

SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

~ March 17, 2019 ~

God's Merciful Love... Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

Ps 25 (24): 6, 2, 22

Mass Intentions

Monday

7:45 AM Michael and Mary Yawney by Daughter

Tuesday

7:45 AM Anna "Smitty" Meilinger by Jack and Jean Kalata

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:45 AM Special Intention

Friday

No Mass

Saturday

8:00 AM Jennie Polak by Dolores Hirsch

5:00 PM Mom and Dad Zelasko by daughter Charlene and husband Allen

Sunday

8:00 AM Saint Joseph by Fedorico and Lucia Frenna

9:30 AM Thomas Fox by Alice and Brad White

11:00 AM Elizabeth Geldon by Family

~ 12:00 PM Holy Hour ~

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First Reading: Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18 ... (Covenant with Abram)

By faith Abram finds favor with the Lord. The Lord makes a covenant, that is, establishes a special relationship, which Abram and his descendants.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 27... (Union with God)

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."

Second Reading: Phil 3: 17-4:1 or 3: 20-4: 1... (Citizenship in Heaven)

Paul exhorts us to turn away from worldly pleasures and to reject sin. He reminds us that we are not of this world.

Gospel: Lk 9: 28b-36 ... (Listen to Jesus)

The glory of Christ is revealed, and God manifests the special mission of Christ.

Monday: Lenten Weekday; St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church... Dn 9: 4b-10; Ps 79: 8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6: 36-38

Tuesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89: 2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday Jer 18: 18-20; Ps 31: 5-6, 14-16; Mt 20: 17-28

Thursday: Lenten Weekday Jer 17: 5-10; Ps 1: 1-4, 6; Lk 16: 19-31

Friday: Lenten Weekday Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105: 16-21; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Lenten Weekday; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Ps 103: 1-4, 9-12; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32



~ Saturday, Sunday: March 23, March 24 ~

~ ALTAR SERVER ~

5:00 PM A. Acevedo - R. Nowak
8:00 AM K. Marakovits - V. Dadlani
9:30 AM K. Fitzgerald - B. Fitzgerald - S. Fitzgerald
11:00 AM R. Lambert - L. Colarusso

~ CANTOR ~

5:00 PM N. Acevedo
8:00 AM T. Zawadzki
9:30 AM J. Mertus (Choir Mass)
11:00 AM E. Gilkeson

~ LECTOR ~

(Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12)

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

~ EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS of COMMUNION ~

5:00 PM T. Thoder - 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 M. Forte
8:00 AM Fleissner Family
9:30 AM Sieto Family
11:00 AM M. Miranda

~ FOOD/GIFT CARD ~

5:00 PM D. Scanlon
8:00 AM B. Ganssle
9:30 AM J. Keretz
11:00 AM J. Salabsky

~ MONEY COUNTER ~

K. Figueroa - M. and R. Fitzpatrick

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.

My dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Today we find ourselves before a manifestation of brazen, aggressive, and destructive evil. Behind and within, there is the spirit of evil, which in its pride and arrogance considers itself the lord of the world and thinks that it has triumphed."

These words, spoken by the Holy Father at the closing of the recent Vatican Meeting on the Protection of Minors, is a clear call to battle the evil of sexual abuse of minors. "Battle" is not too strong a word when describing the effort and courage needed to confront the Evil One. In fact, in the Prayer to Saint Michael that we say after Mass in our Diocese, we ask him to "defend us in battle." And so we place ourselves under the protection of this Archangel to keep us safe as we struggle with the devil, who was even so arrogant as to Even though the Holy Father's words were a universal call to confront the evil of child sexual abuse, his words are also very appropriate for us personally as we begin the discipline of Lent. In our own lives we see the "brazen, aggressive, and destructive" workings of our individual, personal sins.

During the holy season of Lent, we approach our loving Father with humility, asking Him to forgive our sins, and, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving/good works, stir up in us the virtue to combat such an arrogant adversary. The Church, meaning all of us who make up the Church, is in a pitched battle with Satan against the depth and breadth of sexual abuse. Through the courage of victim-survivors, light is being shone into the darkness where this sin exists. Satan abhors the light of truth, so he will fight back strenuously. Hence, our need to be even stronger by repenting of our sins and ridding ourselves of them through sacramental Confession.

In a particular way throughout our Diocese, we have the opportunity to participate in the *Healing Our Church* program. In these sessions, we can reflect and pray with Scripture to acknowledge the evil that has been done using Holy Orders as a means for diabolical acts. We also can experience the solace and healing of the Holy Spirit that comes from joining our family of faith to remind ourselves that the holiness of the Church – founded by Christ – is our greatest weapon against evil. Only Satan's cunning work could take the Church, his greatest enemy, and weaken it through some of the very people who were called to serve the People of God. The Evil One has done masterful work, but he has already failed in his task. Our Lord promised that the power of hell would not prevail against His Church (Matthew 16:18). We live at a time when those words require us to have a great deal of faith as we see our Church besieged by such horrendous acts of personal sin.

This Lent, through our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving/good works, we can repent of our personal and collective sins and re-invigorate our spirits that have been so weighed down these past months. Jesus remains with His Church, the Holy Spirit guides us, and Satan will not prevail.

Wishing you the graces and spiritual growth of a holy Lent, and with my prayers and gratitude for your steadfastness in the Faith, I am Wishing you the graces and spiritual growth of a holy Lent, and with my prayers and gratitude for your steadfastness in the Faith, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Alfred A. Schlert

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown

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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, Ronald Mitch, 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, Fritz and 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

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Parish Upcoming Events

March:

- 17: Nut Roll Orders Due with Payment
- 17: Sacred Heart Confirmation Rehearsal: 1:00 PM
~ at St. Theresa, Hellertown ~
- 18: CCD: 5:00 PM ~ with Stations of the Cross at 5:15 PM
~ Dismissal from Church at 5:50 PM ~
- 19: Sacred Heart Confirmation: 4:30 PM
~ at St. Theresa, Hellertown ~
- 19: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 21: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 22: Sacred Heart K of C Fish Dinner: 4:30-7:00 PM
~ Fr. King Memorial Hall ~
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- 22: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6:00 PM
- 22: Stations of the Cross (by Pope Francis) and Benediction: 7:00 PM
- 23: Last Call: Nut Roll Orders Due with Payment
- 24: Last Call: Nut Roll Orders Due with Payment
- 24: Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction: After 11:00 AM Mass
- 25: CCD: 5:00 PM ~ School
- 26: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 27: Sacred Heart Prime Time Club Meeting: 12:30 PM
~ Father King Hall ~ Note Change in Time ~
- 28: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 29: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6:00 PM
- 29: Stations of the Cross (Today's Disciples) and Benediction: 7:00 PM

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Offering Envelopes



Sunday, March 3rd, Weekly Envelope:
\$7,800

Thank you for your generosity!
Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

▶▶▶▶ The 2nd Collection during Lent will be for those in need throughout the community. Please place all envelopes in the first Collection.



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 Brueningen; Sgt. Jared Steirer; Senior Chief Ian Hudak

To all who have put their lives on the line in defense of this flag... Thank You!



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▶ ▶ ▶ **Calling all Young Adults 21-35! ?'s about the Catholic Faith...** Join us on Saturday, March 30th, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Marian Inn, 3219 Santee Rd., Bethlehem, 18020.

If you have questions about the Catholic faith or just simply want to listen, join other young adults and make some friends, while enjoying wine and cheese.

President of DeSales University, Rev. Jim Greenfield, OSFS and Msgr. Edward Sacks, Pastor of OLPH, will give their insight into your questions as well as the Church teachings.

This event is free of charge. Any questions contact Danielle Marino at 610-984-4896. RSVP online on the OLPH website, www.myolph.org, by Saturday, March 23rd, 2019.

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"O Jesus, make me strong to conquer my wicked passions, and to rise quickly from sin."

~ Fridays during Lent ~

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross and Benediction: 7:00 PM

Friday, March 22:

Stations of the Cross by Pope Francis

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▶ ▶ ▶ All are welcome to attend celebration of **St. Joseph Feast Day "Polka" Mass** at 10:30 am on Saturday, March 23rd at St. Joseph's Slovenian/Windish (105-year-old Romanesque) Church located at 417 East 5th Street in Bethlehem. josephbethlehempa.com In 2008, several of our European churches in South Side Bethlehem closed. We invite all Catholics especially those past parishioners of closed South Side Bethlehem churches an opportunity to re-unite in attending this 11th Anniversary Mass.

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ March 22-24, 2019. 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 projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org. For information about the retreat experience visit the national website: www.rachelsvineyard.org



Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus will be hosting 2 more Lenten Fish Dinners: March 22 and April 5 from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM, in the Father King Memorial Hall. Any questions contact Bob Boyer at 610 428-8314.

- **Menu:** baked and/or breaded fish, mac'n cheese, vegetable, roasted potato wedges, clam chowder, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, dessert, hot coffee, hot or iced tea and lemonade;
- **Take-outs** are available
- **Homemade Pierogies** are available for purchase: 3 pierogies for \$2, while they last
- **NO Tickets** are necessary
- **Enjoy Good Food, Friends & Fellowship!**
- **Please spread the word!**

All proceeds of the Knights of Columbus Fundraisers benefit local charities!

✓✓ **BAKERS ARE NEEDED...** All baked goodies, (to be dessert for the dinner), can be brought to the Father King Memorial Hall by 3:00 PM on the Friday's of the Lenten Fish Dinners. All donations are greatly appreciated!

▶ ▶ **Sacred Heart Gift/Food Card List** ◀ ◀

Grocery Stores: Giant: \$25, 50, 100; Height's Market: \$20; Redner's Market: \$20, 50; Shop Rite: \$25, 100; Valley Farm Market: \$25, 50, 100; Weis Market: \$50

Retail: Amazon: \$25; Barnes & Noble: \$10, 25; Bath & Body: \$10; Bed, Bath & Beyond: \$25; Boscov's: \$25; Dick's Sporting Goods: \$25; Home Depot: \$25, 100; Kohl's: \$25, 100; Lowe's: \$25, 100; Michael's: \$25; Regal: \$25; Staples: \$25; Target: \$25; TJ Maxx: \$25; Walmart (can also be used at Sam's Club): \$25, 100; WaWa \$25

Restaurants: Applebee's: \$25; Cracker Barrel: \$10; Darden: \$25; Outback: \$25; Panera: \$10; Red Robin: \$25; Ruby Tuesday: \$25; Starbucks: \$10; Texas Roadhouse: \$25; TGIF: \$25

▶ ▶ ▶ **Don't forget: Nut Roll Orders Due with Payment!** Flavors: Nut, Apricot, Prune, Poppy Seed, Seedless Red Raspberry and a New Flavor for Easter: Coconut Cream. Last call to order: Sunday, March 24th. Pick-up Tuesday, April 2nd in Father King Memorial Hall.

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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.

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▶ ▶ ▶ **ICF 105 - Christian Morality.** Learn not just the what, but the why, of the Church's moral teachings. Participants will examine virtue, conscience formation and make application to contemporary moral issues in the areas of health care, sexuality and social justice. This course will be presented by Dr. William Hamant and is scheduled from 8:30AM-12:30 PM, on Saturdays, March 23 & 30, 2019 at Assumption B.V.M., Bethlehem. Cost: \$30. Register at www.allentowndiocese.org/icf

*ICF Courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the Faith. There are no prerequisites for these courses.



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 my wife, Anne Ardinger
By: husband Jack

✠ In Loving Memory of Jean-Paul O'Connor

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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).

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



Volunteers are needed to assist with the Three-Day Triduum celebrating Our Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the Passion and Death of Our Lord on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

Holy Thursday, April 18th, 7:00 PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper

- Members from ANY ministry or organization of the parish for the Entrance Procession and the Procession to the Altar of Repose
- Three (3) Presenters of the Holy Oils
- 12 Men, Women, Teenagers, or families for the Washing of the Feet

Good Friday, April 19th, 7:00 PM: Passion of Our Lord

- Three (3) Men to carry the statue of the Crucified Lord

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 20th, 8:00 PM

- Three (3) Women to carry the jars of Holy Water

Through your help, these liturgies become more enhanced and more meaningful. If interested in being a part of these liturgies, please contact Mr. Patrick Sandt via email SacredHeartMusicMinistry@gmail.com or call the Rectory, 610-865-5042 ext. 4.

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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":

Geraldine N. DiGiacinto
Alice M. Boshia

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.



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 Loving Memory of Joseph Wehinger

By: sister Gail Karwacki and husband Tony Karwacki

✠ In Loving Memory of Joseph Arth

By: Elaine Lamana

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▶▶▶ Prime Time Club Meeting ◀◀◀

• will be held on Wednesday, March 27th, at 12:30 PM in the Father King Memorial Hall. We will be entertained by the Parkland Violinists.

• Please note change in time!

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AFIRE (Active Faith Implementing Relief in the Epidemic)

Father Bob has met and spoke with family and friends to hear how isolated, alone and embarrassed family and friends feel when dealing with an addiction of a loved one. Addiction is extremely hurtful and not a subject matter that is discussed openly, which allows Moms, Dads, Spouses, Siblings, and other family and friends to suffer in silence.

His experiences have moved him to prayerfully consider how he could help those suffering from an addiction of any kind. To have a program where people can come together and feel safe and comfortable to share their pains, suffering, hopelessness, and embarrassment, with each other in a nonjudgmental environment. No one can truly understand what it is like to have a family member or friend who has an addiction until that experience comes into a family's life.

The Holy Spirit brought a program to his attention called **AFIRE**. This program is a faith-based movement designed to bring healing, hope, resources, advocacy and transformational action to families and communities struggling with addiction. No one will be expected to participate in any way they don't feel comfortable. Some may want to share their experience. Others may just want to gather and pray.

Here, at Sacred Heart, we will start first with the healing and hope aspect. As the group gathers to support one another, we may expand to include the other aspects of the **AFIRE** program. If you, or anyone you know, have a family member or friend that is caught up in any kind of addiction and you would like to gather to meet others who understand the roller coaster of emotions that comes when addiction enters a family, please contact Fr. Bob through his private email address: sacredheartbethlehem@gmail.com or at 610-865-5042 (press 3). This will be a strictly and nonjudgmental group. People of all faiths are welcome!

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Bethlehem Catholic High School Theater presents Meet Me in St. Louis,

Based on the MGM movie starring Judy Garland, this family friendly show follows the Smith Family as they prepare for the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis while they deal with new opportunities, romance, heartbreak and the possibility of moving to New York. The show features memorable songs such as "Skip to My Lou," "The Boy Next Door," "The Trolley Song" and "Have Yourself a Merry Christmas." Show dates: April 5, 6, 12, 13 at 7:00PM and April 7 at 3:00PM. BeCa Auditorium, 2133 Madison Ave, Bethlehem, 18017. Reserved seating tickets (Rows D-N) available at www.bit.ly/becatheater and General Admission seating (Rows O-GG) sold one hour prior to showtime. \$12/adult; \$10/student, senior, military. Questions? theater@becahi.org