

# 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**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 15/16, 2020**

**Daily Masses**

Feb. 17, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Leo McCloskey	Betty Toolan
Feb. 18, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John Pavlick	Betty and Walter Yaros
Feb. 19, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Mary Lizak	Delores O'Mara
Feb. 20, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myirski, Jr.	Family
Feb. 21, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Kim Moyer	Maryann and Butch Morgan
Feb. 22, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Agnes Lobach and Suzanne Minnich	Cousins, Nieces & Nephews
Feb. 23, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased Boy Scouts of Troop #54	
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

**Next Week's Schedule: Lector:**

Feb. 22, Sat. 4:00 p.m. A. Molchany

Feb. 23, Sun. 8:00 a.m. T. Kovalchik

10:30 a.m. (Children's Mass)

**Euch. Min.:**

L. Kosciolk

B. Fritz

M. Sommer

**Altar Servers:**

A. Nederostek

N. Millan

G. Heidecker

**Greeters:**

M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz

J. Haldeman/M. Rossini

T. Kush/R. Marakovits

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week for the health and blessing of John Kushner requested by Joanne Manning.

**Please pray** for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Anthony Halcin, brother of Anna Hudock, who died recently.

# Good News!

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sir 15:15–20; 1 Cor 2:6–10; Mt 5:17–37

**L**aw, wisdom, or virtue. Choose one. Today's first reading talks about wisdom. Throughout life, options are placed before us. Which should we pick? Life or death? Good or evil? How do we know which one to choose? Actually, we learn to choose through experience, either our own or the experience of those who have gone before us and left us their insights within our traditions—whether social, political, or religious. Some of these traditions come to us as advice, others as law. One might say that law is really the expression or codification of social, political, or religious traditions. So, to follow law is really to obey a certain kind of codified wisdom.

When St. Paul speaks about wisdom, he is referring to wisdom that comes from following the directives of God, not merely the insights gained through experience. He calls that a mature wisdom as opposed to the wisdom of this age. It is the kind of wisdom we find in Jesus, who lived his life for others, a kind of wisdom that some might consider foolish.

In the Gospel, Jesus insists that he is not abolishing law but fulfilling it. He urges us to go deeper into law and find wisdom, to go even deeper into human wisdom, and there to find virtue. Law deals with exteriors; virtue addresses the inner heart. Law forbids murder; virtue forbids hatred. Where do you live? In law? In wisdom? Or in virtue? Choose one.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Calendar:

**Monday – February 17**

Weekday

Jas 1:1–11

Mk 8:11–13

**Tuesday – February 18**

Weekday

Jas 1:12–18

Mk 8:14–21

**Wednesday – February 19**

Weekday

Jas 1:19–27

Mk 8:22–26

**Thursday – February 20**

Weekday

Jas 2:1–9

Mk 8:27–33

**Friday – February 21**

Weekday

Jas 2:14–24, 26

Mk 8:34–9:1

**Saturday – February 22**

Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

**Sunday – February 23**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1–2, 17–18

1 Cor 3:16–23

Mt 5:38–48

<b>Rel. Ed. Classes.....</b>	Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
<b>Prayer Shawl Meeting.....</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel. Ed.....</b>	Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Choir Rehearsal.....</b>	Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Adoration.....</b>	First Fridays 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.
<b>Breakfast.....</b>	Sunday, February 23, 2020
<b>Children’s Mass.....</b>	Sunday, Feb. 23, 10:30 a.m.
<b>Confirmation.....</b>	Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.
<b>Donut/Giving Sunday.....</b>	Sunday, March 8, 2020
<b>BVM Night – Iron Pigs.....</b>	Thursday, August 13, 2020
<b>Church Picnic.....</b>	Sunday, September 13, 2020



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Joseph Sentiwany. They were donated by son, Joe.



**Sunday Breakfast:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **next Sunday, February 23.** Please support this fundraising effort of the parish and enjoy a 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.

## Good Shepherd Catholic School News

**Early Childhood Education Event:** Good Shepherd Catholic School will host an Early Childhood Education Event for students entering Preschool and Kindergarten on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** The event will begin at 10 am in the front lobby of the school with a general overview of our Preschool and Kindergarten programs followed by tours of the classrooms. Registrations will be accepted for students interested in our 3 year old, 4 year old, and kindergarten programs. For more information call our Advancement Director, Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi, at 610-262-9171 or email her at [mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com).

**Registrations:** Good Shepherd Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year for grades Kindergarten through 8, Preschool 3, and Pre-K 4. For more information, or to schedule a tour please contact our Advancement Director Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi at 610-262-9171 or email her at [mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com).

**Bingo:** Queenship of Mary will host a Designer Purse and Gift Card Bingo next Sunday, February 16, at Good Shepherd Catholic School Gymnasium. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m., games begin at 12:30 p.m. Advanced Ticket Sales: \$20 call Peter at 610-972-5407; Tickets at door: \$25. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Also there will be a bake sale and 50/50 raffle. All are welcome to attend.

**Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2020**  
**EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK**  
**begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m., continues with**  
**music, games and food**  
**until 7:00 p.m.**

**Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 26,** is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during the 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that **fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** The law of **abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.**

**Cemetery Clean-up:** To prepare our cemetery (and mausoleum) for spring and the Easter holiday you are asked to please remove your Christmas plants and decorations **by Sunday, March 15.** Any Christmas decorations left on the graves or at the mausoleum after this date will be discarded. If you know of any non-parishioners having graves or crypts on our cemetery, please pass along this information.

**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.

**Night at the Ball Game:** Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 13** on the Party Porch, 1<sup>st</sup> base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, July 1. For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. Cost is \$40 per person. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations). Please make checks payable to the church.

## St Catharine's Defenders of Life Present the movie...

### The Case for Christ

*Working to disprove the growing Christian faith of his wife, an investigative journalist chases down the biggest story of all time...with unexpected, life altering results!*  
*The Case for Christ is based on the true-life story of Lee Strobel, author of the best-selling book.*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st**  
**Doors Open at 6:00 pm,**  
**Movie Starts at 6:30 pm**

*At the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena Church*  
*Parish Activity Center (Church Basement)*  
 200 Block of North 18th Street, Allentown, PA 18104  
*(Use the 18th Street entrance on the right of the church)*  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
 Light refreshments served before the start of the movie  
 Rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested)

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## BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 23, 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

Creamed Chipped Beef on toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea