



**Incarnation of Our Lord**  
A Roman Catholic Parish of the  
Diocese of Allentown

*Founded in 2008 as a merger of Slovak, Hungarian, Windish, Polish and Italian Parishes*

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*Founded in 1871 as a  
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# Masses and Devotional Candles

Sat. Jan. 14th—Vigil Mass

Rosary for the unborn—3:35pm

HG) 4PM ✕ John & Dena Husser by Son John Husser  
✕ Health & Blessings on Cesare Vitale

SUN. January 22nd—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM (INC) ✕ Judy Onuschak by mother,  
Bernadette Demyan

10 AM (H.G.) ✕ Rev. Fr. Francis P. Straka by the Parish

Holy Hour TODAY before and after Masses:

All are invited to join in prayer during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for the conversion of hearts, the protection of unborn children, and for a country whose laws respect the sanctity of life from conception until natural death.



Mon. Jan. 23rd— Day of Prayer

for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8AM ✕ Mary Ford by the Ardell and Cino Families

Tues. Jan. 24th —St. Francis deSales

8AM ✕ William Polak by William & Kathryn Belsak

Thurs. Jan. 26th —Sts. Timothy & Titus

8AM ✕ Robert Gasdaska by Sandy & Bill Romanyshyn

Fri. January 27th —St. Angela Merici

12 NOON ✕ Elizabeth Molter by Sister, Helen Maurer

SAT. January 28th — Vigil Mass

Confessions 3-3:45pm - Rosary for Vocations -3:35pm

(HG) 4PM ✕ Michael Heyer by his Parents

✕ Stephen Pescek by Maryann Otto & Steve Horvath

SUN. January 29th—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM (INC) ✕ Theresa Moore by Stanley & Pat Krycia

10 AM (H.G.) ✕ John & Dena Husser  
by Son John Husser

(P.C.)12:10pm ✕ Intention of the Celebrant

(P.C.) 9:10pm ✕ Intention of the Celebrant

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary -

In Memory of ✕ John & Dena Husser by Son John

Tabernacle (2) -

In Memory of ✕ Stephen Pescek  
by the Morning Mass Attendees

B.V.M. -

Health & Blessings on Linda Brown

St. Joseph -

Health & Blessings on Catherine Sterlein

Sacred Heart -

In Memory of ✕ Stephen Pescek

St. Theresa -

Prayer Intentions

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)

Health & Blessings on Cesare Vitale

St. Vincent DePaul Chapel / Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of ✕ Stephen Pecsek by Catherine Sterlein

Devotional Lamps @ Incarnation Church

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of ✕ Stephen & Anna Raykos by  
Son

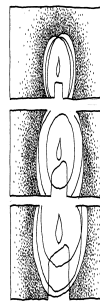
Joseph and daughter in law Barbara

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp -

✕ Special Intention

St. Joseph Lamp-

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Guests



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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# SENIORS

## **(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"**

Meetings—Monday February- 6th & 20th -  
1pm in Billinger Hall

**MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -**

**Wednesday—February 8th**

**Wednesday—March 8th**

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.

## **Incarnation Parish Senior Group -**

New members are invited to join our Senior Group. Our meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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!!!

## **(HG) Social Committee Meeting**

**THIS TUESDAY Jan. 24th at 6:30pm in Billinger Hall. New Faces are Urged to attend. Calendar of Events will be discussed. Committees needed. Hope to see you there.**

**Bishop Barres' Farewell Mass: Bishop Barres will celebrate a final Mass in the Diocese of Allentown THIS SUNDAY, JAN. 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2017 @ 12NOON in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1825 W. Turner St., Allentown,**



## **F.Y.I. - LITURGICAL NOTE:**

From a memo by the Rev. Keith A. Mathur, Director of the Office for Divine Worship.

In light of the heightened cases of influenza/pneumonia being reported in our five county area and the change in the Pennsylvania Department of Health's In-



fluenza status from "Sporadic" to "Widespread", His Excellency, Bishop Barres, Diocesan Administrator, directs that the Exchange of the Sign of Peace and the Reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice, be suspended beginning last

weekend. This suspension will be in effect until further notice when the incidence of influenza/pneumonia subsides in our region.

## **(INC) Sympathy of the Parish**

Is extended to the Family of the late

✠ **ANN T. CMOREY**

Who died and was buried last Saturday with a Mass of Christian Burial. To her remaining family members, our sincerest sympathy and promise of prayers for her soul. May she rest in peace!

## **(INC) Sympathy of the Parish**

Is extended to the Family of the late

✠ **MARGARET BUCHES**

Who died and was buried last Saturday with a Mass of Christian Burial. To her son, Joseph and remaining family members, our sincerest sympathy and promise of prayers for her soul. May she rest in peace!

## **(INC.) Sympathy of the Parish**

is extended to the Family of the late

✠ **STEPHEN PESCEK**

who died last Sunday and was buried with a Mass of Christian Burial his past Thursday from the Church. To Stephen's Brothers Charles and John and Sister Ann we extend our Sincerest Sympathy and promise of prayers. May he rest in peace!

**ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY**  
**NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**FOOD PANTRY:** The first FOOD PANTRY for 2017 is **NEXT SAT., JAN. 28<sup>TH</sup> from 10AM – 12Noon.**

**MARDI GRAS BINGO:** SUNDAY, FEB. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2017. More info will follow. We will begin taking FASTNACHT ORDERS the weekend of FEB. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017!

**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](mailto:rmh1330@aol.com) or call 484-239-0243.

**2016 PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES / YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Statements have already gone out. If you did not receive one please contact the Rectory ASAP.

**(H.G.) "Oodles of Noodles "**

Noodles will be made on **THIS Monday, January 23rd February 13th & 27th, March 13th & 27th, April 10th & 24th @ 8:30am after 8am Mass in Billinger Hall.**

Volunteers and Donations of Flower and Eggs are always greatly appreciated.

**2017 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION:** (INC) Next weekend (HG) **THIS WEEKEND** our parishes will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next weekend, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise! Learn more about this collection @ [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Sunday Collections - Jan. 15th**

"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.)—\$1,407.00 (Inc.)—\$1,353.00**

**Prayer to End Abortion**

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself Never to be silent, Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, And never to stop defending life Until all my brothers and sisters are protected, And our nation once again becomes A nation with liberty and justice Not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!



**Prayer to the Virgin Mary**

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life. "You will conceive and bear a Son," the angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. "Be it done unto me according to your word." Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say yes and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen.

**FROM THE PASTORS DESK,**

*My dear friends,*

*We have seen the inauguration of our 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. And this is usually the time of year that the sitting President gives us the State of the Union Address. Thus, it is appropriate that I give you the Spiritual State of the Parishes report, covering both Holy Ghost and Incarnation Parishes. I will, later on in the Spring, give the full Spiritual Report to the Diocese.*

**First, for Holy Ghost Church.** *Holy Ghost has had 16—Children Baptized, 1 -Confirmed, 1-First Eucharist, 5—Marriages celebrated or convalidated, 1—RCIA convert received into the Faith and 9—Funerals from the Parish and/or funeral home.*

**Incarnation of Our Lord** *saw in 2016 - 3 - Children Baptized, 2 -Marriages celebrated or convalidated, 0 -RCIA candidates and 25 - funerals from the Parish and/or funeral home.*

*So, my friends, though there is nothing we can do about our deaths, and maybe nothing we can do about our baptisms, let us in 2017 concentrate our efforts on bringing in the people from the highways and byways, to bring in new families into the parishes.*

*The present, verified numbers consist of 376 Registered Families at Incarnation (yielding 570 individual members) and for Holy Ghost we find 306 Registered Families (yielding 663 individual members.)*

*To put it simply, if we want to stay alive and viable parishes in the Southside of Bethlehem, we need active people, some new, young people, to replace those whom we lose during the year. Help us increase our parishioners, help us increase our parishes.*

*God bless,*

*Fr. Cliff*

**(INC) P.A.G. NEWS**

**MONTHLY DRAWING** – *Reminder: Drawing is done electronically; just make donations for \$5.00, or multiples of \$5.00. Donation envelopes must be received in the rectory by the LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH!*

**\*\*NOTE\*\*:** *A REMINDER THAT A SEPARATE CHECK/CASH NEEDS TO BE ENCLOSED IN YOUR MONTHLY PAG DRAWING ENVELOPES!! THIS ENVELOPE IS SEPARATE FROM YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES!! CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO “INCARNATION PAG”!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND COOPERATION!!*

**NEXT PAG MEETING:** *THIS WED., JAN. 25<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00PM IN LABUDA HALL.*

**COFFEE & DONUTS:** *will be NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 29<sup>th</sup>, in Labuda Hall after the 8:00AM Mass. ALL ARE WELCOME!!*

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**WELCOME!**

*We welcome all who join us at our Masses. We encourage all Catholics to become an active participant in the life of our Parish Families.*

*Please call  
either Rectory for more information.*

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**DAILY MASS NEWS**

*Daily Masses for both Holy Ghost Parish and Incarnation of Our Lord Parish are celebrated in the St. Vincent de Paul Chapel in the Msgr. Loeper Catholic Education Center (former Convent) on the Holy Ghost Campus. Mondays and Tuesdays are for Incarnation Mass Intentions and Thursday and Friday are for Holy Ghost. Hope to see you there sometime before the Altar of the Lord!*

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**ATTENTION———BOTH PARISHES  
BULLETIN INFO. SUBMISSIONS**

*As of January 1st—All Parish organizations and others submitting info for the parish bulletin please take note:*

**ALL BULLETIN ARTICLES MUST BE  
SUBMITTED TO:**

*InchGbulletin@gmail.com By Monday 2pm  
the week of printing.*