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**Holy Ghost Catholic Church**  
A Roman Catholic Parish of the  
Diocese of Allentown  
*Founded in 1871 as a German Ethnic Parish*



**New Years Day 2023** ❖ ❖ ❖ **January 1st**

**Happy New Year!**



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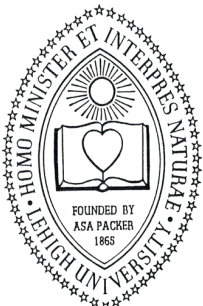
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## **FROM THE DESK OF Fr. Dave**

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ!*

*We begin the year of our Lord 2023 asking our Blessed Lady's motherly help. She cares about us and the world. She is Mother of the Church and guides us in being faithful to Her Son. Mary intercedes for us and implores God's blessings for the New Year. We have been through a lot and what will happen next is in God's hands. We have a human weakness of wanting to control the future. Trusting surrender is hard. Like our Blessed Mother we should ponder these things in our hearts and entrust our lives and family to Jesus. As I wrote this I received word that Bishop Schlert's mother Marylou has died. Pray for her eternal rest and strength for the Shepherd of our Diocese. May Jesus help him to entrust her to God's care.*

*May you all have a 2023 filled with God's grace and blessings!*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Your pastor and friend,*

*Fr. David J. Kozak*

*Please bear in mind that when the weather is bad, and you don't make it to Mass, our bills still do go on, the same as yours do! Please place your offerings in the next week's collection or Mail them to the Rectory. Thank You!*

### **A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" –**

**SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION FROM FR. DAVE, FR. BECKER, AND MSGR KOZEL, TO ALL OF YOU WHO SENT THEM CHRISTMAS CARDS, GOOD WISHES AND GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**

*May our Infant Savior bless each and every one of you with peace, joy, good health and happiness in the New Year!*

## **Parish Financials**

*Weekly Collection for 12 / 18 = \$ 2,011.00*

*Online Giving = \$ 1,105.00*

**Total = \$ 3,116.00 Thank You!**

**CAN YOU DO MORE FOR OUR PARISH???**

## **Upcoming Second Collections**

**Dec. 31st—Jan. 1st— Sol. of Mary New Years Day**

**Jan. 1st— Building & Maintenance Envelope and Cemetery Upkeep Envelope**

**Jan. 8th— Utility Fund Envelope**

**Jan. 15th— Any Extra Envelopes**

**Jan. 22nd— Catholic Relief Services Envelope**

**Jan. 29th— Pink Bonus Collection Envelope**

## **HELP!!!!!! Catholic Charities**

**– Giving Tree—** Christmas serves as a wonderful reminder of the precious gift of all life. We hope that you will consider supporting our work to Respect Life by donating during the Advent season. All items collected will be distributed to pregnant or parenting families throughout the diocese. Specific items needed include diapers, wipes, new clothing, towels, blankets, other baby items and gift cards to places that sell baby items (i.e.: Walmart, Target, grocery stores). Because of on-going restrictions gift cards may be the better option for all concerned, but as always, we are grateful for any and all donations received.



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**DEADLINE IS JAN. 8th**

## **SCAM EMAILS AND TEXT ALERT**

*There have been reports from some people in the Diocese about emails or text messages saying that their pastor or priest is soliciting money or gift cards. Please be aware that this is a scam.*

*Father Dave is not asking for gift cards or money via email or text. Please do not respond to these requests.*

**SAT., December 31st** **Saturday VIGIL**

Confessions 3pm til 3:45 pm  
4:00 pm ✕ Living & Deceased Parishioners

**SUNDAY January 1st 2023**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD-**  
**NEW YEARS DAY**

10am ✕ Theresa Koach (23rd Anniv.) by the Family  
  
12:00pm Mass in the Ordinariate Form

**Mon., Jan. 2nd—Sts. Basil the Great**  
**and Gregory Nazianzen**

8:00am ✕ Mary M. Morecz by the Estate

**Tues., Jan. 3rd — Holy Name of Jesus**

8:00am ✕ Stephen Morecz by the Estate

**Wed., Jan. 4th—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:00am ✕ Pat Hall by Pat Roberts

**Thurs., Jan. 5th— St. John Neumann**

8:00am ✕ Anton & Theresa Winkelbauer by Sandy Sule

**Fri., Jan. 6th— St. Andre Bessette— FIRST FRIDAY**

8:00am ✕ Anna Caruso by Steven Sell

**SAT., January 7th** **Saturday Vigil**

4:00 pm ✕ Phyllis E. Bigg  
by Sharon & Hank Baumann & Family

**SUNDAY January 8th 2023** **EPIPHANY**

10am ✕ Raymond Ortwein by Wife Terry & Family

1:30pm Mass in the Ordinariate Form



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✕ **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS** ✕

\$10 PER WEEK PLEASE CALL  
the RECTORY to reserve yours

**Sanctuary**

Living & Deceased Holy Ghost Prime Time Seniors

**Tabernacle (2)**

In Memory of ✕ Harry Kirk by Daily Mass Group

**St. Joseph Altar**

In Memory of ✕ Andrew Spevak by Wife Mariann

**B.V.M Altar**

In Memory of ✕ Veronica Stull by Ed & Brian Ruth

**Sacred Heart**

Health & Blessings on Don S. Koach by Family

**St. Theresa**

Health & Blessings on Rachel Horwath

**St. John the Hermit (San Giovanni Eremita)**

In Memory of ✕ Buragino, Corroda & Shunk Families

**St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii**

In Memory of ✕ Marylou Schlert by Friends

**Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano**

Deceased Members Bechdolt / Boccardi Fams

**Pieta**

In Memory of ✕ Alexander & Elizabeth Trotsky

**Our Lady of Fatima**

In Memory of ✕ George & Concetta Petito,  
Rosemarie Petito Hare & Joanne Petito

**BLESSINGS**

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.



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**OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:** "THE MISSION OF HOLY GHOST PARISH IS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS AND TO LIVE HIS MESSAGE OF FAITH, LOVE AND FORGIVENESS, WE SHARE THIS NOT ONLY WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY BUT ALSO IN THE LIVES OF ALL WE TOUCH. TO THIS END WE PLACE OURSELVES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PRAY FOR GUIDANCE TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY."

**DO YOU ATTEND MASS HERE—BUT HAVEN'T REGISTERED YET? IT'S VERY EASY..... AND YOU ARE MOST WELCOME HERE WITH US!**

We encourage all Catholics to become active participants in the life of our Holy Ghost Parish Family. Please call the Rectory 867-9382 EXT. #3 for more information.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP- "All Are Welcome"**

Is Usually determined in Our Parish 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 as best you can through the use of contribution envelopes. Etc..ON LINE GIVING PLEASE GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO.



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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.

**Baptisms** — For infant Baptism, parents must be registered and active members of the parish for at least six months. Parents need to call their Parish Offices to make an appointment to arrange for Baptisms. All Catholic godparents must be practicing their faith. (Non-Catholic godparents must be Christians, actively practicing their faith.) Please call the Rectory for additional information.

**CCD** — All Children grades 1—8 in Public School MUST register. All the Sacraments are to be received in the Parish Church you are Members of. All are Welcome! CCD every Wednesday night 6:15-7:30pm at St. Ursulas upper School. Contact Anne Korves , Coordinator 610-570- 7414 Classes started September 21st

**RCIA** — Any adult interested in becoming a Roman Catholic must go through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, when available. Please call the Rectory for additional information.

**Marriages** — Diocesan Policies for Marriage Couples should inform the parish of their plans to wed, and schedule a meeting with the priest as soon as they are engaged.

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

**Secretary for Youth Protection** Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS Telephone Number: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204  
prusso@allentowndiocese.org To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

**COURAGE** — Diocesan Help Line: 610-217-5557

**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE** If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling (800) 276-1562.



**Year-End Financial Statements  
Envelope Contribution recording for  
the giving year 2022 will close on  
Wednesday, January 12th 2023!**

*Parishioners have until this time to make up on back contributions for 2022. After that time, all forthcoming contributions will be credited for 2023. Please drop a Self-addressed stamped envelope via the collection or Mail if you wish to receive a contribution statement for the year 2022.*

**NO LATER THAN FEB. 12th.**

**Envelope Use**

We ask if you receive parish envelopes, that you use them rather than putting loose cash offerings in the collection basket. This will enable us to give you an annual contribution statement that can be used for income tax purposes. It also shows that you have attended Mass. If you give online and feel a bit awkward when the collection basket comes by, you can throw your envelope in the basket with it marked "Gave online".

**A BUSY MOTHER**

*"Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children."* —St. John Vianney



**Prime Time Seniors Group**

*PRIME TIME SENIORS meet on the first and third Monday of each month. Anyone age 55 and older is eligible to join. Dues are \$10*

*per year. The 2022 officers are:*

*Jean Blaukovitch, President;  
Carol Barron, Vice President;  
Phyllis Hageter, Secretary and  
Sue Grady, Treasurer.*

*Refreshments are served at each meeting.*

**NEXT MEETING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6th —**



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**Christmas Ham Raffle Winners:**

*1- Maggie Picucci, 2- Lou Donoso,  
3- Cindy Martin 4- Steph Lee,  
5- Ken Nansteel, 6- Mary Frances,  
7- Marty Lynn, 8- Joe Rock,  
9- Susan Stackhouse, 10- Ed Ruth*

*Thank you to all who bought and sold tickets. See you on Palm Sunday for Coffee Hour with Easter Hams!!!*

**Grand Prize Ticket Winners**

*1-Basket of Cheer- Kimberley Andrews,  
2- \$250.00 Gift card -Nancy Newhard,  
3- Dancing w/ the Stars- Scott Koach,  
4- Engelbert Humperdink- Susan Vitez,  
5- Journey- Judy Yanacek,  
6- Rain-Beatles- Steph Lee*

**Thank you to Dino & Joanna Cantelmi and Cantelmi/Long Funeral Homes for the Church Calendars and Yearly Date Books and for all you do for our Parish during the year. It is greatly appreciated.**

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