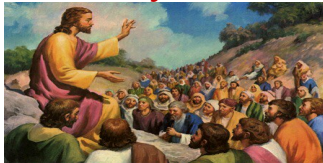


**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019**



“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are hungry, for you will be satisfied . . .

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY [16]

5:00pm For those enrolled in the Memorial Society

SUNDAY [17]

8:00am Living and deceased members of the parish

9:30am +Judy Farnan by the Farnan Family

11:00am 65th Wedding Anniversary Dan & Gloria Martino

MONDAY [18]

8:00am +Minnie Thomas by Joe & Sandy Sylvester

TUESDAY [19]

8:00am Living members of Kelsch family by Betty Schott

WEDNESDAY [20]

NO MASS

THURSDAY [21]

8:00am +Pia Zambone by John & Beverly Racciato

FRIDAY [22]

8:00am NO MASS

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

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SATURDAY [23]

5:00pm Living and deceased members of the parish

SUNDAY [24]

8:00am +Maria Parvati by Victor & Antonetta Pologruto

9:30am +Gary Kichline by Monica Bet

11:00am +Jennie & Arthur Catino by loving son, Carl (“+” before name indicates person deceased)

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday (Today) [17]

Miller Keystone Blood Drive
Food Ministry collection

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

6:00-7:15pm Confirmation class (7th gr.) Level 1 (ICS)

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

Wednesday [20]

7:30pm Choir practice

Thursday [21]

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

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

7:00pm Rosary

Sunday (next) [24]

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 – (February 23/24)

READINGS: 1018

HYMNS: 522, 659, 851, 718

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

5:00pm-Hunter Weaver,
Kaitlyn Winchilla

8:00am-Ava Conte, Isabella Conte

9:30am- Addison Manning,
Luca Rutt

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

“Any approach that essentially tolerates **abortion and euthanasia** or puts these issues **on a par with others**, not only betrays the beautiful vision of the Church’s social teaching, but also weakens the credibility of the Church’s witness in our society.”

- Archbishop Gomez

The next meeting of the pro-life group is scheduled for Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 P.M. in the church hall. All are welcome.

For anyone wanting to have a baby baptized in the near future, Deacon Fred will hold an informative, **required meeting by first time parents, Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:00pm** in the Church Hall. Please call the rectory to register.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to visit members of our parish in their homes. Some parishioners are alone at home, elderly, their spouses have passed away or they have health issues, all of which can

limit their interactions with people. Some may love to chat and share some great stories and others may want to play a

card game or share a crossword puzzle. Can you spend at least one hour a month making a difference by visiting? If so, please call Jo Bullock at 610-704-4699.

A parishioner has a sectional sofa, no tears or stains available for the taking. Please contact Donna at the rectory.

The **Slate Belt Young at Heart Club** will be meeting on **Thursday, February 21st, at 1:00pm** in the church hall. Mrs. Jo Bullock will be presenting a program on hypertension and high blood pressure. Please join the gang for this very important program. All are welcome. Bring your friends. For more information, please call Mary Lou DeRea-Lohman at 610-863-4846 or 610-844-4630.

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.

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.

Couples, do you desire for your good marriage to be even better? A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend will help you discover new ways to refresh your Marriage. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.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 **Greg Bilotta**, winner of the "**200 Club**" on **February 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**



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 **Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 5:00pm**. 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: the following by Teribio Cuono...

Katherine Cuono, Joseph Cerino, Maria Cerino, Turibio Nicolette, Tresa Nicoletti, Pat Nicoletti, Rose Nicoletti, John Cuono, Madalena Cuono, Angelo Cuono, Margaret Cuono, Carmela Cuono

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

This week we specifically thank the **Ruggiero Funeral Home** for being a bulletin sponsor. Funeral

director, Stephen Ruggiero is a member of the parish and involved in a number of parish activities. We thank him for also being a sponsor for our bulletin.

Our collection for last week \$6368 was the plate collection with \$253 coming in from other sources. The total was \$6621.00. I sincerely thank all of our parishioners who support the parish. We will soon be sending out your individual records of donations from the last year.

Confirmation will be administered here at St. Elizabeth to our eighth graders at 4:30 p.m. on March 7th. Our parishioners will be receiving the sacrament with the students from St. Rocco parish in Martins Creek. Practice for the ceremony will be at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 3rd. We ask parents to indicate if their child was baptized here, or if he/she was baptized elsewhere to obtain a fresh baptismal certificate from that parish.

During the Lenten period we will be conducting a retreat-like program entitled, **Healing Our Church**. We will soon issue details about this program. The program is designed by **Renew**, an international organization that provides Catholic retreat programs in the hope of feeding the spiritual needs of the faithful. Bishop Schlert encouraged parishes to offer this program in the wake of the clerical sexual-scandal; this program will specifically deal with that problem. In addition to addressing that issue, the program, I believe, will

present many core teachings of our faith which are in total opposition to the failings of some of our church leaders. We will soon give parishioners an opportunity to register for this program. We need to know the numbers so we can provide the materials for this program. We currently have over thirty people registered. We need to know the numbers this weekend so we can order the materials. Kathryn Schott, Phyllis Pugliesi, and Jo Bullock are the coordinators of this program.