

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
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 24, 2019**

Daily Masses

Nov. 25, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Hanzarik	Wife, Betty, and Family
Nov. 26, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rita Roman	Wiest Family
Nov. 27, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Roland Grieshammer	Ciecko Family
Nov. 28, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day – Mass of Thanksgiving	
Nov. 29, Friday	NO MASS		
Nov. 30, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Paul Kovach, Sr.	Son, Paul, and Family
Dec. 01, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph and Kathryn Makovsky	Makovsky
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Nov. 30, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Denise Hozza
Dec. 01, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Christine Kroll
	10:30 a.m.	Larry Nemeth

Euch. Min.:

Leonard Kosciolk
Kenneth Bennett
Linda Santucci

Altar Servers:

Jeffrey Warren/Hope Warren
Samuel Kroll/Aiden Kraus
Gerald Miletics/Darcy Conrad

Greeters:

Marie Bitenc/Irene Gollatz
Judy Haldeman/Maria Rossini
Tabitha Kush/Ruth Marakovits

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Leonard Fry requested by Wife, Ann.

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

Good News!

November 24, 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)

2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

In his Gospel, St. Luke, the good doctor, often brings in kingly themes related to Christ's crucifixion. He does this to highlight that Jesus fulfilled the Jewish belief that the Messiah would unite the three important leadership roles—priest, prophet, and king. The inscription the Romans nailed to the cross above Jesus' head inadvertently supports the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy—he was indeed the King of the Jews.

He was also the priest who offered his body as a sacrifice for the Chosen People: "It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people" (John 18:14). He is both the priest offering obedience to the Father, but he is also the victim who is offered on the altar of the cross. The cross is altar and throne because, as well as priest and victim, Jesus also is the king reuniting his kingdom under God the Father. In so doing, he undoes the sin of Adam, which had been the cause of this division.

Jesus' final prophetic words, "It is finished," means he has fulfilled his mission as priest, prophet, and king from the throne of the cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1047) sums it up when it says that as king and high priest, his sacrifice is total, universal, and definitive. Now all of God's creatures, man and beast, both natural and in the heavens, can return to the one from whom they came forth and who declared each one good.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – November 25

Weekday
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday – November 26

Weekday
Dn 2:31-45
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday – November 27

Weekday
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday – November 28

Weekday
Dn 6:12-28
Lk 21:20-28

Friday – November 29

Weekday
Dn 7:2-14
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday – November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18
Mt 4:18-22

Sunday – December 1

First Sunday of Advent (A)
Is 2:1-5
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44

Rel. Ed. Classes : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 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
Prayer Shawl Meeting : Tuesday, January 21, 10 a.m.
Breakfast : Sunday, January 26, 2020
Confirmation : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.
Church Picnic : Sunday, September 13, 2020

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.

Special Collection: There will be a collection for the Northampton Area Food Bank at the Thanksgiving Day Mass this Thursday, November 28.



Slovak Kolach Sale: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by **today, 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.**

Children's 2020 Envelopes will be located in the Church Social Hall next weekend, November 30/December 1. Please look for yours and take them home. Religious Education Student envelopes (grades 2-7) will be placed in the Religious Education Classrooms; Good Shepherd Student envelopes (grades 2-8) will be taken to the School.

Oplatky (Christmas Wafers) will be available (free will offering) in the church social hall all weekends during Advent. The 2018 Calendars, which are free, are now available in the church social hall, compliments of Schisler Funeral Home.

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 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.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Richard Hanzarik. They were donated by his wife, Betty, and Family.

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

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@allentowndioocese.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.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator
 DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER
 1-800-791-9209

Email: victimassistance@allentowndioocese.org

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndioocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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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