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Zastko	Vicki Hall
Mar. 28, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Irene Kovalcik	Johanna Fabik
Mar. 29, Wednesday	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	†Robert Haldeman	Catherine Macsisak
Mar. 30, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Rodick	Sister, Rita Pavlick and Family
Mar. 31, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Minnie Preisler	Daughter, Mary Ann Holmes, and Family
Apr. 01, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe & Diane, Brother, Joe, and Sister, Jenny
Apr. 02, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Anne Ciecko	Joanne and Juliet
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

**Next Week's Schedule: Lector:**

Apr. 01, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher
Apr. 02, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll
	10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger

**Euch. Min.:**

Deacon Gene
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**Altar Servers:**

D. Bassert/E. Ossiander/S. Haldeman
J. Millan/N. Millan
A. Nemeth/M. Hartman

**Greeters:**

S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
A. Fry/V. Hall
E. Lessel/L. Shaak

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of James Nicosia requested by Mom and Dad.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Anna Coppola, grandmother of Carol Marano, who died recently.

# dear Padre:

## *What are social or communal sins? Do I need to confess them?*

To answer this question properly, we must first make a number of distinctions. First, we are social beings. We act not only as individuals but also as groups, and we are capable of sinning each way. Sin is an analogous concept with nuances, depending on context. There are original, personal, and social sins. There are also both mortal and venial sins. When we sin as individuals, we commit a personal sin. When we sin in a group, we commit a social sin. As with personal sin, some social sins are more serious than others.

Societies that enshrine laws promoting abortion, euthanasia, and in many countries, capital punishment are involved in serious social sins. Our degree of culpability in such sins depends on the level of our participation in the group. The key distinction is whether we are actively (formally) or only accidentally (materially) cooperating in the evil. For example, if you actually voted for a law enshrining one such evil, then you are formally cooperating in the evil. If you voted against it but are paying taxes that fund such practices, then you are only materially cooperating in it.

Formal cooperation in a serious offense against God's will should be confessed. Material cooperation lessens the degree of blame, sometimes to the point of eliminating it. It is important to examine the nature of the social evil, study the teachings of the Church on the issue, determine your level of participation, and form your conscience accordingly.

Dennis J. Billy, CSsR  
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# Calendar:

**Monday – March 27**

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17–21

Jn 4:43–54

**Tuesday – March 28**

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1–9, 12

Jn 5:1–16

**Wednesday – March 29**

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8–15

Jn 5:17–30

**Thursday – March 30**

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7–14

Jn 5:31–47

**Friday – March 31**

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

**Saturday – April 1**

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18–20

Jn 7:40–53

**Sunday – April 2**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12–14

Rom 8:8–11

Jn 11:1–45

**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** : Wednesdays after 7 p.m. Mass  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:45 p.m.  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, March 26  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., April 1, 10:00 a.m.  
**SLOVAK KOLACH PICKUP** : Sat./Sun., April 8 & 9  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, April 9  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING** : Tue., April 18, 10:00 a.m.  
**CHURCH PICNIC** : Sunday, September 10

**LENTEN ACTIVITIES: Mass:** Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m.  
**Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. **Confessions:** Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.; Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.; Saturdays from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**OUR MONTHLY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION** will be held on Saturday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m. in a classroom above the Church. All parents who are expecting to celebrate baptism with their child are asked to attend one of these sessions, even before the child is born. Please call the rectory in advance to register.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** is a wonderful way to bring the spirit of Lenten sacrifice home. Operation Rice Bowl allows millions of our starving brothers and sisters to benefit and it doesn't cost us a cent! To participate, choose one night a week to eat a sacrificial meal. We will publish suggested meals in the bulletin each week. The meal is designed to imitate the quantity of food eaten by the poor. Take the cost of the meal, subtract it from what you normally would have spent for dinner that day, and give the difference to Operation Rice Bowl. **This week's menu: Broccoli Cheese Soup, Captain's Wafers, Citrus Sections OR Grilled Cheese and Tomato Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread, Banana and Orange Sections.**

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Anna Coppola:** \$25 Sal and Joy Nicosia.

**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Easter Season Slovak Kolach orders will be ready for pickup **the weekend of Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9** in the church social hall.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **today, Sunday, March 26.** 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.**



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** On Sunday, April 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, jars of peanut butter, boxes of Jell-O or pudding.** Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. This month's coffee and donuts are being donated by Joy and Sal Nicosia in memory of their son, James Nicosia.

**HAMS NEEDED:** The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Hams to distribute to needy families for Easter. Anyone interested in donating is asked to please call the church rectory between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at 610-262-2559.

**"HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 JR.":** Good Shepherd Catholic School Senior Drama Club proudly presents "High School Musical 2 Jr." **this weekend, Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.** in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

**PYSANKY:** The Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation will host a demonstration of the art of decorating pysanky (ethnic Easter eggs) on Sunday, April 2 at 1:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N Front Street, Allentown. Non-members are invited to participate in this creative artwork. A supply of pysanky will be for sale. If you plan to attend, please call Marge Ferri at 610-266-8945 in order that we have the necessary supplies for all. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the supplies or refreshments.

**ANNUAL NORTHAMPTON FOOD BANK MEETING:** The Northampton Area Food Bank will hold its yearly general meeting, Tuesday, April 25 in the fellowship hall of Queenship of Mary Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton. Dinner will be served 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the business meeting to follow. The menu includes hot dogs, barbeque and drinks. Covered side dishes and desserts welcome. All persons are encouraged to attend this meeting and slide presentation. If you want to know more about the food bank, are interested in volunteering or are currently volunteering there, please plan to attend. Area churches and businesses are encouraged to have members and employees attend.

**LENTEN FISH BAKE:** Knights of Columbus #4050 will hold their annual Lenten Fish Bake **this Friday, March 31,** at Ruffanach Hall, corner of Chestnut & Ruch Streets, Whitehall from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$9.00 Children \$7.00. Includes: Fish, Potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, Roll, Dessert, Drink/Coffee. Take out will be available.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

New Registration  Change of Address

Moving out of Parish  Request Envelopes

**Request envelopes (returned home from college)**

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, March 26, 2017

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD  
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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