

Diocese of Allentown

The Immaculate Conception Parish

Churches of
Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph
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Office Hours: Closed for Holiday
Re open Jan. 3, 2022
St. Joseph Church side entrance is open
daily for private prayer



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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.

December 26, 2021 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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



Sun. Dec. 26

8:30 am (SJC) **Dolores Henry** (Barb & Jim Rodgers)
10:30 am (ICC) **Msgr. Joseph Dooley** (Jim & Lottie Hager)

Mon. Dec. 27 *No Mass*

Tues. Dec. 28

8:00 am (SJC) **Maureen Hoppes** (Marianne Lauer) / **Margaret Martino** (Family)
8:30am-3pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Wed. Dec. 29

Private **All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased / Eleanor & Walter Stoneback** (Roush Family)

Thurs. Dec. 30

8:00 am (ICC) **Daniel Pete McGinley** (McGinley Family) / **Charles Knipper** (Dan & Marcia Evans)
8:30am-3pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Fri. Dec. 31 *The Solemnity of Mary, Vigil*

4:00 pm (ICC) **James & Sarah Straubinger** (Thomas & Kathleen Straubinger) / **Clarence Ulshafer** (Wife & Children)

Sat. Jan. 1 *The Solemnity of Mary, Mother Of God*

8:30am (SJC) **In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Gedeon Family) / **Richard McArdle** (Gloria Kehrl)



The Epiphany of the Lord

Sun. Jan. 2

8:30 am (SJC) **John Brosius** (Rick & Mary Alice Kuhn)
10:30 am (ICC) **Alexander "Pepsi" Cinicola** (Judy & Jerry Nederostek)

Lay Ministers January 2			
Ministry	No Vigil Mass	Sun. 8:30 am SJC	Sun 10:30am ICC
Lector:		Alexa Igoe	Karen Sofranko
E.M.:		Deacon Jack, B. Rodgers, J. Igoe	James Novak

<i>SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES</i>
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents
Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket
Friday: St. Sylvester I
Sat: Mary, the Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace;

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Loving Memory **Daniel Pete McGinley** (By, McGinley Family)
BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Honor of **Brandon Becker on his Marine Boot Camp Graduation** (By, Mom, Madylnn, & Bailey)
BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of **George & Rita Martino** (By John & Patty Martino)
BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of **Larry & Marian O'Donnell** (By John & Patty Martino)
SACRED HEART CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of **Fritz Martino** (From, Little Johnny)
INFANT OF PRAGUE CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of **Charles & Evie Schweibinz** (By, John & Patty Martino & Family)
ST. PEREGRINE CANDLE burns for **The McArdle Family** (From, Ken & Rose)

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

SANCTUARY: In Loving Memory of **Clarence Ulshafer** (Requested by Wife & Children)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 12/5: \$6,703.00
Poverty Relief Collection: \$1,514.00
Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULES: The Rectory offices are closed for the Christmas/New Year's Holiday and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 3.



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY is not day of Obligation this year, 2 Masses will be held, 1 at each Church for the Holy Day, 4pm Vigil at ICC and 8:30am at SJC.



ALTAR SERVERS & USHERS: At a date and time to be determined there will be a gathering of ushers and altar servers (High School Servers too) to reinstate these wonderful ministries. Caution is very important in our lives, but it is also important to move forward! Watch the bulletin for the details coming soon! Looking forward to being with you!!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU to our Women's Club for a super successful basket raffle!! So many great items were donated, so many helped to sell and buy tickets and to those who organized it and keep it all straight. May God Bless You all for your hard work!

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE An exceptional education rooted in faith, family, and tradition! Sunday, January 30, beginning at 1pm. Come meet some of our teachers, students, administration, and coaches. Take a tour of the school led by our students. Come see how we can make a Marian education possible. RSVP by calling Mary Milosh at 570-467-3335 ext 117 or mmilosh@mariancatholic.org

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A PRESBYTER?

Answer to last week's question- *What did John the Baptist's father, Zechariah, do for a living? ~ John the Baptist's father Zechariah, was from the Tribe of Levi, their position in life was priest for the people. He worked with the priests of the temple and it was his turn to keep the incense burning before the God; it was there that the Angel Gabriel foretold of Elizabeth having a son and to name him John.*



This week's question:

What was the name of the King who hunted all the new born males to find the Baby Jesus?

CLERGY COMEDY - The Priest's Pun

Here is a list of five (5) things parents would probably never say to their children:

1. Yeah, I used to skip school a lot too...
2. I do not have a Kleenex with me; just use your shirt sleeve...
3. Go ahead dear, keep that stray dog; I'll feed and walk him every day...
4. Well if your friend's mom said it was ok to do, it is good with me, do it...
5. Just leave all the lights on, it makes the house look cheery...

WE ARE FAMILY: On the feast of the Holy Family, it is tempting to compare our own families to the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Luke's narrative of the twelve year old Jesus in the temple is not a warning for parents to watch their children closely while travelling. The story looks forward to the time Jesus would be "lost" in the tomb after his crucifixion. Just as his parents found him on the third day, so Jesus would rise from the dead on the third day. And Jesus' remark, "I must be in my Father's house" (Lk 2:49) gives us a hint at who is Jesus' family. Luke was well aware that the Temple was considered God's dwelling place. So to call it his Father's house showed that Jesus was the Son of God. Like Jesus, we call God our father, and like Jesus, we are part of a larger family than the one we live with.

The child grew to maturity



and was filled with wisdom

But remember Jesus was 12 in this part of the gospel. So his duty to God included being obedient to his parents. We too have a tension between obedience to our parents and following God's call, a tension between taking care of our children and giving time to God's children in the church and the community. Let us ask God to help us appreciate what our family obligations really are.

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Weekly Adoration Schedule

SJC	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
8:30-9:30	Mary Marzen
8:30-10:00	S. Moss / N. Widmiere
9:30-10:30	Mary Kelshaw
10:30-11:30	A. Bott / P. & M. Gipprich
11:30-12:30	B. Rodgers / Rita Mroz
12:30-1:30	Gloria Kerhli / Tom Gavornik
1:30-2:30	C. Sebelin/A. Bott/F. Strubinger/T. Gavornik
2:30-3:00	A. Bott/T. Gavornik / R. Mroz & Deacon Mroz

ICC	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
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	Judy Nederostek
12:30-1:30	Regina Rose
1:30-2:30	Louise Goldman / Francis Yacapsin
2:30-3:00	Louise Goldman