

Diocese of Allentown

The Roman Catholic Community of Jim Thorpe

Immaculate Conception Parish

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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.
Closed Wednesday



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Office hours: Monday through Friday:
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*St. Joseph Church side entrance is open
daily for private prayer*

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC, Direct Phone: 800-791-9209;
Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Phone: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204;
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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.

November 27, 2022 ~ First 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, Dec-ICC; Jan-SJC; Feb-ICC
 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. 11/28: RCIA, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tues. 11/29: Flame of Love Rosary, 8:30 am; Catholic Daughters, 6 pm
Wed. 11/30: Adoration, Noon-6pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm; Confessions, 5pm @ ICC
Thurs. 12/1: SJC Choir, 6:30pm

Weekly Adoration Schedule

Please consider joining us ~ **all are welcome** to attend at any time during the dlay! If you cannot make your scheduled time, and you are the only person scheduled, please find someone, or call Rita Mroz, 570-732-41 30.



ICC	Wednesday, Nov. 30
12 - 1 PM	Barbara Rodgers / Rita & Dcn Mroz
1 - 2 PM	Sarah Moss / Helen Hillanbrand
2 - 3 PM	Louise Goldman / Anita Bott
3 - 4 PM	Louise Goldman / Anita Bott
4 - 5 PM	Pete & Maureen Gipprich
5 - 6 PM	Regina Rose / Marie Damian / Joan & Mike Suzadail / Mary Sauka

Lay Ministers Dec. 3/4			
Ministry	Sat. 4:30pm ICC	Sun. 8:30 am SJC	Sun 10:30am ICC
Lector:	Danielle Lisella	Vince Roos	James Novak
E.M.:	Caitlin McArdle Jerry Nederostek	Deacon Jack, G. Kehrl, B. Schweibinz	Joe Lawrence



First Sunday of Advent

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

Sat. Nov. 26

4:30 pm (ICC) **Michael Carpenter** (Parents)

Sun. Nov. 27

8:30 am (SJC) **Regina G. & James F. Klein** (Regina M. Klein)

10:30 am (ICC) **Rita Dever** (Roush Family)

Mon. Nov. 28

8:00 am (ICC) **All Souls**

Tues. Nov. 29

8:00 am (SJC) **Harry Rimbey, Jr.** (Keith & Dolores Ramsay) / **Edith Perin Pizzinato** (Louise Steber)

Wed. Nov. 30

12 Noon-6 pm **St. Andrew**
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:00-5:50 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00 pm (ICC) **Steven Werley** (Rev. Ronald Minner) / **All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased**

Thurs. Dec. 1

8:00 am (ICC) **Regina G. Klein** (Eugene McElmoyle) / **Cyril Novak, 24th Anniv.** (son, James)

Fri. Dec. 2

8:00 am (SJC) **Christopher Gallagher** (Bill & Sue Howland & Family) /

Thomas Sheehan (Margaret Moser)

Sat. Dec. 3

9:00 am (ICC) **St. Francis Xavier**
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30 am (ICC) *Rosary for Life*



The Second Sunday of Advent

Sat. Dec. 3

4:30 pm (ICC) **Margaret "Peggy" McClafferty** (Bonnie McElmoyle) / **Nathaniel Davis** (Mom & Dad)

Sun. Dec. 4

8:30 am (SJC) **George Morgan Regan** (Family)

10:30 am (ICC) **Shirley Bennick, 1st Anniv.** (Bill & Kitte Malatak)



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

THE FIRST CANDLE ON OUR ADVENT WREATH burns in Loving Memory of
David Formica (Love, Mom & Heather)

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

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In Loving Memory of **Irene Cibik** (Requested by Catherine)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP:

10/23/22: \$ 4,382.00

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

THE RECTORY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Mon., Nov. 28th for the Holiday weekend.
Office will reopen Tues. Nov. 29th.

BAPTIZED: Please welcome to our parish family, **Nora Danielle Zurn**, daughter of M/M Craig & Michelle (Rolek) Zurn, who was baptized last Sunday. Please pray for her and her family as she begins her faith journey in Christ.



TAKE A TAG AND HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

There is a tree at the Immaculate Conception side entrance and at the back entrance to church. Please take a moment to stop and pick out a tag to share the Holiday Spirit with those in need. Our Giving Tree items will benefit Domestic Violence Shelter of Carbon/Monroe.

THE GIVING TREE AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH:



Advent begins this weekend and our Giving Tree is in the vestibule and tags at the handicap entrance. Our Giving Tree items will benefit Catholic Social Agency, Mary's Shelter, Reading and CareNet of Lehighton/Nesquehoning. 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.** We will collect them and distribute to the agencies. Thank you in advance for your care for others!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS:

Flower envelopes are included in your mailed packet. If you wish to memorialize Christmas flowers **Please Print legibly** the name(s) on the envelope or you may use any plain envelope. Please indicate if its in Memory of a Loved one, or In Honor of, or for a special Intention. **To be sure your donation is included in the booklet please return your envelope before Monday, Dec. 6th.**



ST. JOSEPH MISSALS for Cycle A (begins First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27th) are available in both Churches. As a gift to the parish, we have reduced the suggested offering to \$2 per missal.



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.



WOMEN'S CLUB BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets are available at the Rectory during normal business hours. Tickets will also be sold after weekend Masses. 1 ticket for \$2 or 3 for \$5, each ticket a chance to win one of over 136 prizes!



Drawing will be held the morning of Dec 9 and winners will be contacted to pick up baskets after Sat/Sun Masses! Thank you for supporting the Women's Club and all they do for the parish!

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 to travel to Church.



FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S PRAYER SERVICE



will be celebrated Tuesday, 12/6, at 6:00 p.m. @ Immaculate Conception Church. All parish children are welcome, and they should bring a pair of shoes to leave in the vestibule during the service.

A HUGE "THANK YOU!"

to all those who donated so generously to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thank you for helping to spread some holiday cheer!!



LECTORS! Please pick up the new Lector Guide Books for 2023 Liturgical Year Cycle A in church.

TREMENDOUS THANKS!!

We can't thank all our parishioners and volunteers enough for your understanding and cooperation during the month of October while we moved Mass to St. Joseph on Saturdays and rented our parking lot to tourists all weekend. This was a fantastic fundraiser and we thank the committee: James Dougher, Trish Spillman, Kevin & Laura McArdle and all the volunteers that came out each weekend and many did almost every weekend of October, all day parking cars! The total profit after we paid credit card fees was \$37,949.90!! We plan on using these funds to update the signage at both churches.



BACH & HANDEL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us next Saturday, December 3rd, 2pm at St. Joseph Church for a beautiful Christmas Concert presented by the Bach & Handel Choir. Tickets are \$15. Children under 10 free. For tickets call the Bach & Handel Office 570-325-4794. Tickets are also available at Sound Check Records on Broadway.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN JOB OPENING:

Catholic Charities is hiring a 35 hour a week full-time caseworker for our Palmerton office. This position provides direct case management services to households who reside within Carbon County. Duties include, but are not limited to, intake and assessment of individuals and families, service planning and information and referral

- Willingness to work within the guidelines of the Catholic Charities' mission and Church teachings;
- Ability to work well as part of a team;
- Good communication and organizational skills;

Please contact Rob Nicoella at Rnicoella@allentowndioocese.org or 610-435-1541 x 308 for additional information.

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.



WINDOW CANDLES AT ICC WILL BE LIT

at the nine church windows on Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve. Please call the Rectory, 570-325-2791, if you would like to have a candle in Honor of or In Memory of a Loved One.

THE 2023 MASS BOOK IS OPEN FOR REQUESTS.

Requests for specific dates must be scheduled through Immaculate Conception Rectory Office, 570-325-2791, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, from 8:30am to 2pm, or email iccjt@ptd.net. General Mass intentions without a specific date request can be done through either St. Joseph or Immaculate Conception Rectory. Also, Mass intention envelopes are available in the Church for requesting a Mass. The Mass stipend is \$10/request. Please note that due to the high volume of weekend requests, a limit of two requests a year per family will be accepted for a Saturday vigil/Sunday Mass. Weekday Mass requests are not limited at this time.

