


33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ❖ ❖ ❖ November 19th 2017

Give Thanks...



Bless us, O Lord,
and these thy gifts
which we are about
to receive from thy
bounty through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving

FROM THE Desk of Fr. Dave

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus has entrusted His Church into our care until He comes again in glory. Are we faithful servants, working for God's honor and glory? That is the question ALL the baptized need to ask of themselves :Clergy,Laity and religious. Today's first reading exalts the virtues of an industrious and resourceful wife. Women have a natural sense of caring and nurturing service in the community. Pope Francis has recently appointed women to high level positions in the Vatican Our Diocese has many hard working women who make things happen. Since coming here to the South Bethlehem parishes I have noticed the active efforts of our ladies in serving Jesus and His Church.

Let's not let them do it alone guys!
Male and female, old and young, rich and poor, we each have a responsibility to use our God given talents well.

Thanks for all you do!
God bless you!

Fr. Dave

First Friday Home Communion and Visitation by Fr. Dave is available on the First Friday of each month. Please call either Rectory to have your name put on the list for a visit from Fr. Dave.

Confessions—In addition to the Saturdays before the 4pm Mass from 3:00pm—3:45pm Confessions are also available after weekday Masses in St. Vincent's Chapel.

Holy Ghost / SS. Cyril & Methodius Cemetery Clean-up Reminder – If anyone has any summer gravesite decorations that are still in our parish cemeteries, please make an effort to remove anything you don't want thrown away ASAP. Fr. Dave wants to make sure our cemetery's are prepared for the winter. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

(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.

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

• Parish Breakfast – Sunday, 12/3/17, after the 8am Mass. Tickets are \$5.00. The buffet menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, french toast sticks, toast, fresh fruit, orange juice, coffee, and tea.

• Save the date and stay tuned for more information about these other upcoming events:

Ø Coffee & Donuts – Sundays after the 8am Mass - 11/26/17, 1/28/18, 2/25/18, 3/25/18, 4/22/18, 5/27/18.

Ø Christmas Decorating in Church – Saturday, 12/9/17, 9am.

Ø PAG Meeting – Wednesday, 1/24/18, 7pm.

Ø Lenten Soup Supper – Friday, 2/23/18, 6pm.

Ø Parish Feast Day Dinner – Saturday, 4/7/18, 5pm.

Ø Annual Iron Pigs Game – Sunday, 4/29/18.

Incarnation Financials

Weekly collection for 11/5 = \$1,659

Number of envelopes used = 138

Can you do more for God ?

Year -End Financial Statements

BOTH PARISHES Envelope Contribution recording for the giving year 2017 will close on Wednesday, January 10th 2018! Parishioners have until this time to make up on back contributions for 2017. Please drop a Self-addressed stamped envelope via the collection or Mail if you wish to receive a contribution statement for the year 2017.

ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

Our next food pantry will be held NEXT Saturday, November 25th. We are collecting new and gently used stuffed animals, small toys, books and slipper socks for distribution at the December food pantry. Please see our flier for additional details.

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.

Giving Tree Items

Thank you for your willingness to support the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown through the annual Giving Tree collection. This very successful endeavor has been going on for over 30+ years in the Diocese of Allentown in most parishes and as you may know the Catholic Charities office location has moved, and the new location has significantly less space to store items throughout the year. With this in mind, we are asking for gift cards to places that sell baby items (i.e.: Walmart, Target, & Kmart). These gift cards will not be distributed directly to clients, but will allow Catholic Charities to purchase larger items and items that are needed on a case by case basis like car seats, strollers, and coats, etc. It will also allow Catholic Charities to replenish other items as the needs arise. Any and all Items may be dropped off anytime during December at the rectory or drop gift Cards in the Collection Basket on all the weekends from now until New Year's 2018 marked for this purpose.

Holy Ghost Parish Financials

Weekly collection for 11/5 = \$ 2,584.00
Number of envelopes used = 118
Can you do more for God ?

Masses & Vigil Lamps @ Holy Ghost and Incarnation Parishes Please contact the Rectories

Masses are \$10/for each. Devotional Candles are \$10. Please **NOTE: Mass & Lamp Requests for 2018 can be made NOW. Please do not be disappointed if a particular date is taken!**

**Saturday December 9,
2017 Helper's Pilgrimage:**

Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion . The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00 AM at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Catasauqua Road and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy. Contact Info: [610-674-4624/](tel:610-674-4624) <https://m.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown>

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

Think about it!

SENIORS

(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"

Meetings:

THIS MONDAY

November 20th—Crafts with "Boots"

Annual Christmas Mass and Luncheon

Dec. 4th at noon followed by Buffet and Cookie Party in Billinger Hall . \$10per Person.

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

Wednesday - December 13th

Wednesday—January 10th

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.

Dec. 6th. Christmas Show in Lancaster—\$94.00

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

Christmas Party

Wed. Dec.6th—12 noon at the Palace Restaurant \$15.00 per person. RSVP by Nov. 30th. Call Rosemarie for Reservations 610-866-7927. Please bring Gifts for prizes.

Holy Ghost—Social Committee News

Thanksgiving Eve Mass

THIS Wednesday, November 22nd 6:30pm. The

Choir will sing the Mass for us.

Apples will be blessed and distributed.

All Are Welcome!

Future Dates of Activities:

"Old Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner "

Mid January 2018—TBA

Pierogie Making Feb. 6th—9th 2018

(Before Lent)

"Oodles of Noodles" Noodles will be made

Monday, Nov 27, 2017 after 8am Mass in Billinger Hall. NEW FACES ALWAYS WELCOME!

USING TALENTS

"If we use God's talents, we shall find that they become multiplied in the use. We thought we had two; we find we have five."

—Richard Meux Benson

A THANKFUL HEART

"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues."

—Cicero

Annual Christmas Ham Drawing

Sunday, December 17th after the 10am Mass in Msgr. Billinger Hall with Coffee and Donuts. 10 Holiday Hams will be drawn. Thank You to the Cantelmi and the Cantelmi/Long Funeral Homes, for Sponsoring the Tickets. Tickets may be returned via the Mail or the Offertory Collection at Sunday Mass anytime.

Token of Appreciation

May be picked up Sunday, December 17th from 11am to 12 noon during Coffee Hour. In Appreciation for your services to the Parish during this past year. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir, Altar Servers, Noodle Workers, Pierogie Workers, Ushers, Social Committee, Society Officers, Collection Counters, etc...

Masses and Devotional Candles

Vigil Mass Saturday November 18th
(HG) 4:00pm ✕ Theresa Hoffer by John & Helen Pinter
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8:00AM (INC) ✕ Elizabeth Pumberger
by the Fisher Family
10:00AM(HG) ✕ Thomas J. Madl, Sr. (Anniv.)
by Wife Maryann, Children and Families
12:10pm & 9:10pm Masses
in Packer Memorial Church— Lehigh University

Mon. Nov. 20th — Ordinary Time Weekday
(HG) 8AM ✕ Katherine Yawney
by Andrew & Sandrs Rasich

Tues. Nov. 21st — Presenttation of the B.V.M.
(HG) 8AM ✕ Stepehn Pecsek
by Bob Cauchon & Gayle Kilpatrick

Wed. Nov. 22nd— St. Cecilia
(HG) 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Mass
✕ Felix Marrero by the Ruiz Family

Thurs. Nov. 23rd — THANKSGIVING DAY
(INC) 9AM ✕ All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Fri. Nov. 24th - St. Andrew Dung Lac & Companions
(HG) 12 Noon Mass ✕ Catherine & Raymond Ortwein
by John & Carol Ortwerin

SAT. November 25th—Vigil Mass
(HG) 3pm-3:45pm—Confessions
3:35pm—Rosary for Vocations and Prayer Intentions
(HG) 4:00pm ✕ Dino P. Cantelmi, Sr. (2nd Anniv.)
By Wife Karen, Children & Families
Our Lady of Pompeii Reunion and Guests
from Foiano Italy in Attendance

SUN. Nov. `26th
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
8:00AM (INC) ✕ Peter Senick
by Raymond & Kati Labuda
10:00AM(HG) ✕ Anthony Sebastianelli by the Family

*** NO 12:10pm & 9:10pm Masses
in Packer Memorial Church— Thanksgiving Break

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary -
In Memory of ✕ Felix Marrero
Tabernacle (2) -
In Loving Memory of ✕ Dennis Harbon
B.V.M. -
Health & Blessings on Eric Otto
St. Joseph -
Health & Blessings on John Majewski
Sacred Heart—
Health & Blessings on Charlotte Cole
St. Theresa -
Prayer Intentions
St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii
In Memory of ✕ Deceased 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
In Memory of ✕ Joann Kostecyk Petitto



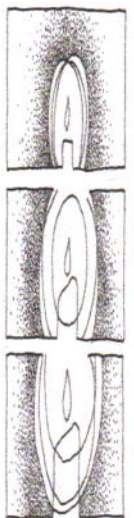
Devotional Lamps @ Incarnation Church

Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of ✕ Louise Bazeka
by Daughter Allison Eckhardt & Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp -
Health & Blessings on Anna Labdik
by the Zsilavec Family

(Side) Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp -
Health & Blessings on John Majewski

St. Joseph Lamp
Health & Blessings on
St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Guests



NOVEMBER

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
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