

2nd Sunday of ADVENT



December 8th

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means to 'get ready.'
"Help us to be ready
to welcome you,
O God!" Luke 3:4-6



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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Incarnation Parish

Holy Ghost Church

A Roman Catholic Parish of the

Diocese of Allentown

Founded in 1871 as a

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—150th Anniversary Year—

—Pentecost 2020—2021—

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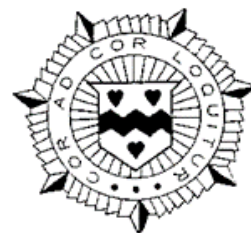
Lehigh University - Catholic Campus Ministry

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, As our Advent journey continues, we learn more about God's plan for our future. The future inauguration of Jesus' Kingdom involves the restoration of real peace; a favorite topic of our Scripture readings and hymns during this season. "Sleep in heavenly peace.....Peace on earth, goodwill to all men." The beautiful image of the lion laying down with the lamb and that there will be "no harm in my holy mountain" reflects a dream that all people of good will strive after. It can only be realized if we cooperate with His plan for our own, personal lives. The polarized world we live in is a reflection of our interior spiritual division. Let us strive toward peace and integrity of heart healing all division. We use the tools of personal prayer and celebration of the sacraments (especially Reconciliation) in order to prepare the way of the Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

With every prayer and good wishes for a blessed Advent season 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!



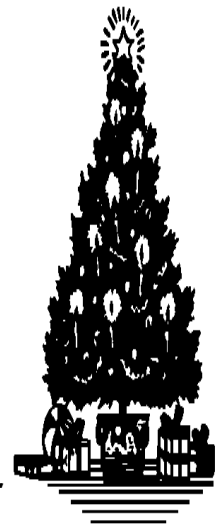
Bible Study—Lectio Divina

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 sometime from Jan - March free offered from the diocese and we need people from both Parishes and Masses to attend.

"Bambinelli Sunday"

A journey from Advent to Christmas at ALL of the Weekend Masses at both Parishes NEXT weekend December 14th and 15th we encourage ALL to bring the Infant or any piece of your own personal nativity scene from home to church to have them blessed. This is a beautiful custom we do annually to help us prepare spiritually for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas as we journey from darkness to the light of Christmas in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



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HG) Thanksgiving Turkey Winners

1—Ron Oberdoester, 2—Fr. Leo Maletz, 3—Steph Lee, 4—Gloria Szakos, 5—Mary Ann Otto, 6—Jean Blaukovitch, 7—Celeste Behe, 8—Sr. Jean Makovsky, 9—Pat Green, 10—Betty Jane Damhosl.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT AND SOLD TICKETS. SEE YOU FOR THE Annual HAM DRAWING NEXT WEEK.

**(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.

American Music Theatre

**"Joy to the World"— This Tues., December
10th, 2019 Bus leaves @10AM from HG!
\$97 includes, bus, show, Sit Down Dinner at
"Plain and Fancy" & gratuity!**

Holy Ghost Financials

Weekly collection for 11 / 24 = \$1,463.00

Weekly collection for 12 / 1 = \$1,847.00

Online Giving = \$205

Number of envelopes used = 57

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.**

Masses & Vigil Lamps @ Holy Ghost Parish-

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

**Masses are \$10/for each. Devotional Can-
dles 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!**

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H.G. Social Committee News

NOODLE MAKING "Oodles of Noodles" are being
made after the 8am Mass Mon., Dec. 30th. Volunteers al-
ways welcome! Donations of Eggs and Flour always gra-
ciously 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, Bethle-
hem Township. Drawings begin at 2pm – need not be pre-
sent 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 require-
ment 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

Next 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 Mis-
sion: That through prayer, peaceful pres-
ence, and fasting we may be God's instru-
ments in the salvation of souls, so that in-
nocent lives will be saved from abor-
tion. Contact Info: [https://](https://m.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown)

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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., 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

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.

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 11 / 24 = \$ 951

Weekly collection for 12 / 1 = \$1,551.00

Online Giving = \$ 83

Number of envelopes used =66

Can you do more for God ?

(INC) Thanksgiving Turkey Winners

1–Joanne Stofanak, 2–Stephen Pecuch, 3–Richard Oravec, 4–Sandra Haas, 5–Ruth Herman, 6–Paul Barron, 7–Christine Naeyaert, 8–Bonnie Zsilavec, 9–Mary Ann Sine, 10–Mary Ann Sine

✠ **OUR WEEK OF GRACE AND PRAYER** ✠

(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
4pm & 8pm Christmas Vespers Packer Memorial Church
All are Welcome !!!

Mon. Dec. 9th—Solemnity of Immaculate Conception

(HG) 8AM ✠ Living & deceased of Incarnation Parish

Tues. Dec. 10th— Advent Weekday

(HG) 8AM ✠ Patricia Leperi by George Vas

Thurs. Dec. 12th— Our Lady of Guadalupe

(HG) 8AM ✠ James Taglang by Annemarie & Skip John

Fri. Dec. 13th — St. Lucy

(HG) 12 NOON ✠ Mary Mitzi Schadl
by Gloria Keeler & Family

SAT. Dec. 14th **Vigil Mass**

3:35pm—Rosary for Vocations and Prayer Intentions
(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



✠ **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 ✠ Copek Family
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 Parishioners
Incarnation of Our Lord Parish
BVM Lamp

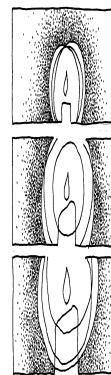
In Memory of ✠ Dorothy Ezar
by Tom & Bonnie Zsilavec
St. Joseph Lamp

Living & Deceased Members of Slovak
Catholic Sokols #78

Tabernacle Lamps
Special Intention

Our Lady of the Rosary
In Memory of ✠ Deceased Members of the
Vrable & Kelemen Families

Infant of Prague
Special Intention by Ruth Herman



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