

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2020

4:00 p.m. For All Who Serve In The Military & Their Families
11:00 a.m. For All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased



Responsorial Psalm

4:00 p.m. For Ever I Will Sing The Goodness Of The Lord.

11:00 a.m. All The Ends Of The Earth Have Seen The Saving Power Of God.

Fr. Ward's Christmas Candles of Blessings: Candles on the altars have been lit for God's Blessings upon:

- ❄️ Our Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, & Altar Servers
- ❄️ Our Organists, Choirs, & Ushers
- ❄️ Our Weekly Covid Cleaning Crews
- ❄️ Parish Decorating Committee
- ❄️ The Parish Women's Club, AOH, LOAH, & Parish Picnic Committee.

Thank you for all you do for our Parish!

Christmas Window Candles



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IN LOVING MEMORY *DAVID FORMICA*, Love, Mom & Heather

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *JOHN & DOROTHY OTTO*, Love, Jackie, Janice & Judy

IN MEMORY & HONOR OF *MCARDLE & YEASTEDT FAMILIES*, Love, Ken & Rose

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *VINCENT TEICHERT*, Love, Janice, Lori, John Vincent, Carla & Nicholas

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *MILLIE RADOCHA*, Love, The DePuy Family



In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1:26-33



*Thanks be unto God
for his unspeakable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

During this Christmas time commit yourself to sharing the true meaning of Christmas. God shared His love fully by becoming human. We too can share His love by being Christ to one another. May God bless you and your family during this season of good will.

Have a Blessed & Merry Christmas!

From, Fr. Ward & the Staff

Bishop Schlert's Christmas 2020 Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christus Natus Est!
Christ Is Born!

This ancient Christmas greeting fills our hearts with great joy at a time when such a message is needed most in our world so beleaguered by a devastating year of pandemic, civil violence, coarse words, and natural disasters.

It would be good to remind ourselves that Mary and Joseph also faced many challenges and uncertainties as they became the Holy Family of Nazareth. Both lived with the uncertainty of receiving a Child from God under circumstances they could not completely comprehend. They desperately searched for a suitable place to give birth to their Child on the dangerous journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. They were filled with wonder at the visit to their Son by the Magi. And, they knew the fear of having to flee to Egypt to protect their Child from the murderous Herod.

In many ways, this Christmas, perhaps more so than any we have experienced, we live amid much uncertainty and bewilderment. Exactly for this reason, we can see ourselves in the example of Mary and Joseph, finding joy in the birth of a Child, despite the swirling anxieties around us.

Like these Holy Parents, we also find hope: Hope in the salvation Christ's birth brings us; hope in a vaccine for the Coronavirus (which was administered for the first time on December 8th, the Immaculate Conception); hope that gradually we can fill our churches again, gather as families again, return to school again, and be fully employed again; hope for a better, calmer 2021.

At Christmas, we cannot allow 2020 to pass without expressing deep gratitude to all the persons who heroically provide health care, public safety, essential services, and the daily work that allows our society to function. We have taken you for granted for too long. God bless you for going to work every day, stocking shelves, delivering mail and parcels, mopping floors and cleaning door knobs, responding to emergency calls, donning PPE and going directly into the front lines of COVID, teaching in classrooms, and administering the Sacrament of the Sick to the dying.

Despite the agitation in the streets and the political shouting, the pandemic has forced us to realize that we are created in God's image and likeness, redeemed by the Infant Savior, and, from the stable of Bethlehem, that we rely deeply on one another as a human family.

May God bless us with good health, renewed spirit, and a true realization and respect for the humanity of our neighbors in 2021. Our hope is in the realization that Christus natus est!

Devotedly yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown