

2nd Sunday of Advent



December 6th



Incarnation of Our Lord

***A Roman Catholic Parish of the
Diocese of Allentown***

***Founded in 2008 as a merger of Slovak,
Hungarian, Windish, Polish and
Italian Parishes.***

“Many Pasts, ONE United Future.”

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*My dear parishioners,
In the Church's liturgy, we often hear the Prophetic books of the Bible proclaimed, especially in the Advent season. The beautiful, poetic, book of the prophet Isaiah offers us a promise of hope and encouragement. We are called to comfort, speak tenderly, shout and announce the Good News to all the people. How can we do this? We are not prophets or heralds. Do not be so sure! Through our baptism, we were told to conform our lives to the example of Jesus, Priest, Prophet and King. In our own station in life, we are to be proclaimers of hope and comfort to a suffering word. By not giving in to sadness and despair, we can evangelize our brothers and sisters who are in the grip of this negativity. My prayer is that they note how Christians remain firm and confident in the face of the world's dilemmas. We hold such trust in our hearts because we believe that God loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to redeem us. We believe that He will come again. The letter of St. Peter, (today's second reading) speaks of "hastening the coming of the Day of God." Imagine we can even cooperate in His plan to renew the world. We do that by responding to John the Baptist's call to "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight His paths." May we do that through prayer and sacrifice, receiving the sacraments, and loving our brothers and sisters.*

Yes, Come Lord Jesus! May Jesus bless you all along with your family and friends.

Sincerely yours in Christ ,

Father David Kozak



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3rd Sunday of Advent – Sun. Dec. 13th - Bring your Infant Statue from your Nativity Set to Church to be blessed. This Sunday is also known as "Bambinelli Sunday"

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.

Immaculate Conception—SOLEMNITY A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION FOR ALL CATHOLICS

(INC) MON. December 7th –7:00pm

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(HG) TUES. Dec. 8th—8am & 7pm

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Giving Tree

Items being accepted are: Diapers, wipes, new clothing, towels, blankets, and Gift Cards, to: Walmart, Target, and the various Grocery Stores. Gift Cards are the preferred option for all concerned because of Covid restrictions. We are accepting items up to Christmas time. Please drop off items anytime or thru the Collection or Mail.

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Turkey winners :

- 1.-Bonnie Zsilavec, 2.-Joseph Novak, 3.-Cynthia Pavelko–Tracy, 4.- Barbara Alier, 5.- Crystal Cech, 6.- Vincent Doddy, 7.-Donna Szczepanski, 8.- Paul Szabo, 9.- Ginny Carr, and 10.- Sr. Clarice Vresk!**

Holy Ghost Turkey winners :

- 1.– Lori Persa, - 2.– Gen Hercik, - 3 Fr. Dave, - 4.– Erica Correia, 5.—Mary Sands, 6.– Helen Salay, 7.– The Nansteels, 8.– Ryan Flecksteiner, 9.– Joanna Tallarico, 10.– Illona Feher**
A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT AND SOLD TICKETS!

And to A Big THANK YOU to :

Dino Cantelmi and Cantelmi-Long Funeral Homes for the Religious Art & Pocket Calendars!

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.

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 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.

CHRISTMAS 2020 SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24th

BOTH CHURCHES

3:30pm - Christmas Eve Mass
(HG) ST. NICHOLAS VISIT
(3:30pm—INC Live Stream to Parish Facebook Page)

5:30pm - Christmas Eve Mass
(HG) ST. NICHOLAS VISIT
(5:30pm—HG Live Stream to Parish Facebook Page) Fr. Dave

(HG)7:30pm ANGLICAN RITE
Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25th

(INC) 9:00am Mass of Christmas
(HG)10:00am Mass of Christmas
(HG) Live Stream to Parish Facebook Page)

(INC)11:00am Polish Mass

Thursday, December 31st

BOTH CHURCHES

4:00pm- New Year's Eve Mass
(HG 4pm Live Stream to Parish Facebook Page)

Friday, January 1st – 2021

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day

(INC) Mass 9:00am

(9am Live Stream to Parish Facebook Page)

(HG) MASS 10:00am

(INC)11:00am Polish Mass

(HG) MASS 12 Noon—ANGLICAN

PLEASE NOTE THESE MASS TIMES ARE TENTATIVE! IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC WE WILL SEND A NOTIFICATION WITH CHANGES!!!

We are offering a second Mass on Christmas Eve - Please note the Churches is marked for CDC regulations and Social distancing. You could be turned away if we are over capacity.

(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.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas last weekend. Many hands did make light work!

(INC) CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR 2020:

Due to the current surge of COVID-19, Incarnation Parish will have two Christmas Eve Masses this year, one @ 3:30PM and the second @ 5:30PM, and one Mass on Christmas Day @ 9:00AM.

It was decided that it would be prudent to request parishioners choose which Mass they want to attend and make reservations to help protect against overcrowding spread of the virus. With that in mind, please contact the rectory and leave your name, phone #, which Mass you will be attending, and the # of people who will be present for that Mass. This was a difficult decision to make, but it was done so that all our parishioners and their families will be kept safe. Your cooperation & understanding is greatly appreciated!!

Incarnation of Our Lord Financials

Weekly collection for 11 / 29 = \$ 1,307.00
plus Online Giving = \$ 168.00
Total = \$ 1,475.00

Can you do more for your Parish?

(INC) Orders for the Holiday Bake Sale are due this weekend. Thank you to all that have supported our Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale & Holiday Bake Sale. Pickup for both Sales is Next Saturday, December 12th, 9am-12pm in LaBuda Hall. Masks & social distancing are required.

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 ACCOM-

PANY Order ALL DINNERS \$12

NEXT SALE Saturday January 9th

Order Deadline Jan. 4th 2021

Chicken Paprikash, over egg noodles, Vegetable, Rye Bread, Order Forms are around the Church and in your newsletters. also call the rectory 610-867-9382 #3. for Ron or Lisa. **A BIG THANK YOU FOR NO HELP FOR THE LAST ONE AND WE MADE OVER 50 DINNERS!!!**

If you would like to volunteer to help please call Ron or Lisa at the Rectory.

Holy Ghost Financials

Weekly collection for 11/ 29 = \$ 1,285.00
plus Online Giving = \$ 275.00
Total = \$ 1,560.00

Can you do more for your Parish?

(HG) SECOND COLLECTIONS

Christmas Flowers—anytime

NEXT WEEKEND

Retired Religious - Dec. 12th - 13th

HOLY GHOST BUS TRIPS

Mark your calendars. June 2, 2021

The Show “Esther “ Sight N Sound, Lancaster, Pa. Price TBA Any Questions call “Boots” Horwath 610-867-4839

(HG) Thank you to all that have supported our Holiday Bake Sale. Pickup for the Sale is Next Weekend Sat., Dec. 12th & Sun. Dec. 13th after Masses in Billinger Hall. Masks & Social distancing are required.



4PM (HG) FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM

✘ Deceased Members Copek Family
by Ed & Dolores Judd
(INC) 4:00pm ✘ George Kostelnik
by Slovak Catholic Sokols #78

SUN. Dec. 6th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM

(INC) 9am ✘ Theresa Svajka
by Srs. Clare & Clarice Vresk
(HG) 10am ✘ Jean Spinelli by Steph & Dan Lee
(INC) 11am- Polish Mass
(HG) 5:00pm—Mass in the Anglican Rite

Mon. Dec. 7th—St. Ambrose

(HG) 8:00am ✘ Theresa Svajka by Christine Naeyaert
(INC) 7:00pm Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Tues. Dec. 8th — SOLEMNITY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—**

(HG) 8:00am ✘ Living & Deceased Parishioners
(HG) 7:00pm Dr. Alberto C. Beltrano by Dan & Steph Lee

Wed. Dec. 9th — St. Juan Diego Cuauhitatoatzin

(HG) 8:00am ✘ Rev. John Ondic
Adoration Follows THIS Mass til 12 noon

Thurs. Dec. 10th — Our Lady of Loreto

(HG) 8:00am ✘ Nicholas Biondo
by Lisa & Dominic Villani



Fri. Dec. 11th — St. Damasus

(HG) 8:00am ✘ Rose & William Dresen
by Daughter Maureen

SAT. Dec. 12th Anticipated Sunday Mass

4PM (HG) FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM ROSARY 3:35pm
✘ Migueline Soto-Cintron by Connie Berry



(INC) 4:00pm ✘ Elizabeth "Betty" Dugas by
Joseph & Margaret Plessl

**SUN. December 13th
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM
(INC) 9am ✘ Joann Zaun by Tina Richie

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(HG) 10am ✘ Walter Blaukovitch by Daughter in law
Jean & Family (INC) 11am- Polish Mass

(HG) 5:00pm—Mass in the Anglican Rite

✘ **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS** ✘

\$10 PER WEEK PLEASE CALL EITHER RECTORY

**Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church
Sanctuary**

In Memory of ✘ Deceased Dresen & McFadden
Families by Maureen Dresen
Tabernacle (2)

Continued Blessings on Matt Ragusa & Family
B.V.M.

Special Intention—Mary Margaret Koach
St. Joseph

In Memory of ✘ Andrew Spevak by Wife Mariann
Sacred Heart

Health & Blessings on Mary Margaret Koach
on her 80th Birthday!

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 ✘ Deceased Ninfo /Schiavone Families
Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

✘ Deceased Members Bechdolt / Boccardi Fams
Our Lady of Fatima

Health & Blessings on George D. Petito
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 ✘ Anna M. Herman
by Daughter Paulette & Husband Francis

BVM Lamp

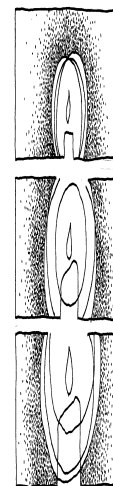
In Memory of ✘ Deceased Kozak & Opilo
Families

St. Joseph Lamp

In Memory of ✘ Deceased Kozak & Opilo
Fams

Infant of Prague

In Memory of ✘ Deceased Shupp Family



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