

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019

"To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" Luke 6:27-28



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

MONDAY [25]

8:00am +Angie Arndt by Phil DeRea & Kathy

TUESDAY [26]

8:00am +Charles Caiccio by Dominica Alcamo

WEDNESDAY [27]

NO MASS

THURSDAY [28]

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

FRIDAY [01] (First Friday)

9:00am +Janet Wilson by Slate Belt Young at Heart Club

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SATURDAY [02] (First Saturday)

9:00am +M/M Angelo DeNicuola by the Biondo Family

5:00pm +Alfred Dally, Jr. by sister, Jane

SUNDAY [03]

8:00am Living and deceased members of the parish

9:30am For those enrolled in the Memorial Society

11:00am +Jim Gaffney by wife, Donna

("+" before name indicates person deceased)

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday (Today) [24]

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

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

Wednesday [27]

7:00pm Cantor practice

7:30pm Choir practice

Thursday [28]

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

7:00pm Rosary

Friday [01]

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration after 9:00 Mass until noon

Saturday [02]

First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady after 9:00 Mass

Sunday (next) [03]

12:30pm Confirmation practice

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

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

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NEXT WEEK'S MASS – (March 2/3)

READINGS: 1021

HYMNS: 743, 446, 828, 537

Altar Servers: For next weekend, (March 2/3)

5:00pm-Jacqueline Kerler, Grace Weaver

8:00am-Gavin Tucker, Ava Conte

9:30am- Conor Savage, Sean Savage

11:00am-John Anthony Vanic, Stephen Bauer

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)

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.



A report from your spiritually adopted baby:

"I'm now 12 inches long and weigh about a pound.

I'm really getting big and my mom can feel me kick and move around.

This Is good practice for me; someday I may play soccer!

Please ask St. Joseph to keep my dad strong so that he will have the courage to support my mom and me."

The next meeting of the pro-life group is

scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 28th 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, 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.



Did ya Know...that February is National Children's Dental Health

month? Despite the fact that it is nearly totally preventable, tooth decay is the #1 chronic illness in children. Developing good habits at an early age, brushing, flossing, having healthy snacks, and visiting the dentist at regular intervals gives them a good start for a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

Thank you to the 22 people who donated blood during our recent blood drive. Your donation could be the unit that saves someone's life.

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!


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.

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.

 **Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!** Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program in your area begins on the weekend of April 26 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another**

weekend will be held in August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

The Diocese of Allentown will be hosting a Night at the Reading Royals on **Saturday, March 16th at 7pm.** Join Bishop Schlert and the Diocesan Family for a Family Fun Night at the rink at Santander Arena in Berks County! Tickets are \$13 each and the first 200 guests will join us in the "High Five Tunnel" to welcome the Royals to the ice at game time! You can purchase tickets here: <https://royals.isportstix.com/order/group/AllentownDiocese/>. We hope to see you there!

\$\$\$\$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 **Monsignor York**, winner of the "200 Club" on **February 16, 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, March 3, 2019 at 9:30am.

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 enrollee:

Louis Brown by Jim & Mary Getz and Family

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

This week we specifically thank **Dr. William**

Ferster, who specializes in general dentistry, for being a bulletin sponsor. Dr. Ferster has been a sponsor of our bulletin for many years. His office is located at 6534 Sullivan Trail in Wind Gap. We very much appreciate his bulletin sponsorship.

Our collection for last week \$5313 was the plate collection with \$253 coming in from other sources. The total was \$5566.00. 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.

Next Friday is First Friday. Mass will be at 9:00 A.M. Eucharistic Adoration will take place from after Mass until Noon. Saturday is First Saturday. Mass will be offered at 9:00 A.M. with devotions to Our Lady to follow.

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.