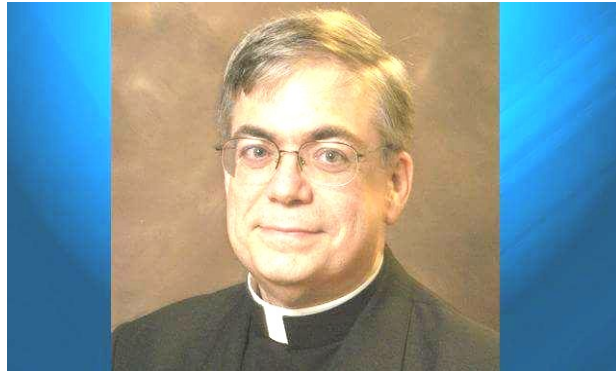


14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 9th 2017

Congratulations to Bishop—Elect Schlert



The Vatican announced Tuesday June 27th that Pope Francis has appointed a priest of the Diocese of Allentown, Reverend Monsignor Alfred A. Schlert, as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown.

Bishop-elect Schlert is the first priest of the Diocese to be appointed to serve as its Bishop. He has been serving as the Diocesan Administrator since his election by the Diocesan College of Consultors on February 1, 2017 following the January 31 installation of his predecessor Most Reverend John Barres as the Bishop of Rockville Centre, NY.

Bishop-elect Schlert was born to Alfred and Marylou (DeRose) Schlert in Easton on July 24, 1961, just six months after the Diocese of Allentown was formed. He was educated at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Elementary School and Notre Dame High School, both in Easton. He prepared for the Priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary near Philadelphia and the Pontifical Roman Seminary and St. John Lateran University in Rome. Most Reverend Thomas J. Welsh ordained him a priest at the Cathedral of Saint Catherine of Siena in Allentown on September 19, 1987.

He served as an assistant pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Allentown, as a professor at his alma mater Notre Dame High School and as the Catholic chaplain at Lehigh University. During his years at Notre Dame he resided at St. Anthony of Padua Church and St. Bernard Church in Easton and at Sacred Heart Church in Bath. He completed graduate work at Pontifical North American College and Pontifical Lateran University in Rome and received a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Lateran University in 1992.

He was named Vice Chancellor and Secretary to Bishop Welsh in 1997 before being named Vicar General, of the Diocese by Most Reverend Edward P. Cullen in 1998. As Vicar General he has overseen coordination of all administrative offices of the Diocese and assisted Bishop Cullen and Most Reverend John O. Barres in the governance of the Diocese. From 1998 to 2008 he was in residence at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown.

Pope St. John Paul II named him a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title of Monsignor in 1999. Pope Benedict XVI named him a Prelate of Honor, the second highest rank of Monsignor in 2005.

While still serving as Vicar General he was pastor of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church, Hellertown from July 2008 until February 2010 when he resumed full time service as Vicar General and residence at St. Theresa's.

Bishop-elect Schlert's Ordination and Installation will be held on Thursday, August 31st at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK,

My dear parishioners and friends,

Wow, the 4th of July came and went! And onward we march into the remainder of the summer months. I need to take this column this week to briefly explain what's happening in the Diocese.

We, of course, have a new Bishop-Elect named, and we are so thrilled he is one of our very own. August 31st is going to a fantastic day in the Diocese of Allentown and for his whole family.

The week before I got sick the Chancery had a meeting with the priests of the Deaneries to explain to us "Priest Personnel Projections." Msgr. James gave a wonderful overview, albeit it was what we expected. I'd like to share with you some of these thoughts:

The projections are from today to 2030 and here are the facts that were given:

- * the number of active priests in the will drop 40%, thus*
- * the number of priests available for parish ministry will decline at a similar rate, as well*
- * the number of projected seminarians falls short of filling the gap.*

However, an estimated 31% reduction in the number of parishes will help mitigate the impact. Currently as of today there are 84 parishes but by the year 2030 we are projecting 64 parishes. There are no names attached to the parishes, just a "number of".

So, my friends, please understand the following: we are still a Parish, at present we are not closing.

The best solution to this current problem we find ourselves in is to pray for Vocations! It takes roughly eight years to train someone to be a priest so, pray for those vocations yet to come, but also pray for the vocations of the priests you already have.

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.

- SATURDAY, JULY 15th in LaBuda Hall after the 4:00PM Mass. Tickets are available @ our weekend Masses and can also be purchased @ the rectory. Cost is \$20/ person in advance or \$25 @ the door the day of the Bingo!!*
- Mark your calendars for these other upcoming events, and stay tuned for more information about tickets/reservations and volunteer opportunities.*



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

= Fall Festival - Saturday, September 16.—

Special Collections - weekend of July 16th for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. This collection supports the church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. More info can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Also, the weekend of July 29th and 30th the Second Collection will be for the Annual Mission Co-op Collection with a Missionary Priest guest speaker will be here at BOTH parishes to talk to us . Please use your Mission Co-op envelopes for that weekend.

Thank You.

ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

Knitters/Crocheters: We are looking for someone who can make a cozy throw/shawl for one of our elderly parishioners. Her favorite color is purple. She is in a wheelchair. If you can provide the time and talent, we will provide the yarn. Please contact Ruth Herman if you are interested.

Scrap Metal Collection: We will continue to collect scrap metal throughout the year. If you have a donation, please contact Ruth Herman to arrange for a pick-up.

Monocacy Farm Project: Earlier this growing season Ruthann Kaspersn, her daughter Annmarie and Ruth planted 3 very long rows of carrots (not tomatoes as previously thought). If you are interested in volunteering to help keep our plot weeded, etc, please contact Ruth. Once we have our list of volunteers we will work with you to pair up and put a schedule together. Time commitment per week is no more than 2 hours.

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.

***** ON LINE GIVING *****

On another point some of you have been waiting for: **Holy Ghost Church and Incarnation of Our Lord Parishes now provide Online Giving—**

a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just visit our website, on the front page of your bulletin, and click our Online Giving link.

When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays!



Sunday Collections - June 25th

" Our giving to the Church is a tangible way to say thank you to God." School is winding down all over the place, but our bills don't wind down. In fact, they increase! With the warmer weather approaching we will be using our A/C more, we will be using more gas in our lawn mowers, and occasionally they need maintenance that we were not aware of in the Fall and Winter when not used. Help us meet some of these expenses. Our budget each week is about \$2000/wk barring any unforeseen expenses. Like the leak in the roof passageway of Incarnation from the Rectory to the School, that was not covered by insurance. That yielded roof repair, ceiling repair and new carpet. At Holy Ghost we still have roof and A/C repairs going on. Please help us! Thank you so much for whatever you can give.

Weekly Offering



(H.G.) (INC.)

n/a due to holiday printing deadline

Bishop's Annual Appeal – I am so thrilled at your response to the appeal to this point Thank you so much on the part of all who are helped by the Appeal in our Diocese. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area.

You can make your gift online @ FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

or call the Appeal Office @ 1-800-831-4443.

Extra forms are next to the Church Bulletins.

(HG) 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Total Goal:	\$14,050.30
Pledges & One-Time Gifts:	\$ 12,899.00
Amount Collected:	\$ 10,499.00
# of Registered Families	321
# of Donors	66

(INC) 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Total Goal:	\$15,679.05
Pledges & One-Time Gifts:	\$17,372.00
Amount Collected:	\$ 13,729.00
# of Registered Families	380
# of Donors	116



SENIORS

(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"

Monday, July 17th BINGO

August 7th—INDOOR PICNIC



NO MEETING—AUG 21ST

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -
NEXT Wednesday - July, 12th
Wednesday August 9th

Leave Holy Ghost 10:30am for Mohegan
Sun. Cost: \$24 and you get
Slot Play \$25 and \$5 in Food Coupon.
For Casino info. & Reservations Call:
"Boots" Horwath - 610-867-4839
or Gloria Szakos - 610-868-7940.

Mark your calendars:

Dec. 6th. Christmas Show in Lancaster —
\$94.00 INCLUDES: Bus, Lunch @ Plain &
Fancy and Gratuity. Leave Trans Bridge
10:15am and Holy Ghost 11am. Return by
7:00pm. Payment Plan Available.
RESERVE 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 con-
tact John Vidumsky @ 610-868-6320, Mike
Vidumsky @ 610-530-1528, or Barbara Ray-
kos @ 610-867-0774. Hope to see you
there!!!

Next Meeting — Wednesday . August 2nd
Mark your calendars!

Holy Ghost Social Committee News
and Upcoming Events:

Parish Picnic Sun., Au-
gust 20th, at Upper Saucon
Park. Mass will be celebrated
at 12 Noon at the pavilion at
the Park. NO 10 AM MASS
THAT DAY IN CHURCH.



SAVE THE DATE

3rd Annual DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

Please join us for a fun-filled day for the whole fami-
ly! Sunday, September 24, 2016, 11 am - 4pm at Steel-
Stacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. The day begins
with an outdoor Multi-Cultural Mass celebrated at 11am
(Bring a lawn chair). The festivities will follow the Mass.

There will be ethnic food for sale provided by parishes
of the Diocese with games and activities for all ag-
es. From a petting zoo, to face painting, bounce house,
inflatable obstacle course, etc. Musical entertainment
provided by the local band "Island Time" and youth en-
tertainment provided by DJ Wesley Works. No reserva-
tions are needed. For more information, call Maria at 610

-289-8900, Extension 21 or email her at
mloch@allentowndiocese.org. Or click on the Diocesan
website where you can see pictures of last year's event
www.allentowndiocese.org/familyfestival

NO 10AM MASS IN CHURCH THAT DAY!



October 28th & 29th
Annual Fall Fair.
Mark your Calendars!

"Wooden Churches of Eastern Europe"

Presentation on Sat. July 15th from 10am to 12:30pm at
Penn State—Lehigh Valley Campus,
2809 Saucon Valley Rd. Center Valley, Pa 18034.

Dr. Michelle Parvensky will present a riveting presenta-
tion on her ongoing research over the past 20 yrs. Of the
wooden churches. Her pictures highlight the architec-
ture and profound beauty of these churches. Any Ques-
tions contact Sharon Jarrow at 610-759-2628 or email:

shanfp@rcn.com
All Are Welcome !

Masses and Devotional Candles

SAT. July 8th—Vigil Mass
(INC) 4:00pm ✕ Andrew J. Guff by
Raymond & Kathy LaBuda & Family

SUN. July 9th 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM (INC) ✕ Deceased Members of the Dalton & Vidumsky Families by John & Mary Ann Vidumsky

10:00AM(H.G.) ✕ Agnes Repasch by the Family

Mon. July 10th —Ordinary Time Weekday
(HG) 8AM ✕ John Zavec by the Family

Tues. JULY 11th—St. Benedict, Abbot
(HG) 8AM ✕ Stephen Vidumsky by Brother John and Sister in Law Mary Ann Vidumsky

Thurs. July 12th—St. Henry
(H.G.) 8AM ✕ John Pittner
by Joe & Joan Wickes

Fri. July 14th —St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Adoration 9am—12 noon
(H.G.) 12 Noon ✕ John Pittner by Lucy DiCampi

SAT. July 15th Vigil Mass
(INC) 3pm-3:45pm Confessions
(INC) 4:00pm ✕ Andrew J. Guff by Marie Bartos

SUN. July 16th 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM (INC) ✕ Deceased Members of the John & Josephine Ezar Families by Son Francis and Wife Dorothy Ezar

10:00AM(H.G.) ✕ Mary Hutter Schadl



Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary -

In Memory of ✕ Rose Konkolics

Tabernacle (2) -

Health & Blessings on

Bishop-Elect Alfred A. Schlert

B.V.M. -

For Continued Health & Blessings

on Dennis Harbon by Wife Marilyn & Family

St. Joseph -

In Memory of ✕ deceased Members Kull Family

Sacred Heart—

For Continued Health & Blessings on Bob Hercik

St. Theresa -

Prayer Intentions

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

Deceased Members Sebastianelli Family

Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

In Memory of ✕ Deceased Boccardi/Bechdolt Fams.

Pieta—(2)

In Memory of ✕ Alexander & Elizabeth Trotsky

St. Vincent DePaul Chapel / Tabernacle Lamp

Health & Blessings on Joanne Petito

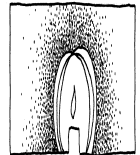
Devotional Lamps @ Incarnation Church

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

✕ John Zavec

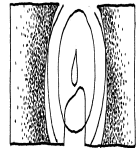
by Wife Josephine Zavec



Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp -

Health & Blessings on

Bishop-Elect Alfred A. Schlert

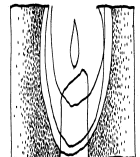


St. Joseph Lamp

In Memory of

✕ Deceased Members of the

Kozel & Ditsky Families



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