

MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

December 27

11:30 AM † Catherine Paszko
by Stella & Joe Bilsak

January 3

11:30 AM † Susan Sigoda
by Mom and children

READINGS FOR HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading:	Sirach 3: 2 – 6; 12 - 14
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 128
Second Reading:	Colossians 3: 12 – 21
Gospel:	Luke 2: 22 – 40



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Zofia Sniezek
requested by Anne & Jerry Lippincott

For Sacraments, Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Candle or
Altar Flowers, please call 610.266.1548

Mass and Sacraments in Polish celebrated at
Incarnation of Our Lord
617 Pierce Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015
610.866.3391

MEMORIALS



Please pray for those who have died
especially SS. Peter & Paul parishioners who
passed away in 2020. May their souls and the
souls of all the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.

Donated to the SS. Peter & Paul Memorial Fund
by *Joseph E. Przybylski*

\$500 in memory of

John Przybylski
Marie Przybylski
Joseph Dannenfelser
Kathleen Dannenfelser
Carl Meyer
Marlene Meyer
Janet Vares
James Vares

\$500 in memory of

Ellen M. Przybylski
Eileen D. Przybylski



PARISH INFORMATION

Administrator: Rev. John Pendzick
Rev. Joji Adagata

Diocese of Allentown

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Mr. Józef Janik, *Director*

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St. Elizabeth Regional School

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St. Elizabeth Church

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

St. Elizabeth P.R.E.P.

Registering children for religious education?

Contact Mrs. Spieker at 610.266.0695 ext 208

Sacraments *Registration is required for parish membership and sacraments*

Church Administrator Rev Pendzick 610.266.1548

Baptisms:

The sacrament of baptism is celebrated after Sunday Mass.

Marriages:

The sacrament of marriage is celebrated by contacting
the church Administrator.

Anointing of the Sick:

The sacrament of anointing may be performed for those
in need by calling the church Administrator.

Confession/Reconciliation

The sacrament of reconciliation will take place 15
minutes prior to Mass on Sunday or by appointment.
Call the church Administrator.

Lost & Found Items

Anyone who misplaces or leaves an item at church after
Mass may come a few minutes early the next week to check
for their lost item.

*The parish office will be closed
December 31st & January 1st*



PASTOR'S CORNER

After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfills the Jewish rite of purification after childbirth. Since she could not afford the customary offering of a lamb, she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favor is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. Do you know the joy of submission to God? And do you seek to pass on the faith and to help the young grow in wisdom and maturity?

Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him. Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with you?

Anna recognized the Lord's presence in the temple. She, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfill all his promises. She is a model of godliness to all believers as we advance in age.

Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us cynical and hopeless if we do not have our hope rightly placed. Anna never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope. Her faith in God's promises fueled her indomitable zeal and fervor in prayer and service of God's people.

Fr. Pendzick



SS. Peter and Paul



Christmas Eve
7:00 pm

Christmas Day
10:00 am

New Year's Eve
5:00 pm

New Year's Day
10:00 am

COVID19 UPDATE

The Diocese of Allentown has issued a notice as of December 11th in response to the latest announcement from the State of Pennsylvania.

Notably, the Governor indicated in his Order that: "Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, and other places of congregational worship are specifically excluded from the limitations during religious services."

To that end, I wish to confirm that at this time, no modifications will be made to the current liturgical guidelines for the Diocese of Allentown.

– *Bishop Schlert*

We are praying for all of you and wish God's Blessings on your health and safety during this pandemic.

Please pray for us as well. We will continue to offer Mass and will post it online for your convenience.

OUR COMMUNITY

Grab N Go Dinner

Holy Ghost Church 417 Carlton Ave., South Bethlehem
Saturday night after 4 pm Mass until 6:30 pm. Dinners \$12
Take out only pre-orders – Payment in advance

- Saturday January 9th Order Deadline Jan. 4th 2021
Chicken Paprikash, Egg Noodles, Vegetable, Bread
Questions and info call Ron at 610-867-9382 #3.

St. Elizabeth Parish

Bring in the New Year with a Valley tradition – Pork & Sauerkraut. The next drive-thru dinner sale at St. Elizabeth is scheduled for January 1st. Dinner includes pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and applesauce with a roll & butter for only \$11. For more information or to order, please call Joan at 610-349-7791.