

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.

March 12, 2023 ~ The Third 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, April-ICC; May-SJC; June -ICC
 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; mariancatholic.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 15
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. 3/13: RCIA, 6:30-8:30pm
Tues. 3/14: Flame of Love Rosary, 8:30am; Pastoral Council Meeting, 6pm at ICC rectory; Baptism class, 6:30-8pm
Wed. 3/15: Adoration, 3-6pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:15pm; Confessions, 5pm @ ICC;
Thurs. 3/16: SJ Choir, 6:30pm; Parish Lenten Meal @ SJ Cafeteria, 6pm
Fri. 3/17: 1000 Hail Mary's, 9am - 3pm; Stations of the Cross, 6pm @ ICC

Lay Ministers March 18/19			
Ministry	Sat. 4:00 pm ICC	Sun. 8:30 am SJC	Sun 10:30 am ICC
Lector:	Daniel L.	Alexa I.	Mary F.
E.M.:	Deacon Jack, Rose R., Maggie D.	Deacon Jack, James I., Bernie S.	Deacon Jack



The Third Sunday of Lent

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

Sat. March 11

4:00 pm (ICC) **Rosemary Kuhn** (Patricia Heaney & Family)

Sun. March 12

8:30 am (SJC) **Ann Kostishion** (Marianne Lauer)

10:30 am (ICC) **All Living & Deceased of the Carbon County LAOH/AOH** (Dan & Marcia Evans)

Mon. March 13

8:00 am (ICC) **James Shober, Jr.** (Jim, Ann, Jennifer, Erin) /
Patricia McFadden (Meg & Tony Verano)

Tues. March 14

8:00 am (SJC) **George Marzen** (sisters-in-law, Phyllis & Lois) /
Intentions of Frank Dangelo (Lisa & Bob Schaninger)

Wed. March 15

3:00-6:00 pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

5:00-5:50 pm *Confessions @ ICC*

6:00 pm (ICC) **Peggy Sue O'Donnell** (Judy & Jerry Nederostek) /
All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased



Thurs. March 16

8:00 am (ICC) **Bernadette McGinley** (Ken & Patty McArdle) / **Robert Zevola**

Fri. March 17

8:00 am (SJC) **Mary Pat Dick** (Bill & Nancy Mason) / **Maura Mardell** (Maureen & Peter Gipprich)
6:00 pm (ICC) *Stations of the Cross @ ICC*

Sat. March 18

9:00 am (SJC) *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*
Rosary for Life

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat. March 18

3:15-3:45 pm *Confessions*

4:00 pm (ICC) **Dolores Gillespie** (Dave & Mary Figura) / **John Ritz** (M/M Steve Hess & Family)

Sun. March 19

8:30 am (SJC) **Kevin McClure** (Sarah Moss) / **Yong Cha Kurak** (husband, Tom & Family)

10:30 am (ICC) **Harry Carroll** (Michael & Marie Carroll)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH CANDLES

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns for the *Heath of Patty McArdle* (Requested by Michael & Jacki)

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SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH CANDLES

BLESSED MOTHER: *Special Intention*

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 2/5/23: \$ 5,646.00

Diocesan Annual Catholic Relief: \$1,403.00

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.



DISPENSE

All the faithful of the Diocese of Allentown,
whether actually present within the territorial limits of the Diocese,
or absent from the territory,
as well as those traveling (*peregrinus*) within the territorial limits of Diocese,
from the universal obligation of abstaining from meat
on Friday, 17 March 2023
the Commemoration of Saint Patrick.

**HOLY WEEK/EASTER LAY MINISTERS:
Attention Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy of both Churches for Holy Week and Easter Sunday, or you may call the rectory office at 570-325-3731 or 570-325-2791 with your availability to serve.



ALL PARISH LAY MINISTERS are invited to participate in our Holy Thursday Procession on April 6th at Immaculate Conception.



**CHILDREN'S PROCESSION ON
PALM SUNDAY @ 4pm Mass.**

All children of the parish are invited to join in the procession, please call the Rectory office or Judy Nederostek to let us know if you can join so we can prepare.

EASTER EGG HUNT~ The Women's Club will be hosting their Annual Easter Egg Hunt **next Saturday, March 18, at 12 Noon** at Immaculate Conception Church. All children of the parish, including grandchildren of parish members, are invited!



MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS: We would like to acknowledge donations made **In Memory of Rosemary Kuhn** from Edward Lukasik, Susan Hand, Michael Fauzio & Diane Delaney & Family, Ceil & Frank Sebelin, Elli Kuhn.



**OPERATION RICE BOWL
FROM FARMING TO FISHING**

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal, or spiritual life that have benefited others? Visit csrceibowl.org to learn more.

THE PARISH WOMEN'S CLUB will hold their next meeting on Monday, April 17th at 6:00pm at the Immaculate Conception Rectory.

WE REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT LEAVE any cards, rosaries, pamphlets, etc. on any of the church tables or at the entrances without direct permission from the Parish/Fr. Minner. Thank you.

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. Decorations for Easter may be placed after April 1st.



SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY

CLEAN-UP: Please take the time to clean away any flowers, decorations, Christmas wreaths, etc. from your family plots **no later than March 24th**. After that date, our maintenance staff will remove what is left and discard it. Remember, there is no garbage pickup at the cemetery. Please take all debris with you. Thank you!

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!



PIEROGI PINCHING CLASS: Friday, March 31 – 6pm @ St. Richard Church, Barnesville. Learn to make your own pierogies. Bring a rolling pin and a container to take home your pierogies. \$35/participant, Non-refundable. Class is limited to 45 participants. Payment required to reserve your spot today! Venmo payment to @Jennifer-Fisher-353. Include in comments: CYO Pierogie, Your Name, and # of seats. All proceeds benefit the SJRS CYO program.



BULLETIN DEADLINE!

Due to our printing company deadline articles for the Easter Sunday bulletin are due early. Any articles or candles for Easter Sunday, April 9 are due to the Rectory by Wednesday, March 29th.

LENTEN FAMILY ROSARY

This Third Week of Lent we will pray the 5th Joyful Mystery: The Finding in the Temple. Remember, we are only doing one decade, we are sharing a mutual time and date and praying together!



1. The Sign of the Cross
2. Announce The 5th Joyful Mystery: The Finding in the Temple
3. Pray 1 Our Father
4. Pray 10 Hail Marys
5. Pray 1 Glory be to the Father and the Fatima Decade Prayer
6. The Sign of the Cross

In case you are not sure, the Fatima Decade Prayer is:

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of Hell.

Lead all souls to Heaven; especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

It is never too late to start, if you were you unsure or uncomfortable praying the Rosary together, try it this third week.

PARISH FAMILY LENTEN MEAL

The first date for our Parish Family Lent Meal will be **March 16th, in the Saint Joseph School Cafeteria.**



Beef and Pork Barbecue will be our main course! There will be a salad, a few sides to choose from, drinks and a dessert. You are invited and most welcome to participate. The "Guest List Sign-Up" is located on the table in the church vestibule and by the side door.

The second date will be **March 30th, at Immaculate Conception, McGinley Hall.** The main course is yet to be determined. Thank You to those who have offered to help prepare. Please prayerfully consider gathering for fellowship and conversation!!



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATION ENVELOPES

are included in your packet of mailed envelopes. Please mark the back of the envelope to be included in the booklet printed for Easter Sunday. You may donate in Memory of a Loved one, or In Honor of, or for a Special Intention. The suggested donation is \$10. You may also use any plain envelope including the above information. Please return the envelope no later than Monday, March 27th to be included in the booklet.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Monday, 4/3: Mass 8am; Confessions, 5pm to 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, 4/4: Mass 8am; Confessions, 5pm to 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph

Wed. 4/5: No Mass; Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception. *Devotion only (No Benediction or Adoration)*

Holy Thurs., 4/6: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m., at ICC; Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Good Fri., 4/7: Churches Open for Private Prayer; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion @ ICC, 3:00 p.m.

Holy Sat. 4/8: Blessing of Baskets @ SJC, 12 Noon; Easter Vigil Mass @ SJC, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sun, 4/9: Mass at 8:30 a.m. @ St. Joseph; Mass at 10:30 a.m. @ Immaculate Conception

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Last week we shared how Jesus was brilliantly Transfigured before His three Special Apostles. As time moved on they realized that the world would be due for a change that could never be undone. The apostles didn't realize the full veracity of this event until much later, after Christ ascended back to His Father. The Transfiguration stands for you and I today as a time when Christ was seen as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Jesus stood with those key prominent men; Moses (the law) and Elijah (the prophet) as he was transfigured. God speaking at the Transfiguration confirms Christ to be the Son of God as He said: "This is My Beloved Son with whom I am well please, Listen to Him." This week we learn how Jesus identifies Himself as the Messiah to the woman at the well. He tells her that at some future point that she will not worship God on a mountain or in town. He was referring to worshipping God through Himself. The woman had a personal encounter with Jesus and He shared truth with her and she believed. When she told others, the others came to believe through her. It was by what she said that the people then had their own personal encounter with Jesus. As we transform our lives into Jesus' we learn truth. It is this truth we share that will bring others to a personal encounter with Christ. We are thus fulfilled in our mission as people come to believe in Jesus through us.