

3rd Sunday of
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December 16,
2018

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

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 & deceased
members of

Renaudo Family
by Rosalie Renaudo

11:00am Living and
deceased members of the
parish

MONDAY [17]

8:00am +Giocondo Uliana
by Anna Abruzzese

TUESDAY [18]

8:00am +Linda Challan by
Andrew Biondo

WEDNESDAY [19]

NO MASS

THURSDAY [20]

8:00am +Joseph Curcio by
Family

FRIDAY [21]

8:00am +Randy Ehle by
Ann, Kristen, Gretchn &
Quinn

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

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SATURDAY [22]

5:00pm +Jonathan G.
Kennedy

by Greg, Cathie,
Eric, Cat & Emma Kennedy

SUNDAY [23]

8:00am +Jim Gum by
Family

9:30am +Mae Roberti by
Rita Hocking

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

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday (Today) [16]

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

6:00-7:15pm Confirmation
class (7th gr.) Level I (ICS)

6:15-7:45pm Confirmation
class (8th gr.) Level II (ch.
hall)

Wednesday [19]

7:30pm Choir practice

Thursday [20]

8:45am Bible study (ch.
hall)

12:00pm Young at Heart
(ch. hall)

7:00pm Rosary

7:00pm Baptism class (ch.
hall)

Friday [21]

7:00-8:00pm Confessions
Cont.

Saturday [22]

3:15-4:45pm Confessions;
also after Mass

Sunday (Next) [23]

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

6:15-7:45pm Confirmation
class (8th gr.) Level II (ch. hall)
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NEXT WEEK'S MASS –
(December 22/23)

READINGS: 908

HYMNS: 317,775, 337, 333

**Altar Servers: For next
weekend, (December 22/23)**

5:00pm-Hunter Weaver, Grace
Weaver

8:00am- Rose Falletta, Gavin
Tucker

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.

Volunteers Needed!!! We
will have the final
decorating of the church for
Christmas on **Saturday,
December 22nd at 9:00am.**
**We can use all the help we
can get!**

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. Please
**respond by December
21st.**

Daughters of Mary Sodality
will attend the **9:30 A. M.
Mass on Sunday, January
13th** for the Living &
Deceased Members of the
Sodality. A **breakfast** will
follow immediately after at
Detzi's, Wind Gap. A sign-
up sheet is in the Gathering
Space at Church. **All ladies
of the parish are welcome.**

**The annual Christmas
luncheon of the Slate Belt
Young at Heart Club** will
be held on Thursday,
December 20th, at
12:00noon in the St.
Elizabeth Church Hall. Any
veterans who were unable
to attend our military salute
are invited to attend also.
For more information,
please call Mary Lou DeRea-

Lohman at 610-863-4846
or 610-844-4630.

Pro Life

"Preborn children are the
most defenseless among us.
They have no lobbyists.
They have no way to defend

themselves,
and they have no voice.
We must not be silent. We
must take sides.
Neutrality helps the
oppressor.
NEVER THE VICTIM."
- Live Action - Lila Rose

**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 20th
7:00pm** in the Church Hall.
Please call the rectory to
register.

**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 1st.**
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!!

\$\$\$\$\$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 the
winners of the raffle "Gift
Card Trees". They were 1st
prize Skodocek Family, 2nd*

*Dr. Entzinger, 3rd prize
Phyllis Cozzubbo.*

Congratulations to **Joseph & Annette Bartosh**, winners of the "200 Club" on December 8, 2018.

Holiday Hoops at Becahi ;Thursday, December 27th from 9-10:30am, \$20; Grades 3-8 All training geared to level of play Skills Covered: ball handling, offensive skills, shooting technique, footwork and agility training. Walk-Ins Welcome!

More info. call Mrs. Cristin Eick Office: 610-866-0791 x 313.

**Young Men's Discernment**
Diocese of Allentown

Retreat ~ The Diocesan Office for Vocations Promotion is sponsoring a new retreat for young adult men in college and older. The first 'Young Men's Discernment Retreat' will be offered **Friday Jan. 4 through Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019** at **St. Francis Retreat House, Easton**. Cost for the weekend is \$50 per person to cover the accommodations and meals. The retreat is open to young men between the ages of 18 and 40. Flyers and registration packets available in vestibule.

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, January 27, 2019 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.

Please pray for the sick...
Mary Detzi, Greg Kennedy, Ryan Savage, Francis Kale, Bently Morrison, Christopher Graham

This week we specifically thank **Detzi's Tavern** for being a bulletin sponsor. I also thank them for their great help in bringing about Breakfast with Santa last week.

I urge you to make a good confession before Christmas. Extra confession time will be held this Friday, December 21st from 7p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and next Saturday, December 22nd from 3:15 until 4:45 p.m. Appointments for confession outside of scheduled times can always be made.

You should have received the Christmas greeting letter this past week; it includes the Christmas schedule. You also should have received a survey the purpose of which 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. Thanks to everyone who is co-operating with these efforts to better the parish.

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 \$5769 was the plate collection with \$253 coming in from other sources. The total was \$6022. I sincerely thank everyone who supports the parish in these difficult times. The collection from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception netted \$1272.

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. Thanks, also, to Santa for showing up.

It was announced this week that the Diocese of

Allentown is establishing a compensation fund which will dispense money to victims of clergy sexual abuse. This will be administered by agents outside the diocese who will determine who gets what. This fund will use assets from the sale of properties and other means to make compensation. No funds from weekly collections from parishes or school assets or money already donated for restricted purposes or donations for the annual appeal will be used. The breaches of propriety on the part of some clergy has done great damage to the victims, the Mission of the Church, the priesthood, and to dedicated laity; it is tragedy affecting many.