

Passion (Palm) Sunday



April 9th 2017



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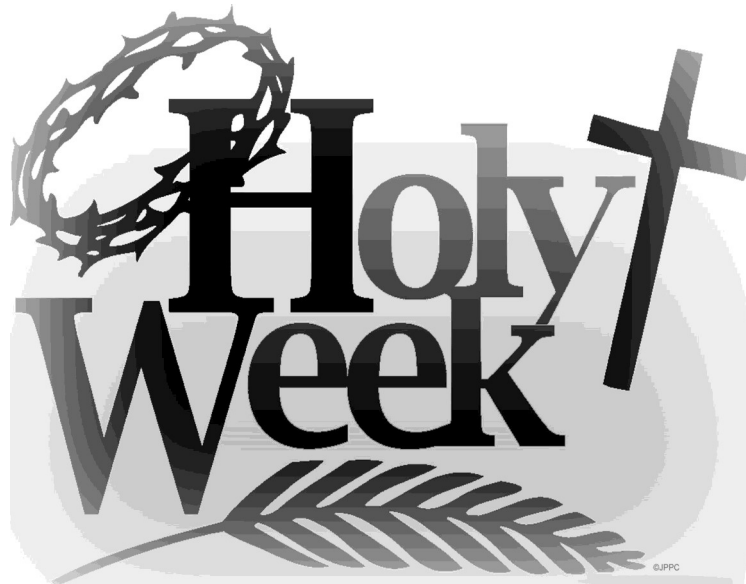
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Masses and Devotional Candles

4PM @ INC ✕ Stephen Pecsek
by Michael & Irene Vidumsky

4PM @ (HG) ✕ Rosemarie Pfliegler (7th Anniv.) by
Daughter Donna & Family

SUN. April 9th—Passion (Palm) Sunday

8 AM (INC) ✕ Agnes Stephan by Incarnation Parish

10 AM (H.G.) ✕ Health & Blessings
on Msgr. Richard J. Loeper, Our Pastor Emeritus

*** (P.C. LU) 9:10pm—ONLY***

Mon. of Holy Week—Apr. 10th

8AM ✕ Stephen Persell by Victoria Cauchon



Tues. of Holy Week—Apr. 11th

8AM ✕ Anita Epsel
by Raymond LaBuda & Family

Wed. of Holy Week—Apr. 12th

10:30AM—Chrism Mass
Diocesan Cathedral

Apr. 13th —HOLY THURSDAY

(H.G.) 7:00pm—Evening Mass of the Lords Supper w
Procession to the repository with Adoration til 11:30pm

Apr. 14th—Good Friday ✕ ✕ ✕

12:10pm Stations @ Packer Church LU

(HG)3pm—Good Friday Liturgy

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SAT. Apr. 15th —Holy Saturday

(HG) 11am Children's Easter Egg Hunt followed by

12Noon—Easter Food Blessing

(INC) 2pm—Easter Food Blessing

(H.G.) 8:00 PM ✕ All Parishioners —Pro Populo

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SUN. April 16th ✕ EASTER SUNDAY ✕

8:00AM (INC) ✕ All Parishioners —Pro Populo

10:00AM(H.G.) ✕ Joseph Kutzera

by Wife Sophie & Family

12:10pm Packer Church—Lehigh Univ.

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary -

Health & Blessings on Fr. Killian on his Birthday

Tabernacle (2) -

In Memory of ✕ John & Dena Husser

B.V.M. -

In Thanksgiving for Health & Blessings received

by Rachel Horwath

St. Joseph -

In Memory of ✕ Gerald Fuisz by

Sterlein / Zonay Families

Sacred Heart—

Intentions in Thanksgiving by Pat Nochtan

St. Theresa -

Health & Blessings on Catherine Sterlein

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of ✕ Rose & Charles Konkolics

Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

In Memory of ✕ Jack Nochtan by Wife Pat

Pieta (2)

In Memory of ✕ Alexander & Elizabeth Trotsky

St. Vincent DePaul Chapel / Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of ✕ George & Concetta Petito

Devotional Lamps @ Incarnation Church

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

✕Deceased members of the Kloo Family

by Sister Barbara Raykos

Blessed Virgin Mary
Lamp -

Health & Blessings on
Ed & May Glagola on their
70th Wedding Anniver-
sary! Best Wishes!



St. Joseph Lamp

Health & Blessings on
Joseph Kundek
(98th Birthday)

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

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

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Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J.

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ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

Food Pantry: On March 25th we served 39 guest families of which, 2 were new. Our next food pantry will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Annual Earth Day Scrap Metal Collection: Will be held on Saturday, April 22nd from 12pm to 4pm. Items can be dropped off at the Buchanan St parking lot. Please see our flyer for additional information.

We will need many volunteers on April 22nd. Even if you haven't volunteered before, please consider helping out at the food pantry and/or scrap metal collection. No experience necessary!!

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

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! Fund-raising 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 on-going 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 sfrancis-



Sunday Collections - April 2nd

"Our giving to the Church is a tangible way to say thank you to God." Please remember that our parishes 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.)-\$ (INC.)-\$ 1600.00



Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick -

TOMORROW—MONDAY April 10th at 7pm in Holy Ghost Church. Fr. Cliff our Pastor and Diocesan Liaison for Charismatic Renewal, Celebrant and Homilist. Adoration and Confessions 6-6:55pm. All are Welcome!

2017 CHRISM MASS - THIS WEDNESDAY

Fr. Cliff will be at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena for the celebration of the Chrism Mass with Bishop Emeritus Cullen and all the priests of the Diocese. It is at this Mass that Father and his brother priests will renew their Ordination Promises to faithfully serve the Gospel. You are invited to say a special prayer on this day for Fr. Cliff as well as our former Pastors and all priests you know, that God would bless them.

Good Friday Collection- Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Please be generous!

SENIORS

(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"

Easter Monday Apr. 17th

Titanic Presentation by JoAnne Hoodmaker

All @1pm in Billinger Hall

All Are Welcome!

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

THIS Wednesday—April 12th

Wednesday - May 10th

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:

Wednesday May 24th "Legends" \$80

Dinner—Bird in Hand Leave H.G. @

Las Vegas....."The City that comes alive when the Sun goes down" The Show Captures the excitement and energy of Las Vegas, while featuring sweet refrains of yesteryears and todays legendary Musicians like Elvis Presley, Wayne Newton, Paul Anka, Tom Jones, Celine Dion, Donny & Marie, Gath Brooks and more mixed with Fun and Frolic.

***Deadline for Reservations May 1st ***

Also

Dec. 6th. Christmas Show—Dinner—PI & Fancy. RESERVE SEATS NOW!

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. May 10th @ 12 noon.

Holy Ghost Social Committee News

and Upcoming Events:

EASTER EGG HUNT

This year's event will be held on Holy Saturday morning, April 15th at 11am . We encourage parishioners to bring their children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren to this fun time. The Easter Bunny will be there to have his photo taken with children and there will be plenty of candy and other treats for the children.

(H.G.) "Oodles of Noodles "

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

Spring Garage Sale Saturday May 13th

9am to 1pm. Items may be dropped off from April 24th to May 9th. Start cleaning out your treasures to donate to this yearly event. You can start dropping Items off at the Garages after Monday April 23rd .

Annual Parish Picnic—Sunday August 27th Mark your calendars.

Diocesan Annual Family Day At Steel Stacks—Sunday Sept . 24. Mass at 11am at Steel Stacks. We will again have our stand selling Cabbage & Noodles. Mark your calendars, we need your help.



(H.G.) Sympathy of the Parish Is extended to the Family of the late

✠Gerald E. Fuisz

who died and was buried this past Monday 4/3 with a Mass of Christian Burial. To the Son Gary, Daughter Deborah, Brother, Richard, and Sister, Kathleen our Sincerest Sympathy and Promise of Prayers.

May He rest in Peace.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK,

My dear parishioners and friends,

Today is **PALM SUNDAY,**

It is the first day of **HOLY WEEK.** As we journey into the days of **HOLY WEEK,** let us be immersed in the **Passion, Suffering and Death of Jesus.** The Lord's Passion is a sign of love! Jesus often says to his disciples: "No one has a greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (JN 15:13) Jesus ransoms us from sin by his life! The Lord's Passion also reminds us that love entails forgiveness. On the cross, Jesus said: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." (LK 23:34)

But for us, "What is there to forgive or to ask forgiveness for?" and "What needs to be forgiven?" "We need to forgive one another for not being God!" "Forgiving the other is first and foremost an inner move-

ment. It is an act that removes anger, bitterness, and the desire for revenge from our hearts and helps us to reclaim our human dignity. We cannot force those we want to forgive into accepting our forgiveness. They might not be able or willing to do so. They may not even know or feel that they have wounded us."

However, "...Only when we can receive forgiveness can we give it... Forgiving others is...healing our own hearts... The God who lives within us will give us the grace to go beyond our wounded selves and say, 'In the name of God you are forgiven.' Let us pray for that grace."

And as the Passion of Jesus engages us into an intense period of renewal – freeing us from the bondage of sin and breathing into us a new life, let us deliberately observe this **HOLY WEEK** as a retreat for all of us: a sacred time of changing our hearts.

Let us then fix our eyes on the **TRIDUUM:**

○ on **HOLY THURSDAY,** Jesus invites us to a **DIVINE MEAL.** A MEAL, where Jesus unveils the **DIVINE MENU: BREAD and WINE,** which sustains and strengthens us in our faith-life journey. Then he will impress in our hearts the power of **SERVICE:** "to lay down one's life for one's friends". Remember, **JESUS LOVES YOU!**

○ on **GOOD FRIDAY,** Jesus will gently whisper into our hearts his **SUFFERING and DEATH.** His suffering gives us **HOPE,** while his death assures us **LIFE EVERLASTING.** Remember, Jesus will tell you: "TODAY, YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE!"

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(INC) P.A.G. NEW

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. Thank you to all who prepared for and participated in our Feast Day Dinner on March 25. Incarnation of Our Lord Parish is truly blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers. Mark your calendars for these other upcoming events, and stay tuned for more information about tickets/ reservations and volunteer opportunities:

*** Coffee & Donuts - April 30, May 28.

*** Buffet Breakfast - Sunday, May 21, after the 8am Mass.

*** Celebration of Sister Francine's 25th Anniversary (at our parish) and Bobby Dancho's Retirement

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

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

*** Fall "Festival" - Saturday, September 16.

Star Struck Quilt Raffle 2017 Hand Made, Queen Size Quilt - Designed, Quilted, and Donated by Sharon Rehrig* & Volunteers. Tickets: \$5 each, or 6 for \$25. Contact Milissa Bolcar ([610-866-3345](tel:610-866-3345) or milissa.bolcar@linde.com). Raffle Date: May 6, 2017 at the 7th Annual Star Struck Gala. All proceeds benefit St. Francis Center for Renewal in Bethlehem, PA. Please make checks payable to St. Francis Center for Renewal.

***on **EASTER,** Jesus opens to us the glory and power of the **RESURRECTION.** He will renew us and gives us **LIFE EVERLASTING!** God tells us, "This is my beloved... my favor rests on YOU!"

It will be my pleasure, on Holy Saturday, to bless your Easter Foods that you bring to Church. This is an old custom where we bring the Lord the "first fruits" of our table and ask for a special blessing. As your Pastor, it is my honor and privilege to join you in asking for that Grace.

May this Holy Week be just that for each of us, a holy week whereby we truly come to know the Lord in a special, intimate way.

God bless you all,

Fr. Cliff

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