

2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday April 23rd 2017

Divine Mercy Sunday



Jesus I Trust In You

Incarnation of Our Lord

**A Roman Catholic Parish of the
Diocese of Allentown**

*Founded in 2008 as a merger of Slo-
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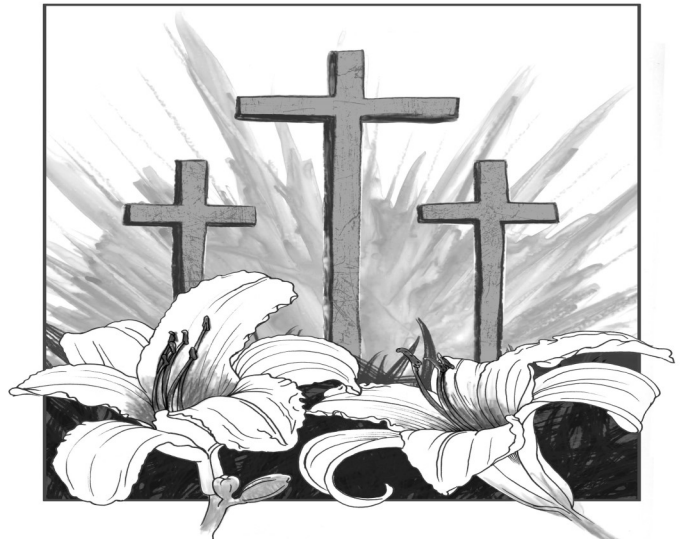
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Masses and Devotional Candles

SAT. Apr. 22nd—Vigil Mass

(INC) 4:00pm ✕ Linda Stephan by Bernard Anthony

SUN. April 23rd—Divine Mercy Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00AM (INC) ✕ Agnes & Henry Lipsky by the Family

10:00AM(H.G.) ✕ Joseph Molter

In Thanksgiving for Health & Blessings received
On Rachel Horwath

12:10pm Packer Church—Lehigh Univ.

9:10pm Packer Church—Lehigh Univ.

Mon. Apr. 24th—Easter Monday

(HG) 8AM ✕ Deceased Members of the Stephen and
Mary Vresk Family by Clare & Clarice Vresk

Tues. Apr. 25th—Easter Tuesday

(HG) 8AM ✕ Matthew Clemens by Marie Clemens

Thurs. Apr. 27th—Easter Thursday

(H.G.) 8AM— ✕ Mary & Joseph Sterlein
by Catherine Sterlein

Fri. Apr. 28th—Easter Friday

(H.G.) 12 Noon— ✕ Anna Boardl
by Julie & Richard Rogers

SAT. Apr. 29th—Vigil Mass

@(INC) 4:00pm ✕ Kelvin Webb by Liz Webb

SUN. April 30th—Third Sunday of Easter

8:00AM (INC) ✕ Rev. Francis P. Straka
by John & Mary Ann Vidumsky

10:00AM(H.G.) ✕ Franklin H. Pope

12:10pm Packer Church—Lehigh Univ.

9:10pm Packer Church—Lehigh Univ.

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary -

In Memory of ✕ Jean Blaukovitch (5th Anniv.)

By Sister Peggy and Husband Ed Bauer

Tabernacle (2) -

In Memory of ✕ Edward & Irene Horvath

B.V.M. -

In Thanksgiving for Health & Blessings
on Rachel Horwath

St. Joseph -

For Continued Health & Blessings
on Dennis Harbon by Wife Marilyn & Family

Sacred Heart—

In Thanksgiving for Blessings received by Pat

St. Theresa -

Health & Blessings on Catherine Sterlein

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

Health & Blessings on Yolanda Buttillo

by Lucy DiCampli

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

Health & Blessings on Joann Petito

Devotional Lamps @ Incarnation Church

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

✕Theresa & Andrew Markacs

by Jo Zavec

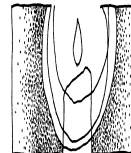
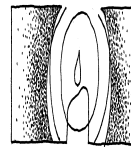
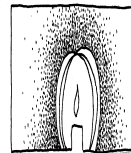
Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp -

Health & Blessings

on Veronica Perkins

St. Joseph Lamp

Living & Deceased Members of Assem-
bly #78 of Slovak Catholic Sokols



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FROM THE PASTORS DESK,

My dear parishioners and friends,

“ALLELUIA! “

We are still in the Octave of Easter as I write this, the Octave culminates this Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us give thanks for the Divine Mercy shown to us in the Passion, in the Death and in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I want to thank all of you for your participation in the various Liturgies of the Triduum. None of these three days are listed as Holy Days of Obligation, but they are some of the most important days of the year. Without going through these holy days, THE Holy Day, Easter, would mean very little, if anything. It has been

my prayer that whether at Holy Ghost or at Incarnation of Our Lord, each of you found a deeper relationship with our Risen Lord.

I also want to thank you, no matter what parish you belong to, that those of you who celebrated when the other parish hosted the Services, that

you came and by your presence made them that much richer. I was grateful to Fr. Butera and Msgr.'s Gobitas and Koziel for their assistance this year. Their assistance in the future is not guaranteed, so THANK YOU dear brothers, for helping us out this Season! And, again, thank you for the many gifts and cards and treats that so many of you shared with the parishes. I promise I did not sit down and eat them all at once!

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we share a common theme: For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have Mercy on us and on the whole world!

**God bless you all,
Fr. Cliff**



(INC) P.A.G. NEWS

It's donut time again! Join us for Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, April 30, after the 8am Mass.

Buffet Breakfast - Sunday, May 21, after the 8am Mass. Tickets are \$5 and are now on sale at weekend Masses.

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 your support.

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

***** Coffee & Donuts - May 28.**

***** Celebration of Sister Francine's 25th Anniversary (at our parish) and Bobby Dancho's Retirement – Saturday, June 17, after the 4pm Mass.**

***** PAG Meeting – Wednesday, June 21, 7pm.**

***** 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.

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.

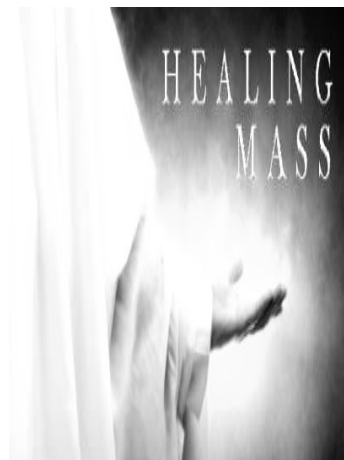
St. Francis Center for Renewal 7th Annual Star Struck Gala & Silent Auction on May 6th, 2017:

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 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.



**Monthly Mass of Healing
& Anointing of the Sick
Monday
May 8th @7pm
in Holy Ghost Church
Adoration and Confessions 6-7pm
All are Welcome!**

Sunday Collections - April 9th

Weekly Offering



"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.)- \$ 3434.00 (INC.) - \$ 1,692.00

**(H.G.) The Paschal (Easter) Candle
Burns this Easter Season**

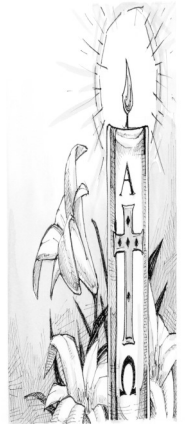
**In Loving Memory of
✕ John Pittner by Wife Nancy**

**And in the St. Vincent DePaul
Chapel**

**From Jerry and Pat Berger and
for their intentions.**

**(INC) The Paschal Candle Burns
this Easter Season**

**In Loving Memory of
✕ Stephen "Hips" and ✕ Jennie (Tyciak) Pecsek &
✕ Son Stephen C. Pecsek
From the Children John, Charles, and Anne Pecsek**



**" Eternal Father, I offer you the Body
and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your
Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus
Christ, in atonement for our sins and
those of the whole world. "**

**"For the sake of His sorrowful Pas-
sion, have mercy on us and on the
whole world " ✕ ✕ ✕ - Divine Mercy Chaplet**



SENIORS

(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"

Monday May 1st BINGO

Monday May 15th -Gelnn M. Pritchard

Asst. of Music- Starheart Productions

@1pm in Billinger Hall

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

Wednesday May 10th

Wednesday June 14th

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 today's 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 3rd @ 12 noon.

Holy Ghost Social Committee News

and Upcoming Events:

(H.G.) "Oodles of Noodles"

Noodles will be made TOMORROW April 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.



Annual Parish Picnic—Sunday August 20th. Mark your calendars.

3rd Diocesan Annual Family Day At Steel Stacks

— Sunday Sept. 24. We will again have our stand selling Cabbage N Noodles and a Fun day for all ages. A Good time was had by all last year. Mass at 11am. Mark your calendars.

A SEASON OF JOY

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). This first line of today's first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection.

Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.