

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

~ December 2, 2018 ~

Hope ... To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. Ps 25 (24): 1-3

Mass Intentions

Monday

7:45 AM John Thomas Kean by The Zappas Family

Tuesday

7:45 AM Howard Dobias by The Makin Family

Wednesday

7:45 AM Helen Urenko by Anne Marie and Steve Pfeifferberger

Thursday

7:45 AM Sacred Heart Memorial Society

Friday

No Mass

Saturday

9:00 AM Leona Snell by Debbie and Bob Boyer

5:00 PM In Loving Memory of Joseph and Anna Rutkowski by Daughter and Family

Sunday

8:00 AM James Fitzpatrick by wife Mary and Family

9:30 AM Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

11:00 AM John Brennan by wife Helen and Family

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Give thanks



God is near

First Reading: Jer 33: 14-16... (The Lord's Messiah)

Jeremiah reveals the promise of the Lord made to the House of Israel. A shoot from David shall do what is right and just. Judah and Jerusalem shall be safe.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25... (Eye on God)

"To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

Second Reading: 1 Thes 3: 12-4: 2... (Lives Pleasing to God)

Paul prays that the Lord will increase his love among the Thessalonians. In turn they must live a life pleasing to God so that they may progress in the way of perfection.

Gospel: Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36... (Prayerful Vigilance)

Jesus tells his disciples that there will be signs for his second coming. The sun, moon, stars, anguish among people, fright—these will warn of his coming. They should watch, pray and stand secure before the Son of Man.

Monday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122: 1-9; Mt 8: 5-11

Tuesday: Advent Weekday; St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Is 11: 1-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10: 21-24

Wednesday: Advent Weekday

Is 25: 6-10a; Ps 23: 1-6; Mt 15: 29-37

Thursday: Advent Weekday; St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 26: 1-6; Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7: 21, 24-27

Friday: St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Is 29: 17-24; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9: 27-31

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1-4; Eph 1: 3-6, 1-12; Lk 1: 26-38



~ Saturday, Sunday: December 8, December 9 ~

~ ALTAR SERVER ~

5:00 PM C. Williams - M. Cooper
8:00 AM K. Marakovits - T. Carnes
9:30 AM L. Skrincosky - J. Herman
11:00 AM L. Colarusso - A. Guth

~ CANTOR ~

5:00 PM D. Gaylor
8:00 AM T. Zawadzki
9:30 AM M. Skrincosky (Choir Mass)
11:00 AM J. Mertus

~ LECTOR ~

(Bar 5: 1-9; Ps 126: 1-6, 8-11; Lk 3: 1-6)

5:00 PM
8:00 AM J. Crosson
9:30 AM D. Thatcher
11:00 AM B. Kincaid

~ EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS of COMMUNION ~

5:00 PM B. and K. Slavoski
8:00 AM A. Squires - K. Figueroa - R. Hensel
9:30 AM M. and D. Hartman - M. McGuire
11:00 AM J. Crosson - M. Krupka

~ GREETER ~

5:00 PM R. Fitzpatrick
8:00 AM P. Vuchko
9:30 AM D. Hirsch
11:00 AM B. and T. Kincaid

~ FOOD/GIFT CARD ~

5:00 PM D. Scanlon
8:00 AM T. Saraceno
9:30 AM J. Keretz
11:00 AM B. Kincaid

~ MONEY COUNTER ~

M. Juhasz - J. Mitch
R. Schaefer - V. Schwarz

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.



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 Brueningesen; Sgt. Jared Steirer; Senior Chief Ian Hudak



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, Betty McNulty, Jane Schreiber, Ron and Irene Rutkowski, Jamie Heston, Terry Macripo, Patrice Schwartzman, Leona Oberholtzer, Colleen Pinzon, Ronald Mitch, Sanford Kravett, Jack Sharkey, Jack Herczeg, Grandson, Pat Moulton, Sheri Radzelovage, Anne Ardingner, Janet Zambo, Geza Vegh, William Duane, Neal Lamana, Loretta Scurato, Theresa Mitchell, Joseph Forte, Sr., Jean Field, Emerson Davenport, Kaitlyn Whitebread, Gina Teel, Nonna Frances, Charlotte Gazzana, Russell Gazzana, Rebecca Wasniewski, Larry Muzyka, Heather Mowery, Corporal Seth Kelly, Teresa Yatko, Fritz and Pat Warminsky, Betty Balogh, Carmela Azzolina, Walter Fry, JoAnn Connors, Mary Hasenech, 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, Gina Teel, Mike Podhayny

God Bless Our Men and Women in Uniform ... Protect and guide our men and women in uniform, strengthen them in their trials. Give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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▶▶▶ **Bulletin Announcements** ◀◀◀

Deliver to the Rectory office or email to sacredheartrectory1936@gmail.com by 12 noon on Thursday (that is, ten days prior to the publication of the bulletin).

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Oh Holy Night

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are now available at the Rectory.... The Christmas wafer is symbolic of the bread that our Lord shared with the two Emmaus disciples when He was "known to them in the breaking of the Bread." Oplatki is broken and shared with your loved ones on Christmas Eve with a solemn, yet jubilant, prayer of family and unity being "One in the Spirit, One in the Lord."

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▶▶ You 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. Join us for a faith-filled evening with nationally-recognized speaker Scott Anthony, as he helps us see the Truth of God's guiding hand in our lives. We encourage teens in grades 9-12 and their parents to attend! After this evening, you and your youth will look toward the future with a newfound sense of hope. The event will take place on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at St. Thomas More Church Family Center (1040 Flexer Ave, Allentown, PA 18103).

This event is free of charge. Light refreshments will be provided. To register for this event, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org/craftsman. For questions call (610) 289-8900, ext. 2021 or email Francesca Frias at Frias@allentowndiocese.org.

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Project Keep Warm... We, as a Church community, will be participating once gain in *Project Keep Warm* by becoming a drop-off location. Collection will be held until December 8th, 2018. There will be a drop box in the main vestibule for your donations.

Please note that we are only accepting *NEW* or *GENTLY USED WINTER ITEMS*...Coats (adult and children); Gloves; Hats; Scarves; Heavy Socks; Blankets; Tarps; Sleeping Bags; Hand and Feet Warmers; Thermal Underwear; Winter Boots

Donate and make a difference! You can keep posted on *Project Keep Warm* at www.projectkeepwarm.org.

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy project!

▶ **NO OTHER CLOTHING** will be accepted at this time ◀

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

▶▶ **Save the Date! The 2019 Catholic Scout Activity Weekend** will be held at Camp Trexler - Settlers April 26-28th, 2019 - so mark your calendars! We'd love to have you join us for a FUN-Filled weekend that includes all meals and a Saturday Vigil Mass!

You don't have to be working on a religious emblem to join us. All Catholic Scouts are welcome. Visit us at www.adccos.org/bsr.htm for more info.

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The Diocese of Allentown Commission for Women is sponsoring a **Christmas Novena for Bishop Schlert** and his intentions. The novena begins on December 8th and concludes on December 16th, 2018. Anyone can participate. A card will be presented

to the Bishop, including the names of all those who enroll. To sign up to receive the daily prayer in your email in-box, go to <http://allentowndiocese.org/BishopNovena>. For questions, contact 610-289-8900 ext. 2021 or e-mail cwf@allentowndiocese.org

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Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, And teaches the humble his way.

Ps 25



Mary Rejoices in the Lord... I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels. Is 61: 10

●●● **Saturday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

● **Mass will be offered on Saturday, December 8th, at 9:00 AM.**

It is most appropriate that this Feast Day be celebrated during the Advent season in which we prepare for the coming of Christ. We celebrate His birth and we await His second coming. We celebrate this Feast Day recognizing that the incarnation, redemption, and salvation were made possible through Mary's fiat, through her words, "May it be done to me according to your word."

"Hail, Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with you; blessed are you among women." Lk 1: 28



"Beautiful Savior"... The Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena – 1825 West Turner St. Allentown 18104 will be holding their Annual Cathedral Christmas Concert **TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, at 6:00 PM.** This concert will feature

all the choirs of the Cathedral, including Cathedral Choir, Living Word, Angelorum and our Diocesan Choir. There will be readings, prayers, instrumentalists and voices all raised in worship of *Our Beautiful Savior*. Please begin your Advent enjoying the 'reason for the season'. There will be a free will offering for a family in need in the Lehigh Valley. Carolers will greet you as you enter. We hope to see you there!

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Gospel Alleluia Verse... Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. Ps 85: 8

The *Gospel Alleluia Verse* speaks of the love of God and our salvation. In the Gospel of Luke, salvation is experienced when we realize how much God loves us.

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The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Volunteer families will be needed for all weekend Masses during the Advent Season. The volunteer family would come forward during the blessing of the Advent wreath (done in the beginning of Mass) and light the Advent candle for that particular weekend. If interested in having your family participate, a sign-up

board is in the main vestibule of Church. For more information, please contact Mr. Patrick Sandt at SacredHeartMusicMinistry@gmail.com or call the Rectory at 610-865-5042 ext 4.

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**Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.**



Dear Sacred Heart Parish Family,

In Luke 2: 12, 16, it is written, "This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the manger."

In all of the activities and events of this Christmas season, the verses above give us a sense of what the very first Christmas morning was like. A time of excitement yet serenity, a time of anticipation, then realization of the most blessed Gift that could ever come to humanity...Jesus Christ, the Son of God! We are living in a day when it seems the word "Christmas" is constantly under attack. We Christians are encouraged to somehow feel "guilty" when it comes to this special and holy time. I want to encourage you in as sincere a way as I can, to remember to keep Christ preeminent in all you do and say while you are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas!

By keeping Christ first, we can be sure to reach out to those around us with the true message of Christmas, and that is that Jesus Christ came to earth to seek and to save that which was lost. He came to serve, not be served!

I am looking forward with great anticipation in celebrating Christmas Mass with you and your family! Be sure to invite a friend! This is one of the greatest times of the year to invite someone to attend Church with you. Ask the Lord to help you think of a few people to invite so they too can hear the message of Christ at Christmas!

May God richly bless you and your family this Christmas!
Fr. Bob

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Tricky Tray 2018 is being held in the Father King Memorial Hall:

- **Saturday, December 1st, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM.... and**
- **Sunday, December 2nd, from 9:00 AM to 1:50 PM.**
- **Drawings begin at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 2nd. You need not be present to win!**



Winners will be notified by phone on Monday to come to the Father King Memorial Hall to pick up your winning **Tricky Tray** on Tuesday, December 4th, between 12 Noon and 6:00 PM. (use door by dumpster in lower parking lot). **Come out and enjoy GOOD FOOD and GOOD CAMARADERIE!**

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▶▶ **Sunday, November 18th, Weekly Envelope: \$6,900** ◀◀

God Bless You and Thank You for your generosity!
Your contributions are deeply appreciated!

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Starting December 1st and ending December 23rd, each weekend after Mass the Sacred Heart K of C will be selling "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" vehicle magnets to promote the true spirit of Christmas. People often forget the real reason for the Christmas season while they are buying presents, decorating their homes, and attending parties. These magnets are a way to silently evangelize this sentiment. You can help spread the "Reason for the Season" by buying your own vehicle nativity magnet for \$5. For more information contact Bernie Mikulski at 610-691-6054. All proceeds go to Charity!



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 Ardinger
By: John C. Ardinger

November 21:

Sacred Heart of Jesus:

➤ Special Intention

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December:

- 1: "Tricky Tray": 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
~ Father King Memorial Hall ~
- 2: "Tricky Tray": 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
~ Father King Memorial Hall ~
- 3: "Tricky Tray" Phone Calls to Winners
- 3: CCD: 5:00 – 6:00 PM ~ School
- 4: "Tricky Tray" Winners ~ Pick-up
~ Father King Memorial Hall: 12 Noon – 6:00 PM ~
(use door in lower parking lot by dumpster)
- 4: Choir Practice: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 6: Choir Practice: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 8: Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary: Holy Day of Obligation ~ Mass at 9:00 AM
- 9: Anointing of Sick after 11:00 AM Mass
- 10: CCD: 5:00 – 6:00 PM
- 11: Advent Stations: 6:30 PM ~ Church
- 11: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 13: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church

Food/Gift Cards... All SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ORDERS MUST BE PLACED by Saturday, December 8/Sunday, December 9... Please, NO Exceptions!

Food/Gift Card Store List:

- **Grocery:** Giant Foods; Heights Market; Redners; ShopRite; Valley Farm; Weiss
- **Restaurants:** Applebee's; Cracker Barrel; Darden (includes Olive Garden & Red Lobster); Dunkin Donuts; Outback; Panera Bread; Red Robin; Ruby Tuesday's; Starbucks; Texas Roadhouse; TGI Friday's
- **Retail:** Amazon; Barnes & Noble; Bath & Body Works; Bed Bath & Beyond; Boscov's; Claire's; Dick's Sporting Goods; Gap; Home Depot; I-Tunes; Kohl's (may be used towards credit card balances); Lowes; Michaels; Payless Shoe; Regal; Regis; Staples; Target; TJ Maxx; Wal-Mart (may be used at Sam's Club); WaWa; Young's Pharmacy

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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 Eleanor Antol
By: Bernie and Rita Mikulski

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- The "Prime Time" Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 19th, at the Green Pond Country Club.

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Service of the Nativity: A journey from Advent to Christmas...

On Sunday, December 16th, at 6:00 PM, our parish community will be holding the 8th Annual Service of the Nativity. This is a beautiful service to help us prepare spiritually for the coming of the Christ Child

on Christmas. The focus of the service is our parish nativity scene which is prepared throughout the service as we participate through song and reflection of readings.

ALL families are invited to bring a piece of your own personal manger to have blessed. A blest ornament will be given to everyone in attendance to take home and place on your own Christmas Tree to help make the connection between your family and the parish family.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Father King Memorial Hall. All are invited to attend this beautiful service as we journey from darkness to the light of Christmas in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

- Volunteers needed to help assist in this service:
 - carrying one of the statues of the manger
 - lighting one of the candles from the advent wreath
 - serving as a narrator
 - assisting with lights
 - handing out programs

- A total of 20 volunteers are needed to make this possible.

- For those wanting to be a part of this beautiful event, contact Patrick Sandt through email SacredHeartMusicMinistry@gmail.com or the Rectory Office 610-865-5042 ext 4.

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Stations of the Nativity...

Sacred Heart will be offering, once again during our Advent Season, a special Stations of the Cross, told through the story of the Nativity, on Tuesday, December 11th, beginning at 6:30 PM with Benediction to follow. All are invited to attend as we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior through the Holy Season of Christmas.

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Mary Our Advocate... She, the most pure Virgin, was to bring forth a Son, the innocent Lamb who would wipe away our offenses; you placed her above all others to be for your people an advocate of grace and a model of holiness.