

Diocese of Allentown

The Immaculate Conception Parish

Churches of
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Tues. & Thurs. 12:30 p.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;
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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 2, 2022 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Sun. Jan. 2

8:30 am (SJC) **John Brosius** (Rick & Mary Alice Kuhn) /
Gloria Young (Vivian Kathleen Young)
 10:30 am (ICC) **Alexander "Pepsi" Cinicola** (Judy & Jerry Nederostek)

Mon. Jan. 3 No Mass

Tues. Jan. 4

8:00 am (SJC) **Thomas Sheehan** (Flame of Love Cenacle) / **Vilma Hurley** (Patricia Heaney)
 8:30am-3pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Wed. Jan. 5

Private **All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased**

Thurs. Jan. 6

8:00 am (ICC) **Al "Butch" Heaney** (Dennis McGinley & Family) /
William McArdle (DelRay & John McArdle)
 8:30am-3pm *Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Fri. Jan. 7

8:00 am (SJC) **Loretta Kuzo** (Shirley "Cookie" Heaney) /
Robert Moser (Sister)

Sat. Jan. 8

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

The Baptism of the Lord

Sat. Jan. 8

4:30 pm (ICC) **Ilona Wildoner** (Regina & Jeanie Klein)

Sun. Jan. 9

8:30 am (SJC) **Marilee McFardland** (M/M Rick Kuhn)
 10:30 am (ICC) **Bernadette McGinley** (Ann & Donna LaRizzio)



Lay Ministers January			
Ministry	Sat 4:30pm ICC	Sun. 8:30 am SJC	Sun 10:30am ICC
Lector:	L. McArdle	A. Igoe	M. Figura
E.M.:	Deacon Jack, M. Dugan, J. Nederostek	B. Rodgers, J. Igoe, G. Strubinger	Deacon Jack

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: Epiphany of the Lord;
 Mon: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 Tues: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 Wed: St. John Neumann
 Thurs: St. André Bessette
 Fri: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday

WEEK AT A GLANCE EVENTS

Tues. 1/4: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
 8:30am - 3pm @ SJC;
 Wed. 1/5: Confessions @ ICC, 6pm
 Thurs. 1/6: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
 8:30am - 3pm @ ICC; Choir rehearsal @ SJC, 6 pm
 Fri. 1/7: Flame of Love, 1 - 3 pm

REST IN PEACE: Kindly pray for the soul of **Joseph (Gigger) Giglotti**, 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.

PLEASE NOTE: As of January 1st all parish donation accounts were closed for the year 2021. Any donations made on/after Sat. Jan. 1st will be credited for 2022.

A Blessed and Happy New Year to all our Parishioners & Friends!!

THREE KINGS ~ This Sunday, we celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany. At the 10:30 am Mass we will have a special visit by the Magi to commemorate the special meaning they have in our Christmas celebration

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A PRESBYTER?

Answer to last week's question- What was the name of the King who hunted all the new born males to find the Baby Jesus? ~ Herod is the King who hunted all the new born males to find Baby Jesus.

This week's question: **What are the names of the Three Wise Men who followed the star to Jesus?**



2022 BLESSING CARDS & Chalk for above your door at home are available at the entrance of both Churches. They are the New Year blessing of the Magi for good health and prosperity upon your family. Because the Epiphany celebrates the visit of the Magi to the house of Jesus, it is customary to bless homes on this day. As we welcome others to our home in hospitality, we welcome Christ. Encountering Christ in others, we open hearts to God's graciousness.

20 + C + M + B + 22

May Christ Bless This Dwelling Place

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit . . . Amen

The Lord be with you . . . and with your spirit

Together as a family let us ask God's Blessing upon our home . . . *(pause)* . . . The Word was made Flesh and dwells among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. As the Magi traveled to share in this love, let us share Jesus' love with all who travel and enter our home.

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

Let Us Pray: Lord God of Heaven and Earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to the world by the light of a star. Bless this home and all who live within it and those who are attracted to the light of our love. Surround them with guidance and protection that they may find comfort and joy in Christ Jesus our Lord. We ask this through Jesus, who lives forever and ever . . . Amen



THE MARKING OF THE DOOR

(Now place the card or mark with chalk: 20+C+M+B+22 and as you do say the following)

The Three Wise Men, Casper + Melchior + Balthasar, followed the star to God's Son, Who became human two thousand and twenty-two years ago! May Christ Bless our Home and remain with us throughout this year. Together let us Pray the Our Father . . . *(pray the prayer out loud together)*

THE CLOSING PRAYER

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us. Let us who dwell here, reflect Jesus' love to the world as the wise men did long ago. Through Christ Our Lord. . . Amen
(End with the sign of the cross together)

~ REFLECTION ~



As we begin a new numerical year let us turn to our Most Holy Mother to inspire us and guide us in this new year of "favor in the Lord"! The warm and peaceful effects of Christmas can still be felt in the soul, so today we ask Mary to have those effects continue throughout the whole year. We all know that each season brings sorrow and joy, defeat and success. These things mirror our Blessed Mother as her life was filled with grief which led to ultimate happiness. So then, we embark in 2022 meeting trials head on with confidence and enjoying triumphs with Grace. Our lives will change, sometimes in an instant, do not greet the new year with doubt, embrace it with resolve and do the best that we can do. This Solemnity of Mary we seize our life and make it solemn in the eyes of God.

Weekly Adoration Schedule

SJC	TUESDAY, JANUARY 4
8:30 -9:30	Mary Marzen
8:30-10:00	Sarah Moss / Nancy Widmiere
9:30-10:30	Mary Kelshaw
10:30-11:30	Anita Bott / P. & M.Gipprich
11:30-12:30	Barbara Rodgers/Rita Mroz
12:30-1:30	Gloria Kerhli / Tom Gavornik
1:30-2:30	C. Sebelin/A. Bott/F. Strubinger/T. Gavornik
2:30-3:00	A. Bott/T. Gavornik /R. & Deacon Mroz

ICC	THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
8:30 -9:30	Mary Sauka / Marie Damian
9:30-10:30	Joan Suzadail
10:30-11:30	Joe Julian / Pat Heaney
11:30-12:30	Judy Nederostek
12:30-1:30	Regina Rose
1:30-2:30	Louise Goldman /Francis Yacapsin
2:30-3:00	Louise Goldman

CLERGY COMEDY - The Priest's Pun

A young girl was heard in prayer thanking God for her Christmas present..."I thank you God for my newborn baby brother, but what I truly wanted was a puppy!"

New Year- Solemnity of Mary Window Candles at Immaculate Conception

Candles were lit on Solemnity of Mary

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **DAVID FORMICA**, Love, Mom & Heather
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF **AL "BUTCH" HEANEY-HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD**, Love, Mary Alice
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF **SUSAN & FRANKLIN SCHATZ**, Love, Salli, Sarah, & Jake
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF **PEGGY SUE O'DONNELL**, Love, Shari & Family
 IN LOVING MEMORY & HONOR OF **MCARDLE FAMILY**, From, Ken & Rose McArdle
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF **DR. & MRS. R. MINNER**, Love, Family
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF **AL "BUTCH" HEANEY**, Love, Pat
 IN MEMORY OF DECEASED PRIESTS OF THE ALLENTOWN DIOCESE
 IN HONOR OF ALL PARISHIONERS FOR A HEALTHY, HAPPY 2022

