

# 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  
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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**  
**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 10, 2019**

**Daily Masses**

Nov. 11, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Gollatz	Pat and Doug Gibbons
Nov. 12, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Alfred Nederostek	Karen Liberto
Nov. 13, Wednesday	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	†Marco Rossini	Rossini Family
Nov. 14, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Gloria Wyckoff	Bennett Family
Nov. 15, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Serensits	Mary Serensits
Nov. 16, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†James Kovacs	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Nov. 17, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Joan Skrapits	Nancy Birosik
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

**Next Week's Schedule:**

Nov. 16, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	<b>Lector:</b> Sue Parker	<b>Euch. Min.:</b> Bonnie Kosman	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Andrew Nederostek	<b>Greeters:</b> Connie Kovacs/Patricia Madea
Nov. 17, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Marge Heist	Cindy Walsh	Nicholas Millan	Barbara Cwitkowitz
10:30 a.m.	Karen Stayt	Theresa Melosky	Grace Heidecker	Bella Skweir/Mike Skweir

**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 blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Roland Grieshammer, husband of Ruth Grieshammer, and Janet Pavlick, daughter-in-law of Rita Pavlick, who died recently.

# Good News!

November 10, 2019

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

The Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead or immortality of the soul. In fact, in Judaism, the belief that the soul lives forever in heaven developed in the centuries before Christ's birth. In Maccabees, one of the last books written in the Old Testament, you can see how the Jewish sons find strength to resist their torturers in the belief that they will live forever. They firmly believe that God will raise them up if they remain faithful to him.

Jesus makes it even clearer that our souls will live forever and that our bodies will rise up one day with him after death. The faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was faith in a living God; even if they had died hundreds of years before, they were alive in God.

We pray together in the Nicene Creed that we "look forward to the resurrection of the dead." Thus, belief in reincarnation is against Christianity, and Jesus taught a different doctrine. We live life on this earth once, die once, and are judged once.

Jesus is the "resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). We hope that one day we will rise with him, even if on earth our lives are "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). To be a witness to Jesus is to be like the first apostles, a witness to his resurrection.

The living God who called Abraham, Moses, and Isaac is the same God who sent his Son, raised him from the dead, and who calls us to follow him and rise up to be with him forever.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday – November 11**

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop  
 Wis 1:1-7  
 Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday – November 12**

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr  
 Wis 2:23-3:9  
 Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday – November 13**

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
 Wis 6:1-11 / Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday – November 14**

Weekday  
 Wis 7:22b-8:1  
 Lk 17:20-25

**Friday – November 15**

Weekday  
 Wis 13:1-9  
 Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday – November 16**

Weekday  
 Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9  
 Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday – November 17**

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mal 2:19-20a  
 2 Thes 3:7-12  
 Lk 21:5-19

- 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.
- Choir Rehearsal** : Wednesdays, 7:30 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



**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.



**"Donut/Giving Sunday":** Today, 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.. **This month's donuts are being donated by Marie Bitenc in memory of her husband, Herb Bitenc.**



**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.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of George and Mary Stefaniak. They were donated by daughter, Linda Stefaniak.

**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.



**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.

**Community Thanksgiving Service:** Northampton Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Queenship of Mary Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken and the proceeds will go to the Northampton Area Food Bank. A social will follow. All are invited to attend this special community service.



**Remember the Needy:** Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which is located in the Church vestibule starting this 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Local Poverty Relief Collection:** The annual collection diocesan poverty relief collection will be taken up **next weekend, 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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/mensconference) by November 13. Questions (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2021 or can be directed to [mensconference@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mensconference@allentowndiocese.org).

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

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 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Check One:**

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Request Envelopes
- Request envelopes (returned home from college)**

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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