

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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Diocesan Website:

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			

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 25, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Lisa Gardner	Parents, Edward and Carol
Mar. 26, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Simoson, Jr.	Wife, Cindy
Mar. 27, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Lawra and Fransisco Iamalteo	Rossini Family
Mar. 28, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Nederostek	M/M Ronald Deutsch
Mar. 29, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Rodick	Sister, Rita Pavlick, and Family
Mar. 30, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Aloysius Makovsky	David Makovsky
Mar. 31, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Nello Rossini	Family

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Mar. 30, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	L. Assante	A. Nederostek/N. Bischof	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Mar. 31, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	K. Bennett	W. Cuchran	G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza	D. Maron	G. Miletics	A. Fry/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.

Good News!

March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent (C)
 Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15; 1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12; Lk 13:1–9

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever. In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him. Like the fig tree in the gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – March 25
Annunciation of the Lord
 Is 7:10–14; 8:10
 Heb 10:4–10
 Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday – March 26
Lenten Weekday
 Dn 3:25, 34–43
 Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday – March 27
Lenten Weekday
 Dt 4:1, 5–9
 Mt 5:17–19

Thursday – March 28
Lenten Weekday
 Jer 7:23–28
 Lk 11:14–23

Friday – March 29
Lenten Weekday
 Hos 14:2–10
 Mk 12:28–34

Saturday – March 30
Lenten Weekday
 Hos 6:1–6
 Lk 18:9–14


Sunday – March 31
Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Jos 5:9a, 10–12
 2 Cor 5:17–21
 Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Rel. Ed. Classes : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting : 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed. : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross : Wednesdays, after Mass
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays, after Stations
Confessions : Saturdays 3 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Breakfast : Sunday, March 24
Healing Our Church : Tues., Mar. 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Healing Our Church : Thu., Mar. 28, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., April 3, 5:30 p.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, April 14
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 2 & Sat., Aug. 3
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019


LENTEN ACTIVITIES: Mass: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.;
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m. **Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.
Confessions: Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

OPERATION RICE BOWL is a wonderful way to bring the spirit of Lenten sacrifice home. Operation Rice Bowl allows millions of our starving brothers and sisters to benefit and it doesn't cost us a cent! To participate, choose one night a week to eat a sacrificial meal. We will publish suggested meals in the bulletin each week. **This week's menu: Corn Chowder, Rye Crisps, Fresh Apple OR Baked Cheddar Cheese Stuffed Potato, Pineapple Chunks.**

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Anna Hartzell:** \$50 Wilfred Krempasky; \$25 Michael & Lisa Basile; \$25 John & Linda Toth; \$20 John Polzer; \$25 Michael & Susan Spengler; \$50 Michael Krempasky; \$30 Gregory & Susan Krempasky; \$50 M/M Jake Krempasky; \$40 Martha Kneiss; \$25 Joan & Bill Filipovits; \$20 Martha & Edward Hozza; \$25 Conrad Marth; \$50 Ruth & Jeffrey Lesko; \$25 Rita & Ralph Heiney. **In memory of Frances Minar:** \$25 Connie Sisko.

 **SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Easter Slovak Kolach orders are due by today, **Sunday, March 24.** Please complete the green colored form and return it with your payment. The cost is \$16.00 each. Additional order forms are available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14.

NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 22** 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 Sunday, 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.

 **MARY POPPINS, JR.:** Good Shepherd Catholic School Senior Drama Club proudly presents "Mary Poppins, Jr." on **Friday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.** (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) **and Saturday, April 13 at 12:00 noon** (doors open at 11:30 a.m.) in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased in the school office during school hours or at the door. For more information, please call the school at 610-262-9171.


GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Come see why so many families choose Good Shepherd. Value based education, a solid curriculum enhanced by responsibility and classroom structure, emphasis on writing skills and a caring and nurturing atmosphere. Please call Victoria Frystack, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 to schedule your tour now! Early Education Open House, Pre-School, Pre-K and K will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Congratulations to Anthony Colandrea, a 3rd grade student at Good Shepherd Catholic School and a parishioner and altar server here at Assumption B.V.M. Anthony came in First Place in Primary Prose at this year's Allentown Central Catholic Writing Contest.

HAMS NEEDED: The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Hams to distribute to needy families for Easter. Anyone interested in donating is asked to please call the church rectory weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at 610-262-2559.

BLESSED PALM: Old blessed palm may be brought to the church anytime during Lent. The palm will be burned for ashes to be used next year on Ash Wednesday.

YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be Tuesday, March 26, in the church social hall. Bus Trips: Hollywood Casino on Thursday, March 28; Dover Casino on April 24/25 overnight. 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.

 **PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 2 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 3 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.**

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 8, 2019
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"
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 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