

2nd Sunday of Advent



December 5th

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



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FROM THE DESK OF Fr. Dave

My dear friends and parishioners!

Hopefully, we are making progress in our spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. A saintly friend comes to our assistance who is a unique and valuable guide. Saint John the Baptist exhorts us to "prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight His paths!"



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We need to ask what we need to remove from our life path. Selfishness, dishonesty and the entire laundry list of our faults can be removed through God's grace. Let us make a courageous effort to examine our hearts in order be ready for Christmas. Many thanks to all who made our Thanksgiving Day Mass such a beautiful celebration of God's generosity and kindness. Then we went into "high gear" in our Advent preparation. May Jesus bless all those who helped. Let us rush forward in joyful expectation with The Baptist as our guide.



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May Jesus bless you and your family in this Advent season.

You friend and pastor,

Fr. David J. Kozak

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

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Mark your calendars!

Sat. Dec.18th 1pm to 3:45 in Both Churches with 2 Priests available.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOLS ASSEMBLY #78

INFORMATION: Incarnation Parish was recently gifted with a donation from Group 10 of the Slovak Catholic Sokols Organization. This was done by Group #10 to help renew and generate new interest and growth in the well-established Assembly #78, which has long been affiliated with and had many members through SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish from its early beginnings. The Sokols is still very much involved in Bethlehem and across the nation, but would always benefit from any new members who would be interested in joining. Our officers are available for any inquiries in membership, and also to assist in establishing and maintaining any insurance policies or annuities covered under the Sokols organization. Also, ANNIVERSARY MASS & REUNION Mark you calendars Sunday June 5th 2022 Mass 2pm Incarnation of Our Lord Church Reception follows Mass in Labuda Hall For any information regarding the Sokols Assembly #78, and volunteer for the upcoming Reunion Call Fran Blonar: 610-509-8059



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(INC) Turkey Winners

Jane Nigrelli, Patty Keller, Nancy Hutt, Barbara Raykos, Diann Rostkowski, Alice Reily, Sr. Clare Vresk, Charlie Pecsek, Raymond Labuda, and Mary Demjan

(HG) Turkey Winners

Hank Baumann, Eleanor Rich, Dan Damhosl, Ed Ruth, Gary Eharth, Roy Detweiler, Marilyn Harbon, Diana Shepherd, Bette Limpar, Jean Genova

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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 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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

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). This year because of ongoing restrictions and efforts to socially distance, gift cards may be the better option for all concerned, but as always, we are grateful for any and all donations received.

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.

COUNTDOWN TO GERMAN HOLIDAY MARKET

The dates for the Market are next Saturday, December 11th, 9 AM to 5 PM and next Sunday, December 12th, 9 AM to 12 Noon.

As with any event, we need volunteers. If you can give us a few hours on either Saturday or Sunday, please call Boots (610-867-4839) or Maureen (610-866-8351). If you have a high school student who needs volunteer hours, ask them if they are available and have them call. We will complete the necessary paperwork on their behalf.

ANNUAL CUSTOMARY "OPLATKY" IS AVAILABLE IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS VIGILIA SUPPERS.

(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.

Save the date and stay tuned for more information about these other upcoming PAG activities/events (all dates tentative):

- PAG Meeting – Monday, 1/24/22**
- Lenten Soup Supper – Friday, 3/18/22**
- Movie & Pizza Night – Saturday, 4/2/22**
- Children’s Egg Hunt – Saturday, 4/16/22**
- Parish Breakfast – Sunday, 5/15/22**
- Iron Pigs Group Outing – Sunday, 6/26/22**
- Bingo Buffet – Saturday, 7/23/22**

Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale

The candy sale pick up will be next Sat., December 11th, 10AM— 12Noon in LaBuda Hall. The sale was a great success. Thank you!

(HG) Envelope Use (INC)

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”.

Incarnation Financials

Weekly Collection for 11/28 = \$2,119.00
Online Giving = \$228.00
Total = \$2,347.00
THANK YOU!

**Holy Ghost “ GRAB N GO ONLY”
DINNER SERIES**

On Saturday night after 4pm Mass til 6:00 ONLY MUST BE PRE ORDERED PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER MOST DINNERS \$12- Order DEADLINE MON. Dec. 27th Sat. January 1st-Pork N Kraut Dinner \$12.00 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.

**Future SATURDAY “GRAB N GO”
Saturday, Feb. 5th Roasted Chicken, Filling, Vegetable, Salad & Roll \$12**

Prime Time Seniors

**This Monday Dec. 6th 12NOON Mass
Installation of New Officers 1pm
Christmas Dinner in Billinger Hall**

Year-End Financial Statements Envelope Contribution recording for the giving year 2021 will close on Wednesday, January 13th 2022! Parishioners have until this time to make up on back contributions for 2020. After that time, all forthcoming contributions will be credited for 2022. Please drop a Self-addressed stamped envelope via the collection or Mail if you wish to receive a contribution statement for the year 2021.

NO LATER THAN FEB. 10th.

Holy Ghost Financials

Weekly Collection for 11/28 = \$1,649.00
Online Giving = \$305.00
Total = \$1,954.00
THANK YOU! CAN YOU DO MORE FOR YOUR PARISH

SAT. Dec. 4th Sunday Mass (INC) (HG)

4pm— Deceased Members Copek Family by Dolores Judd (INC) 4pm Joseph & Justine Kundek by the Family

SUNDAY December 5th

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(INC) 9am Theresa "Tessie" Thoder by Barbara Raykos

(HG) 10am George Maurer by Wife Helen & Family

(INC) 11am— POLISH Genowefa Sajdera by Joseph Janik

(HG) 12:10pm Mass — Catholic Campus Ministry (HG)

1:30pm—Mass in the ANGLICAN Rite

Mon. Dec. 6th— St. Nicholas

(HG) 8:00am ✕ Joseph Zaun by Wife Jackie

Tues. Dec. 7th— St. Ambrose

(HG) 8:00am ✕ Manuel Perez Jr. by Barbara Kopac

(INC) 7:00pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

(HG) 7:00pm ANGLICAN RITE

Wed. Dec. 8th - Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

(HG) 8:00am ✕ Vicki Nicoletta by Helen and Geoff Borda

(HG) 6:30pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

(INC) 7:00pm POLISH

Thursday Dec. 9th— St. Juan Diego

(HG) 8:00am ✕ Sylvia J. Spirk by Sr. Gloria Keeler

Friday Dec. 10th—Advent Weekday

(HG) 8:00am ✕ Jane Finger by Jenny Buragino and Georgine

SAT. Dec. 11th Anticipated Sunday Mass

(HG) 4:00 pm John Repasch by Family

(INC) 4:00 pm Deceased Members of Ezra & Mahaletz Fams. By Francis Ezra

SUNDAY Dec 12.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(INC) 9am ✕ Mary Szulborski by Dave & Pam Turek

(HG) 10am ✕ Marie Hoch by Family

(INC) 11am —POLISH ✕ Michael Dwornicki

✕ **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS** ✕

\$10 PER WEEK PLEASE CALL EITHER RECTORY

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary

Health & Blessings on the Behe Family

Tabernacle (2)

In Memory of Matthew J. Ragusa

St. Joseph

In Memory of Andrew Spevak by Wife Mariann

B.V.M

Health & Blessings on Jeff Cole

Sacred Heart Health & Blessings on Rachel Horwath

St. Theresa

In Memory of Francis Green

St. John the Hermit

In Memory of Buragino, Corroda & Shunk Fams.

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of Deceased Sebastianelli

Family Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

Deceased Members Bechdolt / Boccardi Fams

Our Lady of Fatima

In Memory of Deceased Schiavone /Ninfo Families

Pieta

In Memory of Alexander & Elizabeth Trotsky

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

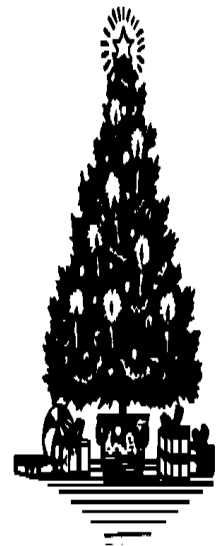
In Memory of Michael Dalton by Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp

✕ Mary Raykos by Family
(100th Birthday)

St. Joseph Lamp

Health and Blessings on Donna Szczepanski (70th Birthday) & Rosmarie Cszaszar (85th Birthday) by Sandy Bosak



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