

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 14th-St. John of the Cross
5:00 P.M. IN REMEMBRANCE, 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

Monday, December 16th
8:00 A.M. TINA COLEMAN—The Ferrandino Family
JERRY YODER—Dot & Bob Devlin

Tuesday, December 17th
8:00 A.M. MARIA ESPERANZA LOPEZ—Florita Lopez
LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS

Wednesday, December 18th
8:00 A.M. MARIE SELLERS—Mary Wolfe
CHARLIE MILLER—Joan & Jack Gruber

Thursday, December 19th
8:30 A.M. ELVERA ORLANDO—Deacon Bill & Mary Ann
Kase
MARGARET MOFFITT—Jack Horrigan

Friday, December 20th
8:00 A.M. APOLINARIO QUIDOL—Scott & Susie Kos &
Family
DR. JAMES KASE—Suzanne & Fred Gerber

Saturday, December 21st- St. Peter Canisius
5:00 P.M. CESARE & NICOLINA GIANFREDA—Lucia Scioli

Sunday, December 22nd- 4th Sunday of Advent
7:30 A.M. HELEN & PAUL LIMPUS, SR.—Mary Ann &
Jerry Razzano
PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

9:30 A.M. TOM & JOSEPH HARDISKY—The O'Rourke
Family

11:00 A.M. HENRIETTA DLUGOS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Expectations can be lofty things and it is disappointing when we see someone fall short or when we ourselves fall short. Then again, how often are we held to expectations beyond our ability or opposed to our own priorities? If and when we fail to meet the expectations of others, especially when we've had no say in those expectations, the fallout may be significant. Not many of us like to be told what we need to do or how we need to do it. So it is incumbent upon us not to lay unrealistic or uninformed expectations on others either.

Today we learn about John's expectations for Jesus, the one he baptized. John was likely offended at Jesus' behavior and preaching because it was not what he had foretold. The disconnect was so great that John wondered if there was someone else who was to come. This is a good reminder for us to temper our expectations of others. We are ultimately responsible for ourselves, not anyone else. We can let God raise up to others the special gifts, talents, and abilities given to them. We would do well to let die any desire to control others through the expectations we might place on them.

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Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

ALTAR SERVER'S SCHEDULE

December 16th through December 18th
8:00 A.M. Francesca Ditsky, Mary Esterbrook

December 19th through December 20th
8:00 A.M. Ayla Estriplet, Isabelle Gasperack

December 21st/22nd, 4th Sunday of Advent
5:00 P.M. Antonia Antolini, Thania Cubas
7:30 A.M. Rocco Perate, Gio Brendlen, Nate Torres
9:30 A.M. Michelle & Angelina Chi, Ayla Estriplet
11:00 A.M. Andrew & John Maurer, Kylie Weiger

† MEMORIAL SOCIETY †

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

By: Mary & Walter Domagalski
Marcia Schreffler

CANDLE OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary—In Memory of:

Nancy Philliber—Ginny
Annaliese Novak—Virginia
Special Intention for our parents and family—The
O'Rourke Family

Special Intention Robert Stricek—Grandma

St. Joseph—In Memory of:

Joseph Stricek—Ginny
Special Intention for our parents and family—The
O'Rourke Family
The Sanctity of Fatherhood
Special Intention

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 Friday, 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) 972-4010 to let us know if you can help.

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

**The Annual Parish Christmas Breakfast
has been CANCELLED!**

CONFESSIONS

December 18th—6:45 -7:15 PM at Holy Rosary
December 19th—6:30 to 8 PM at Sacred Heart
December 21st—3:30 to 4:30 PM at Sacred Heart
There will be no Confessions on December 24th or
December 28th, 2019.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, December 16th
 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 17th
 8:30 A.M. Adoration Begins—Chapel
 5:00 P.M. Legion of Mary—Bornemann
 10:00 P.M. Adoration Ends—Chapel
Wednesday, December 18th
 1:00 P.M. SHS Christmas Pageant—Church
 7:00 P.M. RCIA—Bornemann
 7:30 P.M. Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—Church
Thursday, December 19th
 12:00 P.M. Fatima Rosary Group—Bornemann
 1:00 P.M. Knitters & Crocheters—Bornemann
 7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus—IHM Room
Sunday, December 22nd
 10:40 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary—Church
 1:00 P.M. Christmas Children’s Choir Rehearsal—Church



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.

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

SAINTS ANNUAL SHOOTING CLINIC December 30th

For Boys and Girls Grades K-8. Offensive moves for guards and forwards, dribbling moves, shooting, shooting off the dribble, shooting off the pass, and shoot out contest. Please go to the Berks Catholic Website for a registration form. www.berkscatholic.org



LET US PRAY

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

- ✠ 16 December—Rev. James M.T. Connolly
- ✠ 17 December—Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Coyle
- ✠ 18 December—Rev. Harold F. Dagle
- ✠ 19 December—Rev. Charles J. Dene
- ✠ 20 December—Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Derzack
- ✠ 21 December—Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. DeSantis
- ✠ 22 December—Rev. Edward R. Domin

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.



CAT I—THE CREED

An overview of fundamental Catholic teachings based on the founding Symbol of our Faith. This course provides catechists with a foundation in the basic tenets of the Catholic Faith, and is a good starting point leading to further study. The course is highly recommended for Catechists; but everyone is invited to learn more about what it means to say, *I believe...* This course will be presented Online by Cassie Boccardi and is scheduled from Monday, January 6th to Sunday, February 2nd. Cost: \$35. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The St. Francis Hospice Home in Shillington, PA is in need of additional volunteers to help provide compassionate, loving care to it’s residents. Please come and shadow one of our volunteers and see if you are being called to provide this blessed ministry. No medical background is required, just a willing heart. Any amount of time can help. For more information please contact Sandy Niehenke, manager of St Francis Home, at (610) 898-4242.

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 School Website: sacredheartreading.com
 Diocesan Website: allentowndiocese.org

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Dec. 21/22	Celebrant	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00 P.M.	Fr. Hutta	Sandie Wrable	Sandie Wrable	Karen Minteer
7:30 A.M.	Jesuit Priest	Mary Ann Kase	Mary Ann Kase	
9:30 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Bonnie Batdorf/Karen Cameron	Mary Lou & Vince Parisi	
11:00 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Ralph & Margaret Hueske	Ralph & Margaret Hueske	Pat Zimmerman