



HOLY GHOST PARISH

Roman Catholic Church of the Tridentine Rite

Sunday, December 8, 2024 A.D.



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Sunday, December 8th

8:30AM
10:30AM

Monday, December 9th

*7:00AM
9:30AM
7:00PM

Tuesday, December 10th

8:00AM

Wednesday, December 11th

8:00AM

Thursday, December 12th

8:00AM

Friday, December 13th

8:00AM

Saturday, December 14th

8:00AM

Sunday, December 15th

8:30AM
10:30AM

*Offered at St. Stephen of Hungary Oratory

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pro Populo
The Lynn Family

Feria of Advent (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Luke Conrad & Madeline Titus

Feria of Advent

Taylor Dengler

St. Damasus I, Pope & Confessor

Aaron Boyer

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Intentions of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Association

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Walter & Maureen Conrad & Family

Feria of Advent

†Repose of the soul of Karen Corley

3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

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Pro Populo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As **Monday is a Holy Day of Obligation** for the Novus Ordo, we will observe the obligation in our Rite according to our proper calendar. Thus, we will celebrate the Mass of the 2nd Sunday of Advent on Monday the 9th. Mass will be offered at 7AM at St. Stephen's and at 9:30AM and 7PM at Holy Ghost.

The **Men's Group in Honor of the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph** will meet on **Wednesday** evening at 7PM at St. Stephen's.

The **Journeying With Mary mothers' group** will meet **Thursday**, December 12th at 9:30AM at St. Stephen's.

We will go caroling in the neighborhood around Holy Ghost Church on **Friday evening at 6PM** followed by games and snacks in the hall. Please bring a game and a snack to share.

The **Friends of St. Dominic Savio's annual family craft day** will be on **Saturday**, December 14th from 9:30AM-11:30AM at St. Stephen's.

Holy Ghost Parish will have a bus going to the **National March for Life in Washington DC** on **Friday, January 24th 2025**. Mass will be at 6AM at St. Stephen's that morning. The bus will depart at 7AM and return around 8:30PM. Cost is \$30/person. Email schedule40df@gmail.com to reserve seats or sponsor a rider.

Each week on Sundays there is a **coffee social after the 8:30AM Mass** and a **potluck and catechism after the 10:30AM Mass in the church hall** downstairs. Please bring food and drinks to share. Visitors are invited to join us.

Holy Mother Church honors our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, a holy day of obligation. In 1854 Pope Pius IX, defining the Immaculate Conception, wrote,

“He [God] so wonderfully filled her, more than all angelic spirits and all the Saints, with an abundance of all heavenly gifts taken from the treasury of the divinity, that she, always free from absolutely every stain of sin, and completely beautiful and perfect, presented such a fullness of innocence and holiness that none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it.”

This following prayer, dedicated to Mary Immaculate, was composed by Pope Pius XII for the Marian Year (December 8, 1953---December 8, 1954), which was proclaimed to mark the centenary of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Through its recitation may we honor our Lady and beg her intercession for the help needed to attain eternal salvation.



Prayer of Pope Pius XII

Enraptured by the splendor of thy heavenly beauty, and impelled by the anxieties of the world, we cast ourselves into thine arms, O Immaculate Mother of Jesus and our Mother, Mary, confident of finding in thy most loving heart appeasement of our ardent desires, and a safe harbor from the tempests which beset us on every side.

Though degraded by our faults and overwhelmed by infinite misery, we admire and praise the peerless richness of sublime gifts with which God has filled thee, above every other mere creature, from the first moment of thy conception until the day on which, after thine assumption into Heaven, He crowned thee Queen of the Universe.

O crystal fountain of faith, bathe our minds with the eternal truths! O fragrant Lily of all holiness, captivate our hearts with thy heavenly perfume! O Conqueress of evil and death, inspire in us a deep horror of sin, which makes the soul detestable to God and a slave of Hell!

O well-beloved of God, hear the ardent cry which rises up from every heart. Bend tenderly over our aching wounds. Convert the wicked, dry the tears of the afflicted and oppressed, comfort the poor and humble, quench hatreds, sweeten harshness, safeguard the flower of purity in youth, protect the holy Church, make all men feel the attraction of Christian goodness. In thy name, resounding harmoniously in Heaven, may they recognize that they are brothers, and that the nations are members of one family, upon which may there shine forth the sun of a universal and sincere peace.

Receive, O most sweet Mother, our humble supplications, and above all obtain for us that, one day, happy with thee, we may repeat before thy throne that hymn which today is sung on earth around thine altars: Thou art all-beautiful, O Mary! Thou art the glory, thou art the joy, thou art the honor of our people! Amen.



The following prayer recited by St. Gertrude and St. Mechtilde, expresses our love to Mary and beautifully honors her virtues. Pope Innocent VIII attached an Indulgence to its recitation.

Act of Joy in the Immaculate Conception

HAIL, glorious Virgin, Morning-star that dost outshine the sun, gracious Mother of my God, sweeter than the dropping honeycomb: thou art that fair one in comparison with whom all beauty is pale and dim; thou art redder than the rose and more dazzling white than the lily; all virtues adorn thee, thou purer than the seraphim; and every Saint doth give thee honour, thou that hast thy higher throne in the heavens. Amen.

Proprium Missae (Proper of the Mass)

Introit (Isaias 61 : 10)

Gaudens gaudébo in Domino, et exultábit ánima mea in Deo meo: quia induit me vestiméntis salútis: et induménto justítiæ circúmdedit me, quasi sponsam ornátam monílibus suis.

Ps. Exaltábo te, Dómine, quoníam suscepisti me: nec delectásti inimícos meos super me.

Ÿ. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen – Gaudens gaudébo in Domino...

Collect

Deus, qui per Immaculátam Vírginis Conceptionem dignum Fílio tuo habitáculum præparásti: quæsumus; ut, qui ex morte ejúdem Filíi tui prævísa, eam ab omni labe præservásti, nos quoque mundos ejus intercessióne ad te perveníre concédas. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum: Que tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus: per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

Lesson (Proverbs 8 : 22 – 35)

Dóminus possédit me in inítio viárum suárum, ántequam quidquam fáceret a princípío. Ab ætérno ordináta sum, et ex antíquis, ántequam terra fieret. Nondum erant abyssi, et ego jam concépta eram: necdum fontes aquárum erúperant: necdum montes gravi mole constíterant: ante colles ego parturiébar: adhuc terram non fécerat et flúmina et cárdines orbis terræ. Quando præparábat cœlos, áderam: quando certa lege et gyro vallábat abyssos: quando æthera firmábat sursum et librábat fontes aquárum: quando circúmdabat mari términum suum, et legem ponébat aquis, ne transírent fines suos: quando appendébat fundaménta terræ. Cum eo eram cuncta compónens: et delectábar per síngulos dies, ludens coram eo omni témpore: ludens in orbe terrárum: et delíciæ meæ esse cum filíis hóminum. Nunc ergo, filii, audíte me: Beáti qui custódiunt vias meas. Audíte disciplínam, et estóte sapiéntes, et nolíte abjícere eam. Beátus homo qui audit me et qui vígilat ad fores meas quotidie, et obsérvat ad postes óstii mei. Qui me invénerit invéniet vitam et háuriet salútem a Dómino.

Gradual (Judith 13 : 23)

Benedícta es tu, Virgo María, a Dómino Deo excélso, præ ómnibus muliéribus super terram.

Ÿ. Tu glória Jerúsalem, tu lætítia Israël, tu honorificéntia pópuli nostri.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, and my soul shall be joyful in my God: for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, and with the robe of justice He hath covered me, as a bride adorned with her jewels.

Ps. I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me: and hast not made my enemies to rejoice over me.

Ÿ. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — I will greatly rejoice in the Lord...

O God, who, by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, didst prepare for Thy Son a worthy habitation, we beseech Thee, that as Thou didst preserve her from every stain by the foreseen death of this Thy Son, so Thou wouldst grant that we also being cleansed from guilt by her intercession, may come to Thee. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His ways, before He made anything, from the beginning. I was set up from eternity, and of old, before the earth was made. The depths were not as yet, and I was already conceived; neither had the fountains of waters as yet sprung out; the mountains with their huge bulk had not as yet been established: before the hills I was brought forth; He had not yet made the earth, nor the rivers, nor the poles of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there; when with a certain law and compass He enclosed the depths; when He established the sky above, and poised the fountains of waters; when He compassed the sea with its bounds, and set a law to the waters that they should not pass their limits; when He balanced the foundations of the earth; I was with Him, forming all things, and was delighted every day, playing before Him at all times, playing in the world: and my delight is to be with the children of men. Now therefore, ye children, hear me: blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, and that watcheth daily at my gates, and waiteth at the posts of my doors. He that shall find me shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord.

Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord the most high God, above all women upon the earth.

Ÿ. Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honor of our people.

Alleluia (Canticum Canticorum 4 : 7)

Allelúia. Allelúia. V̄. Tota pulchra es, María: et macula originális non est in te. Allelúia.

Gospel (Luke 1 : 26 – 28)

In illo témpore: Missus est Angelus Gábriel a Deo in civitátem Galilææ, cui nomen Náza-reth, ad Vírginem desponsátam viro, cui nomen erat Joseph, de domo David, et nomen Vírginis María. Et ingrèssus Angelus ad eam dixit: Ave grátia plena: Dóminus tecum: benedícta tu in muliéribus.

Offertory (Luke 1 : 28)

Ave María, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum: benedícta tu in muliéribus, allelúia.

Secret

Salutárem hóstiam, quam in solemnitáte Immaculátæ Conceptionis beátæ Vírginis Mariæ tibi, Dómine, offérimus, súscipe et præsta: ut, sicut illam tua grátia præveniénte ab omni labe immúnem profitémur: ita ejus intercessióne a culpís ómnibus liberémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum: Que tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus: per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

Communion

Gloriósá dicta sunt de te, María: quia fecit tibi magna qui potens est.

Postcommunion

Sacraménta quæ súmpsimus, Dómine Deus noster: illíus in nobis culpæ vúlnera réparent, a qua Immaculátam beátæ Mariæ Conceptionem singuláriter Præservásti. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Alleluia. Allelúia. V̄. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go unto the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

At that time: The Angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the virgin's name was Mary. And the Angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, alleluia.

Receive the saving Victim, which we offer to Thee, O Lord, on the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary: and grant that, as we confess that by Thy preserving grace she was kept free from every stain; so, by her intercession, we may be delivered from all our faults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Glorious things are told of thee, O Mary, for He who is mighty hath done great things to thee.

May the Sacraments which we have received, O Lord, our God, heal in us the wounds of that sin, from which Thou didst uniquely preserve blessed Mary, conceived immaculate. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

✠ VOTIVE CANDLES ✠

\$10 donation per week. More than one votive candle may be lit per statue or altar. Please call the rectory to have a candle placed.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Beatae Mariae Virginis Altar: Emily Conrad

Madonna della Pietà Altar: †Repose of the soul of John Rieg

St. Joseph Altar: Joshua Conrad

Sacred Heart Altar:

St. Padre Pio: †Repose of the souls of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald S. Narzisi

San Giovanni Eremita:

St. Therese of Lisieux:

Our Lady of Pompeii: Paula Shive-Sanchez

Infant of Prague:

Parish Groups/Activities

Altar Server Guild

The Altar Server Guild meets on the 1st Saturday of each month after the 8AM Mass. Please speak to one of the priests for more details.

Friends of St. Dominic Savio

Boys & Girls aged 5-10 meet for a talk by Father and fun activities after the 8AM Mass on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Prime Time Seniors Group

Holy Ghost Prime Time Seniors is open to anyone 55 years of age and older. Meetings are held in the church hall downstairs on the first and third Mondays each month starting at 1PM. Refreshments are served at each meeting. Call Carol Barron at 610-428-0617 for more information.

Women's Rosary and Altar Society

The Women's Rosary and Altar Society is for ladies 18+ and meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month after 8AM Mass. The society prays the Rosary after Mass, enjoys coffee and refreshments while Father gives a talk.

Mary Immaculate Choir

The Mary Immaculate Choir (MIC) is the mixed-voice ensemble that sings at the 10:30AM Mass each Sunday. Contact director Eric McWhirter for more information.

Holy Ghost Choir

The Holy Ghost Choir sings for the 8:30AM Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Contact director Matthew Cavoto for more information.

Parish Registration

If you wish to become a parishioner of Holy Ghost Parish, you must fill out and submit a registration form. These can be obtained by emailing the parish at:
hghostchurch@gmail.com

Additional Parking Options

There is a public parking garage located within walking distance of Holy Ghost for those looking for another parking option when attending Mass. The address is:

New Street Garage
324 S. New St., Bethlehem, PA
Rate: \$1/hr, Sundays are free.

Men's Group In Honor of the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph

The Men's Group In Honor of the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph meets at 7PM the 2nd Wednesday of each month for Eucharistic Adoration, a talk on virtue by Father, and fellowship.

Federation of North American Explorers

A Uniformed Catholic Scouting Group for ages 6-17, girls and boys, meets on Tuesdays at 6:30PM at various locations. Contact ststephenofhungaryfne@gmail.com for more information.

Pro-Life Apostolate

The Pro-Life apostolate meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6PM for a Holy Hour followed by the meeting. Contact Mary at schedule40df@gmail.com for more information.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands organizes meals for families welcoming the birth of a new child and other needs. For more information contact helpinghandsholyghost@gmail.com

Hospitality & Potluck

The weekly potluck socials after Mass are organized by our parish hospitality apostolate. Please contact John & Joan Cavanagh to volunteer: holyghosthospitality@outlook.com

St. Monica Society & Our Lady of Guadalupe Society

The St. Monica Society (SMS) and Our Lady of Guadalupe Society (OLGS) have Masses offered monthly to pray for the return to the practice of the Catholic Faith (SMS) and conversion to it (OLGS) of loved ones. Contact Wanda for more information.

Journeying With Mary

Journeying With Mary is a mutual support group for mothers striving to care for their families and raise holy children that meets monthly. Contact Katie Martin or Miriam Martin for more information

Catholic Mystic Study Group

The group studies the lives of Catholic mystics and saints. Members research and present their findings. It's a great way to get to know and share the lives of these lovers of God. Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1PM. For more information, contact Marilyn Gomes at 610-462-0376.