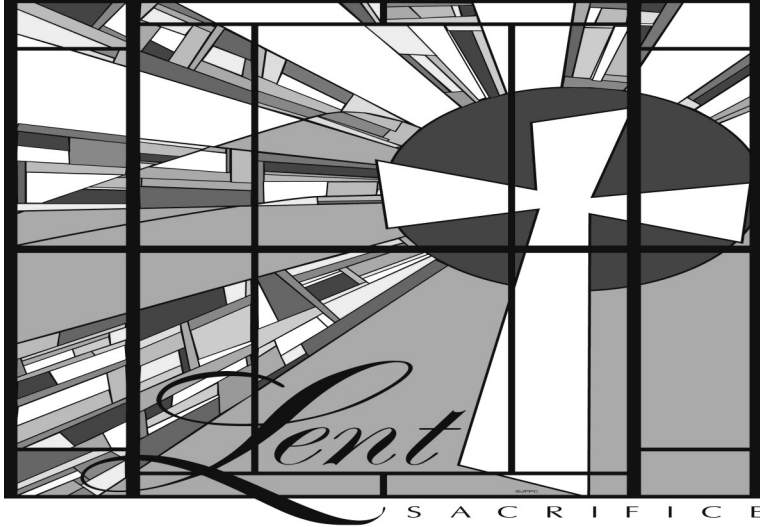


First Sunday of Lent



March 5th 2017



Incarnation of Our Lord

**A Roman Catholic Parish of the
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*Founded in 2008 as a merger of Slo-
vak, Hungarian, Windish, Polish and
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Holy Ghost Church
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Masses and Devotional Candles

HG) 4PM ✕ Health & Blessings on Joseph Yost on his 90th Birthday by Wife Frieda, Children, Families
 ✕ Elizabeth Pumberger by the Fischer Family
SUN. March 5th—First Sunday of Lent
8 AM (INC) ✕ John Zavec by Stanley & Pat Krycia
10 AM (H.G.) ✕ Elizabeth Ferris Salabsky
(P.C.) 12:10pm ✕ Intention of the Celebrant
(P.C.) 9:10pm ✕ Intention of the Celebrant

Mon. Mar. 6th —Lenten Weekday

8AM ✕ Daniel Kelemen by Janet & John Lehman, Jr.

Tues. Mar. 7th—SS. Perpetua & Felicity

8AM ✕ Mary Ford by the Ardell & Cino Families

Thurs Mar. 9th—St. Frances of Rome

(HG) 8AM ✕ Frances Cooke by Steph & Dan Lee
(INC) ✕ Special Intention

Fri. Mar. 10th—Lenten Weekday

(HG) Adoration every Friday 9am—noon

11:30 am Stations followed by Mass

✕ Stephen Pecsek by Steph & Dan Lee

(HG) 5:30pm Lehigh Stations @ Holy Ghost

**(INC) 6-7pm Confessions followed by
 7pm Stations of the Cross**



SAT. March 11th — Vigil Mass

Confessions 3-3:45pm

3:35pm Rosary for Vocations & Prayer List Intentions

(HG) 4PM ✕ Mr & Mrs Joseph Alfonso and Children
 Donna & Walter by Joann Alfonso

(INC) ✕ Deceased Members of the John & Josephine
 Ezar Family by Stephen Ezar

SUN. March 12th—Second Sunday of Lent

8 AM (INC) ✕ Annamae Klopach by Elizabeth Nemchik

10 AM (H.G.) ✕ Health & Blessings on Pat Berger on
 her 80th Birthday by Husband Jerry & Family

NO (P.C.) 12:10pm & NO(P.C.) 9:10pm Spring Break

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary -

In Memory of ✕ Clifton E. Bishop, Sr. by **Tabernacle (2) -**

**Health & Blessings on Ann Marie "Sis" Corvino
 B.V.M. -**

Special Intention—Marie Sterlein

St. Joseph -

In Memory of ✕ Anthony Corvino

Sacred Heart -

Health & Blessings on Pat Berger

St. Theresa -

Health & Blessings on Catherine Sterlein

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

Health & Blessings on Yolanda Buttillo

Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

In Memory of ✕ Deceased members

Boccardi & Bechdolt Families

Pieta (2)

In Memory of ✕ Anna Madden



St. Vincent DePaul Chapel / Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of ✕ George & Concetta Petito

Devotional Lamps @ Incarnation Church

Sanctuary Lamp

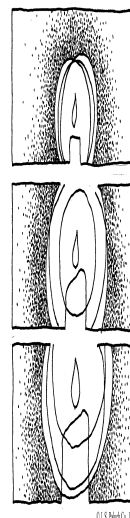
In Memory of ✕ Deceased Members
 of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp -

In Memory of ✕ Deceased Members
 of the Michael Stephan, Jr. Family
 by Agnes Stephan

St. Joseph Lamp

Special Intention



Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

Direct Telephone: 1-800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J.

Telephone: 610-332-0442 ext.19

ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

NOTE: If you're a parishioner who could use assistance due to infirmity or, if you find yourself in a difficult financial situation, please contact the rectory for referral to our **PARISHIONER PROGRAM!!** All inquiries are **CONFIDENTIAL!** Any questions or comments please contact Ruth Herman @ rmh1330@aol.com or call 484-239-0243.

(H.G.) "Oodles of Noodles"

Noodles will be made on March 13th & 27th, April 10th & 24th @ 8:30am after 8am Mass in Billinger Hall. Volunteers and Donations of Flour and Eggs are always greatly appreciated.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN PRAYER CAMPAIGN:

The Forty Days for Life Lenten Prayer Campaign for 2017 began on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 and run through April 9th, 2017. Vigils will be held at the Allentown Women's Center Abortion Facility, 31 S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem, PA, Monday – Saturday from 7:00AM – 7:00PM. Volunteers can sign up for 1 hour when it is convenient for them. For more information and to be paired with a "Prayer Partner", please call THERESA @ 610-704-6935 or online @ Theresa4597@hotmail.com.

St. Francis Center for Renewal 7th Annual Star Struck Gala & Silent Auction on May 6th, 2017: On May 6, 2017, St. Francis will hold its Seventh Annual Star Struck Gala & Silent Auction. This fun filled event brings together people, from the Lehigh Valley and the broader PA and NJ areas, for an evening of food, entertainment and celebration of our honored guests! Fundraising for the Center is also an important component of the evening. This year's Gala will honor Philip J. Fromuth PhD, Superintendent of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Allentown. Ministering through education has always been an essential focus of the School Sisters of St Francis. For this reason, St. Francis Center for Renewal is delighted to 'shine its light' on Dr. Fromuth and to honor his ongoing dedication to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Allentown. The evening will also honor four amazing Women of Strength ~ Dr. Milissa Bolcar, Teresa Connors (of the Office of Education), Sr. Regina Rokosny, OSF and Pamela Tuskes. A variety of Sponsorship levels are available for the event. Individual tickets are \$60/per person. For information please contact Jan at 610.867.8890 or email her at stfranciscenter@gmail.com.

Sunday Collections - Feb. 26th

"Our giving to the Church is a tangible way to say thank you to God." Please remember that our parish-
es continue all year long, 24/7/365. We are both struggling to meet funding for our operating bills and ministry needs. Holy Ghost pays its current bills except for assessments, and Incarnation draws heavily from Savings to meet its operational expenses. Please, I ask you, be generous and help us maintain the level of doing that we are presently at! Thank you so much for whatever you can give.



(H.G.)—\$1,990.00 (Inc.)—\$ 1900.00

2017 Sanctuary Lamp Requests:

A Note from Fr. Cliff

I am very surprised and disheartened at the number of open dates we have for Intentions for the **INCARNATION PARISH** and **HOLY GHOST SANCTUARY LAMPS** for this year. We have gaps that vary as large as 4 weeks at a time that are open (April 23-May 14 for example), and also varied times in the upcoming months where there are 2-week gaps between intentions. I realize that we have Votive Lamps for the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph as well, but these additional lamps were added at a time in our Parish a few years ago when our Sanctuary Lamp requests were filled for the entire year within a few weeks of opening requests.

Fr. Stan Moczydlowski was the Pastor at that time, and he decided to add those lamps to accommodate the amount of requests we had and to appease our disappointed parishioners. As your Pastor, I'm inviting you all to please contact the Rectory to find out when the Sanctuary Lamp is available for intentions. Also, intentions can be made not only in memory of those of our family and friends who have gone before us, but also to commemorate special events in our parishioner's lives and important dates they hold dear.

I am inviting you to continue the tradition our past parishioners were so dedicated to. The votive lamps for our Blessed Mother and her spouse, St Joseph, are important as well, but the **SANCTUARY LAMP** should be chosen first and foremost. I thank you for your kind attention and hope you all will help to fill the dates that remain.

Thank you and God Bless you all!

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SENIORS

(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"

Meetings—THIS Monday March 6th BINGO

MONDAY MARCH 20th Geln M. Pritchard

Asst. of Music— Starheart Productions

@1pm in Billinger Hall

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

Wednesday— *March 15th*****

Wednesday April 12th

Leave Holy Ghost 10:30am for Mohegan Sun. Cost: \$23 refund of \$25 and \$5 in Food Coupon. For Casino info. & Reservations Call: "Boots" Horwath - 610-867-4839 or Gloria Szakos - 610-868-7940.

F. Y. I. OTHER PLANNED TRIPS

At American Music Mark your calendars:

5/24/17 "Legends" \$80

Dinner—Bird in Hand

12/6/17 Christmas Show -Dinner—PI & Fancy

Incarnation Parish Senior Group -

New members are invited to our join our Senior Group. Our meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month in LaBuda Hall at 12 noon. Finger foods are served and BINGO is played @ every meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Vidumsky @ 610-868-6320, Mike Vidumsky @ 610-530-1528, or Barbara Raykos @ 610-867-0774. Hope to see you there!!!
Next Meeting -Wed. April 4th @ 12 noon.

St. Joseph's Windish Church

All are welcome to attend the Annual Feast Day Celebration on Saturday March 18TH AT A 10:30am Mass in the Church at @ 417 East 5th Street in South Bethlehem. All Are Welcome!



Holy Ghost Social Committee News

and Upcoming Events:

PIEROGIES : Its that time again! HELP

will be made THIS WEEK March 7-10th . We will begin pinching on THIS Tuesday Morning March 7th. We need all the help we can get. Our Group is getting smaller and any and all help is greatly appreciated. Lunch is served daily. If you can't come during the day please come late afternoon to help with the clean up. There is always something to do for everyone who comes. No experience necessary. ALL ARE WELCOME!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY MARCH 20TH

AT 6:30PM IN BILLINGER HALL. New faces as well as new ideas are always welcomed. Committees will be formed as well as upcoming activities for the rest of the year will be discussed. ALL ARE WELCOME!



19th Annual St. Joseph's Day - Pasta Dinner

Saturday March 18th - Mass 4pm followed by "All you can Eat" Italian Buffet in Msgr. Billinger Hall til 6pm Cost \$10.00 per person. Children under 6 FREE Please call the Rectory ASAP to reserve your seats and or Table of 8. Tickets are also available at the weekend Masses.

Poor Man's Supper and Mary's Stations Wed.

April 5th 6:00pm Supper - in Msgr. Billinger Hall. Free will offering.7:00pm - Mary's Stations followed with Benediction in the Church. All Parishioners are urged to attend.

Good Friday Fish Dinner

Friday April 14th Following the 3pm Service from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in Msgr. Billinger Hall. Cost. \$10. Children's Platters available also @ \$5. Eat in or take out. Call 610-691-0210 Good Friday from 1pm - 4pm for take out!

DONORS NEEDED PLEASE - Memorials—

Palm Trees are Available for Memorializing for the Easter Season in the Church - Palm Cost \$20Ea. The Names will appear in the Bulletin! Donations and Memorial names may be dropped in the collection basket as soon as possible please.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK,

My dear parishioners and friends, I remind you of last week's letter where I introduced five steps for shifting our Lenten journey toward a more fruitful spiritual makeover. This week I'd like to expound on the first of these steps: Don't start out with an unrealistic plan --- stretch beyond what you normally do, just don't aim for something you cannot possibly achieve. Spring was once the hungriest time of the year. The coming of Spring — its Middle English word is the root of "Lent" — meant a lot of work to do. Farmers had to prepare their fields, plant, and nurture, but the harvest was still a long way off, and last year's stores were at their lowest. It was time to work, but not yet time to feast. And we all know, Lent is a lot of work!

Giving up chocolates, or desserts, or even alcohol are manageable items. But, let me give you a peek into my own Lenten insanity. Last year in my spiritual journal, I wrote the following plan for Lent: "Prayer at breakfast; spiritual reading at lunch; no eating between meals; no sweets; check Facebook only twice each day and not at all after dinner; write at least one personal letter to a friend each week." Let's just say that if I was having trouble finding even ten minutes a day for prayer before Lent, there was really no chance whatsoever that I was realistically going to do even half of this. And so, within about 48 hours, I had "failed," thereby giving myself permission to throw my hands up and toss out my Lenten promises. Don't set yourself up for a fall. You know your limits. Yes, try to stretch beyond what you normally do, but don't aim for something so spiritually pie-in-the-sky that you can't possibly see it through.

And remember, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, although it's a Friday, the Diocese of Allentown is dispensed from not eating meat on that day!

**God bless,
Fr. Cliff**

(INC) P.A.G. NEWS

• **Monthly 50/50 Drawing - Reminder - \$5 per entry, and since this drawing takes place electronically, just make your donation in multiples of \$5. Donation envelopes must be received by the last day of the month. Thank you for your support. Congratulations to our January winners - Christina Richie (\$123.75), Agnes Stephan (\$74.25), and Raymond Tackash (\$49.50).**

Homemade noodles are on sale now, for \$4.00 per bag (pound). Order forms can be found in the vestibules.

Iron Pigs Outing - Sunday, April 23, 1:35pm, PenTele-Data Party Porch 1, \$37. Reservations are now being taken by contacting Milissa Bolcar (milissa.bolcar@linde.com or [610-866-3345](tel:610-866-3345)). Reservation deadline - Wednesday, March 22, 12pm.

Feast Day Dinner - Saturday, March 25, after the 4pm Feast Day Mass. Tickets are \$15 (\$7.50 for children under 10) and go on sale this weekend. Tickets are also available by calling the rectory or by contacting Milissa Bolcar directly (milissa.bolcar@linde.com or [610-866-3345](tel:610-866-3345)).

• **Mark your calendars for these other upcoming events, and stay tuned for more information about tickets/reservations and volunteer opportunities:**

• ***** PAG Meeting - March 15, 7pm.**

• ***** Coffee & Donuts - April 20, May 28.**

• ***** Bingo Buffet - Saturday, July 15, after the 4pm Mass.**

• ***** Putt U Mini Golf Family Outing - Wednesday, August 2.**

CHARISMATIC Mass of Healing & Anointing of the Sick NEXT MONDAY March 13th at 7pm Confessions and Adoration 6pm @ Holy Ghost Church. All are Welcome!