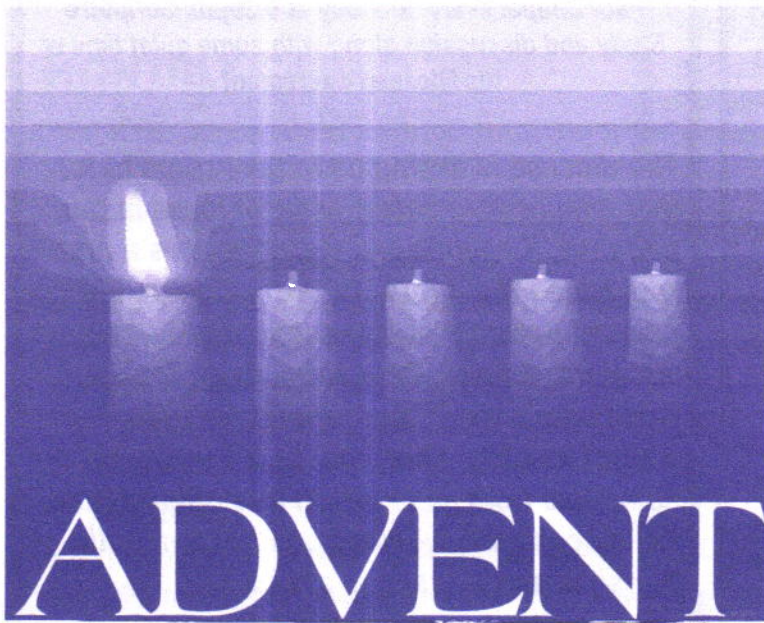


1st Sunday of ADVENT



December 1st



Incarnation of Our Lord

**A Roman Catholic Parish of the
Diocese of Allentown**

*Founded in 2008 as a merger of Slovak,
Hungarian, Windish, Polish and
Italian Parishes.*

“ Many Pasts, ONE United Future. “

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Holy Ghost Church

**A Roman Catholic Parish of the
Diocese of Allentown**

*Founded in 1871 as a
German Ethnic Parish*

—150th Anniversary Year —

—Pentecost 2020—2021 —

**Rectory: 417 Carlton Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18015 -1535**

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The Newman Center Located at the Holy Ghost Parish Complex

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
 Today the first Sunday of Advent is our liturgical new year celebration. Once again, the cycle of salvation begins. Let us adapt and adopt a secular custom, and make some new year resolutions. The mystery of God taking flesh is the whole point of our holiday celebration; although secular society may not realize it. Jesus came into the world to taste everything human. He was like us in all things except sin. That means that; even now, we can find God in our day-to-day human activities. In the daily struggle to lead a decent human life, we need divine help and companionship. He still is with us. Especially in the sacraments; in the word proclaimed, the bread and wine consecrated and truly made His sacred Body and Blood. Let our Advent resolution be to not look for God high above the clouds in the distance. Rather, let us search for Him in our human reality; in the world He came to save and sanctify. Too often we expect God to appear in amazing spiritual experiences. What if He prefers to reach out to us in the ordinary events we encounter daily: the smile of a small child, the courage of a critically ill friend or the cry of the person in need? That is often the case even today. Let us be wide awake and alert. May Jesus help us celebrate His coming with gratitude and love.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Your friend and pastor,
Fr. David J. Kozak

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. 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.: Kohl's, Walmart, Target, & Sams Club, BJ's Wholesale Club.). 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. Gift cards may be dropped off anytime during December at the rectory or drop gift Cards in the Collection Basket on the weekends during December for that purpose!

Bible Study—Lectio Divina

ALL ARE WELCOME to join in at the St. Vincent DePaul Chapel every Monday at 6:30pm. Scripture Study and discussion along with some quiet time w the Blessed Sacrament .

The diocese is asking us to take steps to further ensure your safety while at mass in our parishes. If anyone has experience as a first responder, fire fighter, nurse or doctor, EMT, please inform us at the rectory ASAP. Also Greeters, Ushers, Collectors. Also, Teachers, Counselors, who have experience from school training. There will be a 4 hr workshop sometime from Jan - March free offered from the diocese and we need people from both Parishes and Masses to attend.

Cathedral Christmas Concert

"God is With Us" Features the four adult choirs of the Cathedral, plus instrumentalists. **TODAY Sun., Dec. 1st @ 3PM, St. Catherine of Siena Cathedral, Allentown, PA.** Carolers will sing in the vestibule beginning @ 2:30PM. Guest soloist Sr. Josephine Wagner. Free will offering to a family in need. Begin this Advent season focusing on the true reason for the season. God is with us Emmanuel!!!

3rd Sunday of Advent – Sunday December 15th - Bring your Infant Statue from your Nativity Set to Church to be blessed. This Sunday is also known as "Bambinelli Sunday"

Second Collection "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young who serve those in need. **Next week's second collection, Dec. 7th & 8th, is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.**

(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors Meeting—Monday, December 2nd

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

No Casino December

Wednesday, January 8th

Leave HG Church 10:30am for

*****Mohegan Sun*****

Cost: \$25—Slot Play: \$25--\$5 Food Coupon

For Casino info. & Reservations Call:

"Boots" Horwath - 610-867-4839

or Gloria Szakos - 610-868-7940.

American Music Theatre

"Joy to the World"— Tues. December 10th,

2019 \$97 includes, bus, show, Sit Down

Dinner at "Plain and Fancy" & gratuity!

For reservations call

Boots Horwath (610)867-4839!

Holy Ghost Financials

Weekly collection for 11 / 24 = \$	N/A
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WELCOME!

We welcome all who join us at our Masses.

We encourage all Catholics to become an active participant in the life of our Parish Families. Please call either Rectory for more information.

Masses & Vigil Lamps @ Holy Ghost Parish-

Please contact the 610-867-9382 ext. 3.

Masses are \$10/for each. Devotional Candles are \$10.00. Please NOTE: Mass & Lamp Requests for 2020 can be made NOW.

Please do not be disappointed if a particular dates are taken!

H.G. Social Committee News

NOODLE MAKING "Oodles of Noodles" are being made after the 8am Mass Mon., Nov. 25th, Tues., Dec. 3rd, Mon., Dec. 30th. Volunteers always welcome! Donations of Eggs and Flour always graciously Accepted! To order Noodles Call Steph Lee 610-248-5303 Or Gloria Szakos - 610-868-7940.

Sacred Heart Parish, Miller Heights- Tricky Tray -

December 7 - 11am to 7pm;

December 8 - 9am to 1:45pm.

Great Prizes, Great Food, Great Fun!!

Father King Hall, First St. & Freemansburg Avenue, Bethlehem Township. Drawings begin at 2pm - need not be present to win.

Parish Choir - Needs More Members.

The choir sings at the 10AM Mass every Sunday. They also enhance the liturgies for all major Holy Day celebrations. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings @ 7PM. All are encouraged to participate. Reading music is not a requirement and there is no audition. All Are Welcome to join.

This is your invitation just go up to the Choir Loft next time you are in church.

Annual Christmas Ham Drawing

Sunday, December 15th after the 10am Mass in Msgr. Billinger Hall with Coffee and Donuts. 10 Holiday Hams will be drawn. Tickets may be returned via the Mail or the Offertory Collection at Sunday Mass anytime.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Saturday, December 14, 2019 Helper's Pilgrimage: Please join Fr. John Pendzick and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00 AM at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Cata-sauqua Road and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Contact Info: <https://m.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown>

ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

Food Pantry Update: We served 37 guests at the October food pantry, 3 of whom were new.

NOTE: If you are 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. Please call the Rectory.

Incarnation Parish Senior Group

New members are invited to 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.

Meeting —Wed., December 4th —12noon

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our **Officers:**

President Irene Vidumsky @610-530-1528

Vice President Rosemarie Csaszar @ 610-866-7927

Secretary Josephine Zavec @ 610-867-0260.

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Monocacy Manor

Christmas Vespers 2019

Saturday, December 21—7:00 PM

Sunday, December 22—2:00 & 7:00 PM

White House Chapel, Monocacy Manor

395 Bridle Path Road Bethlehem

610.867.8890

Refreshments to Follow

Retreat Center Dining Hall

(INC) Parish Activities Group

Christmas Decorating in Church – Saturday, 12/7/19, 9am. Please join us if you can, as many hands make light work!

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. Congratulations to our October winners – Mr. & Mrs. John Ferri (\$92.50), Stephanie Turek (\$55.50), and Dorothy Bickel (\$37.00).

Save the date and stay tuned for more information about these other upcoming PAG events:

- Coffee & Donuts – Sundays 1/26/20, 2/23/20, 4/26/20, 5/24/20
- PAG Meeting – Wednesday 1/22/20
- Lenten Soup Supper – Friday 3/13/20
- Parish Feast Day Dinner – Saturday 3/28/20, after special 4pm Mass
- Children's Egg Hunt – Saturday 4/11/20
- Iron Pigs Outing – Sunday 6/28/20, 1:35pm game
- Bingo Buffet – Saturday 7/18/20, after special 4pm Mass
- Putt U Mini Golf – Wednesday, 8/5/20
- Polka Mass & Halupki Dinner – Saturday 9/12/20, special 4pm Mass

✠ **OUR WEEK OF GRACE AND PRAYER** ✠

(HG) 4:00pm ✠ John & Helen Yost by Rogers Family
(INC) 5:30pm ✠ Joseph Kundek by Ted Dostalík

SUN. Dec. 1st **1st Sunday of Advent**

8:00AM (INC) ✠ Anna Herman
by Grandsons Matthew & Michael Blamar
10:00AM(HG) ✠ Albert Berdell (22nd Anniv.)
by Daughter Mary Ann Otto & Family

12:10pm & 9:10pm
Lehigh—Packer Church—No Mass

Mon. Dec. 2nd—Advent Weekday

(HG) 8AM ✠ Anna Vresk by Srs. Clarice & Clarice Vresk

Tues. Dec. 3rd— St. Francis Xavier

(HG) 8AM ✠ Helen Phillip by Justine Yuhás & Family

Thurs. Dec. 5th— Advent Weekday

(HG) 9AM ✠ George Maurer by Wife Helen

Fri. Dec.. 6th — St. Nicholas of Myra **FIRST FRIDAY**

(Adoration 9am till Mass)
(HG)12 NOON ✠ William, Margaret and Kenneth Lopczyk by Sandy Sule
(Adoration follows this Mass til 7pm Service for Vocations) Confessions Available 7pm-8pm

SAT. Dec.. 7th **Vigil Mass**

3:35pm—Rosary for Vocations and Prayer Intentions
(HG) 4:00pm ✠ Salvatore Argento by Wife Angeline, Children, Grandchildren

(INC) 5:30pm ✠ Elizabeth Ann Hazler
by Gail & Dennis Reichard



SUN. Dec. 8th **2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:00AM (INC) ✠ Cecilia Zakeski
by Daughter Mary Ann

10:00AM(HG) ✠ Living & Deceased Parishioners Holy Ghost Parish

LU—12:10pm @ Holy Ghost - NO 9:10pm Mass

8pm Christmas Vespers Packer Memorial Church
All are Welcome !!!

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
Direct Telephone: 1-800-791-9209

✠ **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS** ✠

\$10 PER WEEK PLEASE CALL EITHER RECTORY

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary

In Memory of ✠ Jean Green by HG Choir

Tabernacle(2)

In Memory of ✠ Ann Marie Janders

B.V.M.

In Memory of ✠ Mark Ford

St. Joseph

In Memory of ✠ Mary Bold

Sacred Heart

Health & Blessings on Charlotte Cole

St. Theresa

Health & Blessings on Reilly Smith

St. John the Hermit

In Memory of ✠ Buragino, Corroda & Shunk Fams.

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of ✠ Deceased Members of Foiano

Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

In Memory of ✠ Deceased Boccardi/Bechdolt Fam.

Our Lady of Fatima

In Memory of ✠ Deceased Members Schadle Fam.

St. Vincent DePaul Chapel / Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of ✠ George & Concetta Petito



✠ Devotional Lamps ✠

@ Incarnation of Our Lord Church

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of ✠ Louis Phillip by Family

BVM Lamp

Special Intention by Ruth Herman

St. Joseph Lamp

In Memory of ✠ Dorothy Ezar
by Dennis & Gail Reichard

Tabernacle Lamps

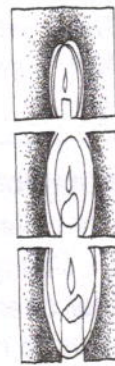
In Memory of ✠ Paul , Helen, & Susan Bosak by
Daughter & Sister Sandy Bosak

Our Lady of the Rosary

Birthday Blessings on Donna Szczepanski

Infant of Prague

In Memory of ✠ Irene Petraglia



Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J.
Telephone: 610-332-0442 ext.2019