

MASS SCHEDULE

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—Irene Wagner
Monday, December 23rd-St. John of Kanty
8:00 A.M. WILLIAM G. KOS-Scott & Susie Kos & Family
DANIEL HANNAHOE—Bonnie Hannahoe
Tuesday, December 24th
5:00 P.M. CHILDREN OF THE PARISHES
10:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Wednesday, December 25th-The Nativity of the Lord
7:30 A.M. PRIEST'S INTENTION
9:30 A.M. PRIEST'S INTENTION
11:15 A.M. PRIEST'S INTENTION
Thursday, December 26th-St. Stephen
8:00 A.M. JOSEPH FARINA—Mom, Daddy & Isabella
JOHN MACK—Ralph & Kathy nevel
Friday, December 27th-St. John the Apostle
8:00 A.M. CHRISTINE & JON NEES—Mary Wolfe
TOM COLEMAN
Saturday, December 28th-Holy Innocents
5:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
EMILY & VINCENT ZUWIALA—Bob & Doris Sanders
Sunday, December 29th-Holy Family
7:30 A.M. DOMINA CABILLAN-Scott & Susie Kos & Family
9:30 A.M. BRIAN D. BUTTON—Beverly Comparini
11:00 A.M. JOSEPH STRICEK—Ginny, Art, Les, Bobby & Heidi

Please Note that daily Mass will be celebrated in the Church, not the Chapel, December 26th through December 31st.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“Ready or not here we come” is a phrase repeated often in the game of hide and seek, and it is a phrase appropriate for this Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas will be here soon whether we are ready or not. And as Christmas is the celebration of the birth of a child, we see that this phrase is appropriate for that too. Many parents reach a sometimes-startling conclusion that the baby will be here whether they are ready or not.

Our Advent has undoubtedly been spent in preparation. But no matter how much preparation we've done, there's like more we could do. In the end, the day is going to come whether we are ready or not. Despite all of our planning or lack of thereof, soon the celebration will begin. In these remaining days, let us die to anything that takes our focus and attention away from the reason for the preparation. The Christ Child is about to be born. Life has profound meaning. Ready or not, Christmas is coming.

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Next Sunday's Readings:

Sirach 3:2-6; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15

ALTAR SERVER'S SCHEDULE

December 23 through December 24
8:00 A.M. John & Anna Huber
December 24th
5:00 P.M. Rocco Perate, Elizabeth & Mary Esterbrook
10:00 P.M. John & Andrew Maurer, The Tharp Family
December 25th
7:30 A.M. John & Anna Huber, Chet Depue
9:30 A.M. Ciaran & David Giles, Antonia Antolini
11:15 A.M. Jossian Sanchez-Lopez, Coleen Duncan, Kylie Wieger
December 26th through December 27th
8:00 A.M. Nate Torres, Grant Cibulsky
December 28th/29th-Holy Family
5:00 P.M. Jossian Sanchez-Lopez, DJ O'Boyle, Fay Moser
7:30 A.M. Thania Cubas, Kylie Weiger, Mary Esterbrook
9:30 A.M. The Gasperack Family
11:00 A.M. The Tharp Family

CANDLE OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary—In Memory of:

Maria & John Oros—Mr. & Mrs. Joe Oros & Son
Special Intention for our parents and family—The O'Rourke Family

Special Intention Karen & John Gearhart—Aunt Virginia
Special Intention Patricia Shannon—Ginny

St. Joseph—In Memory of:

All Living & Deceased of Richard Wolf Sr. Family—Virginia

Special Intention for our parents and family—The O'Rourke Family

The Sanctity of Fatherhood

Special Intention Robert Stricek—Grandma

SACRED HEART PARISH CHILDREN GRADES K-6

Come and be a part of the Christmas Eve Children's Choir! Last rehearsal will be held in the church, from 1 - 2 PM on Sunday, December 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

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

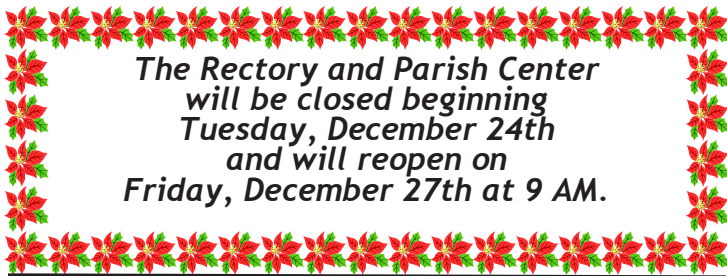
Kuhn Funeral Home has once again provided us with beautiful calendars for 2020. The calendars are in the bulletin racks in the narthex of the Church for your convenience. Please be courteous and take no more than needed per family.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, December 23rd
 7:30 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary
Monday through Friday
 8:30 A.M. Newsletter Mailing—Wachter
 7:00 P.M. Classical Choir Rehearsal—Church
Tuesday, December 24th
Rectory Office & Parish Center Closed
Wednesday, December 25th
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
Thursday, December 26th
Rectory Office & Parish Center Closed
Friday, December 27th
Rectory Office Open 9 AM to 2 PM
Sunday, December 29th
 10:40 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary—Church


**The Rectory and Parish Center
 will be closed beginning
 Tuesday, December 24th
 and will reopen on
 Friday, December 27th at 9 AM.**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Will not occur on Tuesday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 31st. It will return to its normal schedule on Tuesday, January 7th.



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.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

If you are aware of someone from our parish that we may not be aware of who is homebound or in a nursing home or assisted living facility, please take a moment and call the rectory (610) 372-4010. We are trying to keep our lists current and would like to know if we are missing anyone. A home visit can be arranged and visits to our nursing home, assisted living and homebound parishioners take place regularly and whenever needed.

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

LET US PRAY

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

- ✠ 23 December—Rev. Bruno Dongo
- ✠ 24 December—Rev. Anthony M. Drouncheck
- ✠ 25 December—Rev. Ladislaus J. Dudek
- ✠ 26 December—Rev. Edward J. Essig
- ✠ 27 December—Rev. Giuseppe C. Esposito
- ✠ 28 December—Rev. Bernard J. Ezaki
- ✠ 29 December—Rev. Joseph Favole-Mihm

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Deadline Distribution is December 31st, 2019

“Taxpayers age 70 1/2 or older who need to withdraw their required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year should consider leveraging a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The taxpayer may direct the distribution of up to \$100,000 each year from their employer sponsored retirement plan or IRA to one or more qualified charitable organizations. This distribution counts toward satisfying their RMD and will not be taxable to the individual. This is a smart way to gain an effective deduction for charitable gifts without the need to have itemized deductions in excess of the newly increased standard deduction.”

Robert Westley, CPA/PFS,
member of the AICPA PFS Credential Committee

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.

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Dec. 28/29	Celebrant	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00 P.M.	Fr. Hutta	Sandie Wrable	Karen Minteer/Sandie Wrable	Mike Shannon
7:30 A.M.	Fr. Hutta	Joe Tharp	Joe Tharp	
9:30 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Denise Mogel/Mary Ann Kelly	Mary Ann & Bob Kelly	Denise Mogel
11:00 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Mike Gallagher/Patty Kollar	Mike Gallagher/Scott Sensenig	Pat Zimmerman