

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
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Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
Ms. Irene M. Quigley, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
 Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.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	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Grubb	610-762-9072	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart Bus Trips	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

May 02, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Schuch	Serensits Family
May 03, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine Marth	M/M Frank Vandergrift
May 04, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Helen Marhefka	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
May 05, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Perry Koch	Christine Lamm
	7:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
May 06, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Anthony DeLaurentis	Eva DeLaurentis
May 07, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	
May 08, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	
	10:30 a.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	

<u>Next Week's Schedule:</u>	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
May 04, Wed. 7:00 p.m.	D. Heckenberger	C. Walsh	J. Warren/M. Warren	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
May 05, Thu. 8:00 a.m.	N. Kotoris	L. Santucci		B. Cwitkowitz/MA Weaver
	7:00 p.m. T. Kovalchik	B. Kosman	M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran	M. Kovalcik/J. Haldeman
May 07, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	C. Wuchter	A. Weber/E. Ossiander/B. Bankos	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
May 08, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	N. Birosik	E. Confer/J. Confer/C. Confer	B. Cwitkowitz/MA Weaver
	10:30 a.m. K. Stayt	J. Alba	S. Heidecker/P. Hunsicker/M. Thierer	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week for the health and blessing of Joy and Sal Nicosia requested by a friend.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish.

dear Padre:

Spiritual direction vs. advice

What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling and simply asking for religious advice?

In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on this individual's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction.

In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it.

Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development; but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and one with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (*CCC* 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (*CCC* 2013).

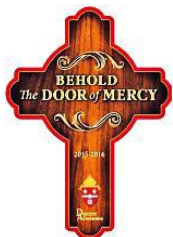
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Calendar:

- Monday - May 2**
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday - May 3**
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday - May 4**
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday - May 5**
Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Lk 24:46-53
- Friday - May 6**
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9-18
Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday - May 7**
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23-28
Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday - May 8**
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60
Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Jn 17:20-26

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., May 7, 10:00 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, May 8
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING: Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: Sunday, September 11, 2016
BREAKFAST : October 30, 2016

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday, May 5, a Holy Day of Obligation, the Ascension of the Lord. **Masses will be celebrated in church** on Wednesday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday, May 5, at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. **Please note: The rectory office will be closed on Thursday.**



2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.



ANNIVERSARY FLOWERS: The flowers in church this week are in honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Joy and Sal Nicosia. They were donated by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Connie Marth:** \$30 Edward and Martha Hozza; \$25 M/M Jeffrey Warren and Family; \$15 Paul and Mary Jane Kovach; \$25 Lenny and Paula Kosciolk; \$25 Joy and Sal Nicosia; \$25 Barbara Pengitore; \$20 Rachael Suranofsky; \$50 Karen and Bill Glose; \$100 Dr. Joseph Ciecko; \$25 Richard and Linda Shaak; \$25 Ann Fry; \$10 Barbara Cwitkowitz; \$25 Steve Marsch; \$20 Ann Weber; \$10 Michael Sommer; \$25 Carol and Frank Marano; \$20 Bernie and Diane Cesanek; \$50 John and Renee Connelly; \$100 Robert and Carol Brensinger; \$150 Herman Zeller and Nancy Shevlin; \$50 Sharon Zeller.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 5 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 6 starting at 7:00 a.m.** Friday we will be peeling and cooking potatoes. Saturday we will be making, cooking and packing the pierogies. **Please come and help. The more help we have, the faster we get done.** We need both Men and Women. Please come and join us. We do have fun.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory before June 5. Training will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m. in church.



CARNATION SALE: Pennsylvanians For Human Life will be selling carnations at \$2.00 each **after all Masses next weekend, May 7/8 [Mother's Day Weekend].**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queenship of Mary Church today, Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m. Msgr. Albert Byrne, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Whitehall, will give the reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 in the church social hall.

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.

MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN: In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place. **Join the men of the parish the weekend of August 26, 27 and 28 for their Malvern retreat.** To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045. For information on retreats for women, married couples and families visit Malvern's website at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

GSCS 5th Annual Golf Outing ~ Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Willow Brook Golf Course in Catasauqua to benefit Good Shepherd Catholic School Technology Program. Registration forms available in the Church vestibule.

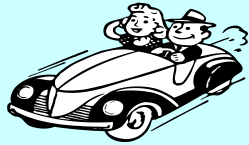
GSCS Second Annual Women's Retreat ~ Tuesday, May 17, 2016 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the school gym. The Keynote Speaker will be Sister Lisa Valentini, a Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is a well-known and respected inspirational speaker. To RSVP please call 610-262-9171.

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,
continues with music, games and food until 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the music of "The Pennsylvania Villagers"
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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**ASSUMPTION B.V.M. CHURCH
ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass
Bingo - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Pennsylvania Villagers - 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Children's Games,
Basket Raffle and Games of Chance



Baked Goods, Exotic Non-Alcoholic Drinks
Soda, Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Beer, Coffee
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Steak Sandwiches
Turkey BBQ, Pork BBQ, Kielbasi with Sauerkraut
Sweet Italian Sausage Sandwiches, Ice Cream Treats,
Holubki, Haluski, Goulash, Pirohy (Pierogies), French Fries

