

**Mass Intentions
For The Week** 
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Saturday, December 9th

5:30 PM Raymond Pohl
(Carl & Susan Castelletti)

Sunday, December 10th 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Loretta Pacchioli
(Coleen Craig)
9:00 AM Mary Reade
(Robert & MaryLou Castelletti)
10:30 AM Giacomo & Antonia Tarsi
(Family)

Monday, December 11th St. Damasus I, Pope

7:45 AM Morning Prayers
8:00 AM Alden E. Yelmgren
(Cathy & Jeff Goodwin)

Tuesday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM Eleanor Ferretti
(Family)

Wednesday, December 13th St. Lucy

8:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, December 14th St. John of the Cross

7:50 AM Morning Prayers
8:00 AM Alfred Diomedo
(Jim, Carol, Emily & Gina Palmeri)

Friday, December 15th

7:45 AM Morning Prayers
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Rocco's

Saturday, December 16th

5:30 PM Max & Joan Augusta
(Marie Fox)

Sunday, December 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Parishioners of St. Rocco's
9:00 AM Kenneth vanArsdale
(Fran & John Betz)
10:30 AM Sean Knaus
(Robert & MaryLou Castelletti)



SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week *in Loving Memory of Alfred Diomedo* requested by Jim, Carol, Emily and Gina Palmeri.

REGIONAL ADVENTPENANCE SERVICE -

On **Monday, December 11** at **7PM** there will be a Regional Penance Service at St. Elizabeth's Church in Pen Argyl. There will be several priests available to hear confessions. Prepare yourself and your family spiritually for the birth of Christ! Fr. Joe will also hear confessions at St. Rocco's on **Saturday, December 18** from 4PM to 5:15PM.

Parish Stewardship

Plate: November 25/26 \$4,037.00
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 December 16/17

Saturday 5:30 PM

Barbara Pohl
Deacon Palmeri
M Holzmacher & G Holzmacher

Sunday 7:30 AM

Susan DIsidore
Deacon Palmeri
Avery McPeck

Sunday 9:00AM

Fran Betz
Deacon Palmeri
N Oliveira & M Maragolo

Sunday 10:30 AM

Jim Gleeson
Deacon Palmeri
M Buza & A Schewitzer

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Eucharistic Minister
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The Mass schedule for Christmas is:

Christmas Eve- Sunday, December 24

4:00PM, 5:30PM, 9:00PM

Christmas Day—Monday, December 25

10:30AM

2018 Church Calendars compliments of *James J. Palmeri Funeral Home* are available in the church vestibule and church hall.

****PLEASE NOTE:** On Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve **day** there **WILL NOT** be a 7:30AM MASS, only a 9AM & 10:30AM Mass



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Thursday, December 14** at 7:00PM in the church hall.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The next A&R meeting will be **Tuesday, December 12** in the church hall. We will pray the rosary at 7PM in church followed by the meeting. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us.

The A&R centerpieces will be delivered on **December 16th** at the Festival grounds.

Annual Winter **BAKE SALE** will be held today!

We are accepting donations of baked goods : cookies, cakes, pies, breads, candies, ethnic goods. Please be sure to stop by the church hall and purchase some delicious baked goods today!!




ANNUAL GIVING TREE -

The "Giving Tree" is an opportunity to celebrate the Birth of Jesus by giving gifts of baby items to babies who have been born or who will be born this coming year. The Giving Tree Program will be held during the Advent Season. Please choose a gift tag from the tree in the vestibule, purchase the needed item. The items may be wrapped or unwrapped. If you don't care to shop, but would like to contribute, place a check (payable to the shelter), money, or gift cards (from Walmart) marked "Giving Tree" in the collection basket or drop it at the parish office. **Also see the list of much needed items hanging by the tree! Household & kitchen items are needed as well.** (Please new items only). Donations can be placed under the tree until the Solemnity of Mary, January 1. Items will be taken to Mary's Shelter Cay Galgon Center in Bethlehem. Many thanks and blessings for your kind donation to those less fortunate.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION—Today we take up the collection for Retired Religious. Aging religious need your help. *"Your contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,"* writes a sister. Today, many are frail, elderly and in need of assistance. Your gift provides funding for prescription medication, nursing care and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also insures younger members can continue the good works of their elders! Many have offered their lives in service to others and worked for years for small stipend leaving their communities without adequate savings for retirement. Please be generous!

MASS at COUNTRY MEADOWS—On **Thursday, December 21st** Fr. Joe will say Mass at Country Meadows, 175 Newlins Rd W, Easton at 3:15PM. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you  **The 3rd Street Women's Alliance Center and Safe Harbor Shelter, both of Easton, extend their deepest appreciation for the items donated by the parishioners of St. Rocco's Catholic Church. There was a great need for these items and they will certainly be put to immediate use. God Bless You All and Thank You!!**

Questions People Ask

Q. What can you tell me about the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe?

A. This feast commemorates the 4 apparitions of Mary in 1531 to the peasant Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill near Mexico City. Appearing like a Mexican princess, Mary told him that a church should be built there. When Juan told the bishop, he demanded proof. Mary sent Juan to gather some roses (unusual in December) to present to the bishop. When Juan opened his cloak (tilma) to give the roses to the bishop, they also discovered a painted image of the Blessed Virgin imprinted on the tilma, which is now preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Under this title, Mary was declared patron of New Spain (1710), of Latin America (1910), Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas (1945) and patroness of the Americas (1999). Pope Francis reminds us that "like Jesus, Mary is close to all her sons and daughters" as a concerned mother, she accompanies them on their way through life. She shares all the joys and hopes and sorrows of God's people, which is made up of men and women of every race and nation." The feast day is December 12.



CCD NEWS

CCD 2017-2018 IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday, December 10, & 17—Gr. 8 class 11:30AM
Monday, December 11, & 18—Gr. 1-7 Class 6PM
Sunday, December 24 & 31—No Class
Monday, December 25 - No Class - Merry Christmas!!

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

Christmas Caroling!! Even if you can't sing, you would make a great addition. Come and bring the Christmas joy of our parish to others! This is an event for **ALL FAMILIES** at St. Rocco's. On **Sunday, December 10 at 2PM** we will visit the residents at Weston Senior Living on Sullivan Trail. We will meet at the facility. A reminder, in order to welcome all parish members, children under 18 will need to be accompanied by a parent or grandparent. We appreciate your understanding and help in making this a terrific event for everyone!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: We have been informed by the Diocese of Allentown that **CONFIRMATION** will take place on **Wednesday, March 7, 2018** with Bishop Cullen. This year Confirmation will be held at St. Elizabeth's in PenArgyl.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS

ICS hosts BINGO— **EVERY Sunday** in the school gym
Doors open at 11AM games begin at 1PM.
Progressive jackpots— Food & Drinks available.

2018 Boxed Student envelope sets are available in the church basement. CCD students received theirs in class. High school students and Catholic school students are available. This is a great way to teach your child about stewardship.