

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.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



The gospel of Christmas Day is not what most normally think of as the "Christmas story," a conflation of Jesus's birth from the gospels of Matthew and Luke. There are no shepherds, but there is the Good Shepherd whose feet upon the mountain bring good news. There is no star, but the Light, which no darkness can overcome. We hear no hosts of angels, but the Word made Flesh through whom God spoke clearly and fully. No babe, meek and mild, do we gather around but the very imprint of God's being in whom we are gathered to become children of God.

Christmas Day soothes with no bedtime lullabies nor amused with innocent pageants. Rather, in the harsh light of day, when all the world's brokenness is laid bare, we hear the sentinels weep for joy at the announcement of "peace." Song is heard among the ruins of our relationships made right. For in *this* beginning, with *this* birth, we, too, are recreated again.

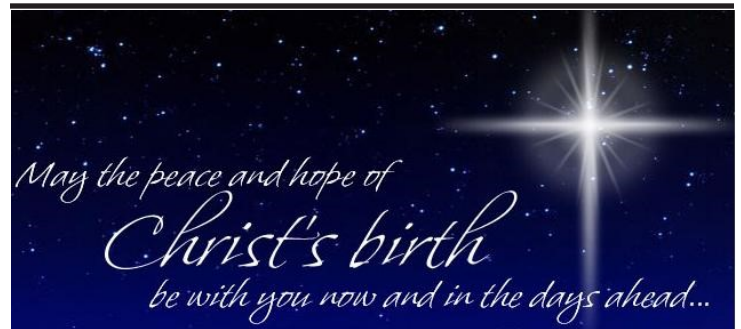
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Next Sunday's Readings:

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

On behalf of Monsignor DeSantis, Father Hutta, Deacon Kase, Deacon May and our entire Staff, we would like to extend our wishes for a most Blessed Christmas to all of our parishioners and their families. We would also like to thank our many volunteers for the remarkable work they do throughout the year to make our parish a vibrant and welcoming haven in service of our Lord and one another. God Bless Us All!

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

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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.

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.



SHRINE VOTIVE OFFERINGS

Anyone wishing to have a candle or candles burn at the shrines to St. Joseph or the Blessed Virgin Mary as a memorial or special intention for any particular Sunday/week, contact the office (610) 372-4010. The usual offering for the memorial candle is \$5.00.

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

DONATE REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION TO CHARITY

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

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 |
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| 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 |