

# 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**  
**All Saints – October 31/November 1, 2020**

**Daily Masses**

Nov. 02, Monday	8:00 a.m.	<b>ALL SOULS INTENTIONS</b>	
Nov. 03, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Ray Cook	Betty Toolan
Nov. 04, Wednesday	<b>No Mass</b>		
Nov. 05, Thursday	<b>No Mass</b>		
Nov. 06, Friday	<b>No Mass</b>		
Nov. 07, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lucille Mikulcik	Husband, Paul, and Family
Nov. 08, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Mark Heckenberger	Parents, John & Deb, and Brother, Luke

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Michele Mason-Paul 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 Stephanie Sarris, sister of Mark Shara, who died recently.

# Good News!

November 1, 2020

*All Saints (A)*

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**Who Wants to Be a Saint? This question can be understood in two very different ways.** On the one hand it asks: Who might step forward to accomplish this feat? On the other hand, it wonders: Who wants to bother putting forth the effort? Perhaps we have read too many of the wrong “lives of the saints” to want to be one of them. So often those stories describe extraordinary feats of physical punishment. Anyone who thinks that such abuse is what makes a saint should listen to St. Irenaeus of Lyons. He insists, “The glory of God is man [Christ] fully alive.” Sainthood is allowing the sanctifying grace of God to dwell habitually in us and make us like he who is fully alive—Jesus Christ. However, what does “fully alive” really mean?

To be fully alive means to be people of faith; to have deep principles and to live by them, regardless of the cost. It means to realize that we are part of the wondrous creation of nature, and we must respect our place in it and our responsibilities for it. It means to care for others as well as for ourselves. All of this is grounded in faith in God, who loves us enough to make us and who made us to be fully alive. However, it is not always easy to live this out. Here is where the struggle comes in. We don't have to create struggle; life will do that for us. Still, to be fully alive is well worth the price we might be asked to pay. Isn't it?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Calendar:

### Monday – November 2

*All the Faithful Departed*  
*(All Souls' Day)*

Wis 3:1-9

Rom 5:5-11

Jn 6:37-40

### Tuesday – November 3

*Weekday*

Phil 2:5-11 / Lk 14:15-24

### Wednesday – November 4

*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

Phil 2:12-18

Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday – November 5

*Weekday*

Phil 3:3-8a

Lk 15:1-10

### Friday – November 6

*Weekday*

Phil 3:17-4:1

Lk 16:1-8

### Saturday – November 7

*Weekday*

Phil 4:10-19

Lk 16:9-15

### Sunday – November 8

*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 6:12-16

1 Thes 4:13-18

Mt 25:1-1

**Donut/Giving Sunday....** Sunday, November 1  
**Adoration.....** December 4 after Mass  
**Church Picnic.....** Sun., **September 12, 2021**



**Commemoration Of All Souls:** Today, Sunday, **November 1, 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.



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Richard Shaak:** \$25 John and Iona Harhart; \$25 Mike and Sue Spengler; \$25 Dennis and Cheryl Sommer; \$25 Charlie and Cindy Walsh; \$20 Steve Marsch; \$25 Linda and Richard Shearman. **In memory of Michele Mason-Paul:** \$50 Dan and Cathy Loikits.

**Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart News:** Due to the uncertainties of what is happening with Covid 19 and the age of our members, the officers of Young at Heart have decided, in the best interest of our members, to cancel all meetings until the month of January 2021. Please tell any members you know of this decision.

**Good Shepherd Catholic School News**

Good Shepherd Catholic School is in school five full days a week and is still accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year for some grade levels, including Preschool 3, and Pre-K 4. Some grades are on a wait list. For more information, or to schedule a tour contact our Advancement Director Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi at 610-262-9171 or email her at [mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com).

**Scam emails and texts:** The Diocese of Allentown has informed all the parishes that there have been various reports from people in the Diocese about emails or text messages saying that their own Pastor or priest is soliciting money or gift cards. **Please be aware that all these requests are a scam.**

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

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

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory



**The Northampton Area Food Bank** is looking for donations of Turkeys to distribute to needy families for Thanksgiving. Anyone interested in donating a turkey is asked to call the church rectory between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at 610-262-2559. Also, needed to complete the Thanksgiving dinners are: canned cranberry sauce, Stove Top Stuffing, canned green beans and canned or boxed potatoes.



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 Space is limited!

Come join us on:

**Saturday, Nov. 7th**  
 by appointment ONLY



**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR OPENS THAT DAY!**

\*Due to Covid-19, no walk-ins will be admitted. You must reserve a time slot for your tour. All attendees must wear a mask.

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# 2020 Hand Rolled Slovak Kolach Sale

**Apple (new)**

**Apricot**

**Coconut Cream**

**English Walnut**

**Lekvar (Prune)**

**Poppy Seed**

**Pumpkin Cheese**

**Seedless Red Raspberry**

**\$16.00 each**

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*Forms are included in the Sunday Bulletin.*

*Place your order WITH PAYMENT in the Sunday Collection or drop off at the Rectory.*

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## **IMPORTANT:**

**Deadline for Orders: Sunday, November 22**

**Pick-up: After Mass in Church Social Hall:**

**Saturday December 12**

**Sunday December 13**

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*THANK YOU*

