

Diocese of Allentown

The Roman Catholic Community of Jim Thorpe

Immaculate Conception Parish

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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 11, 2022 ~ The Third Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m. @ Immaculate Conception
 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., rotates weekly
 Holy Days: As announced
 First Saturday: 9:00 a.m. rotates Church every month, Jan-SJC; Feb-ICC; March-SJC
 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays, 12 Noon to 6pm, Rotates Weekly

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.
 1st, 3rd & 5th 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. Sept-May
 Rose Strubinger, CRE , iccprep1@gmail.com

ST. JEROME REGIONAL SCHOOL:

Mrs. Amy Hannis-Miskar, Principal
 570-668-2757; sjrschool.com

ST. JOHN NEUMANN REGIONAL SCHOOL:

Mrs. Mary Comensky, Principal
 610-826-2354; altcsjn@ptd.net

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

Mr. Michael Brennan, Head of School
 570-467-3335; mariancatholichs.org

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon. 12/12: RCIA, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tues. 12/13: Flame of Love Rosary, 8:30 am; Baptism class, 6:30-8:30 pm
Wed. 12/14: Adoration, Noon-6pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm; Confessions, 5pm @ SJC
Thurs. 12/15: SJ Choir, 6:30pm
Fri. 12/16: 1000 Hail Mary's - 9 am - 4 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.

SJC	Wednesday, Dec. 14
12 - 1 PM	Barbara Rodgers / Rita & Dcn Jack Mroz
1 - 2 PM	Sarah Moss / Ceil Sebelin
2 - 3 PM	Louise Goldman / Anita Bott
3 - 4 PM	Louise Goldman / Anita Bott
4 - 5 PM	Pete & Maureen Gipprich
5 - 6 PM	Mary Marzen / Mary Sauka / Regina Rose / Marie Damian

Lay Ministers Dec. 17/18			
Ministry	<i>Sat. 4:30pm ICC</i>	<i>Sun. 8:30 am SJC</i>	<i>Sun 10:30am ICC</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	Laura McArdle	Vince Roos	Karen Sofranko
<i>E.M.:</i>	Caitlin McArdle Jerry Nederostek Deacon Jack	Deacon Jack, Pam Heydt, Gloria Kehrlri	Deacon Jack



Third Sunday of Advent

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

Sat. Dec. 10

4:30 pm (ICC) **Ryan Balliet** (Mom, Dad, Katie, Bianca, Heather & Collin) / **Harry Carroll**, *Anniv.* (Louise, Dan & Karyn Goldman)

Sun. Dec. 11

8:30 am (SJC) **Gerard DiGilio** (Wife, Linda & Family)
10:30 am (ICC) **All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased**

Mon. Dec. 12

8:00 am (ICC) **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Fred Hydro, *bday* (wife, Pat) / **Valeria H. Ligenza** (Lea Paluck)

Tues. Dec. 13

8:00 am (SJC) **St. Lucy**
Mary Love (Roush Family) / **In Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary** (Gedeon Family)

Wed. Dec. 14

St John of the Cross
12 Noon-6 pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
5:00-5:50 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
6:00 pm (SJC) **Eugene Moss** (Sarah Moss) / **Joseph Giglotti** (Gloria Kehrli)

Thurs. Dec. 15

8:00 am (ICC) **Theresa Hamilton** (Sarah Moss) / **For A Special Intention-Health** (CM)

Fri. Dec. 16

8:00 am (SJC) **Catherine O'Leary** (Elizabeth O'Leary) / **Kevin Cassidy** (Nick Butrie)

Sat. Dec. 17

9:00 am (SJC) *Rosary for Life*

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat. Dec. 17

4:30 pm (ICC) **Franklin Miller** (Family) / **Bill McElmoyle** (Tom & Pat Vaccaro)

Sun. Dec. 18

8:30 am (SJC) **Kenneth Hoppes**, *80th Bday* (Wife, Wilma)
10:30 am (ICC) **David Formica**, *32nd Bday* (Mom & Heather) / **Kathleen Gentile** (Children)



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

THE THIRD CANDLE ON OUR ADVENT WREATH burns in Loving Memory of **George & Emma Marzen** (From, Phyllis Lienhard & Lois Henritzky)

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns for the Health of **Patty McArdle** (From, Michael & Jacki)

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of **Rosemarie Brown**, *99th Bday* (From, Family)

Flowers on the Main Altar are in Loving Memory of **Mary Love** (From, Roush Family)

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

SANCTUARY: In Loving Memory of **George Bimler**, *bday* (Requested by Maryanne & Ronnie)

SAINT JOSEPH: In Loving Memory of **Fred Hydro on his birthday** (Requested by his Daughters & their families)

SAINT THERESE: In Loving Memory of **James Sofranko**, *bday* (Requested by Wife & family)

SACRED HEART: In Loving Memory of **Christine Carrigan**, *bday* (Requested by Kitty & Bill)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 11/6/22: \$ 6,168.00

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

ICC RECTORY OFFICE will be closed this Friday, Dec. 16th. Messages and emails will be checked or you may call St. Joseph Rectory, 570-325-3731.

BAPTIZED: Please welcome to our parish family, **Liliana Rose O'Shura**, daughter of M/M Tyler & Miriam (Bonaparte) O'Shura, who was baptized last Sunday. Please pray for her and her family as she begins her faith journey in Christ.



R.C.I.A.-CELEBRATING THE RITE OF WELCOME: This Tuesday, December 13, at the 8am Liturgy at St. Joseph

Church, we will be celebrating the Rite of Welcome with Kayla Herman. She has been meeting for prayer and discussion inquiring about our Catholic faith. This Rite of Welcome is a formal way to introduce them to our parish community. She will now be known as a candidate. Candidates have been baptized in our own or other Christian faith traditions. They are seeking to be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church through preparation to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Each one of us is very important to Kayla in the R.C.I.A. process, for it is this whole parish community that is welcoming her, sharing our Christian faith with her, and walking the faith journey with her in the days and years ahead. Please feel free to welcome her and congratulate her personally!!



GIVING TREE GIFTS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ARE DUE! If you have not yet returned your gift and tag please drop off at the Rectory office Monday morning.

THANK YOU for all your generosity!

THE GIVING TREE AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH: Our Giving Tree is in the vestibule and there are tags at the handicap entrance. Donations will benefit Divine Mercy, Care Net and Jim Thorpe Community Food Bank. Please help yourself to as many tags as you can. Purchase the item and return it under the tree with the tag. **It does not need to be wrapped.**



OPLATKI (Christmas Wafers) are available in the in both Churches or at the Rectory offices for anyone interested in purchasing them. The suggested offering is \$3 per package of 6 wafers.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Advent Confessions

Mon, Dec. 19: 5 to 7 pm @ ICC
 Tues, Dec. 20: 5 to 7 pm @ SJC
 Wed, Dec. 21: 4 to 6 pm @ ICC
 Thurs, Dec. 22: 4 to 6 pm @ SJC



Christmas

Sat, Dec 24: 4:00 pm at ICC; 6:00 pm at SJC;
 Midnight Mass- Location TBA
 Sun. Dec 25: 8:30 am at SJC; 10:30 am at ICC
 No Mass Mon. Dec. 26th

Solemnity of Mary

Sat. Dec. 31: 4:30 pm at ICC
 Sun. Jan. 1: 8:30 am at SJC; 10:30am @ ICC

THIS WEEK WE WILL TAKE UP THE COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS. Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.



CHRISTMAS ANGELS: We are planning for Christmas Eve Masses at ICC & SJC and we are looking for children (boys & girls) Kindergarten through 4th grade to be our Christmas Angels @ either Mass, 4pm @ ICC or 6pm @ SJC on Sat, Dec. 24th. Please contact the Rectory to register.



★ Christmas Angels

DECORATING SCHEDULE @ ST. JOSEPH:

Listed below are days/times of decorating church for Christmas. Any and all hands are welcome!

Friday, Dec. 16:

3pm, Wrapping poles

Saturday, Dec. 17:

8am, Nativity Statues to Baptistery

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Following 6pm Mass, Christmas tree decorating & windows

Friday, Dec. 23: 3pm, Nativity setup & Flowers



MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS: We would like to acknowledge donations made *in memory of Agnes Busocker, Justine Kopunek & Ann Borosh* from Margaret Moser; *In memory of Eileen McGlynn* from Mom and family.



EARLY DEADLINES: Due to printing deadlines, information for the bulletin deadlines for the season:

Dec. 18 bulletin due by 9am Fri Dec. 9;

Dec. 25 bulletin due by 9am Thurs. Dec 15;

January 1 bulletin due by 9am Tues Dec. 20.

BULLETIN

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS! A SIGN UP

for Christmas and Solemnity of Mary (New Year's) is available in the Sacristy of both Churches for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers to sign-up for Christmas & New Year Masses or you may call the Rectory offices at 570-325-3731 or 570-325-2791.



MEN'S MISSION: Our collection for the children in Tanzania amounted to \$460. Thank you to all who support this mission each month. Our next collection will be December 17 & 18.

1000 HAIL MARY'S: Will be held Friday, December 16 at St. Joseph Church from 9am-4pm. All are invited to come say the Rosary. You do not need to stay all day. Lunch is provided.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION: We are in desperate need of Adorers for the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday's between the hours of 1 and 5. Right now we have 3 Adorers who are sick and unable to do their time slots, from 1-2 and 2-4. We only have one couple for the 4-5 slot, so it makes it hard if they cannot make it. Please prayerfully consider a commitment of a ½ hour every week or one hour every week. Our time spent before the Blessed Sacrament can change the world. Please call Rita Mroz at 570-732-4130. Thank you and God bless you.



COMING IN JANUARY: Writing a spiritual memoir: catching the glimpses of grace in your life. More information to follow! If interested, call Nancy at 609-575-0599.

WE ARE GRATEFUL!! We recently received checks from Jim Thorpe Market for \$336.00 and from Redner's Market in the amount of \$240.72 from the Register tape programs.



Keep saving your register tape from both Jim Thorpe Market and Redner's. Tapes can be placed in boxes at entrances to church or dropped off at the Rectory. This is an easy way to raise money for your parish! **Thank you to everyone who continues to save and send in their register receipts for this fundraiser!!**

WINTER WEATHER DELAYS AND CANCELATIONS: If the Jim Thorpe School district is delayed or cancelled due to winter weather or extreme temps, the daily 8am **Mass will be held at Noon** to allow the streets to be cleaned and the temps to rise a bit for safety. If there is significant snow or ice and/or the roads are not clear, or there is a state of emergency, Mass will then be cancelled and the intention said privately. Please consider the roads where you live, not just the main roads, when considering driving in bad weather. During the winter weather please do not put yourself at risk.

