

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
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 3:00 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

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 18, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

June 19, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Sister, Ann
June 20, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna and Frank Walakovitz	Daughter, Ruth
June 21, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†George Nederostek	Hermina Nederostek
June 22, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Domenick DiAddezio, Jr.	Carol and Frank Marano
June 23, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Marth, Jr.	Mary Miletics
June 24, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Edward Kovalchik	Johanna Fabik
June 25, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Marhefka	Mike and Rose Zastko
	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>
June 24, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	F. Cerino	S. Haldeman/E. Meister/G. Heidecker	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
June 25, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	L. Kosciolk	W. Cuchran/J. Millan/N. Millan	A. Fry/V. Hall
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	L. Santucci	M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran/M. Hartman	E. Lessel/L. Shaak

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 Donna Roman and Stephen Serensits, brother of Frank Serensits, who died recently.

dear Padre:

Why does my priest tell me it's not OK for Catholics to be cremated and have their ashes scattered?

An answer from Catholic Tradition needs to start with reminding ourselves that respect for the dignity of the human person, who is a union of body and soul, is a core moral principle. We must keep this in mind as we make decisions throughout life and into death.

Cremation is not forbidden by the Church, but the scattering of ashes is. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body" (CCC 2301). The scattering of ashes represents a denial of our Christian belief in the resurrection of the body in both its communal and individual elements.

The cremated remains represent the human person and are a sign of how God blessed us through this person. Dispersing these ashes over a lake or field is inappropriate because final closure to our earthly life should include remaining with the community of faith, even in death, as we await the resurrection of the body.

The remains also symbolize the individuality of that person, and burying them in consecrated ground or putting them in a columbarium honors the unique sacredness of the person's life. That's why Catholic cemeteries provide space for the remains of those who are cremated. It also provides a place where loved ones can show respect for the remains—a place and space that doesn't exist when cremated remains are scattered.

Source: Liguorian, February 2011

Calendar:

Monday – June 19

Weekday
2 Cor 6:1–10
Mt 5:38–42

Tuesday – June 20

Weekday
2 Cor 8:1–9 / Mt 5:43–48

Wednesday – June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Religious
2 Cor 9:6–11
Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday – June 22

Weekday
2 Cor 11:1–11
Mt 6:7–15

Friday – June 23

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Dt 7:6–11
1 Jn 4:7–16
Mt 11:25–30

Saturday – June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1–6 / Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

Sunday – June 25

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:10–13
Rom 5:12–15
Mt 10:26–33

BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., July 1, 10:00 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, July 9
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 17
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 22

RECTORY SUMMER 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.**



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: As of today, our parishioners have raised \$30,192.00 from 131 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal of \$43,054.47. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the

100% participation goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Rev. Francis P. Straka. They were donated by Joanne Manning, Juliet Manning, Sue Parker, Jane Spengler, Joy Nicosia, Barbara Pengitore, Nikki Kotoris and Vicki Hall.

NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Tuesday, August 8** on the Party Porch, 1st base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$37 per person and is due at time of reservation. **Deadline for reservations is Saturday, July 1.** For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations).



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 4 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 5 starting at 7:00 a.m.**

Friday we will be peeling and cooking potatoes. Saturday we will be making, cooking and packing the pierogies. Please come and help. The more help we have, the faster we get done. **We need both Men and Women. Please come and join us. We do have fun.**

ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY: St. Mary's Church, 2nd & Union Streets, Catasauqua will be holding **their Annual Block Party on Thursday, June 22, Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM all nights.**

There will be fabulous homemade foods, Bingo (in our air conditioned hall), Bake Sale, Basket and Money Raffle, Games for adults and children. This year we are bringing back our Youth Lip Sync Contest, come Friday night and be entertained by our contestants. On Saturday we will be having hourly "Minute to Win it Games". Register to be a part of this at our DJ Stand on Saturday evening. DJ entertainment by D.H. Production. For more information please call the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 or email kim.stmarys122@gmail.com.

"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.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL is currently seeking Parishioners interested in donating time, talent, and treasure to the school by becoming a member of the Board of Directors. Past business or professional experience in the fields of Sales, Marketing, Facilities Mgmt., and/or Legal a plus. Please call the school at 610-262-9171 or email Greg Chajnacki, Vice-Chair, at gchajnacki@rcn.com to obtain more information. **School Office Summer Hours:** The office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The entire School Building will be CLOSED the week of July 24th. **Shepherd Gift Card Sales Summer Hours:** Gift cards are on sale Wednesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be no gift card sales the week of July 4.

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.

MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN: In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place. Join the men of the parish the weekend of August 25, 26 and 27 for their Malvern retreat. To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045. For information on retreats for women, married couples and families visit Malvern's website at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

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