

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]
 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
or by appointment

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 Fr. Straka 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 living in the parish boundaries are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address or phone number or move out of the parish.

Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and on First Fridays. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners on First Fridays several times a year. 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.

Parish Activities/Contacts

Adult Education	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....	484-540-5090	
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
CYO	Tim Gribb	610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	484-226-0188	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****FEBRUARY 19, 2017****MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Feb. 20, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Al Marhefka	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Feb. 21, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†James Deiley	M/M Peter Keschel
Feb. 22, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Farkas	Frank Yost
Feb. 23, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Stuart and Kristen Lubinski
Feb. 24, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Gavalla	Jane and Mike Hanichak
Feb. 25, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Anna Hall	Helen Collins
Feb. 26, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Colette Semler	Mary Stumpf and Family

Next Week's Schedule:

Feb. 25, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor
Feb. 26, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll
	10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt

Lector:**Euch. Min.:****Altar Servers:****Greeters:**

C. Marth	S. Haldeman/D. Bassert/E. Ossiander
J. Ciecko	W. Cuchran/J. Millan/N. Millan
D. Maron	B. DelVecchio/M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran

M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
J. DelVecchio/C. Marano

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joseph Grabarits requested by Wife, Pat, and Daughter, Lisa.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Stella Santucci, mother of Vincent Santucci, who died recently.

dear Padre:

Is it ever OK to use “God” and “damn” together?

When we pray “hallowed be thy name” in the Lord’s Prayer, we give God the reverence he is due. Because the Lord’s name is holy, we mustn’t abuse it. The Second Commandment tells us not to “take the name of the Lord...in vain” (see Exodus 20:7). With our tongue, “we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This need not be so...” (James 3:9–10).

What happens, when our reverence is contradicted by cursing? For some, cursing is a cathartic response to pain or anger. Those who view it as a form of stress management or as a substitute for physical aggression may contend that condemning in this context is neither literal nor deliberate. If God knows our hearts, that our misuse of his name is insincere, what’s the harm?

“A sharp tongue is the only edge[d] tool that grows keener with constant use,” wrote Washington Irving. In other words, if we constantly and carelessly misuse God’s name, we may stop feeling sorry that it offends him. That irreverent attitude is more offensive—and more dangerous—than the vocabulary. Scripture warns, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who choose one shall eat its fruit” (Proverbs 18: 21).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – February 20

Weekday

Sir 1:1–10 / Mk 9:14–29

Tuesday – February 21

Weekday

Sir 2:1–11

Mk 9:30–37

Wednesday – February 22

Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

Thursday – February 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Sir 5:1–8 / Mk 9:41–50

Friday – February 24

Weekday

Sir 6:5–17 / Mk 10:1–12

Saturday – February 25

Weekday

Sir 17:1–15

Mk 10:13–16

Sunday – February 26

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:14–15

1 Cor 4:1–5

Mt 6:24–34

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Tue., February 21, 10:00 a.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, February 26
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., March 4, 10:00 a.m.
CABBAGE/NOODLE PICK UP : March 4/5 after Masses
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, March 12
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10

PLEASE NOTE: Daily Mass is being celebrated in the rectory (2174 Lincoln Avenue) on Monday, February 20. **Starting Tuesday, February 21 daily Mass will be celebrated in the church.**



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Dennis Hall. They were donated by wife, Vicki.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of our beloved pastor, Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$100 Thomas and Deborah Hoffman; \$25 Virginia Huber; \$25 Carol Jean Susko; \$100 Frank and Carol Marano. **In memory of Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.:** \$100 Walter and Peggie Zurowski; \$50 James and Cathy Sentiwany; \$30 Lisa Kuchinos; \$15 Patricia Grabarits; \$25 M/M Jeffrey Churetta; \$20 Virginia Haldeman; \$75 Matejicka Family; \$20 M/M James Bodnar; \$40 Michael, Thomas and Stevie Szep and Anita and Mike Everitt and boys; \$25 Juliann Maurek; \$20 Elizabeth Hanzarik; \$25 Victor and Joanne Ricci. **In memory of Stella Santucci:** \$25 Anita Kotoris and Hope Stempo; \$20 Barbara Pengitore; \$25 Joanne and Juliet Manning. **In memory of Nicholas Bahnick:** \$20 Eugene and Frances Grabarits.

SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Early Childhood Education Preview will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for parents and their children who will be entering Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten. Parents meet our accredited faculty and children enjoy story time, a craft and snack.

Good Shepherd Catholic School is now enrolling new students for the 2017-2018 school year. We offer full day Kindergarten through Grade 8, as well as, Preschool and Pre-K programs for 3 year old and 4 year old children. Extended care is available. Please call 610.262.9171 to schedule your family tour or email mrspoccia@ptd.net today!

CABBAGE AND NOODLES SALE: We will be selling, by pre-order only, OUR PICNIC HALUSKI FOR LENT. 1 lb. (\$4.00) or 2 lb. (\$7.00) containers of haluski can be ordered by calling Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. **Orders must be placed by Tuesday, February 28.** Haluski will be ready for pick-up after the weekend Masses on March 4/5 in the church social hall.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses next **Sunday, February 26.** Please support this fund raising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, omelet or cheese steak omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal takes place **next weekend, February 25/26.** The Catholic Home Missions Appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Often home mission priests and lay ministers require special training to attend to the unique needs of their faith communities. Your support is necessary for the success of these and others projects. Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection. Please help strengthen the Church at home through your generosity to this Appeal.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT NEEDED: Mercy School For Special Learning, a Diocesan school located in Lehigh County for children having intellectual and/or developmental disabilities is seeking to hire a Director of Development. This is a full-time, 12 month position. Applicants must be willing to immerse themselves in the life of our school community and to help us grow in all areas relating to advancement of the school's mission. Please send your resume to Mrs. Beth Grys at principal@mercyspeciallearning.org.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST (STILES) TRICKY TRAYS: Saint John the Baptist Church will sponsor their Eleventh Annual Tricky Trays/Basket Social on Saturday, February 18, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at their Social Hall, 3120 Chestnut Street, Whitehall. You can purchase tickets at the door. There will be a special raffle for big-ticket items. Plenty of parking behind the hall. You do not have to be present to win. Kitchen will be open. Winners will be called and can pick up baskets Monday, February 20, between 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the hall.

7th ANNUAL STAR STRUCK GALA & SILENT AUCTION: On May 6, 2017, St. Francis will hold its Seventh Annual Star Struck Gala & Silent Auction. This fun filled event brings together people, from the Lehigh Valley and the broader PA and NJ areas, for an evening of food, entertainment and celebration of our honored guests! Fundraising for the Center is also an important component of the evening. This year's Gala will honor Philip J. Fromuth PhD, Superintendent of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Allentown. Ministering through education has always been an essential focus of the School Sisters of St Francis. For this reason, St. Francis Center for Renewal is delighted to 'shine its light' on Dr. Fromuth and to honor his on-going dedication to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Allentown. The evening will also honor four amazing Women of Strength ~ Dr. Milissa Bolcar, Teresa Connors (of the Office of Education), Sr. Regina Rokosny, OSF and Pamela Tuskes. A variety of Sponsorship levels are available for the event. Individual tickets are \$60 pp. For information please contact Jan at 610.867.8890 or email her at stfranciscenter@gmail.com.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 26, 2017

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