



December 30,
2018

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY [29]

5:00pm +Joanne Bilotta by husband, Richard & Family

SUNDAY [30]

8:00am Living and deceased members of the parish

9:30am +Patricia Steele by Glenn & Susan Fishbough

11:00am +Angelo & Catherine Buono by Susan & Lawrence Kluge

MONDAY [31]

8:00am +Joan Smith by Anthony & Roberta Renaldo

6:15pm Living and deceased members of the parish

TUESDAY [01] ((Solemnity of Mary))

9:00am Special Intention

11:00am (St. Roch's) +Katherine Cuono and (liv) Teribio Cuono

WEDNESDAY [02]

NO MASS

THURSDAY [03]

8:00am +Giocondo Uliana by Maria Giardano

FRIDAY [04] (First Friday)

9:00am +Roger Reto by Michael & Karin Curcio & Family

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SATURDAY [05] (First Saturday)

9:00am +Andrew Biondo, Sr. by wife, Lorraine and son, Andrew

5:00pm +Delray Nasatka by Lucille & Lee Kosey

SUNDAY [06]

8:00am Living and deceased members of the parish

9:30am +Edward M. Quinnan by the Family
11:00am +Robert Ehrlich by Mary Eleanor Ehrlich & Family

("+" before name indicates person deceased)

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday (Today) [30]

NO CCD or Confirmation class

Thursday [03]

8:45am NO Bible study (ch. hall)

7:00pm Rosary

FRIDAY [04]

Eucharistic Adoration after 9:00 Mass until noon

Saturday [05]

Devotions to Our Lady after 9:00 Mass continued

Sunday [06]

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)

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NEXT WEEK'S MASS – (January 05/06)

READINGS: 917

HYMNS: 373, 377, 380, 359

Altar Servers: For next weekend, (January 05/06)

5:00pm-Hunter Weaver, Grace Weaver

8:00am-Gavin Tucker, Rose Falletta

9:30am-Addison Manning, Julia Garver

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.

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.**



As we await the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, let us ask that ..."the prayers of the Mother of God may strengthen all mothers to follow her example of welcoming new life despite fears, doubts and uncertainties."
- Priests for Life

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, January 10th 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.

The "200 Club" winner on December 22nd and 29th will be announced in next week's bulletin.



Young Men's Discernment

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.

Parents... do you wonder why your teenager does the things they do? Do you feel they don't always appreciate you? It's time for you and your teenager to get on the same page – and discover God's plan for both of you! You and your teen are invited to a special event: "The Master Craftsman: God's Amazing Plan

for Teens (and their Parents)" co-sponsored by the Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry and St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church ~ **FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019 ~ 7 P.M. – 9 P.M.~ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH FAMILY CENTER ~ 1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown ~ Keynote Speaker: Scott Anthony - FREE ADMISSION - REGISTER ONLINE** www.allentowndiocese.org/craftsman ~ For information, contact Thea Aclo at taclo@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900, ext. 2023. Flyers available on side tables 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...
June E. Sabatino, Mary Detzi, Greg Kennedy, Ryan Savage, Francis Kale, Christopher Graham

This week we specifically thank the **Fiore Funeral Home** for being a bulletin sponsor. Funeral Director, John Fiore, is well established in the area and is trusted by many families

in dealing with the losses of family members. We thank him for his sponsorship.

Collection amounts for last week will announced in next week's bulletin.

If you have registered in the parish, 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. **I ask you especially to indicate where you were married if such pertains to you.**

Many of those who returned the forms have not indicated where they were married. 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. We have received a good number of responses in these last two weeks.

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.

It was announced last 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. Please pray for all those affected by these actions.

This 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.

New Year's Day is the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary and a holy day of obligation,. Masses are as follows: New Year's Eve (Monday) 6:15p.m.; New Years Day (this Tuesday) 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. We will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Roch's Church.

On behalf of Deacon Frank, Deacon Fred, the Dominican Sister, Staff and I, we extend our best wishes to you at this time in which we

celebrate the birth of Our Lord and a New Year. The

Christmas season will extend until the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus.

