

# 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 Victim Assistance Coordinator:** Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC  
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**Courage:**  
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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			

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

April 08, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
April 09, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mike Plata, Sr.	Daughters
April 10, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Helen Marhefka	Marge and Joe Kish
April 11, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Marx	Daughter, Mary Zidzick
April 12, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Conarty	Bennett Family
April 13, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
April 14, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Anne Ciecko	James Plucinsky
	10:30 a.m.	†Mark Heckenberger	Parents, John and Deb, and Brother, Luke

<u>Next Week's Schedule:</u>	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Voice:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
April 13, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	C. Fisher	B. Fritz	M. Warren/M. Hartman	L. Bet/P. Schuler
April 14, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	J. Santee	J. Ciecko	S. Kroll/N. Millan	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	E. Hozza	L. Santucci	A. Miletics/G. Miletics	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

**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. Also remember in your prayers Margaret Yandrasits, sister of Mary Kachmar, who died recently.

# Good News!

*April 7, 2019*  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)*  
 Is 43:16–21; Phil 3:8–14; Jn 8:1–11

Max Beckmann's drawing, *Christ and the Sinner*, places the viewer outside today's Gospel scene looking in. We're behind the darkened figures standing at a door. We see Jesus in full view, standing in the light blocking the accusers' way toward the woman. He's clearly coming to her defense as he listens, unmoved by their story.

Oftentimes we may feel that Jesus stands more as an accuser than a savior. He's there to point out what we should do in the future, didn't do in the past, or aren't doing in the present. This isn't the Jesus the Gospel presents. He stands to defend the sinner before her accusers. Even to those who so blatantly hurt him, Jesus said "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Sometimes it is hard to let go of an erring view of God. It can be comforting to have someone to blame or fear. Look at St. Paul: He was a zealous persecutor of Christians. Yet, having found Christ, he let go of his erroneous view of God and let Jesus come to his defense. He let go of the guilt of his sinful past and his desire to save himself through his own works. He considered it all trash to be discarded and forgotten as he held on to faith in Jesus.

We need to leave our evil deeds in his merciful heart and forget them there. The sacrament of reconciliation offers the best opportunity to do so. Let him stand at the door of your heart, defending you from those sinister accusers of your past who would haul you back into the darkness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

- Monday – April 8**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
 Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday – April 9**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Nm 21:4-9  
 Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday – April 10**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
 Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday – April 11**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Gn 17:3-9  
 Jn 8:51-59
- Friday – April 12**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Jer 20:10-13  
 Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday – April 13**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Ez 37:21-28  
 Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday – April 14**  
*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*  
 Lk 19:28-40  
 Is 50:4-7  
 Phil 2:6-11  
 Lk 22: 14-23:56

**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.  
**Stations of the Cross** : Wednesdays, after Mass  
**Choir Rehearsal** : Wednesdays, after Stations  
**Healing Our Church** : Tues., Apr. 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
**Healing Our Church** : Thu., Apr. 11, 8:30-10:00 a.m.  
**Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, April 14  
**Breakfast** : Sunday, April 28  
**Baptismal Preparation Class**: Wed., May 1, 5:30 p.m.  
**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 3:30 p.m.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER:**  
 We will begin decorating the church for Easter Sunday on Good Friday, April 19, after the 3:00 p.m. services. Anyone wishing to help, your assistance would be appreciated.



**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** This week's menu: Yankee Bean Soup, Saltines, Fresh Orange OR Cheese Ravioli with Tomato Sauce, Peach Slices.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Helen Maron:** \$25 Steve Marsch.

**YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS:** The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be Tuesday, April 30, 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.

**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. 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.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POPPY DRIVE:** The Catholic War Veterans of Post 454, Northampton, would like to thank everyone for their donation to the Annual Catholic War Veterans Poppy Drive. Thank you for supporting their annual drive!

**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.

**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Easter Season Slovak Kolach orders will be ready for pickup **next weekend, Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14** in the church social hall.

**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Next Sunday, April 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, jars of peanut butter, boxes of Jell-O or pudding.** Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. **This month's coffee and donuts are being donated by Joy and Sal Nicosia in memory of their son, James Nicosia.**

**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.

**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.

**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.**

**Lenten Confession Schedule**

<b>Saturday, April 13</b>	<b>3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>(after 4:00 p.m. Mass)</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>

**Holy Week Confession Schedule**

<b>Monday, April 15</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 16</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.</b>
<b>(following stations)</b>	<b>7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Good Friday, April 19</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Holy Saturday, April 20</b>	<b>12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**  
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## BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 28, 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