

Diocese of Allentown

The Roman Catholic Community of Jim Thorpe

Immaculate Conception Parish

St. Joseph Church

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Deacon: Mr. Jack Mroz • Pastor Emeritus: Rev. James J. Ward



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8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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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.

February 26, 2023 ~ The First Sunday of Lent

WORSHIP

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 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
 First Saturday: 9:00 a.m. rotates Church every month, March-SJC; April-ICC; May-SJC
 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays, 3pm to 6pm, Rotates Weekly

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. @ ICC
 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:

Dr. Chris Heery, Principal
 610-826-2354; altcsjn@ptd.net

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

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

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.



ICC	Wednesday, March 1
3 - 4 PM	Karen Y. / Rita & Deacon Jack
4 - 5 PM	Pete & Maureen G. / John M.
5 - 6 PM	Marie D. / Joan & Mike S.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon. 2/27: RCIA, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tues. 2/28: Flame of Love Rosary, 8:30am; Catholic Daughters, 6 pm
Wed. 3/1: Adoration, 3-6pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:15pm; Confessions, 5pm @ ICC
Thurs. 3/2: SJ Choir, 6:30pm
Fri. 3/3: Stations of the Cross, 6pm @ ICC

Lay Ministers March 4/5			
Ministry	Sat. 4:00 pm ICC	Sun. 8:30 am SJC	Sun 10:30 am ICC
Lector:	Laura M.	Vince B.	Karen S.
E.M.:	Rose R. Maggie D. Jay M.r	Deacon Jack, Greg S.r, Gloria K.	Kim L.



The First Sunday of Lent

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

Sat. Feb. 25

4:00 pm (ICC) **Mary Knorr** (Friends of Bear Creek Lake)

Sun. Feb. 26

8:30 am (SJC) **Victor Turner** (Homebound Eucharistic Ministers)

10:30 am (ICC) **Margaret "Peggy" McClafferty** (Rick & Mary Alice Kuhn)

Mon. Feb. 27

8:00 am (ICC) **St. Gregory of Narek**
In Thanksgiving to Lady of Light (Walt Fagan) /
Sister Agnesita Kozuch (Delray & John McArdle)

Tues. Feb. 28

8:00 am (SJC) **Kevin Doll** (Kim Miller) / **Paul R. Brown, Jr., bday** (Brown Family)

Wed. March 1

3:00-6:00 pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
5:00-5:50 pm *Confessions*
6:00 pm (SJC) **Jacob & Angela Tokosh** (Tokosh Family) /
Sarah & Frances Helferty (Salli, Sarah, & Jake)

Thurs. March 2

8:00 am (ICC) **Anna Kociolek** (Lea Paluck) / **James Kutchera** (Llewellyn Family)

Fri. March 3

8:00 am (SJC) **St. Katharine Drexel**
Eileen McGlynn (Kathy & Jeffrey Holt) / **Frederick Armbruster** (Gloria Kehrli)
6:00 pm (ICC) *Stations of the Cross @ ICC*

Sat. March 4

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



The Second Sunday of Lent

Sat. March 5

3:15-3:45 pm *Confessions*
4:00 pm (ICC) **All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased**

Sun. March 6

8:30 am (SJC) **Joanie Herman** (Kitty & Bill Malatak) / **Ruth Utrata** (John & Irene Dedinsky)
10:30 am (ICC) **Mallory Fagan** (Walt Fagan)

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH CANDLES

SANCTUARY: In Loving Memory of *Peter Bott, Sr.* (Requested by Brothers & Sisters)

BLESSED MOTHER: In Loving Memory of *my brother, Kevin J. Doll* (Requested by Katherine)

SAINT JOSEPH: In Loving Memory of *Joseph Martino* (Requested by John & Patty Martino)

SAINT JOSEPH: *Special Intention*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP:

1/15/23: \$ 5,204.00; 1/22/23: \$4,855.0

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

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



CONGRATULATIONS to our 2nd Grade students who received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare to move forward in their Sacramental lives.



Join us for the Stations of the Cross

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening of Lent with us beginning at 6pm. Location will rotate church weekly.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL TODAY!

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 4/5:



Next weekend we will take up a collection for the Earthquake crisis in Turkey and Syria. Given the extreme need created by this natural disaster we cannot deny the opportunity - rather, the duty - to assist in this corporal work of mercy. The catastrophic loss of life of over 46,000 people, plus the wounded and homeless that lack basic human services and supplies begs of our help. Earthquakes are still ongoing and the tolls keeps rising. All funds will be directed to Catholic Relief Services.

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS: We would like to acknowledge donations made: *In Memory of Ann Kostishion* from Faith Kindred, Jeana DePuy; *In Memory of Rosemary Kuhn* from Patricia Heaney, Glen & Jennifer Karnish, Kitty & Bill Malatak, Joe & Rose Svetik, Joe & Alexa Cataldo, Kurt & Linda (Watto) Walter, Gloria Kehrl, Terry & Karen Kupres.

REGISTER RECEIPT FUNDRAISER: We recently received a check from Renders' Market for \$158.16! Thanks to our coordinators and to all who support this fundraising program! Keep saving those receipts!

CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK

On Sunday, March 12th at the 10:30am Mass we will honor Past & Present Carbon County AOH/LAOH Members, and the Women's Club is going to host a small social gathering with refreshments following Mass. All are welcome! If anyone would like to donate please call Judy at 570-325-3310!



OPERATION RICE BOWL

A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



The Diocese has provided Rice Bowl Packets

that include a "Rice Bowl" for you to use at home along with a calendar of reflections and recipes for low cost meals. The gospel reminds us of the three pillars of the spiritual life: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, that should serve as the foundation of our Lenten observance. The Rice Bowl is one way that all three pillars are joined together. Pick one up in the church this weekend!



WARM HEARTS, HAPPY FEET:

Catholic Daughters are sponsoring their annual sock collection. We are asking our parishioners to donate new socks for men, women and children to be distributed at our local food pantry to the needy families. Please put your donated socks in the box in the church vestibule through the end of February. Thank you for your support.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY

CLEAN-UP: With the Easter holiday now approaching, please take the time to clean away any flowers, decorations, Christmas wreaths, etc. from your family plots **no later than March 15th**.

After that date, our maintenance staff will remove what is left and discard it. Remember, there is no garage pickup at the cemetery. Please take all debris with you. Thank you. Decorations for Easter may be placed after April 1st.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: As we hear of Our Lord's temptations, we reflect that the Devil tempts us in the same ways. Jesus was tempted in His senses (eating bread), tempted with power (kingdoms of the world) and tempted with free will (testing God's love). You and I are challenged by these three fundamental temptations daily, however not just these temptations alone but the smaller things that are connected to them. Not just eating, but perhaps sins of the flesh; desires of all types. Not just ego and power, but a misguided sense of having to be in charge. Not just our free will, but being self-serving, adopting a sense of entitlement or being elitist. We, like Jesus, have the ability through the Holy Spirit and a purified conscience to overcome these challenges. We keep the Devil at bay when we come closer to Christ by prayer, sacrifice and humility. Jesus' temptations were over a period of forty days; our Lent is forty days. In reality it takes a lifetime of Faith and work to resist the Devil and conquer temptation. Our work in earthly life leads to an eternal life with Christ.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID

Any family who has elementary and/or high school aged children and would like to enroll them in Catholic School; please do not let the tuition and cost prohibit you from sending them. Thanks to the Women's Club along with the Parish there is a fund established to help families who are considering Catholic Education. There is a form to fill out and return that you may pick up in both Rectory Offices. The completed form must be submitted by Sunday, March 26th and the recipient(s) of the Scholarship and Aid will be notified during Holy Week. Prayerfully consider Catholic Education, you will not be disappointed!



MEN'S RETREAT - SAVE THE DATE! The L. J. Ferdinand Malvern Retreat Group will hold their annual retreat **July 14-16** at the Malvern Retreat House. The group has been hosting retreats for over 80 years and many men from both Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's have joined them. Contact the captain, John M. Nonnemacher for more details, 570-788-1012. John is a former Jim Thorpe resident and "son" of our parish.

EXTENDED LENTEN PRACTICE Perhaps your family can do something **together** for Lent; for our Lord Jesus? We are offering and suggesting a Family Home Rosary! Those who choose to participate will be given each week, through the Bulletin, the Mystery Number and Type. You as a family choose when to pray together!! It is not an entire Rosary or even a whole set of Mysteries; just one Mystery Type and one Number per week!

For example, this first week of Lent we offer:

The 2nd Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar

Family Prays 1 Our Father -10 Hail Marys- 1 Glory Be and 1 Fatima Prayer



Start and End with the sign of the Cross
You can choose a leader or rotate leaders or simply pray it all together!! It takes just a few minutes, and the Graces gained are innumerable. Everything will be given to you each week during Lent. It will build up family unity and love, while at the same time offer to Jesus through Mary, a sacrifice to remember His Supreme Sacrifice.

PARISH FAMILY LENTEN SUPPER It would be a great sacrifice to Jesus to **come together informally** and share a conservative meal in His honor! An invitation and challenge is hereby given to all parishioners to sup together in the name of Christ!! Let us gather two times, once at Immaculate Conception, once at Saint Joseph. . If you are interested in growth and widening your horizon for the love of Jesus our Redeemer, please sign the Guest List on the weeks this Special Supper is offered; families are most welcome!



Furthermore, if you would like to help with preparations or have questions, please let Father Minner know directly by calling the rectory and push button number 2 for his Voicemail. The menu will be forthcoming. Please "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!!!"

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN RETREAT Sponsored by the Commission for Young Adults, all young adults (18-35 years of age) are invited to join us for an afternoon of Mass, Adoration, Confession, and reflection during the Lenten season. The event will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Allentown **next Saturday, March 4**, from Noon to 5pm. For more information to register for this free event visit contact Robert Johnson at rjohnson@allentowndiocese.org.

