

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>-St. Andrew**  
5:00 P.M. MARIE & MARTIN GYOMBER—Mr. & Mrs. Joe Oros

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>-First Sunday of Advent**  
7:30 A.M. FRED & HELEN GENTILE—Kathleen Pallette  
9:30 A.M. MARIA ROMANO-Giuseppe & Vittoria Maturi  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES  
11:00 A.M. ADM. SCOTT A STEARNEY—Mr. & Mrs. Robert McCabe & Family

**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
8:00 A.M. MARY DAMAGALSKI—Al & Robin Gombar  
MARIA ESPERANZA LOPEZ—Florita Lopez

**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>-St. Francis Xavier**  
8:00 A.M. ERNEST ORLANDO-Deacon Bill & Mary Ann Kase  
LOUISE & HARRISON HARTUNG—Adeline & Jack Llewellyn

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>-St. John Damascene**  
8:00 A.M. RONALD LATTANZIO, SR.-The Roman Family  
LIVING & DECEASED MOTHERS

**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 A.M. DOROTHY E. QUINTER—Jack Quinter  
FRANK MACY—Robert & Doris Sanders

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>-St. Nicholas**  
8:00 A.M. SACRED HEART SOCIETY MEMBERS  
JOSEPH & ANN LAROCHE—Mary Ann Laroche & Susan DiCerchio

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>-St. Ambrose**  
8:00 A.M. GIA FAWN  
MARIA KARAPATAKIS KRITZAS—Kelly McElroy  
5:00 P.M. ARLINDA MILLER—Richard & Susan Miller

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>-Second Sunday of Advent**  
7:30 A.M. CLARA & PATRICK RAZZANO—Mary Ann & Jerry Razzano  
9:30 A.M. NAJA HANNA—The Geringer Family  
11:00 A.M. SILVESTRO CIARLONE—Domenica Ciarlone

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The transformation that happens with the paschal mystery reaches out to us in our daily lives. Any tendency to become lethargic is thwarted by a resounding call to “stay awake!” The mystery of Christianity, the life, death, resurrection and ongoing life of Jesus animates us so we are no longer complacent. We are not carried away by the latest thriller or a glittering spectacle. Our life in Christ makes us rooted in God’s vision of the world. We see the world through new lenses. We are prepared for anything that might come, even our own death. In a state of preparation, then, we are alert, aware, and awake. The metamorphosis on the horizon approaches. It is coming, though we know not when.

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## Next Sunday’s Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

## ALTAR SERVER’S SCHEDULE

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 A.M. Rocco Perate, Gio Brendlen

**December 5<sup>th</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 A.M. Thania Cubas, Antonia Antolini

**December 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
8:00 A.M. Kylie Weiger, Coleen Duncan  
5:00 P.M. The Gasperack Family  
7:30 A.M. The Tharp Family  
9:30 A.M. Mary & Elizabeth Esterbrook, DJ O’Boyle  
11:00 A.M. Elise McCann, Andrew & John Maurer

## CANDLE OFFERINGS

**Blessed Virgin Mary—In Memory of:**  
Mary Domagalski—Al & Robin Gombar  
Chester & Anna Wiczalkowski—Bill & Gloria Limpus  
Joseph Stricek & Thomas Stricek—Ginny & Mom  
Special Intention for our parents and family—The O’Rourke Family

**St. Joseph—In Memory of:**  
Paul & Helen Limpus—Bill & Gloria Limpus  
Special Intention for our parents and family—The O’Rourke Family  
The Sanctity of Fatherhood  
Special Intention Robert Stricek—Grandma

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

Dominic *Anthony* Becker  
Rocco *Pio* DeCarlo  
Andrea *June* Dominguez  
Juleah *Maria* Dubel-Haag  
Ella *Cecilia* Holt  
Meghan *Catherine* Munter  
Gavin *Joseph* Nye  
Nolan *Joseph* Nye  
Analisa *Maria* Ortiz  
Austin *Michael* Pinder  
Alexis *Patrick* Pinon



## PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019

This Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 PM the Parish Bazaar Preview Party will be held in the school gym . \$10 donation at the door buys you a night of food, drinks, fellowship and fun. Come bid on our fantastic silent auction items and our student’s artwork.

## SACRED HEART PARISH CHILDREN, GRADES K-6

Attention Sacred Heart School and Parish children, Grades K-6: come and be a part of the Christmas Eve Children’s Choir! Practices will be held in the church, from 1 - 2 PM on Sundays, December 1, 15 and 22. Participants must make every effort to attend each practice. No registration required. If your child has a favorite religious Christmas song that they would like to suggest for our program, please email the title to Rose Kennedy for consideration. For more information, please contact Rose Kennedy, (215) 292-4985 or [rosekennedy@gmail.com](mailto:rosekennedy@gmail.com)

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## This Week In Our Parish

**Monday, December 2nd**  
 7:30 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary  
*Monday through Friday*  
 1:00 P.M. Seniors Meeting—Wachter  
 6:00 P.M. Legion of Mary—Bornemann  
 7:00 P.M. Parish Council—Wachter  
 7:00 P.M. Classical Choir Rehearsal—Church  
**Tuesday, December 3rd**  
 8:30 A.M. Adoration Begins—Chapel  
 10:00 P.M. Adoration Ends—Chapel  
**Wednesday, December 4th**  
 7:00 P.M. RCIA—Bornemann  
 7:30 P.M. Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—Church  
**Thursday, December 5th**  
 11:30 A.M. Fatima/Novena Rosary Group—Bornemann  
 1:00 P.M. Knitters & Crocheters—Bornemann  
 6:00 P.M. Parish Christmas Party—School Hall  
**Sunday, December 8th**  
 10:40 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary—Church

**THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION** on December, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> for Tuition Assistance.



### SENIORS SECRET SANTA SOIREE

The Sacred Heart Seniors will be celebrating the Christmas Season on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 PM in the Wachter Room. It will be a Secret Santa Soiree with fun, food and secret activities that only Santa knows about! So put on your Christmas Cheer and come out and see what Santa has in store for you!

### CHRISTMAS VESPERS

Berks Catholic High School invites you to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ with our Christmas Vesper Prayer Service on Sunday, December 15th at 4 PM at Sacred Heart Church, West Reading. Admission is free and open to the public.

### THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

On the 12th of December the Hispanic Community of the City of Reading will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Santander Arena. The Solemn Vigil Mass will be celebrated beginning at 6:30 PM. All parishioners are invited to attend!

The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County is holding their Christmas luncheon and meeting on Saturday, December 14th at Chef Alan's in West Reading. Lunch begins at 12:30 PM. For more information and reservations, please call Fran at (610) 621-8699 by December 7th.

Dec. 7/8	Celebrant	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00 P.M.	Jesuit Priest	Joe Tharp	Ed Kuhn/Joe Tharp	Karen Minteer
7:30 A.M.	Fr. Hutta	Vince Moffit		
9:30 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Rick Deemer/Karen Cameron	Peter Chu	Mary Lou Creyts
11:00 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Patty Kollar	Pat Zimmerman	Scott Sensenig

## LET US PRAY

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

- ✠ 2 December—Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert D.D., Bishop
- ✠ 3 December—Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen, Bish. Emerit.
- ✠ 4 December—Sick & Infirm Priests
- ✠ 5 December—Rev. Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan
- ✠ 6 December—Rev. E. Michael Camilli
- ✠ 7 December—Rev. Msgr. John S. Campbell
- ✠ 8 December—Rev. William T. Campion

**GIVING TREE**

The "Giving Tree" project for 2019 is underway. Our church 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.

### 2020 CALENDARS

**Kuhn Funeral Home** has once again provided us with beautiful calendars for 2020. 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.



### COOKIE TRAY SALE

Buy a \$15 cookie tray and feed 375 starving children. The Mini Vinnies will be selling cookie trays to support The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger. The cookie trays make wonderful hostess gifts and affordable gifts for friends and colleagues. The cookie trays are only \$15 each and have 24 cookies, chocolates and are beautifully gift wrapped. Last year's sale provided food for 4.2 million children as part of Cross Catholic Outreach's school feeding program in Haiti. Because the cookies are great tasting and the proceeds do so much good, over 57 tons of trays of cookies have been sold so far. Please buy a tray or two.

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