

## MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

January 3

11:30 AM † Susan Sigoda  
*by Mom and children*

January 10

11:30 AM † Anna Fedak  
*by daughter Cheryl Supon*

## READINGS FOR EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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  
**a healthy new year**  
requested by the pastoral staff.

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 **Tadeusz Gjondla**, who passed  
away this week. May his soul and the souls  
of all the faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.

Donated for SS. Peter & Paul Christmas Flowers  
by Phil Janny in memory of the

*Rawski Family - John, Rose, Francis & Stanley*  
\$25



## PARISH INFORMATION

*Administrator:* Rev. John Pendzick  
Rev. Joji Adagatla

Diocese of Allentown

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Polish American Citizens Society

Mr. Józef Janik, *Director*

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St. Elizabeth Regional School

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610.264.0143 | school@sercc.org

St. Elizabeth Church

618 Fullerton Ave • Whitehall, PA 18052

610.266.0695 | info@sercc.org

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 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Limited hours between January 4<sup>th</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup>*

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Saint John Chrysostom (347-407), in his homily on this passage from Matt. 2, explains the significance of the star of Bethlehem:

"Note how fitting was the order of events: the wise men saw the star, were received by the Jews and their king; they heard prophecy to explain what had appeared; the angel instructed them; and then they journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the guidance of the star. From all this we learn that this was not an ordinary star, for no other star has this capacity to guide, not merely to move but to beckon, to "go before them," drawing and guiding them along their way. The star remained after bringing them to the place, in order that the child might also be seen. For there is nothing conspicuous about the place. The inn was ordinary. The mother was not celebrated or notable. The star was needed to manifest and illumine the lowly place, until they had reached their destination at the manger." [The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 7:3]

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace and King of Kings. He gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

Fr. Pendzick



**CoVID19 UPDATE**

We have decided, in an abundance of caution, to have the parish office closed to visitors for two weeks after the Christmas holiday. Therefore we will be working virtually. You may contact us by e-mail however phone messages may not be answered in a timely manner. We will check the phone messages periodically and return calls as soon as possible.

If you need something at the parish office we can arrange an appointment time or we will let you know when someone will be available to help you.

We appreciate your understanding as we attempt to protect Dusty from unnecessary exposure to anyone who may have traveled or interacted with others from out of the area and who were inadvertently exposed.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> Order Deadline Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 2021  
 Chicken Paprikash, Egg Noodles, Vegetable, Bread  
 Questions and info call Ron at 610-867-9382 #3.

Rediscover the Love in your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For more information, or to register, call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Umbert the Unborn** by Gary Cangemi

