

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA**, Pastor  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Music Director  
**Ms. Joanne Manning**, Parish Secretary  
**Ms. Irene M. Quigley**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

**Mrs. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities

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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	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Ecumenical Rear.	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Young at Heart Bus Trips	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Greeters	Rita Roman.....	610-262-6669	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012			

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

May 04, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Paolo Geremia	Stella Halal
May 05, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Ann Colarusso	Lillian Kosman and Family
May 06, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Mary Coleman	Margaret Kent
May 07, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Family and Friends of Katherine Benarcik	
May 08, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Allen Edelman	Wife and Family
May 09, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	
May 10, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	
	10:30 a.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	

**Next Week's Schedule:**

May 09, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany
May 10, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik
	10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth

**Lector:**

**Euch. Min.:**

B. Kosman/C. Marth/C. Marth
K. Bennett/J. Ciecko/R. Spengler
M. Sommer/A. Kaminsky/D. Maron

**Altar Servers:**

B. Bankos/A. Kovalchik/E. Zwolenik
M. Hudock/N. Clouse/N. Bischof
A. Nemeth/M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Stephen Kotoris requested by Sister, Nikki.

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

dear Padre:

**Is it a sin to be mad at God?**

*My husband and I are divorcing. We have four children. Yesterday my eight-year-old said she's "mad at God for letting this happen." I told her it's a sin to be mad at God, but she says she doesn't care. What should I do?*

**First of all**, your eight-year-old's world is being shaken to its core by your divorce. She's frightened, confused, and worried about what will happen. She's expressing her feelings and frustrations.

Don't tell her it's a sin to have angry thoughts and feelings about God. We're emotional human beings with strong passions and moods, and the Lord understands when we're distressed and troubled. Even Jesus had moments of anger—for example, when he drove the moneychangers out of the temple (Matthew 21:12).

Tell her God loves us and gives us freedom to choose. God isn't responsible for your divorce. Reassure your daughter that you love her no matter what, even when she's mad at God. Life after the divorce will be different, but not necessarily unhappy.

This is also an opportunity for her to learn that life isn't always the way we wish it would be.

God doesn't make bad things happen. Human beings aren't perfect, and God helps us survive and grow through difficult moments.

FR. DON KIRCHNER, CSsR  
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

**Calendar:**

**Monday** - May 4  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 14:5–18  
Jn 14:21–26

**Tuesday** - May 5  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 14:19–28  
Jn 14:27–31a

**Wednesday** - May 6  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:1–6 /  
Jn 15:1–8

**Thursday** - May 7  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:7–21  
Jn 15:9–11

**Friday** - May 8  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:22–31  
Jn 15:12–17

**Saturday** - May 9  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 16:1–10  
Jn 15:18–21

**Sunday** - May 10  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48  
1 Jn 4:7–10  
Jn 15:9–17

**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, May 10  
**BASKET SOCIAL** : Sat. & Sun., May 16 & 17  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m.  
**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** : Sunday, September 13, 2015

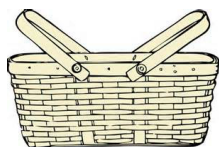


**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. 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 [www.2015baa.org](http://www.2015baa.org).



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of the Pengitore and Spina Families. They were donated by Barbara Pengitore.

**SAVE THE DATE: NIGHT OF THE ARTS:** Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. please join us at Good Shepherd Catholic School as we celebrate the many talents of our students with our annual Night of the Arts!



**B.V.M. BASKET FAIR TICKETS** are on sale for \$5.00 which includes admission and 26 stubs to deposit at the baskets of your choice. The Fair will be held on Saturday, May 16 (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) and Sunday, May 17 (8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Final drawings: Sunday, May 17 beginning at 3:00 p.m. You do not have to be present to win. Food will be available for purchase on both days. Donations of filled baskets or other containers are appreciated.

**BAKED GOODS NEEDED:** Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the church Basket Fair is asked to please bring your baked goods to the church social hall on **Friday, May 15 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**



**PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, July 31 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 1 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 Father Straka at the rectory before May 31. Training will be held on Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 a.m. in church.



**2016 ALTAR FLOWERS:** We would like to keep live flowers on the altar for all weekend Masses. **The cost is \$60.** If you would like to honor a deceased loved one or friend, or honor a living person by placing flowers by the altar in their name, please call Joanne at the rectory 610-262-2559.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Irene Kovalcik:** \$25 Timothy and Ruth Nelson.

**CARNATION SALE:** Pennsylvanians For Human Life will be selling carnations at \$2.00 each **after all Masses next weekend, May 9/10 [Mother's Day Weekend].**

**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.

**FIRST ANNUAL LEGACY ALIMNI SOCIAL:** THANK YOU to everyone who joined us here at Good Shepherd Catholic School for our first Alumni social. It was our pleasure to reconnect with all of you. Please spread the news and refer to this bulletin for future Legacy Alumni events.

**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 21, 22 and 23 for their Malvern retreat. To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email [jharhart@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.

**Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2015**  
**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.**

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

New Registration                       Change of Address

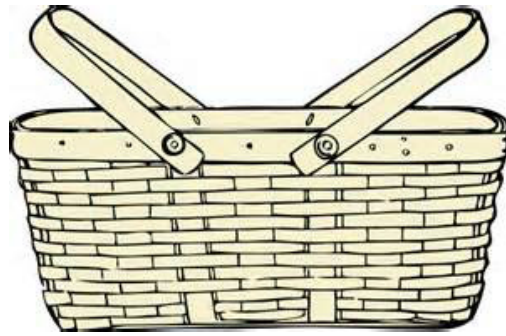
Moving out of Parish                       Request Envelopes

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Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

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**BASKET**

**May 16<sup>th</sup> and**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Assumption BVM Parish Hall  
22<sup>nd</sup> & Washington Ave.  
Northampton, PA**

**Tickets: 26 for \$5.00 (includes admission and stubs for Baskets. Chances available on special prizes (including a flat screen tv).**

**Open for browsing and choosing:  
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Drawing begins 3:00 p.m. Sunday.**

*You do not need to be present to win!*

**Baskets galore!**  
**Great “food” available for purchase**  
**LOADS OF FUN**

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