

1st Sunday of Lent



March 10, 2019

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY [09]

5:00pm +Catherine Zeiner

by Anthony & Jo Bullock

SUNDAY [10]

8:00am +Roger Reto by wife & children

9:30am +Margaret Perruso by daughter, Trisha Buskirk & Fam

11:00am Living and deceased members of the parish

MONDAY [11]

8:00am +Minnie Thomas by Ladies Aux of Knight of Columbus

TUESDAY [12]

8:00am +Gary Kichline by M/M Richard Kuster

WEDNESDAY [13]

NO MASS

THURSDAY [14]

8:00am +Mary Mootz by husband, Joe

FRIDAY [15]

8:00am +Janet Wilson by Cynthia Staffieri Workman

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SATURDAY [16]

5:00pm +Jonathan G.

Kennedy

by Greg, Cathie, Eric, Cat, Emma

SUNDAY [17]

8:00am +Linda Ruggiero by Cathy Arndt

9:30am Living and deceased members of the parish

11:00am +Benjamin Fry by Cindy & John Chryst

("+" before name indicates person deceased)

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday (today) [10]

8:30-9:15am CCD (ICS)

Wednesday [13]

7:00pm Cantor practice

7:30pm Choir practice

Thursday [14]

8:40am NO Bible study (ch. hall)

9:30am Casino bus trip

7:00pm Pastoral Council mtg (Fr. Melley Rm)

7:00pm Rosary

Friday [15]

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday [16]

10:30am Parent meeting for 1st Communicants (ch. hall)

Sunday (next) [17]

St. Joseph Ministry food collection

8:30-9:15am CCD (ICS)

6-7:15pm Confirmation I (ICS)

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NEXT WEEK'S MASS – (March 16/17)

READINGS: 927

HYMNS: 384, 698, offertory hymn-handout, 388

Altar Servers: For next weekend, (March 16/17)

5:00pm-Hunter Weaver, Grace Weaver

8:00am-Ava Conte, Isabella Conte

9:30am- Charles Alcamo, Sophia Alcamo

11:00am-Logan Pysher, John Anthony Vanic

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

****Bulletin Deadline-** all announcements should be in writing or email to donnam1@rcn.com by Tuesday noon.

****If you need to drop something off at the rectory,** either ring the bell or place it in the drop-off box that is to the left of the front door. Please do not put it in the mailbox.

****If you are moving out of the area please call the rectory so that we may remove you from the records. If you are moving and staying in the area please call with your new address. Thank you.**

Announcements

During School Days (Monday-Friday)

ONE WAY

The Church Main Entrance Driveway is now a ONE WAY Entrance. Exit is at the far-

end of the parking lot to Babbitt Avenue. This is to ensure safety for all of our school children at Immaculate Conception School. Thank you for your help and cooperation.



"THE SO-CALLED RIGHT TO ABORTION HAS PORTRAYED THE GREATEST OF GIFTS-
-A CHILD-
-AS A COMPETITOR AN INTRUSION,
AND AN INCONVENIENCE."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

The next meeting of the pro-life group is scheduled for Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 P.M. in the church hall. Come and bring a friend!

For anyone wanting to have a baby baptized in the near future, Deacon Fred will hold an informative, **required meeting by first time parents, Wed. April 10th at 7:00pm** in the Church Hall. Please call the rectory to register.

The Daughters of Mary Sodality will be meeting on **March 5, 2019 at 6pm** in the church hall. We will have a guest speaker, Evelyn Orogo, O.P. member of the Lay Dominican Order here in Bath, PA presenting "How to Grow Deeper in our Love Relationship with God". All are welcome to come!

TODAY! The Fr. DeNisco Council Knights of Columbus of the Slate Belt Area is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, March 10th from 11:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Council Home on W. Bangor Rd., in Washington Twp. Tickets are \$10.00 (children under 8 are free) and will be sold at the door. Everyone is invited!

The regular casino trip will be on **Thursday, March 14th**. Please note: this trip will be to the **Hollywood Casino!** The cost will be \$35; you will receive a \$30 slot voucher and a \$5 food coupon. The bus will depart from St. Elizabeth's

parking lot by 9:30am and then proceed to the old St. Joseph's parking lot in Wind

Gap for the second pick up. For more information please call Mary Lou DeRea-Lohman at 610-863-4846 or 610-844-4630.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held March 14th. Please bring any topic you would like discussed to one of the council members attention personally, via email, or place a note in the suggestion box located in the gathering space.

The semi-annual **PANCAKE SOCIAL** will be held **after all Masses, Sunday, March 24th**. We supply the pancakes, coffee, juice and more. There is no charge to attend, but we ask that you bring a breakfast treat to share. Please plan to join us in this community building event sponsored by the Pastoral Council.

St Elizabeth/St. Joseph Food Ministry ~ Next weekend we will be collecting food for the ministry. Suggested items are pasta and sauces, cereal, rice, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, condiments, boxed foods, canned pastas, soups, vegetables and fruits, paper products, personal care items, and cleaning items. Also needed are Giant gift cards to assist the Ministry in buying items need for the food bags. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you or someone you know needs assistance you may register at the ministry on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9am – 10am. There are residency and income requirements.

Bereavement Program: Our support program is Christian-based and meets weekly for 13 weeks. We utilize the GriefShare program which has three key components. Video seminar - Encouraging information packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts Support Group - Small group discussion about the weekly video content Workbook and Journaling - Journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the session topics ~ Grief can be

the most difficult journey you will travel in your life. However, you are not alone. Everyone will eventually experience the loss of a loved one whether it is a sudden death or after a long battle. Death does not discriminate, it will impact us all. After the funeral most of the people around you return to their normal lives but your grief continues and you feel alone. There is no magic pill to make the pain go away and it takes time and it is hard work. There is a path forward and it begins with getting the proper support needed to begin the healing process. Come join us and learn from those who have already walked the journey of grief and turn your mourning into joy again. Cost \$30 ~ Will be held at St Elizabeth's Church in Pen Argyl, (Date to be determined) ~ A group is being formed now and you need to sign up in advance. Please call 484-903-0508 to register with Deacon Frank Elchert.

ICS is holding their Annual **Easter Candy Fundraiser** from **Gertrude Hawk and Callie's** for Easter. You can find order forms in the vestibule. Please return forms to Sandy at the rectory 484-264-9890.

ICS is hosting a **tricky tray on April 12th**. Doors open at 5 pm, drawing starts at 7 pm. Ticket sheets are \$5 each. Advanced tickets are available through an ICS parent, before and after masses on 3/16, 3/17, 3/23, and 3/24. For every 5 sheets of tickets purchased in advance, you receive 1 free sheet! Tickets will be available at the door and additional tickets will be sold for big ticket prizes. You do not need to be present to win. Food & refreshments available for purchase.

BINGO is held at Immaculate Conception School gymnasium every Sunday. Doors open at 11 and the game begins at 1. Progressive jackpots. Food and drinks available for purchase.

\$\$\$\$Fund Raising\$\$\$\$

Please consider purchasing Weis and Giant Gift Cards.

You do not lose a penny of purchasing power and the church receives 5% profit. Gift Cards are available every weekend in the Gathering Space.

Congratulations to **Joe Mootz**, winner of the **"200 Club"** on **March 2, 2019**.

Victim Assistance

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program at www.allentowndiocese.org/.

The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

**Victim Assistance Coordinator
DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER
(800) 791-9209**



The Memorial Society is an opportunity to have your departed loved ones prayed for once a month in a Mass. **The next Mass for members of the Memorial Society will be Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 11:00am.** Once enrolled, those in the Memorial Society will be prayed for each month during my tenure here, and need not be re-enrolled again.

Please pray for the sick...

Greg Kennedy, Ryan Savage, Francis Kale, Christopher Graham

This week we specifically mention **Detzi's Tavern** for being a bulletin sponsor. We thank the Detzi brothers for being a bulletin sponsor. Detzi's is perhaps the most popular restaurant in the area; the food served there is consistently good.

If you have not filled out your survey and census papers for the parish, please do so.

Our collection for last week \$6432 was the plate collection with \$253 coming in from other sources. The total was \$6685.00. I sincerely thank all of our parishioners who support the parish.

Confirmation was administered here at St. Elizabeth to eighth graders last Wednesday, March 7th. Those confirmed came from our parish as well as St. Rocco parish as well as a few students from ICS who come from different parishes. Congratulations to the following recipients of the sacrament:
Michalynn Castone, Brayden Collinge, Ryan DeBellis, Bradley Fitzgerald, Conner Haidle, Michael Horan, Collin Kantor, Kiara Knapik, Nicholas Liero, Kayla Maggipinto, Rocco Martincic, Victoria McCue, Ian Mertz, Megan O'Hay, Matthew Rissmiller, Emma Schwartz, Dylan Stroppa, Gianna Tout-Puissant, Tianna Tout-Puissant, Haley Varner, Cheyenne Vito, Katrina Webber

We had a very successful first night last Monday for the Healing of our Church program. I am grateful to Kathryn Schott, Phyllis Pugliesi, and Jo Bullock for being the coordinators of this program and other parishioners who are the facilitators as well as to all who are participating in this Lenten program. Apart from the damage done to the victims, my greatest concern is for the damage done to the faith of those who identify themselves as being Catholics. Often not mentioned by the media or the report of the grand jury

are the strict measures of protection which already have been implemented by our dioceses nationally since 2004; much has already been done for which the Church gets little credit.

During the Fridays of Lent as a penitential practice Catholics are asked to refrain from eating meat. An outline of our Lenten obligations can be found in the vestibule.