

SUNDAY of DIVINE MERCY

~ April 28, 2019 ~

Long for Spiritual Milk... Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia. 1 Pt 2: 2

Mass Intentions

Monday

7:45 AM **Imelda Pfeiffenberger** by John and Mary Ann Skrincosky

Tuesday

7:45 AM **Karl Pfeiffenberger** by Steve and Anne Marie Pfeiffenberger

Wednesday

7:45 AM **Betty McNulty** by Karen and Richard McNulty

Thursday

No Mass

Friday

7:45 AM **Sacred Heart Memorial Society**

Saturday

8:00 AM **Russ Funkhouser** by Terry Fitzpatrick

10:00 AM **First Holy Communion**

5:00 PM **Frank and Marie Clark** Family of Frank and Marie

Sunday

8:00 AM **Priscilla Keretz** by Family

9:30 AM **John and Anne Skrincosky** by Rocco and Jan DelVecchio

9:30 AM **May Crowning**

11:00 AM **Bernice Gacek** by Alice and Susan Knoblauch

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First Reading: Acts 5: 12-16 ... (Signs and Wonders)
Through signs and wonders—miracles—the Lord supports the work of the Apostles and leads people to the Faith.

Responsorial Ps: 118 ... (The Lord's Goodness)
"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

Second Reading: Rv 19-11a, 12-13, 17-19 ... (The First and the Last)
In symbol and allegory, the glory of the Lord is depicted.

Gospel: Jn 20: 19-31... (Living Faith)
Jesus is risen; he comes and stands before his disciples. He encourages them and strengthens their faith.

Monday: Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
Acts 4: 23-31; Ps 2: 1-9; Jn 3: 1-8

Tuesday: Easter Weekday, St. Pius, V, Pope
Acts 4: 32-37; Ps 93: 1-2, 5; Jn 3: 7b-15

Wednesday: Easter Weekday; St. Joseph the Worker
Acts 5: 17-26; Ps 34: 2-9; Jn 3: 16-21

Thursday: St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Acts 5: 27-33; Ps 34: 2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3: 31-36

Friday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15: 1-8; Ps 19: 2-5; Jn 14: 6-14

Saturday: Easter Weekday
Acts 6: 1-7; Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6: 16-21



~ Saturday, Sunday: May 4, May 5 ~

~ ALTAR SERVER ~

5:00 PM C. Williams – M. Cooper
8:00 AM V. Dadlani – T. Carnes, Jr.
9:30 AM L. Skrincosky – J. Herman
11:00 AM J. Guzzo – D. Guzzo

~ CANTOR ~

5:00 PM S. Berdux
8:00 AM J. Mertus
9:30 AM A. Devaney (Choir Mass)
11:00 AM M. Skrincosky

~ LECTOR ~

(Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30: 2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5: 11-14)

5:00 PM M. Hartman
8:00 AM J. Kalata
9:30 AM M. Jung
11:00 AM M. Skrincosky

~ EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS of COMMUNION ~

5:00 PM B. and M. Yost – J. Ardingner
8:00 AM R. Fitzpatrick – M. and F. Wiedl
9:30 AM J. Reinhart – D. Dillard – J. Keretz
11:00 AM D. Hughes – M. and J. Jung

~ GREETER ~

5:00 PM M. Forte
8:00 AM M. and F. Wiedl
9:30 AM Fleissner Family
11:00 AM M. Miranda

~ FOOD/GIFT CARD ~

5:00 PM D. Baranowski
8:00 AM J. Kalata – R. Mikulski
9:30 AM K. Modic
11:00 AM J. Salabsky

~ MONEY COUNTER ~

E. and C. Clarey
B. and M. Yost

Prayer for Our Priests

Eternal God, please bless our priests, who represent you on this earth. Make them more greatly aware of the grace that you pour out through them when they minister the sacraments and help them to fall more deeply in love with you after each and every Mass that they celebrate. Please strengthen our priests, who shepherd your flock, when they are in doubt of their faith, that they may be examples of your Truth and guide us always on the path to you. We ask these things of you our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Verses before the Gospel: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe! John 20: 29

The Alleluia verse speaks of us. We have not seen the risen Jesus, we have not touched him with our hands. Yet we have believed in him because of what others have told us, and because we have experienced his love. (Rev. Jude Winkler)



Prayer Requests

Please pray for our sick, for all those homebound, in the hospital or nursing homes and especially those who care for them. We also ask prayers for those not listed and those we are not aware of that are ill.

Donna Miller, Joan Szemenyei, Joseph Ludrof, Susan G. Tinschmidt, David Cap, Lisa Dreher, A.J. Shuck, M. and D. Shuck, Anthony Viera, Bev Russell, Hank Straub, Albina DaSilva, Andrew Filbert, Christopher Brennan,

Bill White, Jessica Hewitt, Joan Raymond, John and Charlotte Rzepiela, Lori Watts, Jacob Jarvis, James and Janet DeVaney, Beth Coleman, Mary Saraceno-Wright, Dorothea Saraceno-Atherholt, Alice Bennett, Mary Lou Schuler, Joe Field, Louis A. Gray, Gail Schneider, Molly Weidemoyer, James Lankford, Karen Hegedus, Patrick McBride, Jane Schreiber, Ron and Irene Rutkowski, Jamie Heston, Terry Macripo, Patrice Schwartzman, Leona Oberholtzer, Colleen Pinzon, Sanford Kravett, Jack Herczeg, Grandson, Pat Moulton, Sheri Radzelovage, Janet Zambo, Geza Vegh, Loretta Scurato, Theresa Mitchell, Emerson Davenport, Gina Teel, Nonna Frances, Charlotte Gazzana, Russell Gazzana, Rebecca Wasniewski, Larry Muzyka, Heather Mowery, Teresa Yatko, Pat Warminsky, Carmela Azzolina, Walter Fry, JoAnn Connors, Mary Hasenecz, Frank Donchez, Carol Jacob, Manny and Dorothy Martinez, Ann Lester, Kathleen Angelozzi, Dorothy Fekula, Emma Fogel, Irene Nagy, Jackie Swartley, Bobby Ricks, George Treisner, Paul Micci, Mike Podhayny, Janice Mitchell, John Witmer, Neal McNulty

Diocesan Victim Assistance Co-ordinator:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak M.A., NCC, LPC;
Direct Telephone (NOT CONFIDENTIAL): 1-800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Co-ordinator:

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., MS, LMFT; Telephone: 610-332-0442 ext 2019

Diocese of Allentown Protection of Youth Policy: www.allentowndiocese.org

► ► ► **Vespers for Healing:** On Monday, April 29th, at 6:30 PM there will be *Vespers for Healing* for those who have experienced trauma. All are invited to join in an evening of prayer with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert as presider and homilist at Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Following Vespers there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:00 PM.

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Confirmation of Adults... On Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, at 12 Noon, in the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Allentown, will celebrate a Eucharistic Liturgy within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed

are those adults 18 years of age or older who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. A copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate is required. Parents cannot serve as sponsors for Confirmation. To discuss registration details, please contact Fr. Bob at sacredheartbethlehem@gmail.com or call 610-865-5042, ext. 3, by Wednesday, May 15th, 2019.

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► ► ► **The monthly meeting of the Catholic Daughters,** Court Easton #358, will be Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 6:30 PM at St. Bernards Oratory social room. This will be the last day to make reservation for the 100th Celebration Dinner. All can attend the Mass at Our Lady of Mercy on Sunday, May 19th, at 2:00 PM. However, reservations are needed for the dinner at Parkview Event Center at \$30 per person. Reservations can come to Pat Bleam at 610-248-3330. All are welcome.



A time of war, and a time of peace: We pray for those that serve in our military: Michael O'Donnell; Jarrett Buchanan; Blair Holva; Nick Massari; John Flannigan; Joe Owens; Rob McGuire; Joseph Salmento; David Principato; David Colarusso, Jr.; Paul K. Browne, II; Anthony T. Browne; LCpl Timothy F. Cassidy; Mark McNulty, Jr.; Josh Brueningsen; Sgt. Jared Steirer; Senior Chief Ian Hudak

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Home of the Free because of the Brave... Thank you!!

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► ► ► **Job Opening at School Buildings...** Part-time Maintenance Worker – 25 hours per week beginning June 1, 2019. Primary functions require sufficient physical ability appropriate for necessary mobility to walk and stand for prolonged periods of time. Candidate will regularly push, pull, lift, and/or carry light to moderately heavy objects and occasionally objects over 50 pounds. Must demonstrate good interpersonal and communication skills. Must be self-motivated and prompt in performing tasks and have the ability to work independently and demonstrate initiative to act without being asked. Basic understanding of electrical, HVAC and plumbing systems, carpentry or cabinetry skills. Possess the ability to perform minor repairs. Ability to understand floor plans and building systems. If interested, call Mrs. Okula for detailed job description at 610-253-8442 or email at principal@stjaneschool.com. NOTE: All Diocesan clearances as well as Protecting God's Children will be expected before employment begins.

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Get ready to "Dine to Donate" with your fellow parishioners! Bring your friends and family to **Texas Roadhouse** (4463 Southmont Way, off Freemansburg Avenue near Route 33) on Wednesday, May 15th, between 3:00 PM and 10:00 PM., and Sacred Heart Parish will receive 10% of your pre-tax, pre-tip food purchase. Flyers will be available at the church entrances during the weekend before the event, or you can simply inform your server that you are participating in the fundraiser. See you at the **Roadhouse!**

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► ► ► **Sunday, April 14th, Weekly Envelope: \$7,900** ◀ ◀ ◀

Thank you for your generosity!

Your contributions are deeply appreciated!

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

"Mother's Day Spiritual Remembrance" envelope was in your April packet of envelopes. Kindly fill out your Mother's Name (living or deceased) and return it in the collection basket. This envelope will then be placed on the Altar for the entire month of May. At every Sunday Mass of May, the "Mother's Day Spiritual Remembrance" envelope will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful.

I will love you forever, and forever you will be the most wonderful mother. Thank you for your loving care and sacrifices. You mean everything to me!



The primary focus of the *Divine Mercy devotion* is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it.

"Chaplet of Divine Mercy"

Use an ordinary Rosary:

1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, Apostles Creed

3. On First Mystery bead say:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

4. On each of the next 10 beads say:

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

5. Repeat #3 and #4 for next four decades

6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

● On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all mankind. St. Faustina tells us in her diary under this date:

"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'"

● Some time later, Our Lord again spoke to her:

"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross... Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."

● As in the prayers that form the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*, there are three main themes to the Divine Mercy devotion:

1. to ask for and obtain the mercy of God
2. to trust in Christ's abundant mercy
3. to show mercy to others and act as a conduit for God's mercy towards them

➤ The first and second elements relate to the signature "*Jesus I trust in You*" on the Divine Mercy image and Faustina stated that on April 28, 1935, the day the first Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated, Jesus told her: "*Every soul believing and trusting in My Mercy will obtain it.*"

➤ The third component is reflected in the statement "*Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners*" attributed to Jesus in Faustina's diary. This statement is followed in the diary by a specific short prayer, which Faustina also recommended for the Hour of Divine Mercy:

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You."

● In her diary Faustina wrote that Jesus specified 3:00 pm each day as the hour at which mercy was best received and asked her to pray the *Chaplet of Mercy* and venerate the *Divine Mercy* image at that hour. (The time of 3:00 pm corresponds to the hour at which Jesus died on the cross. This hour is called the "*hour of Divine Mercy*" or the "*hour of great mercy*".)



Lord Jesus, Bless the children that received Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday, May 4th, 2019. May that day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. May their anticipation of receiving your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this Sacred Sacrament.

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist:

- Laila Catherine Asghar
- Damien Robert DeGiovine
- Giannina Catherine Galimi
- Ashton John Grimmer
- Nikole Kaylen Jones
- Mason Joseph James
- Jordan Patrice Kametz
- Gabriel Peter Marinelli
- Michael Andrew Messa
- Chase Sebastian Rivera
- Michael Andrew Weckerle

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▶▶▶ The 25th Annual St. Jane Frances de Chantal CYO Golf Outing will be held on Friday, May 3rd, at Riverview Golf Course. For more information, or to register, visit the CYO website: www.sjhawks.com

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Parish Upcoming Events

April:

- 29: CCD: 5:00PM ~ School
- ~ ALL 2nd Graders report to Church for First Communion Rehearsal ~

May:

- 2: Choir Practice: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 4: First Holy Communion Mass: 10:00 AM ~ Church
- 4: Sacred Heart KofC Pre-order & Pre-pay Pot Pie/Apple Dumpling Sale: Before & After 5:00 PM Mass ~ Main Vestibule
- 5: May Crowning Mass: 9:30 AM
- 5: Sacred Heart KofC "Gently Used/New" Book Sale: ~ 8:00 AM – 12 Noon: Fr. Gilly Hall ~
- 5: Sacred Heart KofC Pre-order & Pre-pay Pot Pie/Apple Dumpling Sale: Before & After All Masses: Main Vestibule
- 6: CCD Last Class: 5:00 – 5:30 PM in Church for Recitation of Rosary ~ Dismissal after Rosary ~
- 7: Weekly Rosary: 6:30 PM ~ Church
- 8: Sacred Heart Prime Time Club Meeting: 1:00 PM ~ Father King Memorial Hall ~
- 9: Sacred Heart Prime Time Knitters: 1:00–3:00 PM ~ Father King Memorial Hall ~
- 11: Sacred Heart KofC Pre-order & Pre-pay Pot Pie/Apple Dumpling Sale: Before & After 5:00 PM Mass ~ Main Vestibule
- 12: Sacred Heart KofC Pre-order & Pre-pay Pot Pie/Apple Dumpling Sale: Before & After All Masses: Main Vestibule ~
- 12: Sacred Heart Holy Name Society Mass at 9:30 AM ~ Meeting will follow in School Meeting Room ~
- 14: Weekly Rosary: 6:30 PM ~ Church
- 14: Cantor Practice: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 15: "Dine to Donate": 3:00 – 10:00 PM ~ Texas Roadhouse ~



Sanctuary Lights... Candles can be lit for 7 days (Saturday to Saturday) on the High Altar of the Tabernacle, Blessed Mother Altar, St. Joseph Altar, St. Anthony, St. Jude, and Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sanctuary Candles can be lit for any intention, death remembrance or anniversary, birthday, wedding anniversary, thanksgiving for blessings from God, for those who are ill or having surgery, or any special

intentions which someone would like special prayers for. To have one of these Sanctuary Lights lit, drop a little note in the collection basket marked "Sanctuary Lights". A donation of \$12.00 is asked. The intention will appear in bulletin, unless directed not to.

Blessed Mother Altar:

➤ For Healing of Body, Spirit, Soul, Mind and Heart of my Adult Child

✠ In Loving Memory of my wife Anne
By: husband Jack

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▶▶▶ Church Pews Available – We are remodeling the IHM Chapel at the St. Jane School this summer and replacing the pews with chairs. Pews will be available for purchase \$25 - \$50 beginning on Monday, June 10, 2019. You must be able to haul it out of the Chapel on your own. Email Mrs. Okula for more information principal@stjaneschool.com.

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ from June 21-23, 2019. Experience an intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness.

- For *registration information contact: Sr. Meg Cole
- 1-866-3 RACHEL (Toll Free)
- 610-332-0442 Ext. 2019
- projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org
- * Deadline for Registration is June 13th

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Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus are taking orders for **Zook's (of Lancaster PA)** delicious, homemade 6 inch Beef/Chicken Pot Pies @\$5 each and Apple Dumplings @\$2.50 each, until May 19. All orders must be pre-paid!

- They come prebaked and frozen. Just pop them in the oven for a quick supper.
- Order Sheets are available in the vestibules /Knight will be in the main vestibule to take your order on May 4/5; May 11/12; May 18/19.
- Checks are made payable to: Sacred Heart K of C Council 15682
- Place order sheet and payment in an envelope marked "Pot Pies" and drop in collection basket or give to a Knight
- Pick up all orders on Thursday, June 6th, in the Father King Memorial Hall from 3:30-6:30 PM.
- Proceeds benefit local charities.

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Knights of Columbus "Gently Used" Book Sale will be held **Sunday, May 5th**, from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM, in the Fr. Gilly Hall (use lower lot for entrance to building). All donations benefit local charities.



Sacred Heart Memorial Society...

Those who are enrolled in the Memorial Society will have their names written in a special book. The Memorial Book will be on display by the St. Joseph Altar. An intention will also be included in the Sunday petitions for those enrolled in the Memorial Society. All donations from the Sacred Heart Memorial Society will be used for the purchasing of items needed to celebrate the Sacraments.

Suggested offering is \$20.00. A contribution to the Sacred Heart Memorial Society has been made:

✠ In Memory of Ron Mitch
By: Valarie Schwartz

✠ In Memory of Fritz Warminsky
By: John J. Senick

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Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia. Jn 20: 27

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"For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Mt 18: 20



Our prayers are strongest when we say them together!

Please join us for a group rosary throughout the month of May in Honor of Our Lady every Tuesday in May at 6:30 PM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. The weekly Rosary will be dedicated for the guidance and healing of the Catholic community throughout the world. All are welcome!

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Today's Gospel Reflection... There are many things in our lives that we cannot see or measure, yet we believe that they exist. We have never seen a virus with our own eyes, yet we believe that viruses exist. We have never seen a gravity wave, but we believe that gravity exists (for we have seen the effects of gravity). We have never seen love in its pure form. We cannot measure it, but we believe that it exists. Likewise, Jesus challenges us to trust in the mysteries of our faith.

Rev. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv. (St. Joseph Handbook for Proclaimers of the Word)

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"Miracle of Christmas"... Join the Prime Time Club of Sacred Heart on Tuesday, November 12th, to see "Miracle of Christmas" at Sight and Sound Theatre.

- 9:30 AM – Depart from Sacred Heart School Parking Lot
- 11:30 AM – Lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant
- 3:00 PM – Sight and Sound Theatre for Show
- 6:00 PM – Depart for Return to Bethlehem

Cost: \$101.50 per person (Transportation, Lunch, Show)
Payment Due By: Monday, September 30th
Contact: Nancy @ 610-419-1819 or Reggie @ 610-882-0792

