

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
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 27, 2019**

Daily Masses

Oct. 28,	Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myrski, Sr.	Family
Oct. 29,	Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John & Mary Wanisko	John & Elizabeth Kuchera
Oct. 30,	Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Teresa & Luis Durand	Teresa's Husband, Geiner & Sister, Consuelo
Oct. 31,	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
Nov. 01,	Friday	6:45 a.m.	Intentions of Monsignor Koons	
		8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Preisler	Daughter, Mary Ann & Family
Nov. 02,	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	All Souls Intentions	
		4:00 p.m.	All Souls Intentions	
Nov. 03,	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
		10:30 a.m.	†Mark Heckenberger	Parents, John & Deb & Brother, Luke

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Oct. 31, Thu.	7:00 p.m. Ed Hozza	Joy Nicosia	Jeffrey & Hope Warren	
Nov. 01, Fri.	8:00 a.m. Nikki Kotoris	Leonard Kosciolk		
Nov. 02, Sat.	4:00 p.m. Susan Parker	Luisa Assante	Andrew Nederostek	Marie Bitenc/Irene Gollatz
Nov. 03, Sun.	8:00 a.m. Joanne Santee	Frank Cerino	Samuel Kroll/Aidan Kraus	Judy Haldeman/Maria Rossini
	10:30 a.m. Deb Heckenberger	Linda Santucci	Ava Miletics/Brady Woolslayer	Tabitha Kush/Ruth Marakovits

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Thomas Marakovits requested by wife, Ruth.

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

Good News!

October 27, 2019

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Scholars tell us that no other Gospel talks more about prayer than St. Luke's. Last Sunday's Gospel insisted that we persevere in our prayer; this week we're admonished to pray with humility and sincerity of heart. The prayer of a humble soul pierces the clouds, rising to the throne of God!

The Pharisee, Jesus' example of pride, doesn't kneel, bow his head, or sit in listening. He lists before God all that he does, almost as evidence of how much he deserves God's blessings. We can almost read in his words his conviction that God is lucky to have a Pharisee like him.

In contrast, the publican, a politician and a public figure considered by the Jews to be a sinner and collaborator in evil, slips in the back of the temple. He won't even lift his eyes up to God, as he is ashamed and keenly aware of his unworthiness. He only recalls his sins, beats his chest in penance, and asks for mercy. This is the power of humility before God. It is the necessary condition of our salvation and justification.

When we observe someone with Pharisaic presumption, it produces in us an interior rejection. Yet when we witness the vulnerability and self-effacement of one who admits weakness, we're moved to compassion and ready to forgive. If we who are imperfect respond like this, how much more will God, knower of the souls of humanity, respond with mercy to even the hardest sinners who pray to him with a sincere heart?

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – October 28

Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19-22 / Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday – October 29

Weekday
Rom 8:18-25 / Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday – October 30

Weekday
Rom 8:26-30 / Lk 13:22-30

Thursday – October 31

Weekday
Rom 8:31b-39 / Lk 13:31-35

Friday - November 1

All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday - November 2

All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Wis 3:1-9
Rom 5:5-11
Jn 6:37-40

Sunday - November 3

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 11:22-12:2
2 Thes 1:11-2:2
Lk 19:1-10

- 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

Dear Parishioners,


I am happy to announce that Mrs. Susan Parker, a member of our parish and our Director of Religious Education, has been officially appointed principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School as of October 18, 2019. Susan was a teacher at Good Shepherd Catholic School and was named interim principal on August 5, 2019. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Chestnut Hill College, a Pennsylvania Teaching Certification in Elementary Education from Cedar Crest College, and a Master of Education in Leadership from Holy Family University in Philadelphia. I congratulate Susan and wish her continued success with her work to advance the mission of Catholic education in both our Catholic School and our parish Religious Education Program.

Msgr. Koons


Holy Day of Obligation: Friday, November 1, is a Holy Day of obligation, All Saints Day. Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m. and on Friday, November 1, at 6:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.** Also, Saturday, **November 2 is All Soul's Day.** Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m.

First Friday Adoration: The First Friday of November, November 1, 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 conclude with Benediction at 9:15 a.m.

Slovak Kolach Sale: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by November 24. Please complete the form 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.

 **Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Thomas Marakovits. They were donated by wife, Ruth, and Family.

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

 **Commemoration Of All Souls:** Next 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.

Baptism: Olivia Paige Shuey was baptized into Christ this past Sunday. We welcome her to our parish community and pledge our prayers and support to her and to Stephen and Christina Shuey, her parents.

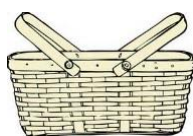


Sunday Breakfast: Breakfast will be served after both Masses **today, Sunday, October 27.** Please support this fundraising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs or omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, 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.



JUST A REMINDER that Standard Time resumes next Sunday, **November 3, 2019.** Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to sleep next Saturday night.

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.



Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 4456 Main Street, Whitehall, will hold their annual **Basket Party this weekend, 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.

A Night at the Races: Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "A Night at the Races" next 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.

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 mensconference@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.

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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