

CHRISTMAS 2017



December 24th-25th 2017



FROM THE Desk of Fr. David Kozak

My Dear People,

How did it “sneak up on us” so rapidly! Christmas I mean. Today’s Fourth Week of Advent celebration is back to back with Christmas! What is the solution ? Feeling panicky or short-changed with not enough time for the spiritual and material preparations necessary for a worthy celebration of Christ’s birth? He will come: ready or not. The solution is to prolong the celebration of Jesus’ Love for us WELL beyond December 24/25. Include the Octave Days, 26th to January 1st. They include the feast of St. Steven, St. John the Apostle, the Holy Innocents. Honor Mary the Mother of God on New Year’s Day. Above all celebrate the ancient Solemnity of the Epiphany- The Three Kings. The Holy Family celebration is important.

As you can see; if we look beyond the secular calendar that stops the feasting on December 26th we can have a spiritual “Smorgasbord “ of feasting well into the new year. Enjoy!

Fr. David



First Friday Home Communion and Visitation by Fr. Dave is available on the First Friday of each month. IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE LIST please call either Rectory to have your name put on the list for a visit .

Confessions—In addition to the Saturdays before the 4pm Mass from 3:00pm—3:45pm Confessions are also available after weekday Masses in St. Vincent's Chapel.



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(INC)) PARISH ACTIVITIES GROUP

Monthly 50/50 Drawing - Reminder - \$5 per entry, and since this drawing takes place electronically, just make your donation in multiples of \$5. Donation envelopes must be received by the last day of the month. Thank you for your support.

- **Homemade Noodles are on sale. Order forms can be found in the vestibules – a 16 ounce bag is \$4.00.**
- **Save the date and stay tuned for more information about these other upcoming events:**

Ø Coffee & Donuts – Sundays after the 8am Mass - 1/28/18, 2/25/18, 3/25/18, 4/22/18, 5/27/18.



Ø PAG Meeting – Wednesday, 1/24/18, 7pm.

Ø Lenten Soup Supper – Friday, 2/23/18, 6pm.

Ø Parish Feast Day Dinner – Saturday, 4/7/18, 5pm.

Ø Annual Iron Pigs Game – Sunday, 4/29/18.

**Incarnation Choir News.....
Sunday, December 24, 4:00pm
Monday, December 25, 8:00am
Musical prelude by the
Incarnation of Our Lord Choir
approximately 30 minutes before
each Mass.**



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ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

NOTE: If you're a parishioner who could use assistance due to infirmity or, if you find yourself in a difficult financial situation, please contact the rectory for referral to our PARISHIONER PROGRAM!! All inquiries are **CONFIDENTIAL!**

Any questions or comments please contact Ruth Herman @ rmh1330@aol.com or call 484-239-0243.

Living out Christmas in the New Year:

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life, a digital pilgrimage of prayer and charitable action.

The U.S. Catholic bishops invite you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide from Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26. Join today at

www.9daysforlife.com

E-Mail Bulletin: If you're interested in receiving our weekly parish bulletin via email, please contact inchgbulletin@gamil.com with your name & email address and we'll make sure to send it out to you!

Holy Ghost Annual

Christmas Ham—Raffle Winners

1– Mr. & Mrs. Russel Gestl 2– Maryann Eminhizer
3– Frank Sattler 4– Connie Berry 5– Becky Pflay
6– Maureen Dresen 7– Edith Flick 8– Jean Green
9– Garth Proeschel 10– Angie & Corky Horvath.

Thank you to all those who bought and sold tickets and to Dino Pat Cantelmi and the Cantelmi & Cantelmi-Long Funeral Homes for Sponsoring the Tickets. Thank You!

(HG + INC) LAST CALL for GIVING TREE ITEMS

Thank you for your willingness to support the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown through the annual Giving Tree collection. This very successful endeavor has been going



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on for over 30+ years in the Diocese of Allentown in most parishes and as you may know the Catholic Charities office location has moved, and the new location has significantly less space to store items throughout the year. With this in mind, we are asking for gift cards to places that sell baby items (i.e.: Walmart, Target, & Kmart). These gift cards will not be distributed directly to clients, but will allow Catholic Charities to purchase larger items and items that are needed on a case by case basis like car seats, strollers, and coats, etc. It will also allow Catholic Charities to replenish other items as the needs arise. Any and all Items may be dropped off anytime during December at the rectory or drop gift Cards in the Collection Basket on all the weekends from now until New Year's 2018 marked for this purpose.

ACTIVE PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Is Usually determined in Our Parishes by these five things :

1. You have completed the official parish registration form,
 2. You attend liturgies regularly on Sunday as well as Holydays.
 3. You support our parish family with prayer.
 4. You show an interest in the life and activities of our parish community, sharing time and talent when able to do so.
 5. You support the parish financially through the use of contribution envelopes.
- This is why there are problems at the time of Baptisms, Weddings, Other Sacramental events, Letters of Eligibility for the Sacraments, Parochial Schools and Belonging to various Groups and Organizations of the Parish. Please call either Rectory for more info. on how to Join our parishes. You are most certainly Welcome to do so.

SENIORS

(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"

Meetings:

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

Wednesday—January 10th

Wednesday—February 14th

Leave Holy Ghost 10:30am for

Mohegan Sun. Cost: \$24 and you

get

Slot Play \$25 and \$5 in Food Coupon.

For Casino info. & Reservations Call:

"Boots" Horwath - 610-867-4839

or Gloria Szakos - 610-868-7940.



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Incarnation Parish Senior Group -

New members are invited to our join our Senior Group. Our meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month in LaBuda Hall at 12 noon. Finger foods are served and BINGO is played @ every meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Vidumsky @ 610-868-6320, Mike Vidumsky @ 610-530-1528, or Barbara Raykos @ 610-867-0774. Hope to see you there!!!

Next meeting Wednesday Jan. 3rd 2018 @ Noon

.GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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Holy Ghost—Social Committee News

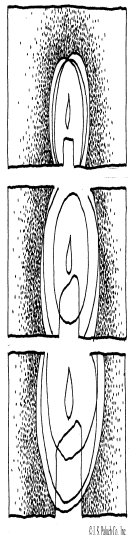
Future Dates of Activities:

"Old Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner "

Sunday, January 14th 2018 @ 3pm in Billinger Hall. Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Apple Sauce, Coffee, Tea Soda. \$10.00per person Children under 12—\$6.00 . Call the Rectory 610-867-9382 Ext 3 for reservations. Mark your Calendars!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who's naughty and who's nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the Christkind in Austria and Belgium, El Niño Jesús in Columbia, and Le Petit Jesus in France, where he shares his duties with Père Noël. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but Ježíšek, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.



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Masses and Devotional Candles

Vigil Mass Saturday December 23rd **SUN. Dec. 24th -- Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00AM (INC.) ✕ Health & Blessings on
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Glagola

10:00AM (HG) ✕ Msgr. Richard J. Loeper
by Catherine Sterlein

(HG) 4:00pm ✕ Deceased Members of the Blaukovitch
Family by Jean Blaukovitch

(INC) 4:00pm ✕ For all Parishioners

Mon. Dec. 25th -- CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00AM (INC.) ✕ For the Parishioners

10:00AM(HG) ✕ Julianna Richards
by Grandparents Janice & Tom

Tues. Dec. 26th— Advent Weekday

(HG) 8AM ✕ In Honor of

Mr. & Mrs. John and Mary Ann Vidunsky
on their 68th Wedding Anniversary, Congrats!

Thurs. Dec. 28th — St. Peter Canisius

(HG) 8AM ✕ Special Intention by Maureen Dresen

Fri. Dec. 29th - Advent Weekday

(HG) 12 noon ✕ Health & Blessings on Dolores Horvath
on her 90th Birthday by niece Jane Zakovitch

Sat. December 30th Vigil Mass

(HG) 3pm-3:45pm—Confessions

3:35pm—Rosary for Vocations and Prayer Intentions

(HG) 4:00pm ✕ Charles & Rose Konkolics
by Rickey & Quigley Families

SUN. Dec. 31st -- Holy Family

8:00AM (INC.) ✕ All Parishioner

10:00AM(HG) ✕ Theresa (Nemes) Koach (18th Anniv.)

Mon. Jan. 1st 2018 New Years Day

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

8:00AM (INC.) ✕ For the Parishioners

10:00AM (HG) ✕ For the Parishioners

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary -

In Memory of ✕ Charles & Julia Sterlein
by Marie Sterlein

Tabernacle (2) -

In Loving Memory of ✕ Walter Blaukovitch
B.V.M. -

In Loving Memory of ✕ Theresa & Joseph Koach
St. Joseph -

Health & Blessings on John Majewski
Sacred Heart—



Health & Blessings on Charlotte Cole
St. Theresa -

Prayer Intentions

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of ✕ LoPiccolo & Argento Families
Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

In Memory of ✕ Deceased Boccardi/Bechdolt Fams.
Pieta—(2)

In Memory of ✕ Alexander & Elizabeth Trotsky

St. Vincent DePaul Chapel / Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of ✕ Joann Kostecky Petito

Devotional Lamps @ Incarnation Church

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of ✕

Deceased Members of the Parish

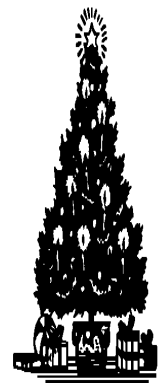
Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp -

In Memory of

✕ Justine & Walter Coleman
by Daughter Sharon Vinkovich
& Family

St. Joseph Lamp

Health & Blessings
on John Majewski



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