

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

~ December 9, 2018 ~

Lord of Salvation... O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. Is 30: 19, 30

Mass Intentions

Monday

7:45 AM Michael and Mary Yawney by Daughter

Tuesday

7:45 AM Helen Dobias by The Makin Family

Wednesday

7:45 AM Geraldine Olshefski by Richard and Lisa Groff

Thursday

7:45 AM Donny Fallon

Friday

7:45 AM In Loving Memory of Eugene Dougherty's 83rd Birthday by wife Bernadette

Saturday

No Daily Mass

5:00 PM Mary Linsenbigler by daughter Michelle and husband Rich

Sunday

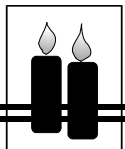
8:00 AM Geraldine Andres by Ann and Dan Squires

9:30 AM Richard Rutledge by Joan and Tony Zawadzki

11:00 AM Joseph and Anne Skrincosky by Steve and Anne Marie Pfeiffenberger

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Prepare the way
of the Lord



First Reading: Bar 5: 1-9... (God's Favor on Jerusalem)

Baruch tells Jerusalem of God's favor. God will gather the people together that Israel may grow secure in the glory of God. He leads in joy, mercy, and justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126... (The Lord's Wonders)

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Second Reading: Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11... (Cooperating with Joy)

Paul rejoices in the progress of faith among the Philippians. He is sure that God who began this good work will help it grow. Paul prays that their love may even more abound than they may be rich in harvest.

Gospel: Lk 3: 1-6... (Prepare for the Lord)

Luke outlines some historical facts at the time of John the Baptist's preaching. It is the fulfillment of the prophesy of Isaiah. John prepares the way for the Lord.

Monday: Advent Weekday

Is 35: 1-10; Ps 85: 9ab-14; Lk 5: 17-26

Tuesday: Advent Weekday; St. Damasus I, Pope

Is 40: 1-11; Ps 96: 1-3, 10a-c, 11-13; Mt 18: 12-14

Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10a; (Ps) Jdt 13: 18b-19; Lk 1: 26-38 or Lk 1: 39-47

Thursday: St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Is 41: 13-20; Ps 145: 1, 9-13ab; Mt 11: 11-15

Friday: St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Is 48: 17-19; Ps 1: 1-4, 6; Mt 11: 16-19

Saturday: Advent Weekday

Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17: 9a, 10-13



~ Saturday, Sunday: December 15, December 16 ~

~ ALTAR SERVER ~

5:00 PM R. Lambert – A. Isaac
8:00 AM S. Fleissner – P. Fleissner
9:30 AM K. Fitzgerald – B. Fitzgerald – S. Fitzgerald
11:00 AM J. Doncsecz – L. Schoenauer

~ CANTOR ~

5:00 PM A. Devaney
8:00 AM J. McKeon
9:30 AM S. Berdux
11:00 AM E. Gilkeson

~ LECTOR ~

(Zep 3: 14-18a; (Ps) Is 12: 2-6; Phil 4: 4-7)

5:00 PM M. Faccinetto
8:00 AM D. Dolan
9:30 AM A. Dezubay
11:00 AM S. Rodriguez

~ EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION ~

5:00 PM B. and M. Yost – J. Ardinger
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 C. and A. Benner
8:00 AM R. Fitzpatrick
9:30 AM R. Hojnoski
11:00 AM D. and T. Gaylor

~ FOOD/GIFT CARD ~

5:00 PM D. Baranowski
8:00 AM B. Ganssle
9:30 AM K. Modic
11:00 AM J. Jung

~ MONEY COUNTER ~

R. Ding – B. Ganssle
R. Hensel – M. Herman – C. Stemrich

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, 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 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



Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our Armed Forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

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

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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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Gospel Alleluia Verse... Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Lk 3: 1-6

The Gospel Alleluia Verse continues the theme found in all of the readings: the need to prepare the way of the Lord for the time is near. If we do that, we will experience the saving love of our God.

As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Lk 3: 4-6

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



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 cfw@allentowndiocese.org

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Coming Joy... Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Food/Gift Cards... ALL SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ORDERS MUST BE PLACED by TODAY, 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



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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Prayer to Saint Peregrine

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Wonder-Worker," because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fibre of our being and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more.

You were favoured with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. (Pause here and silently recall the names of the sick for whom you are praying)

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.

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December:

- 9: Sacred Heart Holy Name Society Mass at 9:30 AM
~ Meeting will follow in School Meeting Room ~
- 9: Anointing of Sick after 11:00 AM Mass
- 10: CCD: 5:00 – 6:00 PM ~ School
- 11: Advent Stations: 6:30 PM ~ Church
- 11: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 13: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 16: Service of The Nativity: "A Journey from Advent to Christmas"
~ Church: 6:00 PM ~
- 17: CCD: 5:00 – 6:00 PM ~ School
- 18: Confessions: 10:00 AM
- 18: Cantor Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 20: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 22: Confessions: 1:00 PM



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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▶▶ Sunday, November 25th, Weekly Envelope: \$6,700 ◀◀

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

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Until 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!

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▶▶ 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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Bethlehem Catholic Youth Theater presents: **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** – by Barbara Robinson, TODAY, Sunday, December 9th, at 3:00 PM. When the bullies in the neighborhood take over the Sunday school,

it looks like it's going to be the WORST Christmas pageant ever! But maybe...just maybe...it will be the BEST one yet! Tickets at door: \$5/adult; \$3/student/senior; under 3 – free. BeCa Auditorium, 2133 Madison Ave. Bethlehem, PA 18017. Q?: theater@becahi.org



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
- Special Intentions for the Spiritual Healing of Mind and Heart of my son, Jeremy
- For Health and Speedy Recovery of Lauren Hugo
By: Carol and Thomas Jacob
- ✠ In Loving Memory of my wife, Anne Ardinger
By: John C. Ardinger
- ✠ In Loving Memory of Janice Gienieg
By: cousin Michael and Judy Soos
- ✠ In Memory of Jean-Paul Joseph Danier-O'Connor

Week of December 1:

Blessed Mother Altar:

- ✠ In Memory of Jean-Paul Joseph Danier-O'Connor

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~ Christmas Schedule ~

• **Confessions:**

Tuesday, December 18: 10:00 AM
Saturday, December 22: 1:00 PM

NOTE: No Confessions @4:15 PM (before 5:00 PM Mass) on Saturday, December 22nd!

• **Mass:**

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve
4:00 PM; 7:00 PM; 10:00 PM

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Day
10:00 AM

Monday, December 31: New Year's Eve ~ 4:00 PM
Tuesday, January 1: New Year's Day ~ 10:00 AM

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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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"John went through the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance."



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 Anne Ardinger

By: Lucy McCall and Patricia Ackerman
By: Anonymous

✠ In Memory of Elizabeth Muzikar

By: Mrs. Pauline Albert and Brian Albert

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▶ ▶ **Still Looking for that Perfect Gift?** Give each other the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, a gift that will outlast anything money can buy! For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

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How is Advent going for you? Are you preparing a way for the Lord? Are you giving yourself a chance to see the presence of the Lord? God gives a different grace in each season of the liturgical year. During this

season of Advent God has a grace to give you. To use the words of John the Baptist in the desert, are you making a straight way for the visitation of God? Are you receiving the grace God is offering you this Advent? If you have not yet begun to make a straight way for the Lord to receive his grace, begin today. It is never too late to begin.

How might you receive the grace God is offering you this Advent? Spend more time in prayer with God this Advent. Look forward with anticipation to spending time with God in prayer each day during Advent. Instead of just going through the motions during this season of Advent can you celebrate Advent with your heart? Is Advent only a time of consumerism and buying gifts for people that they don't really want or need? There is only one gift at Christmas, that gift is Jesus. Jesus is the grace that the Father wants to give to you this Advent. The Father is always willing to give, but it is up to you to unwrap the Father's gift of Jesus to you. Advent is a time to renew and deepen our relationship with God. It is a time of patient waiting for God, prayerful and trustful waiting for God. Because this season of Advent is so important the Church gives us four weeks to celebrate it and in the Orthodox Churches the season of Advent is even longer, it is 40 days like our season of Lent. Celebrate Advent with your heart, it is an opportunity to step back from the consumerism of the materialistic world and make a straight way for the Lord to receive the special grace God has planned for you this Advent.

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There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens: Ecc 3

"A time to weep, mourn and die":

Eleanor Antol
Anne D. Ardinger
Elizabeth Mary Toth

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."