

Diocese of Allentown

The Roman Catholic Community of Jim Thorpe

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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.

January 22, 2023 ~ The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sat. Jan. 21

4:30 pm (ICC)

Millie Radocha, Bday (Family) /
In Honor of Carol & Bud on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sun. Jan. 22

8:30 am (SJC)

George Marzen (Dinh Nguyen & Family of CA) / **Joseph Lienhard** (wife, Phyllis)

10:30 am (ICC)

Agnes Busocker (Ken & Patty McArdle)

Mon. Jan. 23

8:00 am (ICC)

St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Jacob & Angela Tokosh (Tokosh Family) /
Regina G. Klein (Uhnak Family)

Tues. Jan. 24

8:00 am (SJC)

St. Francis de Sales

Bob Guth (Mary & Frank Ewerth) /
Robert C. Sterner (Bob & Lisa Schaninger)

Wed. Jan. 25

3:00-6:00 pm

The Conversion of St. Paul

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00-5:50 pm

6:00 pm (SJC)

Eileen McGlynn (Mary Ann Lauer) /
All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Thurs. Jan. 26

8:00 am (ICC)

Ss. Timothy and Titus

Robert & Margaret Trice (Trice Family) /
Jack Maloney (Marge & Jim Smith)

Fri. Jan. 27

8:00 am (SJC)

St. Angela Merici

Ronald Trudeau, Sr. (Joe, Alexa, Megan & Lisa Cataldo) /
Caroline Ann Wolf (Donna & Jerry Donati)

Sat. Jan. 28

9:00 am (SJC)

St. Thomas Aquinas

Rosary for Life

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. Jan. 28

4:30 pm (ICC)

Mary Lou Schlert (Daniel Lisella)

Sun. Jan. 29

8:30 am (SJC)

Joan Krasowski (Gloria Kehrli)

10:30 am (ICC)

Peggy O'Donnell (Tom & Jean Kuchynski)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH CANDLES

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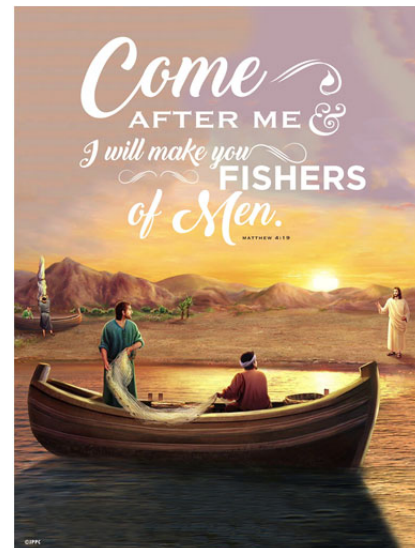
SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH CANDLES

SAINT JOSEPH: In Loving Memory of **Kay Bimler**, 5th anniversary (Requested by Maryanne & Ronnie)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 12/18/22: \$ 7,311.00

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

Congratulations and Blessings to Bud & Carol on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!



REST IN PEACE: Kindly pray for the soul of **Ann Kostishion** who was called to her eternal reward. Please remember her, and her loved ones, in your prayers. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: If you would like a statement of contribution for 2022 please sign the form in either church, please PRINT your full name, address, phone number & email if requesting digital copy. You may also call either Rectory office to request a copy. Statements will be sent the end of January.



ADORATION TIME CHANGE: Please take note that we have changed Adoration time to begin at 3pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin right after Exposition. We have not had enough volunteers to ensure someone is present with the Blessed Sacrament at all times.

We are still in need of at least 2 more people during the 4-5pm hour in the case of illness, etc. Please prayerfully consider a commitment of a 30 mins to one hour each week to spend with the Lord. Our time spent before the Blessed Sacrament can change the world. Please contact Rita Mroz, 570-732-4130 if you are able to dedicate any amount of time.

SJC	Wednesday, Jan. 25
3 - 4 PM	Louise Goldman / Anita Bott / Karen Yanity / Rita & Deacon Jack
4 - 5 PM	Pete & Maureen Gipprich
5 - 6 PM	Marie Damian / Joan & Mike Suzadail

OPEN HOUSE @ MARIAN CATHOLIC HS

Sunday, January 29th, from 12:00-1:30pm. Come tour the school with our Student Ambassadors. Meet our teachers and administration. Learn how we can make a Marian education possible. To register, please call or email Mary Milosh: mmilosh@mariancatholicshs.org or 570-467-3335 ext. 117

WEEK AT A GLANCE

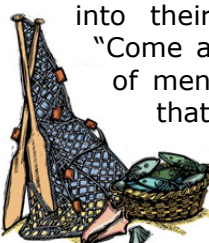
Mon. 1/23: RCIA, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tues. 1/24: Flame of Love Rosary, 8:30 am
Wed. 1/25: Adoration, 3-6pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:15pm; Confessions, 5pm @ SJC
Thurs. 1/26: SJ Choir, 6:30pm

Lay Ministers Jan. 28/29

Ministry	Sat. 4:30 pm ICC	Sun. 8:30 am SJC	Sun 10:30 am ICC
Lector:	Jay Miller	Alexa Igoe	James Novak
E.M.:	C. McArdle J.Nederostek	B. Rodgers, B. Schweibinz, J. Igoe	K/J Lawrence

IN THESE INFLATIONARY TIMES, anyone buying gas or groceries really appreciates a “twofer”, or two for the price of one. Today’s Gospel is like that kind of bargain in offering us two answers to the question “How did our beloved Church begin?” First, by the initiative of Jesus and second, by the people He chose.

The God Man was simply strolling seaside one fine day when He came upon two brothers, Simon (later Peter) and his brother Andrew. He looked into their surprised eyes and simply said



“Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men.” From our perspective, we realize that not only was this meeting as described was stylized somewhat by St. Matthew, but also that it was part of God’s plan.

Considering all that we know and have experienced as a Church some 21 centuries later, it was a remarkably small start. But then again, we should be familiar with how God works in other aspects of that plan. The mighty oak tree begins with an acorn.

The stroll of the Savior moves along for Him to make the same invitation to two other brothers, James and John. But that’s it. The Church has begun. One of the two main images in the New Testament for ministry is the idea of fishing for men. The other image is that of the shepherd. The future Apostles will be both.

This to me is encouraging, in that any small step we take to be a better disciple of Christ can be fruitful, depending on our motivation. A simple resolve to add minutes to our daily prayer time can turn out to be marvelous if not monumental. We ordinary souls can derive encouragement and know that we are not insignificant to the Lord by the life we lead. In our time we have the Little Flower St. Therese as our example “par excellence.” As we read this Gospel scene we catch the ordinariness of Peter, Andrew, James and John long ago and far away but easily reachable by prayer.

The story is told that when Jesus ascended into heaven after His mission on earth, the angels asked Him: “Did You accomplish Your task?” “Yes, all is finished,” the Lord replied.

“We have a second question”, said the angels. “Has the whole world heard of You?” “No,” said Jesus. The angels asked, “Then what is Your plan?” Jesus said, “I have left twelve men and some other followers to carry the message to the whole world.” The angels looked at Him and asked: “What is your Plan B?”

Friends, there is no Plan B. Jesus desires to reach the world through men and women like you and me. God love you and give you His peace.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson