

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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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.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 20, 2019**

Daily Masses

Oct. 21,	Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Paulino	Loretta Fager
Oct. 22,	Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Elaine Hunsinger	Tim & Angela Livengood & Family
Oct. 23,	Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Aloysius Makovsky	M/M John Grabarits
Oct. 24,	Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†James Nicosia	Parents
Oct. 25,	Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Hilda Bendekovits	Rosanne Buss
Oct. 26,	Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth, & Family
Oct. 27,	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
		10:30 a.m.	†Nicola Mancino	Daughter, Luisa Assante, & Family

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Oct. 26, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Mary Ellen Schwartz	Brenda Fritz	Maren & Lena Hartman	Liz Bet/Pat Schuler
Oct. 27, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Christine Kroll	Kenneth Bennett	Wesley Cuchran	Nancy Birosik/Diane Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	(Children's Mass)	Drew Maron	Grace Heidecker/Darcy Conrad	Hope Stempo/Bonnie Yezzo

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Herb Bitenc requested by wife, Marie.

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

Good News!

October 20, 2019

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Water cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence. As believing Christians, persistence is one of the key virtues to our life of prayer. We will penetrate the solid rock of our faith, which is Christ, only through regular and relentless prayer. Saint Luke makes this clear when he reveals Jesus' intention in delivering this parable "about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Jesus wants us to keep at it in prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church has an entire section devoted to prayer with the intriguing title "The Battle of Prayer." After 2,000 years of experience, the Church sums up the theme of prayer as a battle! Moses might have said the same thing, for his perseverance in prayer was reflected in the battle of Rephidim.

The truth is, God doesn't entrust the treasures of his friendship to just anyone who says "Lord, Lord" to him. He knows the fickleness of the human heart but also that fidelity over time is the evidence of sincere love. He longs for the hearts of his children to seek him, but he also knows that for them to reach full maturity in him, growth in prayer must be steady. God is not at all like the unscrupulous judge of the Gospel. That is exactly Jesus' point. If God is actually "Our Father" who is literally dying to reconcile with us, then so much more will he respond to us if we're persistent in praying to him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – October 21

Weekday
Rom 4:20-25
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday – October 22

Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday – October 23

Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday – October 24

Weekday
Rom 6:19-23
Lk 12:49-53

Friday – October 25

Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday – October 26

Weekday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday – October 27

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18
Lk 18:9-14

- 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.
- Choir Rehearsal** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
- Children's Mass** : Sunday, October 27, 10:30 a.m.
- Breakfast** : Sunday, October 27
- Cemetery Blessing** : Sunday, Nov. 3, 12:30 p.m.
- Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, November 10
- Confirmation** : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.
- Church Picnic** : Sunday, September 13, 2020



Slovak Kolach Sale: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by November 24. Please complete the form **in this week's bulletin** (October 19/20) 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 7 and Sunday, December 8.



Cemetery Vigil Lights are available in the church social hall now thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.

World Mission Sunday: This weekend, October 19/20, we are invited to unite with Catholics around the world to "celebrate the hope that saves" through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously. In this way, we stand in solidarity with the young and developing churches in over 120 countries through our support for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through this special collection. Please be generous in your prayer and support for the Church in mission around the world. There is an envelope in your October/November packet for this special collection.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of James Nicosia. They were donated by his parents, Joy and Sal Nicosia.

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.



Sunday Breakfast: Breakfast will be served after both Masses on **Sunday, October 27.** 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.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 4456 Main Street, Whitehall, will hold their annual **Basket Party** on **Saturday, October 26** from **10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, October 27** from **8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Tickets - 25 for \$5 on sale at door. Homemade food and baked goods for sale. Drawing Sunday at 2:00 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.



Commemoration Of All Souls: On Sunday, **November 3 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.

Men's Morning of Reflection Hoping Against Hope:

Living the Gospel where it is unwelcome – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's morning of reflection next Saturday, October 19, at Queenship of Mary in Northampton. An optional Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00 AM followed by refreshments. Presentations by Rev. Eric Gruber, Rev. Patrick Lamb, and Rev. David Anthony will begin at 9:15 AM. To register for this free offering visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Carolyn Wuchter:** \$25 Larry and Joanne Hiestand.

Diocesan Men's Conference Standing Firm In Our Faith:

Register today to see Dr. Ralph Martin, Fr. Jim Greenfield, Gus Lloyd, and Sam Guzman at Standing Firm in Our Faith, the 8th annual Allentown Diocese Men's Conference on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at DeSales University. In addition to a Vigil Mass, there will be opportunities for Adoration and Confession. Register at www.allentowndiocese.org/mensconference by November 13. Questions (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2021 or can be directed to menconference@allentowndiocese.org.



Young-at-Heart News: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, October 29, in the Assumption B.V.M. Social Hall.

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)**

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 27, 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

Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea