

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
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Mrs. Linda Santucci, Coordinator of Religious Education
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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	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Ministry to the Sick	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Msgr. Koons.....	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 Gribb	610-762-9072	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
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	484-226-0188	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491
Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....		484-540-5090			

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 20, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Gloria Wyckoff	Bennett Family
Nov. 21, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Bernice Cherski	Daughter, Bernadette Chambers & Family
Nov. 22, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Louis and Bernice Tepes
Nov. 23 Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day – Mass of Thanksgiving	
Nov. 24 Friday		NO MASS	
Nov. 25, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Richard Hanzarik	Wife, Betty, and Family
Nov. 26, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Leonard Fry	Wife, Ann Fry

Next Week's Schedule:

Nov. 25, Sat.	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 26, Sun.	8:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.

Lector:

S. Parker
M. Heist
L. Nemeth

Euch. Min.:

L. Kosciolk
B. Fritz
B. Chambers

Altar Servers:

N. Bischof/M. Hartman
C. Cuchran/K. Cuchran
K. Lesisko/L. Lesisko/S. Kroll

Greeters:

L. Bet/P. Schuler
N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Paul M. Kovach, Sr. requested by Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Marco Rossini and John Zima who died recently.

dear Padre:

Our daughter and son-in-law graduated from Catholic high schools, but they're not bringing up their children in the Catholic faith...I feel an obligation to the children, but I don't know what to do.

I understand your concern and sadness, but we must always remember that parents have the primary responsibility for their children's religious education. People such as priests, teachers, grandparents, and godparents can help, but they cannot usurp the role of the parents.

If your daughter is truly alienated from the Church or has truly given up her faith in God, then anything you say or do will probably make her angry. In that case, your best approach is one of kindness to her and her family and regular prayer for her and for them.

Often, however, young parents aren't really alienated from God or the Church but have just drifted away. If they decide they should do something about their children's religious training, they often don't know who to contact. If this seems to be the case with your daughter and her husband, gently inform them that you will be glad to help get the children started. Contact your parish priest (or theirs) for the necessary information. This can be a big help to people who have been away from Catholic practice for a long time.

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Calendar:

Monday - November 20

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday - November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18-31
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday - November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday - November 23

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15-29
Lk 19:41-44

Friday - November 24

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

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday - November 25

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1-13
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday - November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month at 10 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, **7:30 p.m.**
BREAKFAST : Sunday, November 19
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., December 2, 10:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, December 10
CONFIRMATION : Thursday, March 8
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The **2018 "Visiting the Sick and Homebound"** books are here. They are located in the church vestibule. Your name is on your book.

ATTENTION LECTORS: The 2018 Lector Workbooks which begin on December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, are here. They are located in the church vestibule. Your name is on your book.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Leonard Fry. They were donated by his wife, Ann.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Marvin Wright:** \$150 The Nachesty Family; \$50 David and Janice Sell. **In memory of Catherine Snyder:** \$50 Health Network Laboratories.



SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by **today, Sunday, November 19.** Please complete the bright yellow form and return it with your payment as soon as possible. The cost is \$15.00 each. Additional order forms are available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10.



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 2018. 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 18/19, November 25/26, December 2/3, 9/10, and 16/17.** Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2018.



REMEMBER THE NEEDY: Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which will be 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 10** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.

THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE: Northampton Community Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held at Queenship of Mary Roman Catholic Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton **today, Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.** A free will offering will be taken and the proceeds will go to the Northampton Area Food Bank. All are invited to attend this special community service. At 6:00 p.m. practice with Rev. Todd Fennell & participate in the Community Choir.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **today, Sunday, November 19.** 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. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.** Tickets on sale at the door.



WINTER WEATHER: With the return to colder temperatures and the possibility of snow and ice, we ask everyone to exercise caution when using the front church steps. A recommended alternative would be to enter thru the side entrance and use the interior Steps/Elevator.

LOCAL POVERTY RELIEF COLLECTION: The annual collection diocesan poverty relief collection will be taken up **this weekend, November 18/19.** The collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.

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.

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.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, November 19, 2017

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

Creamed Chipped Beef on toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea