

3rd Sunday of ADVENT



December 15th



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—

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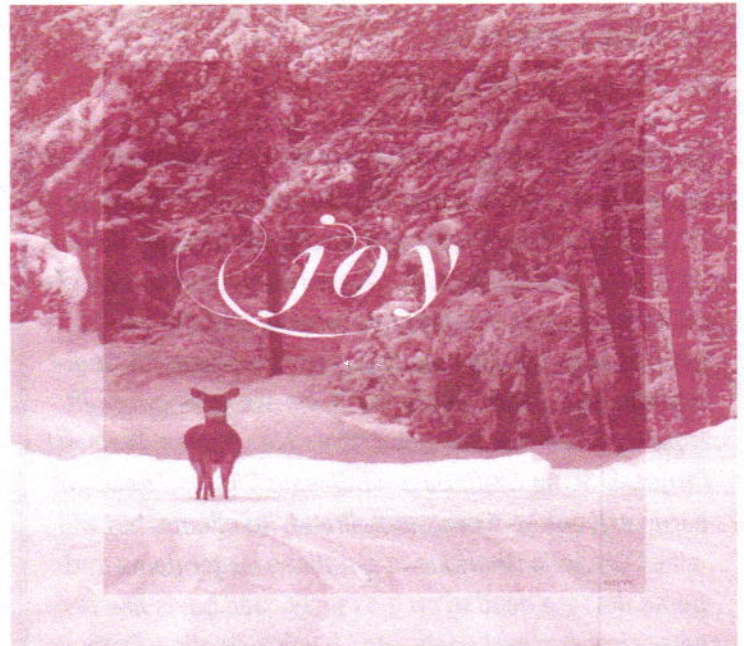
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Hungarian, Windish, Polish and
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“Many Pasts, ONE United Future.”

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, On this third Sunday of advent we focus on the great joy that the coming of Jesus brings us. The joy of a lame person beginning to walk, a blind person having their sight restored can only be beaten by our joy when we hear Jesus say: "Go, your sins are forgiven."

That is a joy you cannot find at the mall or on Amazon. Only through the sacramental life of the Church can we find the peace that the world cannot give. What are your priorities for the rest of this holy season? Is confession a part of your Christmas preparation. Remember the prime opportunities mentioned in the bulletin. December 19, 6-7pm is another possibility. Holy Infancy CCD program is having confession for their students and any adult from our community is invited. Please prepare well for the wondrous time of celebrating our Savior's Incarnation. There is no better way to experience His joy and peace. Wishing you all the best and promising my prayers I remain,

Your Pastor and friend
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 Saturday February 1st 9:30am to 2:00pm. The Seminar is free offered from the diocese and we need people from both Parishes and Masses to attend.

Christmas Confessions will be heard This Friday, December 19, 2019, 6pm-7pm at Incarnation of Our Lord Church. Two priests will be available. All are invited!

 Abortions are 100% fatal to the baby and it's never the baby's "choice". The abortion business makes a killing by getting away with murder! Lord, deliver us from the darkness of abortion, medical assisted suicide & euthanasia.

Thank you to the Cantelmi Funeral Home, Cantelmi-Long Funeral Home and the Connell Funeral Home for Sponsoring the Religious Art Calendars for 2020.



(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors Meeting—Monday, December 16th

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.

Holy Ghost Financials

Weekly collection for 12 / 8 = \$2,104.00

Online Giving = \$ 270.00

Number of envelopes used = 74

Can you do more for God ?

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.

As the Season of Advent approaches, Bishop of Allentown Alfred A. Schlert asks the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to observe the Ember Days for the season.

Ember Days are quarterly observances with three days set aside (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) to pray in gratitude for the blessings of the season and human labor, to thank God publicly.

There are 12 Ember Days in all. Traditionally Ember-tide was also decided as a time to pray for priests. Ember Days are no longer included in the Universal Roman Calendar, but they are not abolished.

On these days, Bishop Schlert is asking for abstinence from all meat products, fasting and a Holy Hour by the clergy. The People of God of the Diocese of Allentown are encouraged to join in this practice as a sign of healing.

The Advent Ember Days are as follows: Wednesday, Dec. 18; Friday, Dec. 20; and Saturday, Dec. 21.

H.G. Social Committee News

NOODLE MAKING "Oodles of Noodles" are being made after the 8am Mass 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.

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.

150th Anniversary NEWS

Excitement is building we need your help! We kicked off our 150th Anniversary Inaugural and still need more help! We are reminding you of our next planning meeting Tuesday, January 14th @ 6:30pm in Billinger Hall. Pizza & Sweets! All are welcome, Past & Present Parishioners, School Alumni.....etc...

(INC—HG)

Year -End Financial Statements

Envelope Contribution recording for the giving year 2019 will close on Wednesday, January 8th 2020! Parishioners have until this time to make up on back contributions for 2019. After this time contributions will be put in for 2020. Please drop a Self-addressed stamped envelope via the collection or Mail if you wish to receive a contribution statement for the year 2019.



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ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

Food Pantry Update: We served 51 guests at the November pantry, 9 of whom were new. Guests were able to pick up their Thanksgiving turkey as well as choose among the many toys, books, stuffed animals, etc. generously donated by our parishioners and friends. Our next food pantry will be held on Saturday, December 28th from 10:00 to noon.

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., January 8th —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.
All Are Welcome!

Monocacy Manor

Christmas Vespers 2019

Next Saturday, December 21—7:00 PM
Next 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
Freewill Offering



(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. Congratulations to our November winners – Cynthia Pavelko-Tracy (\$97.50), Helen Hahn (\$58.50), and Catherine Grencser (\$39.00).

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

Notice for LaBuda Hall users: Please do not put heat sources (candles, cook pots, frying pans, etc.) directly on the plastic tabletops; they will melt. Use a protective hot pad or trivet. Thank you.

Incarnation of Our Lord Financials

Weekly collection for 12 / 8 = \$ 2,830.00

Online Giving = \$ 63.00

Number of envelopes used =71

Can you do more for God ?

✠ **OUR WEEK OF GRACE AND PRAYER** ✠

(HG) 4:00pm ✠ Deceased Members of the Copek Family by the Family

(INC) 5:30pm ✠ Joseph Kundek by Daughter Maryann Sine & Husband Dale

SUN. Dec. 15th **3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:00AM (INC) ✠ Robert & Carol Ruch by the Family
Coffee Hour & Annual Ham Drawing follows this Mass

10:00AM(HG) ✠ Andrew Zonay by Catherine Sterlein
Coffee Hour & Annual Ham Drawing follows this Mass

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

Mon. Dec. 16th—Advent Weekday

(HG) 8AM ✠ Delphine Slezak by Fr. Dave Kozak

Tues. Dec. 17th— Late Advent Weekday

(HG) 8AM ✠ Elizabeth Ann Hazler by Michael & Regina Fina



Thurs. Dec. 19th— Late Advent Weekday

(HG) 8AM ✠ Joseph Kutzera by Wife Sophie & Family

Fri. Dec. 20th — Late Advent Weekday

(HG) 12 NOON ✠ Dorothy Kuzmin by Holy Ghost Prime Time Seniors



SAT. Dec. 21st

Vigil Mass

3:35pm—Rosary for Vocations and Prayer Intentions

(HG) 4:00pm ✠ John Repasch by the Family

(INC) 5:30pm ✠ Margaret Groller by Daughter Irene Vidumsky & Son-in-law Michael

SUN. Dec. 22nd

4th Sunday of Advent

8:00AM (INC) ✠ Elizabeth Nemchik by Mr. & Mrs. James Nemchik

10:00AM(HG) ✠ Dennis Harbon & Loretta & Walter Elliott by Marilyn Harbon & Family



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 ✠ Robert Stull by R. Koach Family
Tabernacle(2)



In Memory of ✠ Salvatore Argento
B.V.M.

In Memory of ✠ Jean Spinelli
St. Joseph

In Memory of ✠ Kozak & Opilo Families
Sacred Heart

Health & Blessings on Charlotte Cole
St. Theresa

Health & Blessings on Nancy Pittner by L. Rothrock
St. John the Hermit

In Memory of ✠ Buragino, Corroda & Shunk Fams.
St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of ✠ Deceased Capuano Family
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 ✠ Deceased Members of the Raykos Family by Barbara Raykos

BVM Lamp

In Memory of ✠ Elizabeth Dominko by Family

St. Joseph Lamp

Special Intention by Ruth Herman

Our Lady of the Rosary

In Memory of ✠ Veronica Perkins by Barbara Raykos



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