

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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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
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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 17, 2019**

Daily Masses

Nov. 18, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick, and Family
Nov. 19, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Health & Blessing - Francesa Gegvata	M/M Lek Gegvata
Nov. 20, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Mass of Remembrance	Grief Support Group
Nov. 21, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Lizak	M/M Stephen Lizak
Nov. 22, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†James J. Eline	Ciecko Family
Nov. 23, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
Nov. 24, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Bernice Cherski	Daughter, Bernadette, and Family
	10:30 a.m.	†Leonard Fry	Wife, Ann

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Nov. 23, Sat. 4:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Schwartz
Nov. 24, Sun. 8:00 a.m. Joanne Santee
10:30 a.m. Children's Mass

Euch. Min.:

Frank Cerino
Joseph Ciecko
Drew Maron

Altar Servers:

Maren Hartman/Lena Hartman
Wesley Cuchran
Ava Miletics/Brady Woolslayer

Greeters:

Liz Bet/Pat Schuler
Nancy Birosik/Diane Cesanek
Children's Mass

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Paul Kovach, Sr. requested by Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Child.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers William Procanyn who died recently.

Good News!

November 17, 2019

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

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings prepare us for the conclusion of our earthly pilgrimage. In this Sistine Chapel fresco, Moses is punishing the rebellious Israelites who were acting as priests without being authorized by him or called by God.

This chaotic scene seems similar to what Jesus describes of the end times in today's Gospel. He warns us not to follow false prophets who will arise and claim to come in his name. He prophesies a time of war, natural disasters, famines, and plagues. Persecution will fall upon his followers, allowing them the chance to give testimony—martyrion in Greek. Jesus' monitions for that time are simple: do not follow false prophets or prepare a defense, but persevere instead. In the section "I Believe in Life Everlasting," the Catechism of the Catholic Church also speaks to us about the last times. We believe in heaven, hell, and a personal, universal judgment. These last things await us all, and Jesus doesn't keep us in the dark about these realities.

We don't know when the end times may come. But regardless, our call is to live prepared by fulfilling God's will and trusting in him. Jesus clearly wants us to be aware of the end of the world, but he doesn't want us to be overly anxious about it. If we are in Christ, we are already a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold the new has come. Be not afraid!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – November 18

Weekday
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday – November 19

Weekday
2 Mc 6:18-31
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday – November 20

Weekday
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday – November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44

Friday – November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday – November 23

Weekday
1 Mc 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40

Sunday – November 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
2 Sm 5:1-3
Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43

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, Nov. 24, 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast : **Cancelled for Nov. 24**
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, December 8
Breakfast : Sunday, January 26, 2020
Confirmation : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.
Church Picnic : Sunday, September 13, 2020

Mass of Remembrance: Next Wednesday, November 20, we will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance for our Grief Support Group. All are welcome to attend.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers: The 2020 "Visiting the Sick and Homebound" books are here. They are located in the church vestibule. Your name is on your book.

Attention Lectors: The 2020 Lector Workbooks which begin on December 1, the First Sunday of Advent, are here. They are located in the church vestibule. Your name is on your book.

Thank you for your generosity: I would like to acknowledge a donation in the amount of \$4500.00, from an anonymous parishioner, for the purchase of a new commercial refrigerator for our church social hall. Because it has not arrived yet, we are cancelling the breakfast scheduled for Sunday, November 24. Our next breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020.



Slovak Kolach Sale: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by **next Sunday, 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 Leonard Fry. They were donated by his wife, Ann.

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.



Winter Weather: With the return to colder temperatures and the possibility of snow and ice, we ask everyone to exercise caution when using the front church steps. A recommended alternative would be to enter thru the side entrance and use the interior Steps/Elevator.



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 is located in the Church vestibule. 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" **this Friday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and this 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.

Community Thanksgiving Service: Northampton Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Queenship of Mary Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton next 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.

Redner's Save-A-Tape Program: Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape Card. If you don't have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. **So far this year we have received \$2,464.45. Just think, that's over \$2,400.00** received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your **full receipts** in the containers located in the church vestibule. **We need the WHOLE receipt**, not just the bottom portion of the receipt.

Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a First Friday gathering on Thursday, December 5 at St. Anne Church, 450 E. Washington Avenue, Bethlehem. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. by Father Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community. Mass will be followed by a period of Adoration and Confessions until 7:00 and then an informal social. Please join us for this opportunity to meet each other as we come together for prayer and fellowship. Any question please contact Father Kevin Bobbin at 610-866-0791 x332 or email: kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org.

Have You Noticed the **CareNotes** display in the back of the church? CareNotes offer helpful ideas and inspiration on dealing with some of life's most difficult moments. Please help yourself

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 26, 2020

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