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## FROM THE PASTORS DESK.

My dear parishioners and friends,

There is a retirement from Incarnation:



After 44 years of service to the Parish, Mr. Raymond LaBuda, has decided to retire! I accepted, with much shagrin, his retirement letter this past week-

end. Personally speaking, I've enjoyed working with him these last three years and have fostered a professional friendship as well as a personal one. Incarnation's money is still being handled by Raymond James & Associates, Inc. with Raymond's daughter, Kati, watching over the funds. His retirement is effective 9/30/17, we all wish him well. Thank You Raymond!

And in other news.....

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

God bless, Fr Cliff

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**\*SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION next weekend- 9/30 -10/2\*** Once again, due to the extreme flooding disaster in Florida, Georgia and other states, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called for a time-sensitive collection to be taken up throughout the United States! His Excellency, Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown, has authorized a free-will 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection. Put monies in an envelope with your name and envelope number so you receive credit. It will be taken next weekend. Thank You!!

## (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),  
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.

· THANK YOU to all who prepared for and participated in the Polka Mass & Halupki Dinner last Saturday – the music was uplifting and the dinner was delicious! Special thanks to The Changing Times & the Tatra Slovak Folk Group, the Dinner lead chefs Marie Bolcar and Stef Turek, and the Dinner planning team members Pat Krycia, Josephine Zavec, Bonnie Zsilavec, Ruth Herman, Pamela Turek, and Milissa Bolcar.

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### Incarnation Financials

Weekly collection for 9/9 & 9/10 = \$ 1,941.00  
Number of envelopes used = 163  
Average giving = \$ 11.19  
Can you do more for God ?

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### 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. In Case of an Emergency Please call Ron Koach at Holy Ghost Rectory at 610-867-9382 ext 3.

**ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY**  
**News and Upcoming Events:**

**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.

**C.C.D. Teachers**

We are in need of two teachers for our CCD program. Please call Ron at Holy Ghost Rectory if interested ASAP. We supply the instructional materials.

**Sympathy of the Parish**  
is Extended to the Family of the Late  
✠ Dennis James Harbon

Who died and was buried this weekend. To Denny's wife Marilyn (Elliott) Harbon, Daughter Theresa M., Son Dennis A., Spouses, Grandchildren, and Sister Lynda. Marilyn is a Sister to our Deacon, Son of the Parish—Deacon Don Elliott. We extend to all our Sincerest Sympathy and promise of prayers.  
May he rest in Peace!

**First Friday Friday -October 6th Adoration**  
9am—11:55 (HG Chapel)

**Friday October 13th (Fatima Anniv.)**  
Adoration 9am—11:55  
Rosary 11:35am.(HG Chapel)



**Holy Ghost Church—**  
**Sunday October 15th Adoration**  
9am-9:55am Rosary 9:35am  
followed by the Fatima Hymn  
All Are Welcome!

**Holy Ghost Parish Financials**

Weekly collection for 9/10 = \$1,717.00  
Number of envelopes used = 82  
Average giving = \$ 20.94

Please catch up with your envelopes for Sunday September 24th because we did not have Mass 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!

**The 52<sup>nd</sup> Community Advent Breakfast**

will be held on Saturday, December 2, at 8:30am at Moravian Village of Bethlehem, 526 Wood Street, in the Main Dining Room. Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez will bring greetings and Kassie Hilgert, CEO and President of ArtsQuest will be the speaker. The event will include a full served breakfast and will feature the Bethlehem Moravian Trombone Choir; a traditional beeswax candle lighting and music by the St. John Zion AME Church Choir and the Broughal Southside Singers Co-hosted by the Citizens Christmas City Committee and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, this ecumenical event provides an opportunity for community residents to gather and celebrate the Advent season and has become a cherished tradition of Bethlehem's Christmas observance

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$9 for youth under 16. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are only available at the following Bethlehem locations until November 27:

- Bethlehem Public Library, Main Library 11 W. Church Street
- Bethlehem Public Library, Southside Branch • 400 Webster St.
- Moravian Book Shop • 428 Main Street
- Moravian Village of Bethlehem • 526 Wood Street (front desk)

For over five decades, the Community Advent Breakfast has provided an opportunity for our community to gather and celebrate the Advent season. I hope you will support this celebration.  
All Are Welcome!



# 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 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!!!

Next Meeting — Wednesday . October 4th



## Holy Ghost Social Committee News



### FALL FAIR NEWS:

### Holy Ghost Fall Fair

October 28th and 29th

Mark your calendars!

Parishioners should have received a newsletter with more information about the Fall Fair this past week. The letter will contain tickets for our Grand Prizes (\$2 each or 6 for \$10) as well as ideas for Tricky Tray gift baskets and gift cards. If you are a crafter and would like to donate items to be sold at the Fall Fair, call Maureen Dresen (610-866-8351) after October 1.

The Fall Fair committee is hard at work to make this year's event another parish success story. YOUR SUPPORT is necessary and here is how you can help.

**PLANNING MEETING ON THIS TUESDAY Sep-  
tember 26th at 6:30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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**JAMS & JELLIES:** We will resume canning on Monday, October 2 at 9 AM. We will be making applesauce, apple butter and spaghetti sauce. Thanks to Bechdolt's Orchards for their apple donation. Contact is Boots Horwath (610-867-4839).

**"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; they are sold only at the Fall Fair.

**BAKED GOODS:** We will be reaching out to parishioners for home-made baked goods. However **ALL PARISH FAMILIES** are urged to **PLEASE** bake even if you are not called. Items may be dropped off on Friday October 29th 11am—4pm



  
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### WHAT IS 40 DAYS FOR LIFE?

The idea of 40 days of prayer and fasting tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities — and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's resurrection, it is clear that God sees the transformative value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge. In our age we seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion in America.

### WHO ARE WE PRAYING FOR?

**Abortion has many victims:** We pray for the mothers who have the abortion, others involved in the decision, the babies who lose their lives, the workers at the abortion facility, and the abortionist. We also pray that the entire Body of Christ will join together in prayer around the common goal of defending the least of our brethren.

### WHY HOLD A VIGIL OUTSIDE OF AN ABORTION FACILITY?

It is a prayerful, visible witness to the abortion facility's *patients, employees, and the local community that what may be legal, is not moral.* Allowing a local abortion facility to conduct business unanswered has consequences for your neighborhood, your friends, your family, and for you, as we are all called to defend our brother and God's law.

*How has God responded when communities pull out all the stops and unite together for 40 days to end the violence of abortion?*

So far, since 2007 the participants of 40 Days For Life have witnessed countless blessings from God:

- Reports document 13,305 lives that have been spared from abortion, and those are just the ones we know about
- 154 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry
- 86 abortion facilities completely shut down following local 40 Days For Life campaigns

To sign up: To pray at either prayer vigil email the following information to [schedule40dfli@gmail.com](mailto:schedule40dfli@gmail.com):  
Date, time, church affiliation e.g. Monday, 1:00-2:00 St Thomas More.  
Your vigil hour will be listed by church affiliation not by your name

Contacts: **Allentown:** Planned Parenthood  
Coordinator: Maryanne 610-570-2347  
[www.40daysforlife.com/allentown](http://www.40daysforlife.com/allentown)

**Bethlehem:** AWC  
Coordinator: Theresa 610-704-6935  
[www.40daysforlife.com/bethlehem](http://www.40daysforlife.com/bethlehem)



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

## Pray to End Abortion

<p><b>Allentown Prayer Vigil</b> <b>Abortion "Clinic" Planned Parenthood</b> 29 North 9th Street, Allentown 18101 Coordinator: Maryanne 610-570-2347</p> <p>Parking on the Street \$2 per hour OR Contact Maryanne for FREE PARKING</p>  <p>Public Sidewalk ONLY- not on P.P. property</p>	<p><b>Bethlehem Prayer Vigil</b> <b>Abortion "Clinic"(AWC)</b> 31 South Commerce Way, Bethlehem 18017 Coordinator: Theresa 610-704-6935 Theresa4597@hotmail.com</p> <p><b>DIRECTIONS:</b> Rte 22 to Rte 512 N / Right Turn on Highland / Third Left on Courtney / Right Turn on S. Commerce Way. <b>For Parking go to 9 South Commerce Way and park in the spaces farthest from the entrance.</b></p>  <p>Stand within 10' of the curb</p>
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### Things you should know before arrival:

- 70% of women are not making this "choice", but rather are being **pressured** to abort their child.
- 75% The **no-show rate for abortion appointments** can be as high as 75% when people are peacefully praying outside.

**OUR MISSION** is to pray for God's intercession for the conversion of hearts and minds to welcome our new unborn, unrepeatable, irreplaceable brothers and sisters into this world. We pray that our peaceful and loving presence will be a sign to the women entering for an abortion that they are not alone; we will help with whatever the Mom needs to save and care for her baby, and help her. By accepting help for her child, the mother helps herself by preventing a lifetime of regret, and physical, psychological and spiritual pain and suffering.

**OUR VIGIL GOAL:** To have at least 2 people praying per hour at each vigil site (Allentown, Bethlehem).

- The first step is to contact the coordinator for the Prayer Vigil you plan to attend.  
Allentown call Maryanne 610-570-2347 or Bethlehem call Theresa 610-704-6935.
- After that initial contact, sign up to pray at the vigil by emailing the Prayer site, Date, Time, & Church affiliation to [schedule40df1@gmail.com](mailto:schedule40df1@gmail.com). (e.g. Allentown PP, Thurs. September 28th, 3-4 PM, St Thomas More, or Bethlehem AWC, Tuesday October 3rd, 2-3 PM, St Anne Bethlehem.)
- In the effort to achieve a constant prayer vigil, we ask that you inform the 40DFL team in advance, however, if that isn't possible, we ask that you still let us know afterwards. We keep track of all vigil hours.

The majority of vigil volunteers pray the rosary or other prayers. While holding a "40 Days for Life/ Pray to End Abortion" sign is encouraged, it is not required. Your peaceful prayerful presence is the most important thing you can do. You may see sidewalk counselors engage women entering the center. Do not feel you are expected to do this. However, if a woman entering the abortion facility approaches you looking for help, we have included phone numbers at the bottom of this page for you to call.

Please stand in the designated locations. (See the captions of the pictures above for each location.)

### Direct women seeking help to one of the following places:

#### 24 Hour Hotlines:

##### Birthright Int'l:

1-800-550-4900

##### Hearbeat Int'l/OptionLine:

1-800-712-Help (4357)

#### Pro-Life Doctor

(610) 820-0575

Dr. Maryanne Freeman

Brndjar

#### Catholic Charities

610-435-1541 Allentown (900 S Woodward St. 18103) M-F 8:30-4:30

#### Birthright

610-327-2626 Pottstown (327 King St.) M-F 10-3 Tuesday 6-7 PM

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