

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 2nd—1st Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. LOUISE & HARRISON HARTUNG—Adeline & Jack Llewellyn

9:30 A.M. CHARLES & DOROTHY ALBERT—Elaine Joannides

11:00 A.M. MARIE & MARTY GYOMBER—Joseph N Oros

Monday, December 3rd—St. Francis Xavier

8:00 A.M. PATRICK WESTLEY—The Horrigan Family

Tuesday, December 4th—St. John Damascene

8:00 A.M. JOSEPH HARDISKY—Mr. & Mrs. Donald Schalk

Wednesday, December 5th

8:00 A.M. DOROTHY E. QUINTER—Jack Quinter

Thursday, December 6th—St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 A.M. JOSEPH & ANN LAROCHE—Mary Ann Laroche & Susan DiCerchio

Friday, December 7th—St. Ambrose

8:00 A.M. SACRED HEART SOCIETY MEMBERS

Please Note: December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a holyday of obligation

7:00 P.M. JAMES & PATRICIA DALLAS—James Dallas ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Saturday, December 8th—Immaculate Conception BVM

8:00 A.M. ELVIRA ZUCCARINI—Ugo Zuccarini

11:00 A.M. DAVE SPAETH—The Spaeth Family

5:00 P.M. ARLINDA NUKKER—Richard Miller

Sunday, December 9th—2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. CLARA & PATRICK RAZZANO—Mary Ann & Jerry Razzano

9:30 A.M. DONALD WAGNER—The Wagner Family

11:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



How would I live today if I knew it was my last day on the earth? What priorities would guide my choices and decisions? The Church gives us the reading from Luke to start this Advent season in part so that we might call to mind the “end times” and the concurrent coming of the Son of Man. When our minds are drowning in lists, shopping, groceries, and gifts, we might pause, raise our head above these pressing concerns, and reflect from another point of view. In the end, what does it all mean? What is driving my actions and behaviors?

Am I watchful, vigilant for the Lord’s coming? And what would such watchfulness look like? The dying and rising of Christ gives meaning to my own personal death and resurrection each season, when I set aside my own desires and aims and focus on something eternal, something lasting. It is then that we recall the relationships forged and celebrated on this earth endure forever. The coming of the Son of Man means death to an old way of life, and resurrection of hope and life everlasting.

Reprinted with permission Liturgical Press; Collegeville, Minnesota

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6, Luke 3:1-6

ALTAR SERVER’S SCHEDULE

December 3rd through December 5th

8:00 A.M. Meghan Munter, Isabelle Gasperack

December 6th through December 7th

8:00 A.M. Mary Esterbrook, Jossian Lopez

7:00 P.M. The Tharp Family

December 8th—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:00 A.M. Ciaran & David Giles, Jossian Lopez

11:00 A.M. Gigi & Felicia Nawa, Christian Quintana

December 8th/9th 2nd Sunday of Advent

5:00 P.M. Adam Sichler, Kit & Boomer Schroder

7:30 A.M. Juleah Dubel-Haag, Christian Quintana, Lourdes Posadas

9:30 A.M. Matthew Deemer, Michelle & Angelina Chi

11:00 A.M. Daniel & Fay Moser, Rafe Parisi

† MEMORIAL SOCIETY †

The following have been enrolled in Sacred Heart’s Memorial Society:

By: Elizabeth M. Batdorf
Steve Krupa

By: Anna Kapp
Robert & Dianna Reeser

CANDLE OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary—In Memory of:

Joseph Stricek—Ginny

Special Intention our Parents & Family—The O’Rourke Family

Special Intention Shannon—Grammy

Special Intention Robert Stricek—Grandma

St. Joseph—In Memory of:

Thomas Stricek—Mom

Special Intention our Parents & Family—The O’Rourke Family

Sanctity of Fatherhood

Special Intention Annaliese Novak—Virginia

PARISH CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

The annual Parish Christmas Breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 23rd, 8:30am until 12:30pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym. Come enjoy a great breakfast with family & friends that includes pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage, plus a variety of hot and cold beverages! This is a parish-wide event open to both Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary parishes. Tickets will be sold after Masses on Dec. 8/9 and Dec. 15/16. \$3 Kids; \$4 Adults; or just \$10 for the entire family! Tickets are also available at the door.

SACRED HEART PARISH CHILDREN, GRADES K-6

Come and sing along with the Sacred Heart Parish Children’s Christmas Eve Choir! Practices will be held in the Church, 2 to 3 PM on Sundays, December 2, 9, 16 and 23. This special choir will perform on Christmas Eve before 5 PM Mass. Participants must make every effort to attend each practice! No registration necessary. For more information, or if you are interested in helping, please contact Rose Kennedy at (215) 292-4985 or rosekennedy@gmail.com.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, December 3rd
 7:30 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary
Monday through Saturday
 8:30 A.M. Fatima/Novena Rosary Group—Bornemann
 1:00 P.M. Senior's Meeting—Wachter
 7:00 P.M. Parish Council—Wachter
 7:00 P.M. Classical Choir Rehearsal—Church
Tuesday, December 4th
 8:30 A.M. Adoration Begins—Chapel
 5:00 P.M. Legion of Mary—Bornemann
 10:00 P.M. Adoration Ends—Chapel
Wednesday, December 5th
 9:30 A.M. Bible-Sharing—Bornemann
 7:00 P.M. RCIA—Bornemann
 7:30 P.M. Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—Church
Thursday, December 6th
 1:00 P.M. Knitters & Crocheters—Bornemann
 6:00 P.M. Preview Party—School Gym

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION on December 8th & 9th for the National Appeal for Retired Religious. Please place your Tuition Assistance envelopes in with the regular collection.

SENIOR NEWS

The Sacred Heart Seniors will be celebrating the Christmas Season on Monday, December 3rd at 1 PM in the Wachter Room. Tickets are \$5. Forgot to get a ticket? No Worries! Just pay at the door. Come join us for a luncheon of Christmas favorites and Christmas Carols! It's a great way to see friends, old and new!

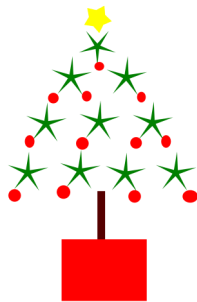


2019 CALENDARS

Kuhn Funeral Home has once again provided us with beautiful calendars for 2019. The calendars are in the bulletin racks in the narthex of the Church for your convenience. Please be courteous and take no more than needed per family.

THE GIVING TREE

The "Giving Tree" project for 2018 is underway. Our parish family is asked to share in the "spirit of giving" that Christmas brings, to help Lifeline of Berks County to replenish their pantry which serves mothers, babies, and their families throughout the coming year. Consider how you can share your joy in this Holy season. Please choose a tag containing a needed baby item from the "Giving Tree". Bring the new, unwrapped, item and place it around the tree. Your generous donation will be sent to Lifeline at the end of the Advent season.



LET US PRAY

In your charity, please pray for the priests of our diocese, and in particular this week, remember:

- ✠ 3 December—Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen, Bishop Emeritus
- ✠ 4 December—Sick & Infirm Priests
- ✠ 5 December—Rev. Dominik Kalata
- ✠ 6 December—Rev. Francis T. Kaminski
- ✠ 7 December—Rev. Kiaieta Joseph Kanimea
- ✠ 8 December—Rev. Venantius T. Karobo
- ✠ 9 December—Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn

ADVENT CONCERT WITH VESPERS

Holy Guardian Angels Church, Hyde Park, will conduct its 25th Annual Advent Concert with Vespers on Sunday, December 2nd at 4 PM in the Church. The Choir is acclaimed for its Vespers Program. What a wonderful way to begin this season with an afternoon of spiritual enrichment and seasonal inspiration.

The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

Will be celebrated at the Santander Arena on Wednesday 12 December. The Solemn Mass will be celebrated in the evening beginning at 6:00 PM followed by the fiesta. (Las Mañanitas begin at 4:30 AM.)

The official novena, organized by the Guadalupe Committee, and prayed in churches, will be held on December 4-7 at St. Paul Church and continues at St. Peter Church the evenings of December 8-11. The novena is celebrated in Spanish. Unless advised otherwise, all evening services will begin at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to honor the patroness of the Americas.

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 and 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

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

Once again the Little Blue Books for Advent are available at all the entrances of the Church. Use it 6 minutes a day during Advent for reflection. A donation of \$1.00 is asked for each book.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We wish to thank
SURGERY CONSULTANTS
 for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin.
 Please patronize our sponsors

Dec. 8/9	Celebrant	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00 P.M.	Jesuit Priest	Sr. Danielle Marie	Karen Minteer/Sr. Danielle Marie	Mike Shannon
7:30 A.M.	Fr. Hutta	Jeff Arentz		
9:30 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Rick Deemer/Karen Cameron	Peter Chu	Bill Fatora
11:00 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Steve Bell/Patty Kollar	Scott Sensenig/Steve Bell	Pat Zimmerman