

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – JOY
TERCERO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO – GOZO

DECEMBER 13, 2020
13 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2020

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Allentown, Pennsylvania | Roman Catholic Parish Community



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M-W 9AM-4PM | Mask is required.

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MASSES (IN THE CHURCH)

Monday - Friday: 8AM
Saturday – No Masses at this time.
Sunday – 9AM and 11AM

HOLY DAYS AND ADORATION

Evening Before: 7PM | Day of: 8AM
No Adoration at this time.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

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There is a link to the Charter for the Protection of
Children and Young People on the Diocese website at
www.allentowndiocese.org under "Youth Protection."

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SACRAMENTAL AND PARISH INFORMATION



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In order to receive any Sacraments, you must be a REGISTERED PARISHIONER. Yellow census forms should be filled out as soon as possible to be considered an active member. Please contact us with any changes so our records can be kept current. *If you are over 18 and not in college, you should register under your own name.*

SACRAMENT TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the Rectory for arrangements. Father makes First Friday Communion calls the first week of the month.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM/ BAPTISM SPONSORS

Parents and Godparents will need to attend a class before the child's Baptism. An Information Form needs to be filled out by the parent and a Declaration Form filled out by the Godparents. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age, need to be an active, registered parishioners of OLHC or will need a letter of good standing from their current Parish. Anyone requesting a Baptism for their child must be actively attending Church for at least three (3) months.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The process of preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony within the Church takes at least six months so we encourage you to begin this process as soon as you become engaged. No marriage dates will be taken over the phone. Parents of those to be married cannot reserve a date for their adult children.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

At this time, Confession is by appointment only. Please call or email the Rectory for an appointment.

SPONSORSHIP LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY

Only Catholics who are fully-initiated, regularly attending Mass and, if married, done so validly in the Roman Catholic Church will receive Letters of Eligibility.

LEGACY

Gifts provided through wills and personal trusts can make such a difference in the continued operation of our Parish. These gifts enable a donor to make contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime. If you value the mission of OLHC, please consider this. Thank you!

****LAST DAY TO SUBMIT YOUR RESERVATION FOR CHRISTMAS MASS****

****EL ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA ENVIAR SU RESERVA PARA LA MISA DE NAVIDAD****



FAMILY LAST NAME (THIS WILL BE ON LIST): _____

FIRST NAME (HEAD): _____ PHONE AND EMAIL _____

NO. ATTENDING UNDER THIS NAME: _____

RANK 1 THROUGH 5 YOUR ORDER OF PREFERENCE FOR MASS
IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM US, YOU RECEIVED YOUR FIRST CHOICE

12/24 2PM _____ 12/24 4:30PM _____ (Limited) 12/24 7PM _____

12/25 9AM _____ 12/25 11AM _____



Helping Our Parish Grow
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US

December 6, 2020 – \$6,896

Thank you for your continued support. The statement printed above the amount expresses the gratitude felt in response to your generosity towards our parish. It is your weekly contributions that help sustain us and keep us active. Thanks are extended to those who use envelopes and those who contribute through the Diocese online giving (allentowndiocese.org/parish-support) and E-offering. *The number above reflects collections received from mailings, online giving, Sunday's Masses and second offerings, including Diocesan collections.*



FROM DECEMBER 13th
TO DECEMBER 19th

The Candle Burns in
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DECEMBER 1-22 – ADVENT PENANCE:

See dates to the right.

DECEMBER 24th –VIGIL MASSES

2PM, 4:30PM, 7PM

****Reservations Required****

DECEMBER 25th – CHRISTMAS MASSES

9:00AM and 11:00AM

****Reservations Required****

DECEMBER 31st – NEW YEARS EVE

7:00PM Vigil Mass

JANUARY 1, 2021 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY

9:00AM and 11:00AM Mass



CHRISTMAS MASSES LAST DAY TO RESERVE



Please note this year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will be having a reservation system with our Christmas Masses, in order to responsibly practice social distancing. We have a reservation form on page 1 of this bulletin. Today is the last day. It is important to fill out this insert and get it back to the Rectory as soon as possible.

IF YOU DON'T HEAR BACK FROM US, YOU HAVE YOUR NUMBER ONE MASS PICK. Please leave an email address if possible, that is our preferred order of contact.

This third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as "Gaudete" or "Rejoice" Sunday. The Mass celebrant's vestment takes on that rare rose color, as the purple of penance gets mixed in with the white of joy because Christmas is near. One way to feel that joy is to imitate the moving humility of John the Baptist while surrounded by his adoring followers. He forthrightly tells them he is definitely not the expected Messiah. Instead he points to his cousin Jesus and says "There He is! The Lamb of God!"

The pandemic we hope will soon be a memory. But may your joy remain, because, according to Teilhard deChardin, the priest archaeologist: "Joy is the infallible sign of God's presence."

God love you and give you His peace this season.



PENANCE DATES:

Confession is in the Sacristy

12/13 – NOON-1PM

12/15 – 6-7PM

12/18 – NOON-1PM

12/19 – 9-10AM

12/20 – NOON-1PM

12/21 – 6-7PM

12/22 – 6-7PM.

We want to alert you, our parishioners, of a scam that is going around the diocese especially at this time of the year. It is usually in the form of a text or email from your priest indicating that he needs funds in the form of gift cards. Father Rich wants you to know that if he requires any funds, he will always talk with you in person, never in such an impersonal way. It is shame that unscrupulous people wish to take advantage of the kindness of others. Please pray for their change of heart.

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 800-276-1562. Si tiene una denuncia de abuso contra un obispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en www.ReportBishopAbuse.org o llamando al 800-276-1562.



Reading I: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

The prophet signals that God's work among the people has reached a new phase. Darkness will soon be overcome by God's light, and true justice will be firmly established.

Reading II: I Thessalonians 5: 16-24

St. Paul offers exhortations for community living, including respect for authority, and the shunning of all evil. He also tells his community that it is God's work among them promoting their peace and sanctification.

The Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

This poetic section introduces John the Baptist as a "man sent by God." Meanwhile John carefully points out to his followers that he is definitely not the long-expected Christ. He is rather "a voice crying out in the desert" to announce the Christ.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

12/13	Judith Gerber
12/14	Lillian Fernandez, Jose Galarza, Jr.
12/16	Jeanne Williams, Kaiven Perez Arzate
12/18	Leonie Nahas
12/19	Andrew Baladi

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN DECEMBER

<u>12/1</u> – Carol Kopishke ('01), Francis Falatek ('05), Margaret Boyer ('12)	<u>12/16</u> – Lucille Simpson ('19)
<u>12/2</u> – Joseph Ganguzza ('06), Theresa Roth ('17), Jack Booros ('18)	<u>12/17</u> – Carl Stroble
<u>12/3</u> – Stephen Rengert ('07), Agnes Novak ('11), Daniel Klase ('17)	<u>12/20</u> – Alois Kropf ('03), Dorothy Burick ('13)
<u>12/5</u> – Helen Worman ('06), Mary Young ('07)	<u>12/21</u> – Virgil Biasiotto ('01), Gloria Anfuso ('09), Ann Snyder ('13), Joseph Long ('17)
<u>12/6</u> – Ann John ('00), Janet Garger ('16)	<u>12/22</u> – John Gaspar ('00), George Hart ('77), James Duffy ('05)
<u>12/7</u> – Rose Venditto ('09)	<u>12/26</u> – Edward Bushner ('15)
<u>12/8</u> – Mary Wiener (00), Richard Buchanin ('04), Jeffrey Hart ('15)	<u>12/27</u> – Gaetano Riccio ('07), John Sack ('12), Frances Fried ('13), Loretta Rohrbach ('18)
<u>12/11</u> – Louis Spironello ('86)	<u>12/28</u> – Nancy Kline ('08)
<u>12/13</u> – Louis Acosta ('10)	<u>12/29</u> – Albert Bigatel ('11)
<u>12/14</u> – William Corby ('10)	<u>12/30</u> – Anna Marie Smolick ('10), Maryellen Randolph ('11)
<u>12/15</u> – Helen Oravec ('93), Catherine Shankweiler ('08), Jennie Keglovitz ('12)	<u>12/31</u> – Joseph Temmel, Sr. ('07)

DECEMBER SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

13

†9AM – Rich Gable
R/B Susan Teaford

†11AM – Richard Shott
R/B Louis & Ellen Shott

MONDAY

14

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
†8AM – Theresa Scully (4th Anniversary)
R/B Guzley Family

TUESDAY

15

†8AM – Louis Hershman
R/B Charles Jr. & Ann Yost

WEDNESDAY

16

♦8AM – Health & Safety of the Slanga Family
R/B Cecelia Bussell

THURSDAY

17

♦9AM – Mass for the People of the Parish

FRIDAY

18

†8AM – Carl & Mary Ivankovits
R/B Dolores Oswald

SATURDAY

19

No Masses

SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20

♦9AM – Intentions of Matthew & Kelly Reagan
R/B Susan Teaford

†11AM – Henry & Dorothy Burick
R/B Keith & Mariel Zellner

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

DEADLINE TODAY FOR DAN SCHANTZ!

If you or anyone on your Christmas list love flowers and plants, we have the perfect Christmas gift for you! For \$20 you can purchase a card from Dan Schantz Greenhouse which entitles you to get a free floral item or arrangement for each month of 2021. Make your Christmas shopping easy and help to support this fundraiser at the same time.

ENTRANCE – PROCLAIM THE JOYFUL MESSAGE

Refrain: Proclaim the joyful message that our God is coming to earth. Let the valleys be filled and the mountains made low, Preparing for his holy birth.

Verse 1: He will come in the Spirit of wisdom to bring the world justice and right. The poor and the lowly will know him, for the Lord will be their light.

Verse 2: Soon God's creatures will all live together. The wolf will be guest of the lamb. The calf will walk next to the lion and be led by the Child's hand.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
My soul rejoices in my God.

READING 2

GOSPEL

HOMILY | PROFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED | PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

OFFERTORY – O LORD OF LIGHT

O Lord of light, who made the stars, O Dawn by whom we see the way,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, make haste to listen as we pray!

To pay the debt we owed for sin your painful cross was named the price;
From Mary's virgin shrine you came, a spotless Lamb for sacrifice.

But now you reign, the King of Kings, Adored in highest majesty;
Your very name commands respect from pole to pole and sea to sea!

INVITATION TO PRAYER | EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER | THE PREFACE DIALOGUE | LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION – I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD

Refrain: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.
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Verse 1: Jesus said: I am the Bread kneaded long to give you life;
You who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. (refrain)

Verse 2: Jesus said: I am the Vine, and my branches you shall be;
Come and drink the saving cup, till the Kingdom you shall see. (refrain)

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh ven, oh ven, Emmanuel, Que das le ley y eres nuestro Rey.
Ven, Esperado, ven, Redentor, Ven a tu pueblo, Dios y Salvador.
Alegrate, oh Israel! Vendra, vendra Emmanuel!

O come, O Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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