

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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Masses

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| Saturday | 4:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | 8:00, 10:30 a.m. |
| Weekdays | 8:00 a.m. |
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| Holy Days | 7:00 p.m. [Vigil] 6:45 a.m.; 8:00 a.m. |

Confessions

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| Saturday | 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. or by request |
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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
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 3, 2019**

Daily Masses

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| Nov. 04, Monday | 8:00 a.m. | †Members of our Memorial Fund | |
| Nov. 05, Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. | †Carolyn Wuchter | Linda and Vinnie Santucci |
| Nov. 06, Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | †Rosemarie Meiley | Bernie and Elaine Kuchera |
| Nov. 07, Thursday | 8:00 a.m. | †Emily Christensen | Bennett Family |
| Nov. 08, Friday | 8:00 a.m. | †Marianne Whelan | Barbara Pengitore |
| Nov. 09, Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | †Lucille Mikulcik | Husband, Paul, and Family |
| Nov. 10, Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | †John Humenik | M/M Michael Schneider |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Living & deceased members of our Parish | |

Next Week's Schedule:

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| Nov. 09, Sat. | 4:00 p.m. | Lector: C. Fisher | Euch. Min.: R. Shearman | Altar Servers: A. Colandrea/M. Warren/L. Hartman | Greeters: S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak |
| Nov. 10, Sun. | 8:00 a.m. | T. Kovalchik | N. Birosik | Nicholas Millan/Brady Woolslayer | G. Farkas/L. Gehringer |
| | 10:30 a.m. | F. Kostecky | M. Sommer | Gerald Miletics/Darcy Conrad | A. Fry/L. Shaak |

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

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

Good News!

November 3, 2019

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 11:22—12:2; 2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Jesus, on the road to Jerusalem, passes through the town of Jericho. His intention was to move right through, yet when he catches sight of Zacchaeus, he stops and changes plans. Jesus was on the move, yet not so obsessed with plans and objectives that he didn't notice the needy soul of Zacchaeus peering down upon him from a sycamore tree.

Part of being an apostle of Christ is having a heart that's always attuned to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. We can't be so consumed with our good fortunes that we miss opportunities to offer Christ's salvation to those around us.

Zacchaeus was a public sinner and a publican who, as we know, were the hated tax collectors and collaborators of the Romans. Rather than a person to visit he was, for the Jews, someone to be avoided. Not for Jesus! Our Lord came to seek and save the lost. And Zacchaeus wanted to be found. He was so driven to see Jesus, he made himself look ridiculous by climbing a tree, admitting to his short stature and curiosity.

How many souls along our path are showing their unquenchable thirst to discover Jesus and, even more, to be discovered by him. While amassing worldly riches, they realize that their deep hunger can only be satisfied by something else. Only spiritual things can satiate the Spirit. Let's be willing to go off-road and facilitate these encounters with Jesus—of course, after we ourselves have been encountered by him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Rom 11:29-36
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday – November 5

Weekday
Rom 12:5-16b
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday – November 6

Weekday
Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33

Thursday – November 7

Weekday
Rom 14:7-12 / Lk 15:1-10

Friday – November 8

Weekday
Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8

Saturday – November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1
Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Sunday – November 10

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 2
Thes 2:16—3:5
Lk 20:27-38

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| Rel. Ed. Classes | : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m. |
| Prayer Shawl Meeting | : 3 rd 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. |
| Cemetery Blessing | : Sunday, Nov. 3, 12:30 p.m. |
| Donut/Giving Sunday | : Sunday, November 10 |
| Children's Mass | : Sunday, Nov. 24, 10:30 a.m. |
| Breakfast | : Sunday, November 24 |
| Confirmation | : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m. |
| Church Picnic | : Sunday, September 13, 2020 |



Commemoration Of All Souls: Today, 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.

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 Mark Heckenberger. They were donated by his parents, Debbie and John, and his brother, Luke.

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.



"Donut/Giving Sunday": Next Sunday, November 10, 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.**

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Carolyn Wuchter:** \$20 Frances and Gene Grabarits.

Sunday Breakfast: Breakfast will be served after both Masses on **Sunday, November 24.** 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.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

Stocking Stuffer: Need a stocking stuffer? Or just a little something to add to a gift for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for January 2020. The calendars are \$5 each and the winners are based on the **evening daily** Pennsylvania Lottery number. Calendars will be on sale before Mass the weekends of November 16/17, November 23/24, November 30/December 1, December 7/8, 21/22 and 28/29. Also, on Sunday, December 15. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2019.



Remember the Needy: Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which will be located in the Church vestibule starting next weekend, November 9/10. The tags list items needed by the Catholic Charities Office to care for the needs of babies and their families. **Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by December 10** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.



Good Shepherd Catholic School Junior Drama Club proudly presents "Winnie the Pooh Kids" on Friday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 24th at 2:00 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at the door. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

Early Childhood Open House: Good Shepherd Catholic School will hold an Early Childhood Open House (for parents and their children entering preschool through grade 1) on Saturday, November 9th from 10 am until 11 am in the school gym. Come and tour the school, gather information about our programs, meet our staff, and make a craft. For more information please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

Local Poverty Relief Collection: The annual collection diocesan poverty relief collection will be taken up **the weekend of November 16/17.** The collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection

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.

Homemade Holiday Sale: This year's Homemade Holiday Sale will be held on Thursday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, November 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the social hall of St. John Fisher Church (formerly St. Andrews), 1239 Third Street in North Catasauqua. The sale will feature one of a kind gifts from over 35 local crafters. There will be food and baked goods for sale in addition to handmade crafts. Please see the flyer in the church vestibule for more information

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 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