



**December 9, 2018**

**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY [08]**

**5:00pm** Living and deceased members of the parish

**SUNDAY [09]**

**8:00am** +Holly Pologruto by Victor & Antonetta Pologruto

**9:30am** +Joseph Crisante by Jo & Anthony Bullock

**11:00am** +M/M William Toman by Tighe & Kathy Scott

**MONDAY [10]**

**8:00am** For the health and well being of Meredith Rivertis

**TUESDAY [11]**

**8:00am** +Giocondo Uliana by M/M Mark Oyer, Jacob & Jocelyn

**WEDNESDAY [12]**

**NO MASS**

**THURSDAY [13]**

**8:00am** +Sigmund Catino by Anna Abruzzese

**FRIDAY [14]**

**8:00am** +Sonja Gunn by Meredith Dapsis  
**10:45am** Children's Mass. All are welcome.

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**SATURDAY [15]**

**5:00pm** +Charles Ambrose by Mark, Monika & Isabella Ambrose

**SUNDAY [16]**

**8:00am** For those enrolled in the Memorial Society

**9:30am** +Salvatore DiBenedetto & Dec'd mem of Renaudo Family

by Rosalie

Renaudo

**11:00am** Living and deceased members of the parish ("+" before name indicates person deceased)

**IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Sunday (Today) [09]**

**8:30am-1:00pm** Breakfast with Santa (ch. hall)

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

**6:15-7:45pm** Confirmation class (8<sup>th</sup> gr.) Level II (ch. hall)

**Monday [10]**

**7:00pm** Penance Service

**Wednesday [12]**

**7:00-7:30pm** Cantor practice

**7:30pm** Choir practice

**Thursday [13]**

**8:45am** Bible study (ch. hall)

**9:00am** Casino bus trip

**10:00am** ICS Christmas Play (ch.)

**7:00pm** Rosary Cont'd

**Friday [14]**

**7:00pm** ICS Christmas Play (ch.)

7:00pm RCIA (rectory)

**Saturday [15]**

**3:15-4:45pm** Confessions

**Sunday (Next) [16]**

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

**6:00-7:15pm** Confirmation class (7<sup>th</sup> gr.) Level I (ICS)

**6:15-7:45pm** Confirmation class (8<sup>th</sup> gr.) Level II (ch. hall)

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**NEXT WEEK'S MASS – (December 15/16)**

**READINGS: 905**

**HYMNS: 317, 333, 321, 323**

**Altar Servers: For next weekend, (December 15/16)**

**5:00pm**-Jacqueline Kerler, Kaitlyn Winchilla

**8:00am**- Isabella Conte, Ava Conte

**9:30am**- Conor Savage

**11:00am**-Alejandro Santiago, John Anthony Vanic

**NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:**

**\*\*Bulletin Deadline-** all announcements should be in writing or email to [donnam1@rcn.com](mailto: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 new **minister schedule** is being prepared. If anyone has any dates in which they cannot serve, or any changes, please contact Philomena Reduzzi at [reduzzi@rcn.com](mailto:reduzzi@rcn.com). **Please respond by December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

The regular monthly casino trip will be on **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>,** and we will be going to **Mohegan Sun** in Wilkesbarre. The cost is \$30; you will receive a \$25 slot voucher and a \$5 food voucher. The first pick up is St. Elizabeth's parking lot, leaving by 9:00am and then proceed immediately to the old St. Joseph's parking lot in Wind Gap. For more info, please contact Mary Lou DeRea-Lohman at 610-863-4846.



*Your spiritually adopted child wants to thank you for your daily prayers.*

Your baby will soon be about two inches long. Can you believe the eyes, nose, and mouth are already formed? Your baby loves to flip, hop and jump – the first dance

steps. With these features he or she is getting ready to experience the beautiful world God has created.

**For anyone wanting to have a baby baptized** in the near future, Deacon Fred will hold an informative, **required meeting by first time parents, Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm** in the Church Hall. Please call the rectory to register.

Breakfast with Santa is this Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30a to 1:00p in the Church Hall. Don't forget your camera for your little ones visit with Santa.

The St. Elizabeth/St. Joseph Ministry would like to thank our



parishioners for the wonderful generosity to the needy in our area. We have been abundantly blessed with an outpouring of clothing donations and find ourselves with an extreme excess of clothing. **We greatly appreciate all of the wonderful kind donations, but until further notice we will only be accepting food donations.**

**ICS is still collecting Weis receipts** for a 1% rebate fundraiser. Thanks to all who have dropped off your receipts in the basket in the Gathering Space. **2018 receipts will be accepted ONLY until January 31, 2019.** They will start accepting **2019 receipts beginning on February 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please don't cut off the logo on top, or the date (the bottom part can be cut off). Please save and hand in your receipts from your

holiday food shopping.  
Thank you from ICS!!

Pen Argyl H.S. Senior Citizens Holiday Party— P.A.H.S. students and faculty cordially invite you to attend a fun filled day of food, music and activities! This event is open to all senior citizens of the Pen Argyl Area School District. Date: Wednesday, December 19; Time: 8:30a to 12:30p (doors open at 8:15). Please RSVP by Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 610-863-1293 or email Mrs. Hannick [hannick.sarah@penargylsd.org](mailto:hannick.sarah@penargylsd.org)

\$\$\$\$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 **Joseph & Linda Greggo**, winners of the "200 Club" on December 1, 2018.

#### 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/](http://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, December 16, 2018 at 8:00am**. 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:

**Giocondo Uliana** by Gretchen & Quinn, **Anna Barazzuol** by Beverly Cali Roberts, **Richard Guarry** by Tom & Beverly Roberts, **Richard Guarry, Sr.** by the Biondo Family, **Gary D. Kichline** by David & Elaine Graf

**Please pray for the sick...**

*Greg Kennedy, Ryan Savage, Francis Kale, Bently Morrison, Christopher Graham*

This week we specifically thank **Premier Granite and Marble** for being a bulletin sponsor. The company is right here in Pen Argyl and can serve your needs if you are upgrading parts of your home with granite or marble counter tops.

**On Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. we will have a Penance Service with four priests.** I urge you to make a good confession before Christmas and this is the first of our confessional times during Advent. An extended confession time will also be held this Saturday from 3:15 until 4:45 p.m.

**You should receive my Christmas greeting letter this week if you have not already received it.** It includes our Christmas schedule. You also should have received a survey whose purpose is to give us feedback on parish life. That letter also includes a census information section which will enable us to update our parish information. Please be diligent in filling this out since some of our information is dated and

hence inaccurate. Such information will be kept confidential and not accessible to anyone outside our rectory offices. You can return these forms by way of the collection basket or mail.

If anyone is in need of something which they cannot afford such as used furniture, food, or other material needs, let us know. A parishioner came up with the idea that if we publicize the needs of parishioners, without publishing their names, perhaps someone in the parish would be willing to part with those items to help others. We all have so many things that we no longer need or will use; perhaps other people might make better use of those items than we can.

**Special thanks to our parish Sodality who gave to the parish two Christmas gifts.** One was a gift of one thousand dollars which will be put into the Building Fund. The other is a gift of the same amount which came from the sale of food gift cards. We encourage our parishioners to purchase Giant or Weis gift cards for your grocery purchases. You get every cent of purchasing power when you buy and use the cards and the respective stores give back a nickel for every dollar of the purchased card to the church. We will place that money also into the Building Fund.

Our collection for last week was up a bit from recent collections for which I am thankful. \$6390 was the plate collection with \$255 coming in from other sources. I sincerely thank everyone who supports the parish in these difficult times.

**If anyone wishes to purchase baked goods**

**from Baked Just By Me, an order sheet is in the vestibule.** The Baker gives the parish a decent percentage of return for each purchase made.

**Special thanks to all those who worked to make Breakfast with Santa a reality.** We owe a debt of gratitude to Detzi's Tavern for their great help. Thanks also to all those who gave gifts cards for the chance-off. We use the profits to bring down the mortgage of the church. Breakfast with Santa takes place this weekend.