

# 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.  
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday 7:00 p.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			

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH****SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****JANUARY 14, 2018****MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Jan. 15, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Alfred Kosman	Bernie and Elaine Kuchera
Jan. 16, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Simoson, Jr.	Wife, Cindy
Jan. 17, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Roseann Baer	Gene and Carole Zarayko
Jan. 18, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Donald Ouellet	Bella and Mike Skweir
Jan. 19, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Kimak	David Pluchinsky
Jan. 20, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Bobinta	Luton-Clayton Family
Jan. 21, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Anne Ciecko	Caroline Pluchinsky
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

**Next Week's Schedule:**

Jan. 20, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher
Jan. 21, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	P. Madea
	10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza

**Lector:****Euch. Min.:****Altar Servers:****Greeters:**

C. Wuchter
T. Melosky
M. Sommer

N. Bischof/M. Hartman
W. Cuchran/Claudia Cuchran
A. Miletics/G. Miletics

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 Alfred Kosman requested by wife, Betty, and family.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Stella L. Siekonic, sister of Joseph Czonstka, who died recently.

# dear Padre:

## *What's wrong with memorized traditional prayers?*

Archbishop Fulton Sheen encountered a woman who declared that she'd never become Catholic because they pray the same words in the rosary over and over, and she and God doubt the sincerity of anyone who repeats the same words. Sheen asked her if she was sure that her fiancé loved her. "Certainly he does." "But how do you know?" "He told me." Then she affirmed that her fiancé had told her so within the hour. When Sheen asked, "Did he tell you before?" she replied that he told her "I love you" every night. Sheen advised her not to believe him: "He is repeating; he is not sincere."

As Sheen cleverly demonstrates, the words "I love you" don't lose meaning with repetition. Likewise, prayer—whether rote or spontaneous—is a way of saying, "I love you" to God. It places us in God's presence, celebrating our loving relationship with him. Saint Teresa of Ávila, a doctor of prayer, wrote in Interior Castle of the Soul that it was important "not to think much but to love much" when praying. She even considered it a blessing when her mind wandered in prayer because it forced her to concentrate on loving God rather than merely thinking about him!

The right form of personal prayer, then, is the one that best expresses our love for God in a spirit of humility, confidence, and perseverance—three requirements needed for true prayer, according to another doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

## Calendar:

### Monday – January 15

Weekday  
1 Sm 15:16–23  
Mk 2:18–22

### Tuesday – January 16

Weekday  
1 Sm 16:1–13  
Mk 2:23–28

### Wednesday – January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot  
1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51  
Mk 3:1–6

### Thursday – January 18

Weekday  
1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7  
Mk 3:7–12

### Friday – January 19

Weekday  
1 Sm 24:3–21  
Mk 3:13–19

### Saturday – January 20

Weekday  
2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27  
Mk 3:20–21

### Sunday – January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jon 3:1–5, 10  
1 Cor 7:29–31  
Mk 1:14–20

- PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
- CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, **7:30 p.m.**
- DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, January 14
- PRAYER SHAWL MEETING:** **Tues., January 16, 10 a.m.**
- BREAKFAST** : **Sunday, January 28, 2018**
- BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., February 3, 2018
- CONFIRMATION** : Thursday, March 8, 2018
- BASKET SOCIAL** : Sat./Sun., May 19/20
- BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018
- PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Joseph, Elizabeth and Mark Tanzosh. They were donated by family.

**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Today, Sunday, January 14 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. **This month's donuts are being donated in memory of Bill Farkas by wife, Gloria, son, George & family and daughter, Valarie Gross & family.**

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, January 28.** 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 brown, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**

**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING:** The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place this **Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 10:00 am** in the Parish Religious Education classroom.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION:** The weekend of **January 27/28,** our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. **How will you help?** Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.



**SOUPER SUNDAY OF CARING:** On Super Bowl weekend, February 3/4 students from our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.) will be present at all Masses collecting funds for the Northampton Area Food Bank. Throughout the country Billions of dollars will be spent to celebrate the Super Bowl. Can you afford \$5 or \$10 to help feed the needy? Drop your donations in the soup pots that the teens will be holding after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.

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**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$50 Thomas and Regina Krause. **In memory of Hermina Henitz:** \$25 Nikki Kotoris and Hope Stempo. **In memory of Joseph Simoson, Jr.:** \$25 wife, Cindy.

### **SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Good Shepherd Catholic School will hold their annual Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are invited to come tour our school and see the wonderful things that are happening. Registrations will also be accepted for the 2018-19 school year. We are accepting enrollment for students entering Preschool (age 3) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

**CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER: FAMILY HOLY HOUR:** The Diocesan Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry aspires to provide a culture of encounter. In this day and age, our culture has become consumed in technology and has forgotten the gift of encounters with one another and with the Almighty. These encounters happen in a special way through liturgy, prayer, Scripture, and fellowship. This year, we will provide real encounters for you through Culture of Encounter: Family Holy Hours. We hope these Holy Hours will foster encounter between: God and you, Parents and children, Families of the parish

On Sunday, January 28, at Assumption B.V.M., the 10:30 a.m. Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a Holy Hour to follow and concluding with Benediction at 12:15 p.m. We hope you will bring your whole family to pray in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist!

#### **ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2017 OFFERING STATEMENTS**

were mailed out last week those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2017. If you desire a statement of your 2017 contributions and your contributions were under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or place it in your church envelope any Sunday during the month of January.

ENVELOPE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

**Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 9, 2018**  
**EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK**  
**begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,**  
**continues with music, games and food**  
**until 7:00 p.m.**  
**Featuring the music of "The Large Flowerheads"**  
**3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

### **ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

**Tanczos Beverages**  
**Featuring Pennsylvania's Best Beers**  
 2006 Center Street, Northampton 610-440-0136  
 Monday thru Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
**Please patronize our bulletin advertisers**



## BREAKFAST



Sunday, January 28, 2018

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