

Diocese of Allentown

The Immaculate Conception Parish

Churches of
Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph
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The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone, who as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee / volunteer of the Diocese / Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about the program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service
www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

October 31, 2021 ~ The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORSHIP

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m. @ Immaculate Conception Church

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. @ St. Joseph Church; 10:30 a.m @ Immaculate Conception

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. Mon. & Thurs. @ ICC; Tues. & Fri. @ SJC; Wed.- Private

Holy Days: As announced

First Saturday: 9:00 a.m. rotates Church every month, Nov-SJC; Dec- ICC

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 8 a.m. Mass on Tuesday & Thursday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd Wednesday of month @ ICC,

2nd & 4th Wednesday of month @ SJC

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Call the Rectory for registration and necessary preparations. Parents must attend a Baptism Prep Class, which are offered monthly.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Call the rectory at least six months in advance of proposed wedding date for registration and any necessary preparations.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

This Sacrament is provided to any sick, or elderly person who requests it. Notify the Rectory office as soon as someone becomes seriously ill, so that they might receive this Sacrament, please do not wait until death is imminent.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Fr. Minner & Eucharistic Ministers visit monthly those who are homebound and wish to receive Communion. Please call the Rectory to notify us about someone who wishes to be visited.

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome! Please call or email the Rectory in order to register. Please notify the office if you change your address or move away.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

PREP Classes are held Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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ST. JEROME REGIONAL SCHOOL:

Mrs. Amy Hannis-Miskar, Principal

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Mr. Michael Brennan, Head of School

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WEEK AT A GLANCE EVENTS

Wed, 11/3: Confession, 6pm @ ICC;

Thurs., 11/4: Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament, 8:30am - 3pm @ ICC;

Choir rehearsal @ SJC, 7pm

Fri, 11/5: Flame of Love - 1 pm

Weekly Adoration Schedule

Please consider joining us ~ **all are welcome** to attend at any time during the day! If you cannot make your scheduled time, and you are the only person scheduled, please find someone, or call Rita Mroz, 570-732-4130. If you are not on this schedule but come for a visit, please sign in and thank you!

Please note:

No adoration Tuesday, Nov. 2nd

ICC	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4
8:30 -9:30	Mary Sauka / Marie Damian
9:30-10:30	Joan Suzadail
10:30-11:30	Joe Julian / Pat Heaney
11:30-12:30	Jay Miller
12:30-1:30	Regina Rose
1:30-2:30	Louise Goldman /Francis Yacapsin
2:30-3:00	Louise Goldman

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Halloween

Monday: All Saints

Tuesday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Election Day

Wednesday: St. Martin de Porres

Thursday: St. Charles Borromeo

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

LOVE
YOUR neighbor
AS YOURSELF.
Mark 12:31

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your strength. ~ Deuteronomy 6:5



Special Prayer Intentions- these are the people for whom we will be praying at Mass:

Sat. Oct. 30

4:30 pm (ICC) **Mary Alice Jacobs** (Jacobs Family) /
Jake & C. Virginia Llewellyn (son, Jake)

Sun. Oct. 31

8:30 am (SJC) **Christine Fisher & Mary Beth Thamarus** (Susan Bamford & Family)
10:30 am (ICC) **Margaret "Meg" Dougherty** (Patti & Jim Herman)

Mon. Nov. 1 Solemnity of All Saints

8:00 am (ICC) **Kathleen Reihman** (Judy & Jerry Nederostek) /
George Bruker (Ken & Rose McArdle)

Tues. Nov. 2 Commemoration of All of the Faithful Departed ~ All Souls

6:00 pm (SJC) **All Souls** ** Please note Mass time Change

Wed. Nov. 3

private **All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased**

Thurs. Nov. 4

8:00 am (ICC) **Margaret Anstotz** (Marge & Jim Smith) / **In Thanksgiving to St. Jude**
8:30am-3pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Fri. Nov. 5

8:00 am (SJC) **Evelyn Dinan** (Stephanie Maliniak) / **Kevin Cassidy, 10th Anniv.** (Irene Cibik)

Sat. Nov. 6

9:00 am (SJC) **In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:30 am (SJC) *Rosary for Life*



COMMEMORATION
of the
**FAITHFUL
DEPARTED**

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. Nov. 6

4:30 pm (ICC) **Jessica Heaney Brown** (Peg) / **Mary Saenza** (ICC Choir)

Sun. Nov. 7

8:30 am (SJC) **Marjorie Haggerty** (Del & Keith Ramsay)
10:30 am (ICC) **Elizabeth Kochie** (Suzanne McFadden)

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CANDLES

SACRED HEART: In Loving Memory of *Richard "Rug" McArdle* (Requested by Germantown Grove Club)

SAINT ANNE: *Special Intention*

BLESSED MOTHER: *Special Intention*

GUARDIAN ANGEL: *Special Intention*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP:

10/10/21: \$ 6,443.00

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.



PLEASE NOTE: NO ADORATION at St. Joseph Church this Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.

THE ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

included in the mailed packet will be placed on the Altars during the month of November. Please complete the back of the envelope if you wish to have someone remembered at all the Masses in November.



A PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE ~ Every year during the month of November, as Catholic Christians pray for all those who have died during the previous year, our dear departed parents, relatives, and friends, say to us through Holy Mother, the Church: *"You have loved me in life. Do not forget me in death. Remember me in your prayers, Communions, and Masses, wherever you may be."* God will bless you for remembering:

Thomas Armbruster, Elizabeth "Betty" Herman, Rita Shanfelt, Margaret "Peggy" McClafferty, Lena Mary Dominic, Richard Galloway, Maureen Hoppes, Alexander Cinicola, Thomas Sheehan, Lisa Holland, George Bruker, Elizabeth Bach, Charles McGuire, Kathleen Reihman, Margaret Dolena, Mark Kelley, Emily Kattner, John Kattner, Fred Cerimele, Emma Marzen, Mary Knorr, Jean Fauzio, Gerard DiGilio, Patricia Kattner, Alexander Knights, Peter Dillon, Anna Marie Serina, Richard Kehs, Sr., Dolores Henry, Mary Kness, Ellen Driesbach, Barbara Maloney, Vilma Hurley, Margaret "Peggy Sue" O'Donnell, Christopher Hanley, John Hanley, Susan Schatz, James Kattner, Richard McArdle.

A PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS

*Loving God, we remember now in prayer our dearly departed.
 May they rest in peace with you and experience the eternal joy of heaven.
 Heal our grief, merciful Lord, strengthen our hope that we, too, will one day share in the resurrection of your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
 Amen*



THIS MONTH is also time to visit the graves of the deceased. You are invited to visit the cemetery and place a flower or vigil light on the graves of friends or relatives and say a prayer.

THIS TUESDAY NOV 2nd is The Feast of All Souls. The Parish Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church at 6pm. We will honor our deceased loved ones by inviting you to bring photos of deceased family members and friends which will be placed upon the purgatorial altar (altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary). The Book of the Dead will be placed



in front of the altar and you may enter the names of the departed which we will pray for at every Mass in November.

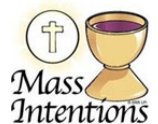
PRAYER AT ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY FOLLOWING MASS:

Please join us after the 6pm Mass (approximately 7pm) this Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at St. Joseph cemetery for evening prayers.

A few extra hands needed: To help put luminaries around the cemetery. Please meet at the cemetery Tuesday at 4:30pm. In the event of rain, evening prayer at the cemetery will be cancelled.

THE 2022 MASS BOOK IS OPEN FOR REQUESTS.

All Masses can be scheduled through Immaculate Conception Rectory Office, 570-325-2791, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, from 8:30am to 2pm, or email iccjt@ptd.net. Also, Mass intention envelopes are available in the Church for requesting a Mass. You can fill out an envelope, providing the name of the person the Mass is being requested for, the date requested, and include the name & phone number of person requesting the Mass. Mass requests can be done through the mail, the collection, email, or over the phone. The Mass stipend is \$10/request. Please note that due to the high volume of weekend requests, a limit of two requests a year per family will be accepted for a Saturday vigil/Sunday Mass. Weekday Mass requests are not limited at this time.



FOOD BOXES will be in both Churches beginning this week. We are asking for donations of canned goods and nonperishable items for those in need. Food items will be distributed for Thanksgiving. Thank You!!



Food Donations

THANKSGIVING BASKETS OF FOOD:

Are you in need of some extra food assistance? Or do you know someone, a couple, or a family, that could use some extra help of a Food Basket this Holiday? Our Thanksgiving Food collection will begin next week, and there are many people in need in our area. Please call or send a note to the Rectory office.



~ REFLECTION ~

Heaven - Hell - Purgatory

As All Souls Day approaches, I share these truths and Doctrines of the Universal Church which may help you in your Faith Life here on Earth until you reach Heaven. These bullet points are from Pope St. John Paul expounding on St. Thomas Aquinas. These points can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. JPII tells us that these are not places, but 'states' of being for a human soul. A 'manner' or state that cannot be fully manifested to us just yet; body is in a *place*, soul is in a *state*.

Heaven

Fullness of communion with God; the transcendent dwelling place of God
Supreme happiness, life's ultimate goal
Our Sacramental life on Earth is in anticipation of Eternal life Heaven

After our earthly life has run its course, complete intimacy with the Father comes through our insertion in and participation of Christ's Paschal Mystery

St. Paul describes the type of happiness dwelling in Heaven

Ephesians 2:4-7 *1 Thessalonians 4:17-18* *1 Corinthians 2: 10-12*

Hell

State for those who purposely and freely rejected God; the consequence of sin itself
Eternal damnation; misery; absence of God
Fire, pool of fire; fiery furnace
Complete frustration and emptiness of life without God

Not God's initiative nor Will, but humans own free choice

We are saved from going to Hell by Jesus Christ who conquered Satan

Matthew 13:25 *Matthew 25:30* *Mark 9:43* *Luke 16:19-31*

Purgatory

Necessary for purification; Christ removes the remnant of imperfection
Before we can enter full communion with God, every sin and imperfection must be removed
...intercession & mediation is needed.

Jesus the Redeemer and the Holy Mass assist the soul in its state

All Souls Day Mass....*Hebrews 9:23-26*

Purging will be by purifying fire....*1 Corinthians 3:14-15*

No one can enter Heaven without being properly cleansed and purified (MASS)

2 Maccabees 12:39-46 *1 Corinthians 3:11-15* *Revelation 21:27*



CLERGY COMEDY - *The Priest's Pun*

The pastor noticed that a man had dozed off during the sermon. He motioned to the man's wife to nudge him. She replied, "you put him to sleep, you wake him up!"

THRIFT SHOP & GARAGE SALE DONATIONS:

As in the past, donations will **NOT** be accepted for the Thrift Shop or Garage Sale beginning Nov. 1st through April 2022. The upcoming winter season makes it difficult for our volunteers to sort through items left outdoors and the parish does not have the additional space for storage. The Thrift shop will remain open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING: The next meeting of the Woman's Club is Monday, November 15th at 6:30pm in McGinley Hall. We are always looking for new members, all women of the parish are welcome to join us!!

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEW FAMILIES: Register Now & Save! 2022-23 Application Fee is \$50, now through 11/20, \$100 from 11/21 to 1/31/22, and \$150 after 1/31/22.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends next Sunday, Nov. 7th at 2am. Don't forget to change your clocks and check your smoke detector batteries!



ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A PRESBYTER?

Answer to last week's question-

How many original Holy Days of Obligation are there? ~ There are ten (10) Original Holy Days of Obligation: Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary*; Jan. 6 – Epiphany; March 19 – Saint Joseph; Thursday after Trinity Sunday – Corpus Christi (*Body & Blood of Christ*) 40 Days after Easter – Ascension Thursday*; June 29 – Saints Peter & Paul; Aug. 15 – Assumption of Mary*; Nov. 1 – All Saints*; Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception*; Dec. 25 – Birth of Christ*. The days with the asterisk are the days in which are now observed.

This week's question:

Why are there two (2) candles near/on the Altar of Sacrifice during Mass?

PLEASE NOTE: DONATION CHECKS MUST BE MADE OUT to Immaculate Conception Parish.

Checks cannot be written to "St. Joseph Church", as they are no longer a tax recognized entity. The local bank has given us a grace period this last year, but they have warned us that the larger Federal Bank will start to return these checks along with fees for returned checks. Please write any checks out to *Immaculate Conception Parish*. Thank you!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF GIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA

Warmly invites you to our Women of Faith and Purpose Mass & Brunch. Sunday, Nov. 7th at 10:45am, St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg. Guest Speaker: Maggie Riggins, Director of Young Adult & Campus Evangelization, DOA. Join us to learn, laugh, and lead! Kindly respond by visiting www.allentowndiocese.org/womensgiving, or by calling the Office of Stewardship and Development at (800) 831-4443 by Nov 5th.

STAND DOWN DAY, hosted by Valor Clinic Saturday, Nov. 13th @ American Fire Company No. 1, 26 E. Patterson St. Lansford, 10am-1pm. Featuring **Free**: nonperishable food, clothing & hygiene items. **Free**: Winter Coats, Hats & Gloves for Adults & Children. **Free**: Hot Meal to Go.

Local Agencies that will be available are Pathstone Head Start, St. Luke's University Health Network, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Carbon, Monroe, Pike County Mental Health. Open to the Public, All are Welcome.

BE A FAITHFUL CITIZEN AND VOTE THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2!



MEMORIAL DONATION: We would like to acknowledge donations made *In Memory Of Susan Schatz* from: Albert & Lois Lombardp, Rose Brosious, John & Pat Brosious, Kevin & Joan Brosious, Mike & Mindy Brosious, Scott & Maureen Scharnitz, John, Doris, Gregory Venuto & Rose Lombardo, Tom & Betty Lou McBride, Catherine Tokay, Dennis & Kim Wittig, Lottie Plesniarski, Tom & Anne Marie Mase, Hugh & Margaret Dugan, Frank & Ceil Sebelin, Donna O'Donnell, Judy & David Miller, Bernadette & Noel Behan, Ann Vandembord, Richard & Mary Alice Kuhn, Patricia Heaney, Gloria Kehrl, Eugene & Frances Yacapsin, Francine & Eric Craigie, Dave & Mary Figura, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofranko, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Oliverea, Marianne Ponting, & John Lynch.

ALL MY LOVE: According to Jesus, the first commandment is to love God with heart, mind, soul, and strength. This is usually taken to mean loving God with your whole being. But it wouldn't hurt to look at the modern meanings of those words to see how we can apply them.

The heart is the symbol of our desires and love. So to love God with all your heart can mean that you recognize God as the one source of your life. That means you love God above everything and everyone. How many of us can say we would rather spend time with God, than with our friends, family, or loved ones?

To love God with all your mind can mean that you never stop thinking of God. You can ask God to help you any time you make a decision, whether it is what to watch next on TV, or what to do for a living. The better you know God, the more likely you are to hear God in your decisions. You can get to know God through the scriptures and other spiritual reading.

If the soul is the center of your spiritual life, then loving God with all your soul can remind you to listen to God when you pray. You might remember how annoying it can be to converse with someone who does all the talking. At first it is easy, but eventually you find yourself getting nervous because you have things you would like to say also. Think of that when you pray; give God a chance to put in a few words, too.

Finally, to love God with all your strength can mean you put as much energy into loving God as you do with exercising, doing your day-job, cleaning the house, or mowing the lawn. Just remember that no matter how hard you work for the Lord, God loves you even more than you love Him. *Tom Schmidt, © J. S. Paluch Co.*



Love
the Lord your God
with all your HEART
and with all your SOUL
and with all your MIND
and with all your STRENGTH.



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

**YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**

Mark 12:30

THE CORE OF GOD'S COVENANT

In today's First Reading, from Deuteronomy, we hear the great summary of the very core of God's covenant with Israel, its title taken from its opening word, the Shema ("Hear!"). The Shema is at once a doctrinal summary of Israel's faith and the personal/corporate prayer of Israel's sons and daughters. To this day, devout Jews inscribe the Shema on parchment and enclose it in the mezuzah that adorns the doorways of so many Jewish homes. The residents kiss the mezuzah, and thus the Word of God, upon entering their homes and when going forth from them into a world that often acknowledges neither God nor the covenant. Recited several times daily, Deuteronomy's "formula" comes alive as a vivid reminder to devout Jews that their personal relationship with God is both source and safeguard of their public identity as members of God's chosen people.

EDITING THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Today's Gospel shows Jesus as fully part of Israel's covenant tradition: he responds to the scribe's question by proclaiming Deuteronomy's Shema which both of them would have revered and recited since childhood: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). But note the "editorial changes" both Jesus and the scribe make to the Shema. To Deuteronomy's heart, the Biblical seat of the will and affections, and soul, the deepest part of the human person, and strength, encompassing both physical ability and material treasure, Jesus adds "with all your mind," a phrase the scribe changes to "with all your understanding" (Mark 12:30, 33). Perhaps Mark, the author of today's Gospel, wanted to consecrate to the kingdom's service the philosophical reflection and intellectual exploration so valued by the Greco-Roman world—and our world—in which the Gospel would be preached.

KNOWING AND DOING

Jesus makes a further change to Israel's Shema: to the Deuteronomy text Jesus adds Leviticus 19:18: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." For Jesus, these commandments cannot be separated. The scribe, delighted at Jesus' answer, goes on to indicate that he has grasped one of the central tenets of Jesus' kingdom: ritual worship and practical charity toward one's neighbor are twin expressions of love for God. This insight places the scribe "not far from the kingdom of God," says Jesus (Mark 12:34). But is "not far" close enough? For the scribe, as for the rich would-be disciple from a few Sundays ago, as for each of us, it is one thing to know what we ought to do and quite another actually to do it. So, then: what about us? How do we live out, in daily practice, the covenant whose words we know so well, but whose deeds we so often find a challenge?

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