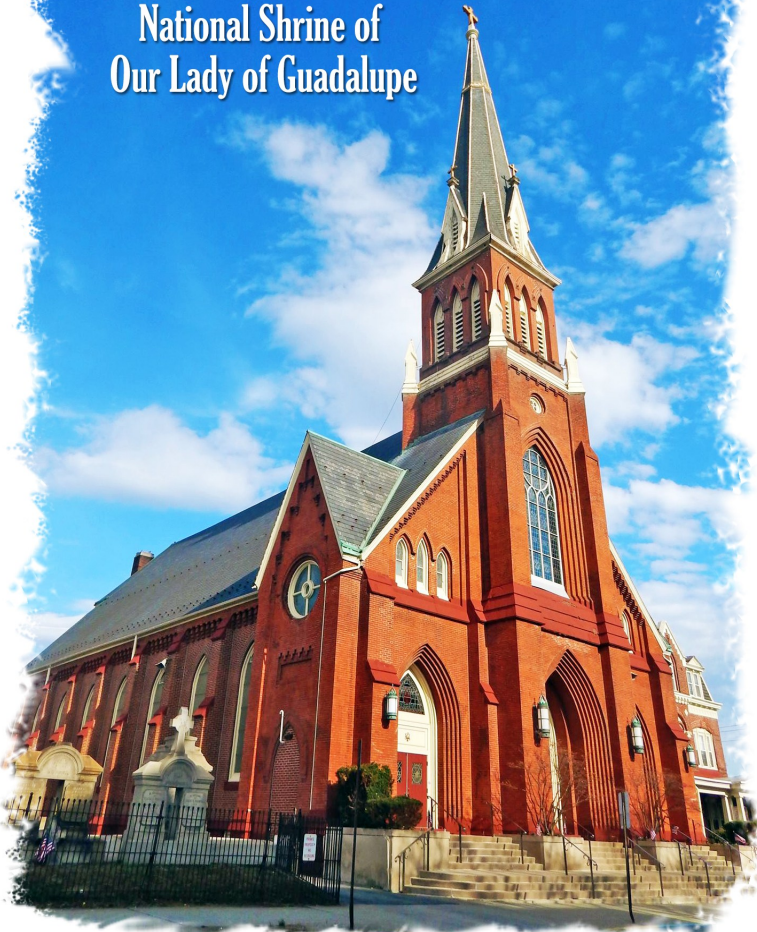


Immaculate Conception BVM Church

ALL TO JESUS THROUGH MARY, THE PATRONESS OF OUR PARISH

National Shrine of
Our Lady of Guadalupe



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
JANUARY 18, 2025

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BAPTISM

Sundays at 2:00 PM. Arrangements must be made well in advance at the rectory. Sponsors require their pastor's certification for eligibility as practicing Catholics. Parents and sponsors must attend one preparatory session prior to the Baptism.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made **six months** in advance. Couples are required to participate in a Marriage Preparation Program.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Urgent calls are accepted at **any time**. Arrangements for Communion calls should be made by calling the rectory. On being admitted to any area hospital, please give the parish code #111.

SERVED BY

Rev. John M. Gibbons
Pastor

Rev. David J. Kozak
Assistant

Mr. Richard Benkovic
Permanent Deacon

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Mass & Novena *Mondays 8:00 AM*

MUSIC MINISTRY
Mr. Brian Rupnik
Director

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Ms. Eileen M. Caffrey
Rectory Office Hours *M-Th 8:30 AM to 2 PM*
Closed Fridays
Call (484) 554-5626 for emergencies outside office hours.

BULLETIN DESIGN & COPY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	4:00 PM
Confessions	3:30 to 4:00 PM or anytime by appointment
Sundays	9:00 AM (English) 10:30 AM (Polish)
Daily	8:00 AM
Holy Days	8:00 AM, 5:30 PM

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are asked to register at the rectory. Only registered parishioners in good standing can be authorized to be sponsors at Baptism and Confirmation and witnesses at weddings.

Young adults of working age should register independently of their parents.

Please notify the rectory if you change your address or move to another parish.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Both of the Diocesan cemeteries offer above-ground entombment.

Traditional in-ground burial provides single or double-depth interment in each lot throughout the acres of the cemeteries.

To Arrange for Christian Burial **Resurrection Cemetery**

547 N. Krocks Rd., Allentown, PA 18106

Phone: (610) 395-3819; Fax: (610) 366-3713

Holy Saviour Cemetery

2575 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017

Phone: (610) 866-2372; Fax: (610) 866-9277



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All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you,
shall sing your name, O Most High!



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation "to the ends of the earth."

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1: 29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and "God's chosen One."

READINGS for the WEEK

- Monday: 1 Samuel 15: 16-23; Psalm 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mark 2: 18-22.
- Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm: 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28; Mark 2: 23-28.
- Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 144: 1b, 2, 9-10; Mark 3: 1-6 .
- Thursday: 1 Samuel 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Psalm 56: 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mark 3: 7-12.
- Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Isaiah 9: 1-6; Psalm 72: 2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 11-12, 13-14;
Philippians 4: 6-9; Matthew 5: 1-12a.
- Friday: 1 Samuel 24: 3-21; Psalm 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11, Mark 3: 13-19.
- Saturday: 2 Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalm 80: 2-3, 5-7; Mark 3: 20-21.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Tuesday: Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr and Saint Sebastian, Martyr
- Wednesday: Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Friday: Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr and Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin (1838-1918)
- Saturday: Saint Francis De Sales, Bishop and Doctor

PLEASE PRAY for the SICK

of our Parish—for their health & spiritual consolation—and for their caregivers:

**Catherine Ball, Michael Begany, Matthew Behum,
Margaret Boyle, John Canzano, Eileen Kelly,
Freida Mercado, Mary Ellen O'Donnell,
James Orlando, Christine Piripavel, Maddie Rivera,
Fran Sniscak, Esther Van Billiard, and Evelyn Wichie.**

*Please contact the parish office
to add your loved ones to the Sick List.*

Our parish code is #111.

HIS WORD TODAY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

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"John testified further saying, 'I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever, you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.'"

As happened last week, we are still at the Jordan, observing the sign of the presence of the Spirit. Isn't it a powerful moment when John the Evangelist in his first chapter quotes the Baptist saying, "He is the Son of God?" The Baptist said he did not know Him. This is what we believe! How well do we know Jesus, not just about Jesus. Do I know Him as well as He knows me? Open the Bible, read the word, join a discussion group. Jesus and His Spirit will join you.



Saint Agnes

CELEBRATIONS

*Wishing a very
happy birthday to
NANCY
MILTENBERGER
(01/23)!*



THANK YOU!

A very sincere THANK YOU to all of our parishioners who contributed to this year's GIVING TREE. Thanks to your support, we collected 51 gifts and seven gift cards. We appreciated your generosity!

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

If you would like to take up the Gifts at the Mass for your loved one, kindly sit in the fourth pew from front on the left side of the Church near the Gift table.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

**Many thanks to all our parishioners and friends who support Immaculate.
May God bless your generosity.**

Please continue your faithfulness in supporting our church by returning envelopes and offerings at Holy Mass or through the mail.

Week of 01/11: \$2,773.00

AROUND the DIOCESE

"Vatican For All" News App

The Dicastery for Communication has released a free App entitled "Vatican for All" to provide information on the activities of the Pope and the Church in the world for people with sensory disabilities, as part of the "No One Left Out" project. It is available for free on the App Store and Google Play. Once the app is downloaded, click "impostazioni" then "seleziona lingua" then choose preferred language. The app otherwise defaults to Italian.

2026 National March for Life, Washington, D.C.

Please consider attending the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 23. To learn more about this annual initiative, visit <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>. A bus from St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Easton, departs at 7:30 AM. You may attend 6:30 AM. Mass before departure. Cost is \$20 per rider. Please pay in advance to hold your seat. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart Church and mailed to Andrew Azan 3rd, PO Box 3278, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Also include your name, email, and mobile number with the payment.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 17

4:00 PM Spiritual well-being of Cassandra Perez

Sunday, January 18

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9:00 AM Jay Radio; Kathleen & Edward Roxberry

10:30AM Krystyna Janik

Monday, January 19

8:00 AM Bernadette O'Donnell

8:30 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (English)

Tuesday, January 20

8:00 AM Tori Case

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 AM William R. Steirer

Thursday, January 22

8:00 AM Jason Dudek

Friday, January 23

8:00 AM Diana A. Handlon

7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (Spanish)

Saturday, January 24

4:00 PM Intention for Health of Evelise Alvarado

Sunday, January 25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Angela V. Caffrey (33 years)

10:30AM Jakub Janik

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 24

4:00 PM Iris Jarjous

Sunday, January 25

9:00 AM Rich Sniscak

INTENTIONS for 2026

**The 2026 Mass Book is open, and there are still intentions available.
The suggested offering is \$10.**

The HUMOR CORNER

