

2nd Sunday of Lent



“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

March 17, 2019

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY [18]

8:00am +Minnie Thomas by Carmella DeVito

TUESDAY [19]

8:00am +Robert Guerro by Mary Pat Farnan

WEDNESDAY [20]

NO MASS

THURSDAY [21]

8:00am +Clara Bet by Roger & Anna Bet

FRIDAY [22]

8:00am +Linda Ruggiero by mother, Concetta

10:45am Children's Mass. All are welcome.

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SATURDAY [23]

5:00pm +Grace & Julius Bavaria by Children

SUNDAY [24]

8:00am +M/M Stephen Ruggiero by Cathy Arndt

9:30am Living and deceased members of the parish

11:00am +Dennis McAllister by Jerry McAllister Wolfe & fam

("+" before name indicates person deceased)

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday (today) [17]

St. Joseph Ministry food collection

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

6-7:15pm Confirmation I (ICS)

Wednesday [20]

7:30pm Choir practice

Thursday [21]

8:40am Bible study (ch. hall)

1:00pm Young at Heart (ch. hall)

7:00pm Rosary

Friday [22]

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday [23]

10:30am First Penance

Sunday (next) [24]

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

Pancake Breakfast

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NEXT WEEK'S MASS – (March 23/24)

READINGS: 930

HYMNS: 626, offertory hymn handout, 393, 382

Altar Servers: For next weekend, (March 23/24)

5:00pm-Jacqueline Kerler, Kaitlyn Winchilla

8:00am-Gavin Tucker, Ava Conte

9:30am- Carson Engler, Darren Engler

11:00am-Julia Vargo, Noelle Vargo

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.

Pro Life

40 DAYS FOR LIFE!

INCREASE YOUR LENTEN SACRIFICE AND HELP TO END ABORTION BY JOINING THE PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE AT THE ALLENTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER 31 COMMERCE WAY BETHLEHEM, PA 18017 NOW THROUGH APRIL 14TH, MON-SAT (7A.M.-7 P.M.) 1-hour vigils

SIGN UP:

schedule40df@gmail.com

(include name, date, time and our church name)

It is advisable to have a prayer partner if this is your initial visit. Call Marilyn at (610) 417-3237

for parking information and other details. The next meeting of the pro-life group is scheduled for

Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 P.M. in the church hall.

Please come!

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 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.

This year's **St Elizabeth's Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on **Sunday April 14, 2019** in

the Church Hall at 12pm (after 11:00 Mass). Anyone who would be able to donate small wrapped candy or trinkets, please contact me or drop them off at the church rectory by Sunday April 7th. I am also in need of volunteers to help stuff the eggs (TBD) and to help the children the day of the event. Anyone needing community service hours, newly confirmed Confirmation class or the 7th grade Confirmation class who can help are welcome. Please contact me at kmf063002@aol.com.

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.

Have you ever been asked or wondered... What is



dangerous about tarot cards, ouija boards, and other New Age or occult practices? Are there dangers in watching TV shows or movies that involve mediums? Join us as **Msgr. John Esseff** discusses how a Catholic should respond to these questions and more about the dangers of New Age practices! This free event will take place on **Wednesday, April 3, 2019**, from 7-9PM at **St. John XXIII Parish** — 307 Pine Street, Tamaqua. There is no charge for attending *TRUTH: What the Catholic Church Really Teaches*. For questions contact the [Office of Adult Formation](mailto:adultformation@allentowndiocese.org) by email at adultformation@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900, Ext. 2021

\$\$\$\$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 **Lenora Emerick**, winner of the “**200 Club**” on **March 9, 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

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.



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. Recent enrollees: **Faydra G. Powers** by the Biondo Family, **Mary Galassini** by Lawrence & Carolynne Hochreiter

Please pray for the sick...
Greg Kennedy, Ryan Savage, Francis Kale, Christopher Graham

This week we specifically thank **Dr. William Ferster** who practices general dentistry for being a bulletin sponsor. Dr. Ferster has been a sponsor for many years.

If you have not filled out your survey and census

papers for the parish, please do so.

Our collection for last week \$5087 was the plate collection with \$253 coming in from other sources. The total was \$5340.00. When we go below \$6500 consistently little by little we contribute to the kind of deficit we had at the close of the last fiscal year which was eight thousand dollars.

We had a successful night last Monday for the Healing of our Church program for the second session. 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.

We have Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00. The Stations of the Cross help us to meditate upon the sufferings of Christ on our behalf and better connect with the meaning of the Lord's saving death.

Deacon Fred Wall and his wife Peggy are moving from this area. Well before the time in which Deacon Wall was ordained, he volunteered whenever help was needed in any of the projects around the parish. Since his ordination, of course, he has, in addition

to his previous levels of involvement, served this parish as a deacon in a selfless way. His wife, Peg, also has been a great contributor and leader in so many of the tasks, programs, and organizations of the parish. On Sunday, April 7th, we plan to have a farewell reception for the Walls after the eleven o'clock Mass. This announcement is a “heads-up” message in hopes that you will consider coming to thank Deacon Fred and Peg for their many contributions to parish life here at St. Elizabeth.