

# 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  
**Mrs. Susan Parker, M.Ed.**, Interim 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.  
 Weekdays 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]  
 6:45 a.m.; 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 are always welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address, phone number, or move out of the parish.

### Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and during the month. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners several times a year or at your request. 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
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore..... 610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Susan Parker..... 610-262-7343
CYO	Tim Gribb ..... 610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch..... 610-428-9053
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning..... 610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca..... 610-502-0160
Finance Committee	Drew Maron..... 610-393-9126	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons..... 610-262-2559
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore..... 610-262-3193	Religious Education	Susan Parker..... 610-262-7343
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office..... 610-262-9171	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh..... 610-837-0376
Greeters	Joanne Manning..... 610-262-2559	RCIA	Msgr. Koons..... 610-262-2559
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore..... 484-226-0188	Ushers	Michael Sommer..... 610-262-7904
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler..... 610-262-8138	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock..... 610-262-3478
Knights of Columbus Council #4050..... 484-540-5090		Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger... 610-760-9491

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 22, 2019**

**Daily Masses**

Sept. 23, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Betty Walk	Rachael Suranofsky
Sept. 24, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Corinne Buda	Debra Kay and Joe Bennett
Sept. 25, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Sons and Daughters of John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Sept. 26, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention	Family
Sept. 27, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Beers	Betty Toolan
Sept. 28, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Health and Blessing – Leonard and Paula Kosciolk on the occasion of their 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	Daughters and Grandchildren
Sept. 29, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth

**Next Week's Schedule:**

**Lector:**

**Euch. Min.:**

**Altar Servers:**

**Greeters:**

Sept. 28, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Susan Parker	Richard Shearman	Maren Hartman	Liz Bet/Pat Schuler
Sept. 29, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Christine Kroll	Kenneth Bennett	Wesley Cuchran	Nancy Birocik/Diane Cesanek
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Heckenberger	Cindy Walsh	Gerald Miletics	Hope Stempo/Bonnie Yezzo

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Irene Tanzosh requested by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

**Please pray** for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish.

# Good News!

September 22, 2019

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Am 8:4-7, 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Public service by authorities should be the humble use of ones God-given talents, exemplifying the great commandment to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31).

Civil or religious authority should be a service. Public authority is conferred upon a person by election or appointment in order to promote the common good. Far from a career of self-aggrandizement, it's a call to place the good of others before one's own.

When speaking of this, Jesus places the emphasis on trustworthiness. Those delegated authority are there to serve and to honor the confidence given them. That's why financial or political corruption is so grievous. People who first win the trust of others only to misuse it by taking advantage of them violate their mandate. And when trust is lost in public life and personal relationships, life becomes a walk through a valley of fear where we are governed by self-preservation. Truly then, we become what the Latins wrote: “Man is a wolf to man.”

So be worthy of the trust your family, clients, and others place in you. Be worthy of the confidence God has bestowed with all the talents he has given to use for the good of others. Make your life a responsible gift to others and rejoice in their flourishing more than your own!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday – September 23**

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 1:1–6

Lk 8:16–18

**Tuesday – September 24**

Weekday

Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20

Lk 8:19–21

**Wednesday – September 25**

Weekday

Ezr 9:5–9

Lk 9:1–6

**Thursday – September 26**

Weekday

Hg 1:1–8

Lk 9:7–9

**Friday – September 27**

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Hg 2:1–9

Lk 9:18–22

**Saturday – September 28**

Weekday

Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a

Lk 9:43b–45

**Sunday – September 29**

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4–7

1 Tm 6:11–16

Lk 16:19–31

**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.  
**Children's Mass** : Sunday, Sept. 22, 10:30 a.m.  
**Breakfast** : Sunday, September 22  
**Blessing of Animals** : Sunday, October 6 at 12 noon  
**Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, October 13  
**Confirmation** : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.

**First Friday Adoration:** The First Friday of October, October 4, 2019, our parish will offer a holy hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The 8 o'clock Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will last one hour concluding with Benediction at 9:15 a.m.



**New Altar Servers:** Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server please call the rectory and let us know which training session you would be able to attend. **Training will be held in church after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the following Sundays: September 22, September 29 and October 13.**



**Blessing of Animals:** In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue) **on Sunday, October 6 at 12:00 noon.** After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.

**Choir Rehearsal** for Christmas and weekly Mass will be held Wednesday evenings **starting this Wednesday, September 25, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** (we are usually finished before 9:00 p.m.). As always, we're looking for new members. If you like to sing please consider joining this group of wonderful people with hearts of service who join together in something so much bigger than themselves. For us joining our voices in praise is the closest thing to Heaven that we can experience here on earth. If you are unable to make a commitment for weekend Masses, please consider joining us just for Christmas, when we sing at the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. If you have any questions please call Karen at 610-691-0525.



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Hilda and Walter Holmes. They were donated by son, Bill, and Family.

**Journey Through Grief:** Assumption BVM will be offering a six-week Grief Support Group to those who have lost a loved one. This journey of support will be offered each week in our Church Social Hall beginning on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Group will meet for six weeks, ending on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> with a guest speaker and Mass. The purpose and goal of this group is to support and encourage those who have lost a loved one recently or some time ago and offer accompaniment through their loss. The program will be a journey of remembrance and celebration of our loved ones who have passed. Light snacks, and drinks will be available. Please see the flyers in the church vestibule for more information. To register please contact Brenda Fritz at 610-349-2300 or Lynda Janis at 610-762-4634.



**Sunday Breakfast:** Breakfast will be served after both Masses **today, Sunday, September 22.** 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 browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.



**"Donut/Giving Sunday":** Sunday, October 13, 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 by Marie Bitenc in memory of her husband, Herb Bitenc.**

**Presentation of the Gifts:** We invite and encourage you to participate in the offertory procession at Mass. This is especially appropriate if you have requested the Mass, or if the Mass is being offered for a family member or friend. If you would like to present the gifts, please see one of the greeters at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins.

**A Night at the Races:** Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "A Night at the Races" on Saturday, November 2, in the School Gym. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. To buy a horse, buy your tickets or for more information please call the school at 610-262-9171. You must be 21 years or over for this special event! Limited to the first 300 tickets! Cost is \$20 per ticket.



**Hurricane Dorian Collection:** Hurricane Dorian's intensity and slow progress wreaked havoc on parts of Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and the coastal areas of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. In response to the needs of the victims of Dorian, Bishop Schlert

has authorized that a special collection be taken up across the Diocese of Allentown. Our parish will take up the collection next weekend, September 28/29. The funds will be distributed to the victims of Dorian through Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services.

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## BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 22, 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