

Epiphany 2021



January 3rd 2021



“...They were overjoyed at seeing the star & on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves & did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures & offered him gifts...”

# Epiphany of Our Lord

## Incarnation of Our Lord

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## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*My dear parishioners,*



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*“Rise and shine forth for your  
Light has come!”*

*This joyful announcement for the Solemnity of the Epiphany brings joy to our hearts as the Christmas Season reaches its climax. Jesus is the Light of the World even though He is born in a dark manger in Bethlehem. The Divine Light of His presence among us guides even those who are far off and need to journey. Let us think of those today who are far away from the splendor of Jesus' presence. Perhaps they are our family members, friends and all in our society who consider this time of the year as a purely secular celebration.*

*Through His grace we, the Church members can be beacons of light guiding others to Christ. Our witness of kindness and respect for the presence of God in each one of us can draw others to the light of His presence. Let us remember that our belief in the Incarnation teaches us that God took on our human nature to save us. He continues to enter our human reality through the Sacraments and our fellowship in the Body of Christ. Let us look around us to find the Light of His presence. “In Him we live and move and have our being.” Thanks to all the members of our parish and visitors who shared His splendor with us in this Holy Season.*

*May Jesus bless you with light and joy!*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

***Father David Kozak***

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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.*

### **Holy Father Pope Francis Proclaims Holy Year to Saint Joseph**

**On the 150th anniversary of Bl. Pope Pius XI's proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, a special “Year of Saint Joseph” has been declared from 12/8/20 to 8 December 2021.**

**The Apostolic Penitentiary has yet to update their website, nonetheless a Plenary Indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharist Communion, and prayer according to the intention of the Roman Pontiff) to the faithful who, with no attachment to sins, participate in the special year in the manner prescribed by the same Apostolic Penitentiary.**

### **A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH**

*From Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, "Patris corde":*

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted His only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



## **WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH:**

*We have missed you! To all those whose friends or family have been affected by COVID19, our prayers are with you as we seek to gradually recover. We continue to rely on the Lord's graces and strength as a faith community, and we ask the continued intercession of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to guide us on our life's journey.*

**PLEASE NOTE: THE SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION REMAINS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**NO ONE SHOULD COME TO PUBLIC MASS IF THERE ARE ANY HEALTH CONCERNS WHATSOEVER.**

### **MASS ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. All attendees MUST wear a FACE MASK.**
- 2. Hand sanitizing stations are at the church entrances for your convenience.**
- 3. Seating is limited and is indicated on the pews themselves. Families may sit together but must be 6 feet apart from others.**
- 4. All are urged to receive Holy Communion in the hand and not on the tongue to avoid saliva contact.**

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

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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.

## **S t e w a r d s h i p     P r a y e r**

*My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others to Mass, if I invite and bring them in. It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. ~ Amen*

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### **THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM**

*The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.*



**(INC) P.A.G. NEWS.....**

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 – Mr. & Mrs. George Vincovich (\$87.50), Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mingora (\$52.50), and Anna Polonski (\$35.00).

Stay tuned for communications about a PAG Meeting in early 2021, where we will hopefully get back to planning some of our traditional fellowship activities.

**Incarnation Financials**

Weekly collection for 12/ 20 = \$ 1,343.00  
plus Online Giving = \$ 263.00  
Total = \$ 1,606.00

Can you do more for your Parish?

**A SPECIAL “THANK YOU”**  
**SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION FROM FR. DAVE TO ALL OF YOU WHO SENT HIM CHRISTMAS CARDS, FOODS, 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 2021!***



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**Holy Ghost Church—“GRAB N GO ONLY”**

**DINNER SERIES**

On Saturday nights after 4pm Mass til 6:30  
ONLY for TAKE OUT!

**MUST BE PRE ORDERED –**  
**PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER**  
ALL DINNERS \$12

NEXT SALE Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Order Deadline THIS Monday, January 4th, 2021**  
Chicken Paprikash, over egg noodles,  
Vegetable, Rye Bread.

Order Forms are around the Church, call the rectory 610-867-9382 #3. for Ron or Lisa If you would like to place an Order or volunteer to help please call Ron or Lisa at the Rectory .

**Year -End Financial Statements**

Envelope Contribution recording for the giving year 2020 will close on Wednesday, January 13th 2021! Parishioners have until this time to make up on back contributions for 2020. After that time all forthcoming contributions will be credited for 2021. Please drop a Self-addressed stamped envelope via the collection or Mail if you wish to receive a contribution statement for the year 2020 NO LATER THAN FEB. 10th.

**Holy Ghost Financials**

Weekly collection for 12/ 20 = \$ 1,809.00  
plus Online Giving = \$ 585.00  
Total = \$ 2,394.00

Can you do more for your Parish?



**4PM (HG) FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM**

✕ *Health & Blessings on Joseph Rich by Connie Berry*

*(INC) 4:00pm ✕ Margaret Ferri by Justine Yuhas*

**SUN. January 3rd Epiphany of the Lord**  
**FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM**

*(INC) 9am ✕ Elizabeth Ann Hazler by Dave & Pam Turek*

*(HG) 10am ✕ Sr. M. Helen Teresa I.H.M.*

*(INC) 11am- Polish Mass*

*(HG) 4:00pm—Mass in the Anglican Rite*

*Mon. Jan. 4th— St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

*(HG) 8:00am ✕ Joseph Kundek  
by Rosemarie & Pepper Martin*

*Tues. Jan. 5th— St. John Neumann*

*(HG) 8:00am ✕ Mary Ellen Paulus  
by Timothy Duckworth*

*Wed. Jan. 6th — St. Andre Bessette*

*(HG) 8:00am ✕ Alice Friedman*

*Thurs. Jan. 7th—St. Raymond of Penafort*

*(HG) 8:00am ✕ William J. O'Connor*

*Friday, January 8th—Christmas Weekday*

*(HG) 8:00am ✕ Ginger Mankowski*

*SAT. Jan. 9th Anticipated Sunday Mass*

**4PM (HG) FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM**

✕ *John Swards by Helen Maurer*

*(INC) 4:00pm Health & Blessings on John Zakszeski  
by Daughter Mary Ann*

**SUN. January 10th Baptism of the Lord**

**FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM**

*(INC) 9am ✕ Health & Blessings on John Vidumsky  
on his 90th Birthday by The Family*

*(HG) 10am ✕ Health & Blessings on Judi Bavaria  
by Connie Berry*

*(INC) 11am- Polish Mass*

*(HG) 4:00pm—Mass in the Anglican Rite*



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✕ **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS** ✕

**\$10 PER WEEK PLEASE CALL EITHER RECTORY**

**Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church**  
**Sanctuary**

*In Memory of ✕ Theresa Damhosl by Family  
Tabernacle (2)*

*In Memory of ✕ Theresa Koach (21st Anniv.)  
B.V.M.*

*In Memory of ✕ Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr.  
St. Joseph*

*In Memory of ✕ Andrew Spevak by Wife Mariann  
Sacred Heart*

*In Memory of ✕ Joseph Koch  
St. Theresa*

*Health & Blessings on Jane Zakovitch  
St. John the Hermit*

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

*In Memory of ✕ Philip Sebastianelli by Family  
Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano*

✕ *Deceased Members Bechdolt / Boccardi Fams  
Our Lady of Fatima*

*In Memory of ✕ Mary Ann Rich by a Friend  
St. Vincent DePaul Chapel / Tabernacle Lamp*

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



✕ **Devotional Lamps** ✕

**@ Incarnation of Our Lord Church**

**Sanctuary Lamp**

*In Memory of ✕ Valent & Mary Ulincy  
by Granddaughter Andrea Kalata Barna*

**BVM Lamp**

*Health & Blessings on William Pfliegler  
on his 85th Birthday  
by Daughter Beth Perkins & Family*

**St. Joseph Lamp**

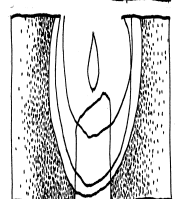
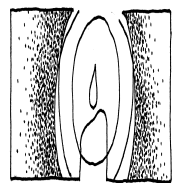
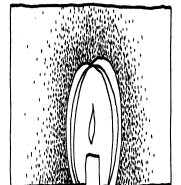
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Vidumsky by Brother Mike & Wife Irene*

**Infant of Prague**

*In Memory of ✕ Kozak & Opilo Failies*

**Tabernacle Lamps**

*In Memory of ✕ Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr.*



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