

# 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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 18, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†James Kovacs	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Feb. 19, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myirski, Jr.	Monica and Family
Feb. 20, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Health and Blessing – Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Malvern Group
Feb. 21, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Grabarits	Wife, Pat
Feb. 22, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Feb. 23, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
Feb. 24, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Hurban	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
	10:30 a.m.	†Mary Lizak	Kerry Eslinger and Bill Gumhold

### Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Feb. 23, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	P. Madea	L. Kosciolk	A. Nederostek	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Feb. 24, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	J. Ciecko	K. Cuchran	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	F. Kosticky	R. Shearman	G. Heidecker	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joseph Grabarits requested by wife, Pat.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish.

# Good News!

February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 17:5–8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16–20; Lk 6:17, 20–26

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a rather radical call to holiness. Many of us have a hard time accepting that we are all called to such levels of morality. Yet, read to whom Jesus is speaking here. The Gospel says his audience is everyone: his apostles, his disciples, and a large number of other people from around the region. The Second Vatican Council offers a reminder when it says, “Fortified by so many and such powerful means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father himself is perfect” (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium], 11).

A key to progress in any personal area is keeping hungry, never being fully satisfied. The same goes for our faith and relationship with our Lord. If our goal is to be comfortable, to follow the path of least resistance, then mediocrity is our goal. Jesus is anything but mediocre. He proposes to us a high moral standard that isn't reached by coasting.

Our souls are hungry by design. They are never fully satisfied in this life because we desire the Infinite—we desire God.

Luckily, our Lord not only proposes a high moral ideal of holiness, but he also gives us his very Spirit so we can reach the heights he proposes. And so we can pray with St. Augustine, “Give me what you command, and command what you will.”

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

### Monday – February 18

*Weekday*

Gn 4:1–15, 25

Mk 8:11–13

### Tuesday – February 19

*Weekday*

Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10

Mk 8:14–21

### Wednesday – February 20

*Weekday*

Gn 8:6–13, 20–22

Mk 8:22–26

### Thursday – February 21

*Weekday*

Gn 9:1–13

Mk 8:27–33

### Friday – February 22

*Chair of St. Peter, Apostle*

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

### Saturday – February 23

*St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*

Heb 11:1–7 / Mk 9:2–13

### Sunday – February 24

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23

1 Cor 15:45–49

Lk 6:27–38

- 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.
- Breakfast** : Sunday, February 24
- Healing Our Church** : Tues., March 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Baptismal Preparation Class**: Wed., March 6, 5:30 p.m.
- Healing Our Church** : Thu., March 7, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
- Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, March 10
- Confirmation** : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.
- BVM Night – Iron Pigs** : Thursday, August 22, 2019



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Thomas and Catherine Hughes. They were donated by Joanne and Juliet.

**BAPTISM:** We are happy to welcome Ronan Charles Skinker, Faith Patricia Skinker and Declan Campbell Skinker, children of Sean and Kristin Skinker, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Saturday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Ronan Charles, Faith Patricia and Declan Campbell as they continue to grow in our faith.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:** Are you looking for a challenging academic core curriculum which also maintains subjects like art, music, physical education, foreign language, and technology? Register now for the 2019-2020 school year at Good Shepherd Catholic School. We have teachers and staff who lead us in the rich traditions of hard work, responsibility, virtues, and faith in God. Our school's philosophy is **"Shepherding in Faith, Inspiring in Education, and Learning for Life."** There are over 200 students in Preschool through 8th grade! The success rate of a quality Catholic school education is amazing in the Diocese of Allentown...97% of students in our Catholic high schools go on to attend college. Please call Victoria Frystack, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 to schedule your tour now!

**CEMETERY CLEAN-UP:** To prepare our cemetery (and mausoleum) for spring and the Easter holiday you are asked to please remove your Christmas plants and decorations **by Sunday, March 10.** Any Christmas decorations left on the graves or at the mausoleum after this date will be discarded. If you know of any non-parishioners having graves or crypts on our cemetery, please pass along this information.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses next **Sunday, February 24.** 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.**

**NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME:** Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 22** on the Party Porch, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **Deadline for reservations is Monday, 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). Please make checks payable to the church.

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of the Liskanich and Graff Families, I would like to express our profound gratitude to the parishioners of Assumption B.V.M., my parish family, for your many acts of kindness, your prayers, memorial donations, and the offerings of Masses on the sad occasion of the death of my son, David Liskanich.

*Sincerely, Mary Ann Liskanich*

**HEALING OUR CHURCH DISCUSSION SESSIONS**

**COMING IN LENT:** Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. *Healing Our Church* is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions "an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith." Sessions will take place during the six weeks of Lent starting the week of March 3. We will offer two Discussion Sessions a week: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **or** Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. See the insert in this week's bulletin.



**YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS:** The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be Tuesday, February 26, in the church social hall. **Bus Trip: Mohegan Sun Casino on Thursday, February 28.** You do not have to be a member to come along. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6308 or Bella at 610-262-2673.

**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)**

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The Annual Assumption B.V.M. Church Picnic will be held next year on **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at Egypt Memorial Park.** Please mark your calendars.



## BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 24, 2019

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