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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



**Epiphany of the Lord ❖ ❖ ❖**

**January 8th 2023**



“...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

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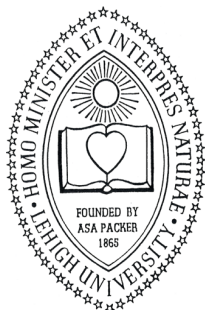
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## **FROM THE DESK OF Fr. Dave**

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ!*

*Now that the hustle and bustle of the holiday is almost over, we are left with a fundamental question, "Who's Star do we follow?". We have a choice. Do we follow our own will and remain in darkness? Do we follow the Divine Light granted to the Magi? The answer sounds simple enough, but not easy! Each and every time we drive over the bridge and see the Star shining on South Mountain we should ask ourselves that question. If we have learned anything from the celebrations of Jesus' birth and manifestation we can rejoice in that light. You have been a light for me during this holy time of the year. I found (and still find) it in your devotion to Mass and the sacraments and your material support of our parish. It is crucial! To me personally, your holiday greetings, gifts and support were a wonderful sign of His light. It came in a year of great transition and change! I am truly grateful to all of you. So, let's not dim the Christmas lights early, but let us keep the Star shining in our parish and in our hearts.*

*Prayers for a 2023 filled with the light, joy and peace that only Jesus can give!*

*Sincerely in Christ our Light,*

*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!!!**

## **Parish Financials**

Weekly Collection for 1 /1 = \$ 2,292.56

Online Giving = \$ 335.00

**Total = \$ 2,627.56 Thank You!**

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

## **Upcoming Second Collections**

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 ongoing restrictions gift cards may be the better option for all concerned, but as always, we are grateful for any and all donations received. DEADLINE IS THIS MONDAY!



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**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.**

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

Confessions 3pm til 3:45 pm  
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

**Mon., Jan. 9th—The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00am ✕ Mary M. Morecz by the Estate

**Tues., Jan. 10th — Ordinary Time Weekday**

8:00am ✕ Harry Kirk by Brother Bill Kirk

**Wed., Jan. 11th—Ordinary Time Weekday**

8:00am ✕ Sr. M. Helen Rock, IHM

**Thurs., Jan. 12th— Ordinary Time Weekday**

8:00am ✕ Mary Casciani by Susan Henn

**Fri., Jan. 13th— St. Hilary**

8:00am ✕Mary Gorevich by Steven Sell

**SAT., January 14th** **Saturday Vigil**

4:00 pm Maria Tielman by Ray & Sue Glemser

**SUNDAY January 15th 2023**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10am ✕Mafalda Villani (1st Anniv.) by the Family

1:30pm Mass in the Ordinariate Form



“All the Saints of God are there to protect me, to sustain me, and to carry me. And your prayers, my dear friends, your indulgence, your love, your faith, and your hope accompany me.” ✕ Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

✕ **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS** ✕

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

**Sanctuary**

Health & Blessings on David Chismar

**Tabernacle (2)**

In Memory of ✕Mafalda Villani (1st Anniv.)

**St. Joseph Altar**

In Memory of ✕Andrew Spevak by Wife Mariann

**B.V.M Altar**

In Memory of ✕Nancy Pittner (3rd Anniv.)

**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**

Health & Blessings on Cooper Schnalzer

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

Deceased Members Bechdolt / Boccardi Fams

**Pieta**

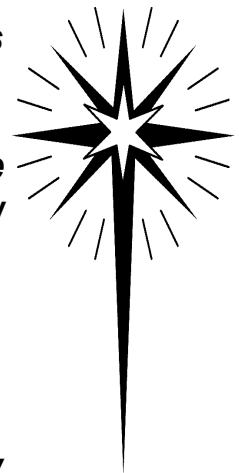
In Memory of ✕Alexander & Elizabeth Trotsky

**Our Lady of Fatima**

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

**ALL SHARE IN THE PROMISE**

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.” The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.



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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

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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 THIS  
Wednesday, January 11th 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".**

**Oodles of Noodles"**

**will be made Mon., Jan. 9th  
after the 8am Mass in Billinger  
Hall, Volunteers Needed.**



**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 —**



**OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

**Epiphany House Blessing**

*If you wish, you can celebrate Epiphany at home with a  
blessing using the initials of the magi's traditional names  
(Casper, Melchior, Balthasar), four crosses, and the new  
year's numerals.*

*Materials: a piece of chalk and a small container of holy  
water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps  
some neighbors at the front door.*

*Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and  
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals  
of the new year. [20 + C + M + B + 23]*

*Let us pray: May Christ bless this house! ALL: Amen!*

*Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.*

*Living room: Where two or three are gathered in your  
name, Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.*

*ALL: Amen!*

*Kitchen: Give us this day our daily bread. Bless this  
room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!*

*Dining room: Prepare us for the heavenly banquet. Bless  
this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!*

*Bedrooms: Stay with us Lord, when night has come.  
Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!*

*Bathroom: Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room,  
O Lord. ALL: Amen!*

*All return to the front door to pray together.*

*Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father . . .*

*The leader sprinkles all present with holy water.*

*Bless this household through all days to come,*

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.*

*ALL: Amen!*

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