

Catholic Schools

The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

Rectory: Mailing Address & Business Hours

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Reading, PA 19610

Hours: 9 AM to 4 PM: Monday through Thursday; *9 AM to 2 PM Friday*

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Sacrament of Marriage:

Diocesan Marriage Policy: Couples should schedule a meeting with the parish priest as soon as they are engaged to marry. After meeting with the priest, the couple must contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life Formation at (610) 289-8900 x221 to register for the FOCCUS inventory. This survey is to be taken online within two weeks after meeting with the priest. The survey is designed to help couples learn more about their unique relationship and to facilitate open and honest communication between the couple. After discussing FOCCUS with the priest, the couple should register online for marriage preparation classes. These classes must be taken at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please see the website for the schedule.

Baptism/Baptism Preparation: Baptism every third Sunday of the month. Baptism preparation class every Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday at 7 PM in the Borneman Room.

Letters of Recommendation & Eligibility: Can be issued only to parishioners who are registered and in good standing with the Parish.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish! Please call the rectory for registration



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 25th—Conversion of St. Paul
5:00 P.M. JOSEPH & ANN LAROCHE—MaryAnn Laroche
DiCerchio

Sunday, January 26th—Third Sunday of the Year
7:30 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
9:30 A.M. JOHN & MARIA OROS—Helen Bruno
11:00 A.M. WILLIAM H. DERR—Judy & Jim Bonner

Monday, January 27th—St. Angela Merici
8:00 A.M. EDWARD SANFORD—Al & Robin Gombar

Tuesday, January 28th—St. Thomas Aquinas
8:00 A.M. HAROLD MILLER—Richard & Susan Miller

Wednesday, January 29th
8:00 A.M. MARY & EDWARD BRAZINSKY—Adeline &
Jack Llewellyn

Thursday, January 30th
8:00 A.M. DECEASED MEMBERS-LAROCHE & DiCERCHIO
FAMILIES—Tony & Susan DiCerchio

Friday, January 31st—St. John Bosco
8:00 A.M. MSGR. THEODORE WAGNER

Saturday, February 1st
8:00 A.M. DENIS M. HARENZA—Charles Harenza
5:00 P.M. MARGARET & WILLIAM WELLOCK—Bill
Wellock
PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

Sunday, February 2nd—The Presentation of the Lord
7:30 A.M. JAMES & PATRICIA DALLAS—James M. Dallas
9:30 A.M. HELEN CIEPLINSKI—The O'Rourke Family
11:00 A.M. E. ANNETTE ROBERTSON—Dr. John J.
Robertson

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Jesus called the disciples near the beginning of His ministry. And He called them two by two, the brothers Simon and Andrew, and James and John. These were fishermen, in some ways the ancient equivalent of today's highly skilled blue-collar workers. They worked with their hands, as even the "mending their nets"

indicates. At the invitation of Jesus, they all leave behind their way of life to follow Him.

Modern calls to discipleship are scarcely so dramatic. But the imagery presented in Matthew speaks to us when we imagine putting away prior commitments that tend to disintegrate in the face of an invitation from Jesus. We may hear the same call to put aside the tedious, monotonous, quotidian activities that mark our lives and enter into a new relationship with Him. This relationship will ultimately lead to a putting away of our entire selves, a dying to ourselves, so that we might rise with Him. And that is the paschal mystery. At this, the beginning of Jesus' ministry we hear the call to follow Him to the point of forsaking our very selves. In so doing, we will be raised to new life with Him.

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8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER AT GNA

Sacred Heart's 8th Grade will be hosting a fundraiser at GNA on Wednesday, January 29th from 5 to 9 PM to help lower the cost of their class trip to Annapolis. Please come and join us for a wonderful dinner—dine in or take out. Bring your family and friends! Thank you to the GNA establishment for their generosity.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

ALTAR SERVER'S SCHEDULE

January 27th through January 29th

8:00 A.M. Juleah Dubel-Haag, Meghan Munter

January 30th through January 31st

8:00 A.M. Rocco DeCarlo, Alexis Pinon

February 1st/2nd, Third Sunday of the Year

8:00 A.M. Christian Quintana, Grant Cibulski

5:00 P.M. The Esterbrook Family

7:30 A.M. Kylie Weiger, Fay Moser, Nate Torres

9:30 A.M. Giuliana & Francesca Ditsky, Coleen Duncan

11:00 A.M. Rocco & Emilio DeCarlo, DJ O'Boyle

The flowers at the tabernacle last weekend were in memory of Dr. Carl Wolf from Dr. Benita Bachl.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

The weekends of February 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd are available for anyone who would like to place flowers at the tabernacle or in front of the altar. To make arrangements, please call the rectory at (610) 372-4010

† MEMORIAL SOCIETY †

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

By: Paul Klick Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. James Papola

CANDLE OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary

In Thanksgiving for our Music Ministry Members—The O'Rourke Family

Special Intention Susan Jendrasack Smith—Aunt Virginia

Special Intention Kelly Flemming Lane—Virginia

Special Intention

St. Joseph—In Memory of:

Edward Sanford—Al & Robin Gombar

The Sanctity of Fatherhood

Special Intention Robert Stricek—Grandma

In Thanksgiving for our Music Ministry Members—The O'Rourke Family

A VALENTINE REMEMBRANCE

The Sacred Heart St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting items for their Valentine's Day Baskets for Shut-Ins Project. Needed are small baskets in which to put the gift items in as well as: flavored/decaffeinated

tea, light jam, Dove or Ivory soap, deodorant, gentle body wash, body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, sugar-free candy, note paper and stamps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small packages of tissues, or anything else you think they would enjoy or need. **We can no longer accept hotel soaps, shampoos, body washes.** You may place your items in the basket located in the vestibule in front of the windows next to the fundraising table or drop them off at the rectory. You are also invited to join in packing the baskets on Monday, February 10th at 7 PM in the Wachter Room. We are also in need of volunteers to deliver the baskets. If you have any questions, contact Ann Sutherland at asuther237@gmail.com. As always, SVDP appreciates your continued support of their projects.



THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, January 27th
 7:30 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary
Monday through Friday
 8:30 A.M. Newsletter Mailing—Wachter
 8:30 A.M. Fatima Rosary Group—Bornemann
 7:00 P.M. Classical Choir Rehearsal—Church
Tuesday, January 28th
 8:30 A.M. Adoration Begins—Chapel
 5:00 P.M. Legion of Mary—Bornemann
 10:00 P.M. Adoration Ends—Chapel
Wednesday, January 29th
 9:30 A.M. Searching Sacred Scripture—Bornemann
 7:00 P.M. RCIA—Bornemann
 7:30 P.M. Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—Church
Thursday, January 30th
 Noon Fatima/Novena Rosary Group—Bornemann
 1:00 P.M. Knitters & Crocheters—Bornemann
Sunday, February 2nd
 10:00 A.M. Coffee & Donuts—Wachter
 10:40 A.M. Recitation of the Rosary—Church

COFFEE & DONUTS

Please join us in the Wachter Room for fellowship, coffee, juice, and donuts on Sunday, February 2nd following the 9:30 and 11 AM Masses.

TAX CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

Please Note that this year the Church will not be sending out Tax Contribution Reports automatically. If you would like a copy of your giving record for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. If you would like your statement sent to you electronically please print email address clearly on this form.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

Of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a First Friday gathering on Thursday, February 6th at St. Ambrose Church, 201 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven. Mass will be celebrated at 6 PM by Father Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community. Mass will be followed by a period of Adoration and Confessions until 7 PM and then an informal social. Please join us for this opportunity to meet each other as we come together for prayer and fellowship. (Questions: Fr. Bobbin: (610) 866-0791x332 or kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org)

LET US PRAY

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

- ✠ 27 January—Rev. John G. Hilferty
- ✠ 28 January—Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Hoban
- ✠ 29 January—Rev. Allen J. Hoffa
- ✠ 30 January—Rev. Richard Huber
- ✠ 31 January—Rev. John A. Hutta
- ✠ 1 February—Pope Francis
- ✠ 2 February—Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert D.D., Bishop

Also, please pray for...

...the following persons who are serving our Country in the Armed Forces:

1 st CPO Sean Adams	Capt. Kirstin Strobel
CW4 Joseph Zalewski	Major Bernard W. Mann
2 nd Lt. Michael Rodick	Lt. Col. Chris Gebbia
Raymond Konopelski	Max Bremer
Dr. Justin Bremem	2Lt Nicholas W. Strobel
Staff Sgt. Jason Miller	Lt. Cmdr. Laura Reshetar
SFC Patricia Gunning	Capt. Michael Wellock
1st Lt. Christopher Wellock	Cmdr. Laura Nevel
Airman 1 st Jake Banta	Lt. Thomas Helinek

Captain Jacob Layer

Please call the rectory if there are changes, deletions, or additions.

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE

Junior and senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide tax preparation assistance free of charge to senior citizens with incomes below \$54,000, people with disabilities, student, military and those who speak English as a second language. The VITA program will begin Monday, January 20th through March 27th. This program is part of the United States Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. To schedule a VITA appointment, call (610) 282-1100 ext. 1868. A DeSales student will return the phone call and provide assistance accordingly. This program is sponsored by the IRS and supervised by Dr. Christopher R. Coccozza, division head of DeSales University's Division of Business and professor of business. He has served as VITA coordinator since the program was initiated at DeSales in 2001.

BERNARDINE BONANZA

The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters in Reading invite you to Bernardine Bonanza, on February 22nd from 6 to 9:30 PM at their Motherhouse. To make a donation for their retired sisters or to purchase tickets, visit bfranciscan.org or call Sr. Maria Bartos (484) 334-6815. This event supports over 90 retired nuns.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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Feb. 1/2	Celebrant	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00 P.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Mike Gallagher	Jack Gruber/Mike Gallagher	Karen Minter
7:30 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Mary Ann Kase		
9:30 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Denise Mogel/Marsha Gleason	Peter Chu/John Gleason	Denise Mogel
11:00 A.M.	Msgr. DeSantis	Ralph & Margaret Hueske	Ralph & Margaret Hueske	Scott Sensenig