

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor**  
**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. Susan Parker, Director 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 3:30 p.m.  
 or by request

### 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.	Susan Parker.....	610-262-7343
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.....	610-393-9126	Religious Education	Susan Parker.....	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-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 05, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Michael Ahrensfield	Joseph and Debra Kay Bennett
Nov. 06, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rita Roman	Marion Mraz
Nov. 07, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Marco Rossini	Kaiden and Aubrie Butko
Nov. 08, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward S. Kovalchik	Mary Arduini and Family
Nov. 09, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Hicks	Linda and Vinnie Santucci and Family
Nov. 10, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Alfred Kosman	Rose Laury and Family
Nov. 11, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Mark Heckenberger	Parents, John and Deb, and Brother, Luke

### Next Week's Schedule:

	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Nov. 10, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	F. Cerino	N. Bischof/A. Nederostek	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Nov. 11, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	B. Fritz	W. Cuchran	G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	T. Melosky	G. Heidecker	A. Fry/L. Shaak

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in for the health and blessing of Ron and Jane Spengler on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary requested by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Dennis Loikits, brother of Daniel Loikits, who died recently.

# Good News!

November 4, 2018

*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

**Dt 6:2–6; Heb 7:23–28; Mk 12:28b–34**

Today's first reading recalls the most sacred text in Judaism, the Shema Israel: "Hear, [O] Israel." These words are so sacred for Jews, they are prayed in the most important moments of peril or supreme holiness. Jews don't take these words lightly because they express the essence of their religion and relationship to God.

As Catholics, we fully agree with our Jewish brothers and sisters on this matter. Jesus himself answered the question of what was the first, greatest commandment—it was the Shema Israel. Why is it so important? Because it declares the unity of God: "The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" (Deuteronomy 6:4). He is one supreme God, not a multitude of divinities as in the Greek and Roman polytheistic religions, or even today in Hinduism and Buddhism.

This belief in one God makes the monotheistic religions of Judaism and Christianity unique. Second, this supreme God deserves our love and obedience. "You shall love the Lord your God...." Our role as creatures called and saved by him is to offer loving obedience.

The Second Commandment flows from the first: If we love God above all, then we need to love our brothers, sisters, and ourselves.

What better icon is there of this love for God and neighbor than the love of a mother for her child? Our love should be reverent, tender, compassionate, and unique. Only you can give him your kind of love. There should be a constant flow of affection and union between us—no separation between him and us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**November 5 - Weekday**

Phil 2:1–4 / Lk 14:12–14

**Tuesday - November 6**

*Weekday*

Phil 2:5–11 / Lk 14:15–24

**Wednesday - November 7**

*Weekday*

Phil 2:12–18 / Lk 14:25–33

**Thursday - November 8**

*Weekday*

Phil 3:3–8a

Lk 15:1–10

**Friday - November 9**

*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome)*

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

**Saturday - November 10**

*Pope Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

Phil 4:10–19

Lk 16:9–15

**Sunday - November 11**

*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Kgs 17:10–16

Heb 9:24–28

Mk 12:38–44

**Rel. Ed. Classes** : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.  
**Prayer Shawl Meeting** : 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel. Ed.** : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Choir Rehearsal** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**Baptismal Preparation Class**: Wed., Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m.  
**Adult Gathering** : Thurs., November 8, 8:30 a.m.  
**Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, November 11  
**Breakfast** : Sunday, November 18  
**Confirmation** : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.  
**BVM Night – Iron Pigs** : Thursday, August 22, 2019

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS:** Today, Sunday, November 4 at 12:30 p.m. at our cemetery, we will have a special prayer service to remember the faithful departed, bless the cemetery, and to read the names of those buried/entombed there this past year.



**ANNIVERSARY FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Ron and Jane Spengler. They were donated by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

**TURKEYS NEEDED:** The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Turkeys to distribute to needy families for Thanksgiving. 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. Monday - Friday at 610-262-2559.



**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by November 25. Please complete the form and return it with your payment as soon as possible. **The cost is \$16.00 each.** Additional order forms will be available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, December 8 and Sunday, December 9. **Please note:** The order forms list "Pumpkin Cream" should have been listed as "Pumpkin Cheese".



**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 2019. 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 17/18, November 24/25, December 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23 and 29/30. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2019.



**REMEMBER THE NEEDY:** Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which will be located in the Church vestibule starting next weekend, November 10/11. 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 15** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.



**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL** Junior Drama Club proudly presents "The Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon, Kids" on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Next Sunday, November 11, 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 Robert Haldeman by wife, Virginia, daughter, Judy, and daughter, Marcia and family.**



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Masses on **Sunday, November 18.** Please support this fundraising 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. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Theresa Hutnick:** \$100 Eleanor Lessel; \$10 Helen and Richard Cuth. **In memory of Anna Hicks:** \$25 Anita Kotoris and Hope Stempo; \$30 Vincent and Linda Santucci.

**LOCAL POVERTY RELIEF COLLECTION:** The annual collection diocesan poverty relief collection will be taken up **the weekend of November 17/18.** 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

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** Northampton Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Grace United Church of Christ, 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue, Northampton on Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken and the proceeds will go to the Northampton Area Food Bank. A social will follow. All are invited to attend this special community service.

**"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.

**SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS:** Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

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## BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 18, 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

Creamed Chipped Beef on toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea