

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7th-St. Ambrose
8:00 A.M. GIA FAWN
MARIA KARAPATAKIS KRITZAS—Kelly McElroy
5:00 P.M. ARLINDA MILLER—Richard & Susan Miller
Sunday, December 8th-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
Monday, December 9th-Immaculate Conception BVM
8:00 A.M. DONALD WAGNER—The Wagner Family
IVANA PANTALONE—Jerry & Theresa Yedinak
Tuesday, December 10th
8:00 A.M. JOHN & HELEN MACK—Ralph & Kathy Nevel
JERRY YODER—Knights of Columbus
Bornemann Council
Wednesday, December 11th-St. Damasus I
8:00 A.M. MCCARTHY FAMILY—Mary E. Tiehl
ELEANOR MATSKO—Joe & Sharon Daly
Thursday, December 12th-Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 A.M. RONALD LATTANZIO SR.—Sarangoulis Family
** Please Note Time Change **
Friday, December 13th-St. Lucy
8:00 A.M. TINA COLEMAN—Scott & Susie Kos & Family
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Saturday, December 14th-St. John of the Cross
5:00 P.M. IN REMEMBRANCE OF DOMENIC & MARJORIE
IZZO'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—Linda & Domenic Izzo
Sunday, December 15th-3rd Sunday of Advent
7:30 A.M. MARIE & MARTY GYOMBER—Godchild, Joey Oros
9:30 A.M. DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LAROCHE AND McCULLOUGH FAMILIES—Mary Ann Laroche & Susan Dicerchio
11:00 A.M. WILLIAM A. KOS—Scott & Susie Kos & Family
PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



As human beings we desire consistency, predictability, and stability. Though it's good to experience new things, not many of us thrive on doing new things all the time. Our lives may be punctuated by difference, but regularity reigns. Even the liturgical cycle of readings is regulated, and each Advent we read from John the Baptist's fiery preaching.

Even so, it's good for us to be shaken up a bit and jostled from our regular routine, as John the Baptist is doing today. We are reminded that we need to repent, turn away from selfish interests and turn toward God. This interior renewal is nothing less than a dying to self and rising with Christ, the paschal mystery. What regular routines do we need to abandon? From what in our lives do we need to turn away? What does turning toward God look like in our own time and place, in the midst of the relationships we have? Going to church, being Catholic, or knowing about God is not enough. An interior reorientation toward God and the values of His kingdom is demanded.

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Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-6; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

ALTAR SERVER'S SCHEDULE

December 9th through December 11th
8:00 A.M. Rocco DeCarlo, Alexis Pinon
December 12th through December 13th
8:00 A.M. Juleah Dubel-Haag, Meghan Munter
December 14th/15th 3rd Sunday of Advent
5:00 P.M. Amelia Woytovich, Juleah Dubel-Haag, Chet DePue,
7:30 A.M. Christian Quintana, Christine Yu, Lucia Anewalt
9:30 A.M. The Mauro Family
11:00 A.M. Analisa Ortiz, John & Anna Huber

† MEMORIAL SOCIETY †

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

By: **Dolores Lord**
Rena Spaeth

CANDLE OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary—In Memory of:
Marie & Marty Gyomber—Mr. & Mrs. Joe Oros & Son
Patricia Russell Shannon—Ginny
Special Intention for our parents and family—The O'Rourke Family
Special Intention Robert Stricek—Grandma
St. Joseph—In Memory of:
Joseph Stricek—Ginny
Jan Craig Schriver—Rose Kugler
Special Intention for our parents and family—The O'Rourke Family
The Sanctity of Fatherhood

SENIORS SECRET SANTA SOIREE

The Sacred Heart Seniors Secret Santa Soiree was postponed due to inclement weather but now will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th 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!



SACRED HEART 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 15th and 22nd. Participants must make every effort to attend each practice. No registration required. For more information, please contact Rose Kennedy, (215) 292-4985 or rosekennedy@gmail.com

PARISH CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

The annual Parish Christmas Breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 15th, 8:30 AM until 1 PM 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 at the door - \$3 Children; \$4 Adults; or just \$10 for the entire family!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, December 9th
 7:30 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary
Monday through Friday
 1:00 P.M. Sacred Heart Seniors—Wachter
 7:00 P.M. SVDP—Wachter
 7:00 P.M. Classical Choir Rehearsal—Church
 7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Planning —IHM Room
Tuesday, December 10th
 8:30 A.M. Adoration Begins—Chapel
 5:00 P.M. Legion of Mary—Bornemann
 10:00 P.M. Adoration Ends—Chapel
Wednesday, December 11th
 9:30 A.M. Searching Sacred Scripture—Bornemann
 7:00 P.M. Baptism Class—Wachter
 7:00 P.M. RCIA—Bornemann
 7:30 P.M. Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—Church
Thursday, December 12th
 11:30 A.M. Fatima/Novena Rosary Group—Bornemann
 1:00 P.M. Knitters & Crocheters—Bornemann
 7:00 P.M. W.I.N.E.—Wachter
Sunday, December 15th
 10:00 A.M. Parish Christmas Breakfast—School Hall
 10:40 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary—Church
 1:00 P.M. Third Order Carmelites—Chapel & Wachter
 1:00 P.M. Children’s Choir Rehearsal—Church
 4:00 P.M. BCHS Advent Vespers—Church

SEARCHING SACRED SCRIPTURE

Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Borneman Room as we reflect on the upcoming Sunday Scripture Readings and apply them to our lives today.

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 next weekend after all the Masses.

LET US PRAY

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

- ✠ 9 December—Rev. Thomas A. Carney
- ✠ 10 December—Rev. Msgr. Michael Chaback
- ✠ 11 December—Rev. Msgr. John G. Chizmar
- ✠ 12 December—Rev. Donald W. Cieniewicz
- ✠ 13 December—Rev. Richard M. Clement
- ✠ 14 December—Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Coll
- ✠ 15 December—Rev. Edward B. Connolly

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.

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.

SUPPORT AGING RELIGIOUS

Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

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School Website: sacredheartreading.com

Diocesan Website: allentowndiocese.org

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Dec. 14/15	Celebrant	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00 P.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Terry Vogel	Sr. Danielle Marie/Karen Minteer	Terry Vogel
7:30 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Jeff Arentz	Jo Quaglia	
9:30 A.M.	Fr. Hutta	Mike Gallagher/Marsha Gleason	Jack Gruber/John Gleason	Mike Gallagher
11:00 A.M.	Fr. Hutta	Kathy Nevel/Patty Kollar	Roseann Tice	Scott Sensenig