

4th Sunday of Advent



December 23rd



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FROM THE DESK OF Fr. Dave

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“And the Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us. “ These words of the Gospel reading for the Mass During The Day for the feast of Christmas summarize an essential part of our faith. Belief in the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus is part of our identity as believers. We do not look for Him in a spiritualized realm where we keep Him at a “safe distance””. No, Jesus is close to us in our everyday activities; especially in our interactions with others. When we worship together, work together for the poor and go about doing everyday things He is there. We might miss Him because of our spiritual blindness but He truly is Emmanuel, “God With Us.” One of our parish



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communities is named Incarnation of our Lord. How appropriate for this Holy Season! The other community is entitled Holy Ghost. That reminds us that it all came about through the Gift of God's loving Spirit. Let us celebrate these holy days in joyful gratitude for the gift of Himself in the Child born in a manger years ago and present to us today in the sacraments and in one another.

*I will be thanking Him for giving me YOU as a living reminder that God is with us!
May Jesus grant a blessed Christmas to you and your families.*

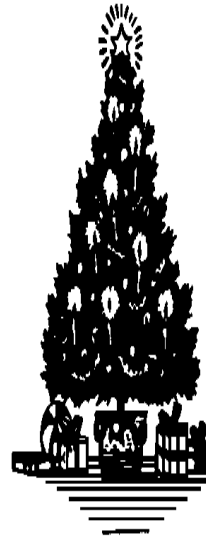
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Giving Tree Items.....

**Gift cards may be dropped off
by January 10th**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



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An old joke asks, “What time is Midnight Mass?” The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of “midnight” predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The

first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as “The Shepherds’ Mass,” and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus’ birth to focus on the key to the day’s celebration: John the Evangelist’s majestic theology of Christ’s identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you’re officially late!

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.



ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

Food Pantry Update: On November 24th we served 29 guest families of which five were new. In addition to the regular staples, guests were able to choose from a variety Christmas gifts including hats, scarves, socks, toys and books.

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 of Our Lord Financials

Weekly collection for 12/16 = N/A

Number of envelopes used =

Can you do more for God ?

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Mass of the Holy Innocents

Do you have a newborn in your family? Why not join the Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents? It is offered on December 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, at 7 PM in gratitude for all the newborns of the year, and in reparation for all the year's unborn lives deliberately taken. Bring your newborn's blanket for a blanket blessing. Saint Stephen of Hungary Roman Catholic Church of the Tridentine Rite, located at 510 West Union Street, Allentown, PA 18102, offers this Latin Mass sung by the Mary Immaculate Choir. Join the following Respect Life Reception including the veneration of St. Gianna's relics. For information call (267)261-2122. All are welcome.

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.

Next Meeting —

Wed. January 2nd—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!

(INC) Parish Activities Group

Homemade Noodles – order forms can be found in the vestibules – a 16 ounce bag is \$4.00. Monetary donations will also be accepted to offset the cost of supplies.

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 events:

- Coffee & Donuts – Sundays 1/27/19, 2/24/19, 3/31/19, 4/28/19, 5/26/19 (after 8am Mass)
- Parish Feast Day Dinner – Saturday, 3/23/19, after special 4pm Mass
- Lenten Soup Supper – Friday, 4/12/19, 6pm before Stations
- Iron Pigs – Sunday, 6/30/19



(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

Wednesday January 9th

Leave HG Church 10:30am for Mohegan Sun.

Cost: \$25 — Slot Play \$25 and \$5 in Food Coupon.

For Casino info. & Reservations Call:

"Boots" Horwath - 610-867-4839

or Gloria Szakos - 610-868-7940.

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ATTENTION———BOTH PARISHES BULLETIN INFO. SUBMISSIONS

As of January 1st—All Parish organizations and others submitting info for the parish bulletin please take note:

ALL BULLETIN ARTICLES MUST BE SUBMITTED

TO: Inchgbulletin@gmail.com

By Monday noon of the week of printing.

JOIN THE CHOIR?

Like to sing? Please consider joining the choir. We practice on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., and we sing at the 10 a.m. Mass. It is a great way to grow in your faith and share your gifts praising God through Sacred Music. Join Us! No experience necessary!



H.G. Social Committee News NOODLE MAKING

"Oodles of Noodles" will be made on the following dates—MONDAY Jan 14, 2019, Jan 28, 2019 All weather permitting. after the 8am Mass. Volunteers always welcome. Donations of Eggs and Flour always graciously Accepted.

Holy Ghost "MOVIE SERIES"

Presents the Movie "GETTING GRACE"

Wednesday, January 16th @

7pm in Billinger Hall . WEATHER PERMITTING.

Grace, played by newcomer Madelyn Dundon in a breakout performance, is a teenage girl dying of cancer. She crashes a funeral home to find out what will happen after she dies, but ends up teaching the awkward funeral director Bill how to celebrate life. This award winning and critically acclaimed allegory for God's grace was co-written and directed by Daniel Roebuck(Matlock, Fugitive), Let there be light) who also plays Bill in the film.

Join us.

Admission Free Food and Beverages Available for purchase. All Are Welcome!

Year -End Financial Statements

Envelope Contribution recording for the giving year 2018 will close on Wednesday, January 9th 2019! Parishioners have until this time to make up on back contributions for 2018. Please drop a Self-addressed stamped envelope via the collection or Mail if you wish to receive a contribution statement for the year 2018.

The (HG) Parish Pastoral Council is forming a Liturgy Committee. If you are interested in learning more about what this committee will do, there will be an information meeting on Tuesday, January 15, at 7 PM, in Loeper Hall (former convent). The Liturgy Committee's initial focus will be on planning 2019 Lenten activities and to provide support for all liturgical activities in the parish.

✠ **OUR WEEK OF GRACE AND PRAYER** ✠

December 22nd Vigil Mass

(HG) 4:00pm ✠ Donald & Bernadine Knoblick, Sr.
by Don & Margo Knoblick, Jr.

(INC) 5:30pm ✠ John M. Zaub by Wife Anna & Family

SUN. Dec. 23rd 4th Sunday of Advent

(INC) 8:00AM ✠ Joseph Ruch by Wife Nancy and Son
Joseph and Daughter in law Barbie

(HG) 10:00am ✠ Joseph & Elizabeth Molter

Mon. Dec. 24th — Christmas Eve

(HG) 4:00pm ✠ Joseph & Frieda Yost
by the Prime Time Seniors

(INC) 4:00PM ✠ 69th Wedding Anniversary
of John & Marianne Vidumsky

Tues. Dec. 25th — CHRISTMAS DAY

(INC) 8AM- ✠ Living & Deceased Incarnation Parish

(HG) 10:00am ✠ Dino P. & Karen C. Cantelmi
by Fran & Betty McGouldrick

Thurs. Dec. 27th — St. John, Evangelist

(HG) 8AM ✠ Mary McFadden by Maureen Dresen

Fri. Dec. 28th — The Holy Innocents

(HG) 12 Noon ✠ Carol Williams
by Steve & Angie Horvath

SAT. December 29th Vigil Mass

3:35pm—Rosary for World Peace, Vocations

(HG) 4:00pm ✠ John Repasch by Family

(INC) 5:30pm ✠ Rita Kapun by Husband Ed, and Chil-
dren Matt & Marie

SUN. Dec. 30th the Holy Family

(INC) 8:00AM ✠ Agnes & Henry Lipsky
by the Lipsky Family

(HG) 10:00am ✠ Rose & Charles Konkolics
by the Rickey & Quigley Families



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✠ **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS** ✠

\$10 PER WEEK PLEASE CALL EITHER RECTORY

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

In Memory of ✠ Charles & Julia Sterlein by Marie
St. John the Hermit -

In Memory of ✠ Buragino & Corroda Families
B.V.M. -

In Memory of ✠ Mary McFadden by Maureen
St. Joseph—

Special Intention—R. Koach
Sacred Heart

In Memory of ✠ Catherine Dalpe
St. Theresa

Prayer Intentions
Tabernacle-

In Memory of ✠ Deceased Nemes Family
St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of ✠ Joanne Kostecy Petit
Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

✠ Deceased Boccardi / Bechdolt Families
Pieta—(2)

In Memory of ✠ Alexander & Elizabeth Trotsky

St. Vincent DePaul Chapel / Tabernacle Lamp
In Memory of ✠ George & Concetta Petito



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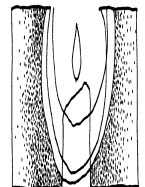
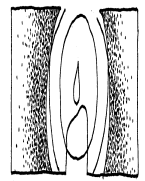
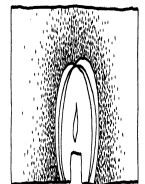
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@ Incarnation of Our Lord Church

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Deceased Members of the Kropinicki
Family by Helen & Sandy Bosak

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp
In Memory of ✠ Mary Velas by
Fr. Vincent Velas

St. Joseph Lamp
Deceased Members of the Bosak Fam-
ily by Sandy & Helen Bosak

Infant of Prague Lamp-
In Memory of ✠ John R. & Dolores E.
Shupp & Deceased Family



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