

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 16th-3rd Sunday of Advent**  
7:30 A.M. FRED & HELEN GENTILE—Kathleen Pallette  
9:30 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES  
11:00 A.M. RICHARD McLAUGHLIN

**Monday, December 17th**  
8:00 A.M. SYLVESTER COMPARINI—Ugo Zuccarini

**Tuesday, December 18th**  
8:00 A.M. MARIE SELLERS—Mary Wolfe

**Wednesday, December 19th**  
8:00 A.M. MARTIN N. GYOMBER—Martha Karahuta

**Thursday, December 20th**  
8:00 A.M. DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LAROCHE & McCULLOUGH FAMILY—Mary Ann Laroche & Susan DeCerchio

**Friday, December 21st-St Peter Canisius**  
8:30 A.M. CESARE & NICOLINA GIANFREDA—Lucia Scioli Family  
*\* Please Note Time Change \**

**Saturday, December 22nd**  
5:00 P.M. HELEN & PAUL LIMPUS SR.—Mary Ann & Jerry Razzano

**Sunday, December 23rd-4th Sunday of Advent**  
7:30 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES  
9:30 A.M. JOHN & CHRISTINE NEES—Mary Wolfe  
11:00 A.M. JOSEPH FARINA—Dad, Mom & Isabella

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John the Baptist's simple message of justice and mercy has global ramifications in the modern world. Though it's easy to glance backward and recognize the challenges faced by those in the ancient world, John's message is for us too. There are those today who are cheated out of wages and/or benefits by others who game the system. Many of us might benefit (intentionally or not) from a system that encourages unjust practices when it comes to labor conditions or wages and benefits. Those in the developed world have the equivalent of multiple cloaks while many throughout the world go without. While it might be rare for us to see outright pilfering of wages, more often we can encounter poor working conditions, a minimum wage that requires 120 hours of work each week to support a family, or cheap goods whose real costs are borne an ocean away. What are the values that guide our lives? How are we to live in preparation for the coming of the Son of Man? Justice and mercy are a sure foundation.

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## DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We are looking for parishioners—young and old, male and female—to assist in decorating the Church for Christmas. We will decorate on Wednesday, December 19th and Thursday, December 20th beginning at 10 AM. Adorning the Church is a wonderful way to help prepare to celebrate the Lord's birth. Please consider giving us your time. Call the rectory (610) 372-4010 to let us know if you can help.

## Next Sunday's Readings:

Micah 5:1-4a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

## ALTAR SERVER'S SCHEDULE

**December 17th through December 19th**  
8:00 A.M. Isabelle & Carter Gasperack

**December 20th through December 21st**  
8:00 A.M. Juleah Dubel-Haag, Meghan Munter

**December 22nd/23rd**  
5:00 P.M. Ciaran & David Giles, Victoria Heidecker

7:30 A.M. Natalie Muir, Gigi & Felicia Nawa  
9:30 A.M. Jossian Lopez, Kit & Boomer Schroder  
11:00 A.M. Antonia Antolini, Julianna & Francesca Ditsky

## † MEMORIAL SOCIETY †

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

By: Frank Mazurkiewicz  
Jack Horrigan

By: Genevieve Stremba  
The Trakes Family  
Tobin Family & Dimmick Family

## CANDLE OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary—In Memory of:  
Genevieve Stremba—Bonnie Batdorf  
Special Intention our Parents & Family—The O'Rourke Family  
Special Intention Shannon—Grammy  
Special Intention Robert Stricek—Grandma

St. Joseph—In Memory of:  
Joseph Stricek—Ginny  
Thomas Stricek—Mom  
Special Intention our Parents & Family—The O'Rourke Family  
Sanctity of Fatherhood

**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 16th and 23rd. 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, contact Rose Kennedy (215) 292-4985 or [rosekennedy@gmail.com](mailto:rosekennedy@gmail.com).

## HIGH SCHOOL CYO BASKETBALL

Calling all high school girls and boys who wish to be part of the 2019 Sacred Heart CYO basketball team. If you are interested in playing in the high school CYO League please contact David Gasperack at [dgasperack@wellspan.org](mailto:dgasperack@wellspan.org) or Trevor Jackson at [trevjackson@comcast.net](mailto:trevjackson@comcast.net).

## CONFESSIONS

December 17th—6:45 to 7:15 PM at Holy Rosary  
December 18th—6:30 to 8 PM at Sacred Heart

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### This Week In Our Parish

**Monday, December 17th**  
 7:30 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary  
*Monday through Friday*  
 8:30 A.M. Fatima/Novena Rosary Group—Bornemann  
 7:00 P.M. Classical Choir Rehearsal—Church

**Tuesday, December 18th**  
 8:30 A.M. Adoration Begins—Chapel  
 5:00 P.M. Legion of Mary—Bornemann  
 10:00 P.M. Adoration Ends—Chapel

**Wednesday, December 19th**  
 9:30 A.M. Bible-Sharing—Bornemann  
 7:00 P.M. Liturgy Meeting—Wachter  
 7:00 P.M. RCIA—Bornemann  
 7:30 P.M. Contemporary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 20th**  
 1:00 P.M. Knitters & Crocheters—Bornemann  
 7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus—IHM Room

**Sunday, December 23rd**  
 8:30 P.M. Christmas Breakfast—School Gym



### 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.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS VESPERS

Berks Catholic invites you to celebrate the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ with our Christmas Vesper Prayer Service celebrated Sunday, December 16th at 4 PM here at Sacred Heart Church. Admission is Free and open to the public.

### SACRED HEART CENTENNIAL ORNAMENT

Created by Tom Pollard Designs celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church is available for sale at the Rectory during normal business hours for a special discounted rate of 15.00 each. Perfect for your Christmas tree or as a gift!

### LET US PRAY

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

- ✠ 17 December—Rev. David J. Kozak
- ✠ 18 December—Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel
- ✠ 19 December—Rev. Daniel E. Kravatz
- ✠ 20 December—Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak
- ✠ 21 December—Rev. Thomas J. Kuller
- ✠ 22 December—Rev. Joseph J. Kweder
- ✠ 23 December—Rev. Patrick H. Lamb

### Journey on a 10 Day Pilgrimage with Sacred Heart Parish to Portugal and Spain

Visiting Lisbon, Santeram, Fatima, Coimbra, Porto, Braga, Pontevedra and Santiago de Compostela. Departing October 10th and returning October 19th. Price is \$2,999 per person based on two people in a room. Included in the price: Roundtrip Air from Newark, Superior 3 and 4 star hotels, portorage for one suitcase, breakfast and dinner daily, Wine Tasting in Porto, tour Escort from beginning to end, Deluxe Motor Coach and Driver, Local Guides where needed. All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary, Daily Mass, All overseas transfers airports and hotels and All Assistance at overseas airports and hotels. \$100 Discount if deposit received before January 10, 2019. If that date is missed \$50 discount if deposit received before March 15, 2019. Please contact Bonnie at the rectory for a brochure and more information.



### SAINTS SHOOT OUT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES K THROUGH 8

Will be held on Thursday, December 27th, 8:30 AM to 12 Noon at Berks Catholic High School. Offensive moves for guards and forwards, dribbling moves, shooting, shooting off the dribble, shooting off the pass, and shoot out contest. Please visit [www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org) for the registration form.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Kindergarten Aide at Sacred Heart School. Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM. No experience necessary. Must have required clearances. Contact Mrs. Kathy Napolitano at (610) 373-3316 or [knapolitano@sacredheartreading.org](mailto:knapolitano@sacredheartreading.org).

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Dec. 22/23	Celebrant	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00 P.M.	Fr. Hutta	Sandi Wrable	Sandi Wrable/Karen Minter	
7:30 A.M.	Jesuit Priest	Mary Ann Kase	Mary Ann Kase	
9:30 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Denise Mogel/Karen Cameron	Mary Lou & Vince Parisi	Denise Mogel
11:00 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Kathy Nevel/Patty Kollar	Scott Sensenig/ Steve Bell	Sheila Walsh