

**Mass Intentions
For The Week** 

Saturday, February 17th

5:30 PM Msgr. Martin Komosinski
(Marie Fox)

Sunday, February 18th 1st Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Veronica Ragni
(Family)

9:00 AM Rosaleen Gallagher
(Barbara & Jack Emery)

10:30 AM Ken Felix
(Don & Laurie McIlmurray)

Monday, February 19th

Morning Prayers

8:00 AM Fred Gerken
(Cathy & Jeff Goodwin)

Tuesday, February 20th

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Rocco's

Wednesday, February 21st St. Peter Damian

8:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, Feb 22nd Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7:50 AM Morning Prayers

8:00 AM Charles Rice
(Confer Family)

Friday, February 23rd St. Polycarp

7:45 AM Morning Prayers

8:00 AM Robert P. Fina
(Michael Fina)

7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, February 24th

5:30 PM Josephine Bonano
(Palmeri Family)

Sunday, February 25th 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Parishioners of St. Rocco's

9:00 AM Msgr. Joseph Dooley
(Grateful Parishioner)

10:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Spohn Family
(Tom & Janet Domerski)

**St. Rocco's is pleased to announce the
2018 Finance Committee:**

*Terry Brodniak, Tony Egan, Rich Grucela,
Carmen Oliveira, Barbara Pohl, Charles Palmeri,
James Palmeri, and Dave Rine.*

If you have any questions regarding parish finances, please see a committee member.

Parish Stewardship

Plate: February 3/4 \$4,598.00
Monthly dues: \$959.00

Thank you for your spirit of stewardship!

Parish Membership

New parishioners living in the Parish boundaries are asked to register at the Rectory or call. You must be an active registered member of the parish for three months prior to receiving a certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. If you change information or move away, please notify us.

Marriages

Please contact Fr. Joe six months in advance. Currently dated copies of Baptismal and Confirmation records are required. Marriage classes as well as sessions with the priest are required.

Baptisms

Please contact Fr. Joe at least three months before your expected delivery date to arrange for Baptismal instruction. Parents must be registered with the Parish. A Godparent must be a registered practicing Catholic. Call the rectory at 610-258-9059.

Mass Requests

Please call or stop by the rectory to schedule Masses. All Masses are \$10 weekday or weekend. Altar flowers are \$40 and the Sanctuary Candle is \$20.

Communion Calls

Communion is distributed to homebound parishioners- 1st Friday of each month. Please call the rectory to be included on the list.

Hospitalization

If a parishioner is admitted to the hospital and would like to have a priest visit, please call the rectory. Due to HIPPA regulations we are not notified of admittance.

Sponsors

Sponsors for Baptism & Confirmation must be at least 16 years of age, received Confirmation & Holy Communion, must be an active member who receives the Sacraments on a regular basis, & if married be in a valid marriage.

CCD Classes

Mondays 6pm-7:30pm (September-May) for Grades 1 through 7 and Sundays 11:30—1PM for Confirmation Class grade 8

To learn more about the Diocese's Youth Protection programs, visit The **Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People** on the Diocese of Allentown's website at www.allentowndiocese.org under "Protection of Youth".

Liturgical Ministries
Weekend of February 24/25

Saturday 5:30 PM

Doug Stewart
Deacon Palmeri
M Holzmacher & G Holzmacher

Sunday 7:30 AM

Susan Disidore
Deacon Palmeri
G Murgia & A McPeck

Sunday 9:00AM

Christine Gale
Deacon Palmeri
P Hera & N Oliveira

Sunday 10:30 AM

Sharon Clarke
Deacon Palmeri
B Powell & L Powell

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
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Lenten Season
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On all Fridays in Lent all who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—During Lent every Friday there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM.

OPERATION RICE BOWL—Our 2nd Collection throughout Lent will be taken up for Operation Rice Bowl. Sacrifice by eating a lesser meal once a week and then share your savings with the poor. Put your faith into action and help all who struggle with hunger and poverty through your prayers and almsgiving.

What does fasting mean? The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength. The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Thursday, February 22 at 7:30PM** in the church hall. We will pray the Rosary at 7PM.

The Knights will host a **Ham Bingo on March 4th** from 1:30 PM till ? – doors will open at 1:00 PM. Tickets are on sale after Masses or contact Dave Rine at 908 763 3260 or dave.rine@yahoo.com.

The Knights will have their annual **St. Patrick's Dinner** after 5:30 Mass on **Saturday, March 17th**. Tickets are on sale after Mass. We will also have our big 50/50 raffle at this event.

CPR / AED training will be held **Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 PM** in the Church basement. There will be six available seats for this training which will be on a first come, first served basis. If interested, please call Dave Rine at 908 763 3260.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The next A&R meeting will be **Tuesday, March 6 at 7PM**.

All Parishioners - The creating of the quilt for the 2018 Festival continues. We will be working on the quilt by continuing the embroidery of inspirational sayings and also add the following tasks: cutting, marking, sewing and ironing material. All sessions include complete instructions, equipment, and material - you don't need to bring anything. All instructions of the different steps will be shown and explained. No experience is required! All sessions will be held in the church hall and will be approx. 4 hours long (or as long as you want to stay). The next session is **Tues, Feb 20th at noon**. Let this be a true parish event that we will all be proud of. All those interested or have questions please contact Carol Smith at 610-588-8957 or Linda Nicusanti 610-252-3053.

HOLY HOURS

The Diocesan Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry aspires to provide a culture of encounter. In this day and age, our culture has become consumed in technology and has forgotten the gift of encounters with one another and with the Almighty. These encounters happen in a special way through liturgy, prayer, Scripture, and fellowship. This year, we will provide real encounters for you through **Culture of Encounter: Family Holy Hours**. We hope the Holy Hours will foster encounter between: God & you, Parents & children, Families of the parish. **St. Rocco's will be held Sunday, March 18th 1PM to 2PM**.

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**GHEGK
THIS OUT!**

NEW LECTOR TRAINING— We are seeking volunteers to become Lectors for the weekend Masses and Holy Days. Any men or women 18 years and older who are interested

please sign-up on the sheet on posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Deacon Palmeri will contact you with the dates of the training sessions.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Next week we take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the U.S. are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle. Prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. For more info visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Questions People Ask

Q. What is almsgiving?

A. *"It is in giving that we receive,"* according to the Prayer of Saint Francis. Almsgiving can seem the easiest of Lenten disciplines. Most parishes have opportunities to donate funds to the poor. Giving funds to help support others has been a part of Lent since the earliest days of Christianity and brings hope to others. However, as Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, *"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into the giving"* that's important. Exercising hope means we are relying on God's love for us, which calls us to truly love others. This might mean that we exercise our hope this Lent by giving our love in time as well as in treasure. Volunteer time at your parish during upcoming activities. Send cards to family and friends expressing your feelings and thanking them for their support. Actively watch for someone who needs an extra helping hand in your neighborhood or at work. Keep a Lenten Hope List. Write down names of those you encounter who need an extra dose of love and support. Pray for them and check on them during Lent to show you care.



CCD NEWS

CCD 2017-2018 IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday, February 18 & 25 - Gr 8 Class 11:30AM
Monday, February 19—No Class grades 1-7
Saturday, February 24—1st Penance Retreat 2:30PM
Monday, February 26—Class Gr. 1-7 6PM
Sunday, March 4— Gr 8 Class 11:30AM
Monday, March 5—Class Gr. 1-7 6PM

Wednesday, March 7—Confirmation with Bishop Cullen at St. Elizabeth's Pen Argyl at 4:30PM

Any questions or concerns, please contact Christine Haring, CRE at 610-588-0986 or email strocceccd@yahoo.com.

Catholic Relief Services Collection—**Thank you** for your generous support of \$ **1,440.00** . Through your generosity, families will be reunited, valuable life skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and many will have vital humanitarian needs met. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to learn how your donations make a difference and help *Jesus in Disguise*.

DE SALES UNIVERSITY ACCOUNTING STUDENTS TO PROVIDE FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Junior and senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide tax preparation assistance free of charge to senior citizens and those with lower incomes **now through Wed. March 28**. The program is part of the United States Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Students are required to pass a test given by the IRS, in order to receive certification to participate in the program. To schedule a VITA appointment, individuals can call (610) 282-1100, ext. 1868. A DeSales student will return the phone call and provide assistance accordingly. Individuals needing assistance should bring all printed tax information and all documents pertaining to federal, state and local taxes with them to their appointment.