

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ❖ ❖ ❖ September 17th 2017



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Diocese of Allentown
*Founded in 1871 as a
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FROM THE PASTORS DESK,

My dear parishioners and friends,

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

God bless,

Fr Cliff

FORGIVE OTHERS

"There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us."

—St. Augustine

40 Days for Life Announcement

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will start on Wed. Sept. 27 and continue through Nov. 5, at the Allentown Women's Center (abortion facility), 31 S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem, PA. Join us, Monday through Saturday, 7am-6pm. **When prayer volunteers are praying the no show rate for abortions can jump as high as 75%!** For more information, or to be paired with a prayer partner, call Theresa at 610-704-6935 or Theresa4597@hotmail.com.-

AUTUMN

"Besides the autumn poets sing, A few prosaic days A little this side of the snow and that side of the haze."

—Emily Dickinson

(INC) Parish Activities Group

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 July winners – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kerekes (\$95.00), Dorothy Bickel (\$57.00), and Anna Polonski (\$38.00).

Homemade Noodles are now on sale. Order forms can be found in the vestibules – a 16 ounce bag is \$4.00.

Incarnation Financials

Weekly collection for 9/9 & 9/10 = \$ 1,894.00

Number of envelopes used = 174

Average giving = \$ 10.88

Hurricane Harvey = \$1650.00

Can you do more for God ?

Masses and Lamps for 2018

will start to be accepted on Thursday September 21st at Holy Ghost Rectory and Friday September 22nd at Incarnation Rectory by Stopping at Either Rectory 10am to 2pm . No Phone Calls please. Phone in Masses will be accepted from September 25 on. Please note Incarnation Rectory will be Closed the week of September 25th.

(INC) Sympathy of the Parish

is extended to the Family of the late

✠ John R. Shupp, Jr.

who died and was buried with a Mass of Christian Burial last Saturday 9/9. To His Sisters and Brothers and extended Family our Sincerest Sympathy and Promise of Prayers for the repose of his soul.

May he rest in peace.

(INC) Sympathy of the Parish

is extended to the Family of the late

✠ Paul A. "Butch" Horvath

who died 9/8 and will be buried with a Mass of Christian Burial This Monday 9/18 at 11am. To Wife Sylvia; sons Paul J., David, grandchildren, Daniel, Matthew, Alena and Ian, and extended Family our Sincerest Sympathy and Promise of Prayers for the repose of

his soul. May he rest in peace.

ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

August food pantry: 45 guest families
NEXT Food Pantry Day: September 23rd

Senior Parishioner Visits: We have a number of our parishioners we are visiting. If you are interested in participating in the visits, please let Ruth know and we will add you to our visitation schedule.

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.



3rd Annual
DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

Please join us for a fun-filled day for the whole family! **NEXT Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 11 am - 4pm at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, South 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 ages. From a petting zoo, to face painting, bounce house, inflatable obstacle course, etc.

Musical entertainment provided by the local band "Island Time" and youth entertainment provided by DJ Wesley Works.

NO 10AM MASS IN (HG) CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

Holy Ghost Parish Financials

Weekly collection for 9/10 = \$ 2,009.00
Number of envelopes used = 92
Average giving = \$ 21.84
Hurricane Harvey = \$870.00

Please note.....With no Mass on the 24th Please catch up with your envelopes for that Sunday!

***** 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!

"World Day of Peace at Monocacy Manor Lets Join St Francis Center for Renewal, Bethlehem, on This Tues. September 19 as we honor the United Nation's International Day for Peace. Activities begin at 1:00PM at the Retreat Center and continue until 4:00PM. At 1:15 we will be joined by the Bell Choir from Mercy School for Special Learning who will kick off the afternoon's celebrations with a bell recital. Other activities will include sessions in restorative yoga, prayer shawl creations, crafting for peace, labyrinth, poetry sessions, educational films, and 'harvesting for peace' at Monocacy Farm. The Grounds of Monocacy Manor and the Renewal Center Chapel will be open all day for those wishing to visit. At 7:00PM we will celebrate with an Interfaith Prayer Service in the Convent Chapel.

Pro-Life Movie Screening

Christian and Pro-life movie, *Because of Gracia*, will be shown at the AMC 16 Theater located at **1700 Catasauqua Road in Allentown on THIS SUNDAY September 17th!** Tickets can be bought at the theater. This is the only theater in Pennsylvania showing the movie, so we are very blessed to have it in our area! Consider supporting the Pro-Life movement in Hollywood by coming to this limited-time screening!

SENIORS

(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"

Next Meeting 1pm Tomorrow

Monday—September 18th

October 2nd—BINGO

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

Wednesday—October 11th

Wednesday November 8th

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 Gra-
tuity. 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 contact John Vidumsky @ 610-868-6320, Mike Vidumsky @ 610-530-1528, or Barbara Raykos @ 610-867-0774. Hope to see you there!!!

Next Meeting — Wednesday . October 4th



Holy Ghost Social Committee News

FALL FAIR NEWS:



Holy Ghost Annual Fall Fair

October 28th and 29th

Mark your calendars!

"Oodles of Noodles" 2 Last session before the Fall Fair will be TUESDAYS October 3rd and 17th after the 8am Mass. Volunteers needed.

PIEROGIES: Need lots of help on October 10 and 11 to make 150 dozen pierogies. NO advance orders will be taken for these pierogies. Sold at Fall Fair only.

BAKED GOODS: We will be reaching out to parishioners for home-made baked goods. Calls will be made the week prior to the Fall Fair. However ALL PARISHI FAMILIES are urged to bake even if you are not called.

In September parishioners will receive a Fall newsletter with more information about the Fall Fair. The letter will contain tickets for our Grand Prizes (hint: cash, flat-screen television, Apple computer) as well as ideas for Tricky Tray gift baskets and gift cards. Any and all Monetary Donations are Accepted.

Maura Shay and Donna Pfley have taken on the role of Fall Fair co-chairpersons. This is a big responsibility; they need everyone's help to make this event successful. Remember: When we work together, anything is possible.

October

Respect Life Month

It is not only the unborn whose lives are in danger. It is anyone infirm, elderly or considered unfit due to disability. Euthanasia legislation is being pushed under some "nice" sounding terminology as "Death with Dignity" or "End of Life Options".

Pray that everyone is treated as a gift of God and respected at all stages of their lives.

Masses and Devotional Candles

SAT. Sept 16th—Vigil Mass

POLKA MASS (INC) 4:00pm ✕ Mr & Mrs Christy Dalton
by Mr & Mrs John J. Vidumsky

SUN. Sept. 17th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM (INC) ✕ Deceased Members of the John & Bertha Mihulec Family by
Daughter Dorothy & Husband Francis Ezar

(HG) 9am-9:55am Adoration

Rosary 9:35pm with the Fatima Hymn

10:00AM(HG) ✕ Rose Konkolics (8th Anniv.)

by the Quigley & Rickey Families

12:10pm Mass in Packer Memorial Church—Lehigh U.

9:10pm Mass in Packer Memorial Church—Lehigh U.

Mon. Sept. 18th—Ordinary Time Weekday

(HG) 8AM ✕ Stephen Pecsek by Katherine Horon Milles

Tues. Sept.. 19th— St. Januarius

(HG) 8AM ✕ Augustine Sebastianelli by the Family

Thurs. Sept. 21st—St. Matthew Apostle & Evangelist

(HG) 8AM ✕Helen & Louis Sule by Sandy Sule

Fri. Sept. 22nd —Ordinary Time Weekday

(HG) 12 Noon ✕ Anna Balog

by S. Clare & S. Clarice Vresk

SAT. September 23rd —————Vigil Mass

(INC) 3pm-3:45pm Confessions

4:00pm ✕ Agnes & Michael Stephan, Jr. by the Family

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8:00AM (INC) ✕ Health & Blessings on Incarnation Seniors Group and Deceased Members by the Group

10:00AM(HG) NO MASS 12:10pm Mass NO LU MASS

11:00am Mass at Steel Stacks w Bishop Schlert

ALL are Welcome!

See you there!

9:10pm Mass in Packer Memorial Church—Lehigh U.

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary -

In Memory of ✕ Msgr. Richard J. Loeper
by Catherine Sterlein

Tabernacle (2) -

Health & Blessings on Clara (Nagy) Petraglia
B.V.M. -

In Memory of ✕ Giorgia Alamia by Lorenzo & Family
St. Joseph -

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

Sacred Heart—

For Health & Blessings on Charlotte Cole
St. Theresa -

Prayer Intentions

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

Special Intention —Bianca Villani

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

In Memory of ✕ George & Concetta Petito

Devotional Lamps @

Incarnation Church

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

✕ Daniel Kelemen by Wife Mary
Ann and Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp -

In Memory of

✕ John R. Shupp, Jr.
By R.J. Koach, Jr.

St. Joseph Lamp

Health & Blessings on St. Vincent
DePaul Food Pantry Guests



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