

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



What Do You Produce?

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit"

(Luke 6:43)

- Jesus

March 3, 2019

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY [02]

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

MONDAY [04]

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

TUESDAY [05]

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY [06] (Ash Wednesday)

6:30am Private Intention

9:00am +John D. Cesare by Peter & Dominic Scarlese

7:00pm +Paul Searle by Fred & Peggy Wall

THURSDAY [07]

8:00am +Chuck Merolla by Joanne & Family

FRIDAY [08]

8:00am +Katherine Cuono by Anna Abruzzese

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SATURDAY [09]

5:00pm +Catherine Zeiner by Anthony & Jo Bullock

SUNDAY [10]

8:00am +Roger Reto by wife & children

9:30am +Margaret Perruso by daughter, Trisha Buskirk & Fam

11:00am Living and deceased members of the parish

("+" before name indicates person deceased)

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday (today) [03]

12:30pm Confirmation practice

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

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

Monday [04]

7:00pm Baptism class (ch. hall)

Tuesday [05]

6:00pm D.O.M. mtg. (ch. hall)

Thursday [07]

8:40am Bible study (ch. hall)

4:30pm Sacrament of Confirmation

7:00pm Rosary

Friday [08]

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday [09]

10:30am Parent meeting of 1st Communicants (ch. hall)

Sunday (next) [10]

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

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NEXT WEEK'S MASS – (March 9/10)

READINGS: 1024

HYMNS: 382, 399, 392

Altar Servers: For next weekend, (March 9/10)

5:00pm-Jacqueline Kerler, Hunter Weaver

8:00am-Isabella Conte, Gavin Tucker

9:30am- Julianna Shelly, Olivia Apostol

11:00am-Rose Falletta, Addison Manning

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

EVERY 25 SECONDS...

Abortion kills one baby every 25 seconds in the U.S.-

Be My Voice

Protect the unborn.

Pray for your spiritually adopted baby who is in danger of death.

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.

The 'Healing our Church' retreat will begin, Monday night, March 4th at 7pm in the social hall.

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 Orog, 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 Fr. DeNisco Council Knights of Columbus of the Slate Belt Area is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 10th from 11:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Council Home on W. Bangor Rd., in Washington Twp. Tickets are \$10.00 (children under 8 are free) and will be sold at the door. Everyone is invited!

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.

Holy Family School's Tricky Tray Weekend in the brand-new Holy Family Parish Center 508 W. Center Street, Nazareth, PA~Tricky Tray all 3 Days plus these special events: Friday, March 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. - Kids' Candy
Bingo~Saturday, March 23 from 4-8 p.m. - International Food
Celebration~Sunday, March 24 from 8-1 p.m. - Continental Breakfast with the Easter Bunny~For more info, visit: sites.google.com/view/hfs-hsa/events/tricky-tray-weekend

 **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!

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN HOSTING LENTEN EVENT~The Commission for Women invite all women to "Breakfast with the Bishop" event on Saturday, April 6, 2019 beginning with daily Mass at 8 AM at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown followed by Recitation of the Rosary, Breakfast and a Lenten Reflection by Bishop Schlert. Please join us as we gather together during this season of Lent for Prayer and Fellowship. To register, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality. Questions, email cfw@allentowndiocese.org or call Susan Teaford at 610-207-5763.

\$\$\$\$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 Rosalie Keenhold, winner of the "200 Club" on February 23, 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, 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 enrollee: **Nichole Ehle Ramsey** by Ann, Kristin, Gretchen & Quinn, **Lee H. Buskirk, Jr.** by the Biondo Family

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

This week we specifically mention **Detzi's Tavern** for being a bulletin sponsor. We thank the Detzi brothers for being a bulletin sponsor. Detzi's is perhaps the most popular restaurant in the area; the food served there is consistently good.

If you have not filled out your survey and census papers for the parish, please do so.

Our collection for last week \$7013 was the plate collection with \$253 coming in from other sources. The total was \$7266.00. I sincerely thank all of our parishioners who support the parish.

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.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, but it is always nice to see the nice number of people who come to services on that day. Our schedule is listed in the other page of this bulletin. We will be having Stations of the Cross on Friday's at 7:00 p.m.

