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A Roman Catholic Parish of the
Diocese of Allentown
*Founded in 1871 as a
German Ethnic Parish*

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Incarnation of Our Lord
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*Founded in 2008 as a merger of Slo-
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Italian Parishes*

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FROM THE Desk of Fr. Dave

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

“Speak Lord, your servant is listening.” These words were suggested to young Samuel as a response to God’s call.

“Come and see!”; Jesus told those curious about His identity.

These two phrases can be directed to young people searching for a life that is fulfilled and happy. A young man’s prayer life should not be filled with a laundry list of requests ; rather, he should beg Jesus, “Speak Lord, your servant is listening.”

A surprise may await. “What, me? A priest?” Yours truly had the same attitude. The only honest response is to check it out. “Come and see!”; they were told by Jesus. Today you do that by inquiring. Asking questions. Talking to someone. I would be happy to steer potential candidates in the right direction. It is worth a try.

There is a game plan:

- 1. Get to know Jesus better through prayer and a regular sacramental life.*
 - 2. Get involved in parish activities.*
 - 3. Participate in the many Diocesan vocational activities sponsored by our local church.*
 - 4. Be open-minded and accepting of yourself and the requirements of church ministry as a priest*
- God’s call is gentle but persistent. A voice in the night as Samuel heard. Loving and simple like Jesus’ voice.*

“Come and see”. I am sure that many young men in our community would hear him calling if they were open. May your search be guided by Jesus’ grace.

God bless you all!

Fr. Dave

First Friday Home Communion and Visitation

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.

(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 November winners - Stephanie Turek (\$111.25), Anna Polonski (\$66.75), and Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Toth (\$44.50).

Homemade Noodles – we have exhausted the current supply. Noodle-making will resume sometime in early 2018.

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

- Coffee & Donuts – Sundays after the 8am Mass 1/28/18, 2/25/18, 3/25/18, 4/22/18, 5/27/18.**
- PAG Meeting – Wednesday, 1/24/18, 7pm.**
- Lenten Soup Supper and Stations – Friday, 2/23/18, 6pm.**
- Parish Feast Day Dinner – Saturday, 4/7/18.**
- Annual Iron Pigs Game – Sunday, 4/29/18.**

Incarnation Financials

Weekly collection for 1/7 = \$ 1,566.00

Number of envelopes used = 128

Can you do more for God ?

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

On another point some of you have been waiting for: Holy Ghost and Incarnation Churches 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!

ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

The next food pantry will be held on Saturday, 1/27/2018.

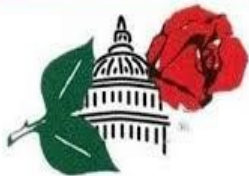
MARDI GRAS BINGO: Mark your calendar! This years fundraiser will be held on Sunday, 2/11/2018. In addition, we will again be selling fast-nachts from Egypt Star bakery. You will be able to pre-order fasnachts early January. Please watch for our flier! Tickets for bingo will be available shortly.

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.

Year -End Financial Statements

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



March for Life

Washington D.C.

Bus Trip

March for Life Washington D.C.

Friday January 19th

St. Anne's Parish Bethlehem is running a bus to the March You (or any potential rider) can reach Mark Napierkowski at **610-451-3786**, or Chuck Falteich at **610-861-4406**. for info and Reservations or Check the AD Times for other Parishes going. And If you cannot make it, pray for the sanctity of life and for the safety of those traveling to the March for Life.

Holy Ghost Parish Financials

Weekly collection for 1/7 = \$ 1,979.00
Number of envelopes used = 84
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!**

(HG) & (INC) DONOR NEEDED

If there is a Family or Families interested in dedicating the Paschal Candle to burn in Memory of loved one or ones or a Special Anniv. Etc...During the entire Easter Season and at Funerals and Baptisms for the rest of the Liturgical Church Year (Easter 2018 to Easter 2019). Please call Ron or Janice at either Rectory ASAP.

*** * * * PLEASE NOTE * * ***

Please note that from NOW until further notice the Sign of Peace and reception of the Precious Blood from the Chalice have been suspended. This is due to the recent flu breakout.

HOSPITALIZATION

Like most institutions today, because of new confidentiality laws, St. Luke's University Network, Lehigh Valley Health Network, and Coordinated Health Hospital no longer voluntarily inform us that you are a patient in one of their facilities. We do attempt to call, but may miss you.

If you, or a loved one, are a patient in one of these health care centers or even a Nursing Home Facility , please call the rectory and leave a Fr. Dave message. Make sure the hospital lists you correctly for either parish. Thank You.

SENIORS

(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"

Meetings:

TOMORROW January 15th at 1pm

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

Wednesday, February 14th

Wednesday, March 14th

Leave HG CHURCH 10:30am for Mohegan

Sun. Cost: \$25

Slot Play \$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 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 — Wed. Feb.7th—12 noon

All Are Welcome!

Mark your calendars!

LIFE MATTERS and it is being attacked on all sides. It is not only babies in

utero whose lives are at risk.

Beware of terms such as end-of-life options, end-of-life choices, death with dignity, compassionate choice, right to die, compassion in dying, and physician assisted suicide.

These are ways to legally end the lives of the elderly, infirm, disabled and possibly YOU.



Holy Ghost—Social Committee News

Pierogie Making Feb. 6th—9th 2018

(Before Lent)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary Time" began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and re-decorated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

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(INC) Sympathy of the Parish

Is extended to the Families of recently departed

✕Rita A. Kapun,

✕William Yenca, and

✕Joesph Ruch

who died and were buried with Masses of Christian Burial here from our Church this past week.

To All the Families, Relatives and Friends our Sincerest Sympathy and Promise of Prayers for the repose of their souls.

May they rest in Peace!

MASSES and Devotional Candles

SAT. Jan. 13th **Vigil Mass**

(HG) 4:00pm ✨Caroline Major
by brother Steve Horvath wife Angie & Family
(INC) 5:30pm ✨All Parishioners

SUN. Jan. 14th 2nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00AM (INC.) ✨Rose Turek
by Incarnation Senior Group

10:00AM(HG) ✨Msgr. Richard J. Loeper by John &
Carol Ortwein

Mon. Jan. 15th — Ordinary Time Weekday

(HG) 8AM ✨Anna Mae Klopack
by Tom & Bonnie Zsilavec

Tues. Jan. 16th — Ordinary Time Weekday

(HG) 8AM ✨Mildred Barron by Barry & Jean Mosebach

Thurs. Jan. 18th — Ordinary Time Weekday

(HG) 8AM ✨Deceased Zonay & Sterlein Family
by Caherine Family

Fri. Jan. 19th - Ordinary Time Weekday

(HG) 12 Noon Mass ✨Frank Schadl, Jr.

SAT. January 20th **Vigil Mass**

(HG) 3pm—3:45pm—Confessions
3:35pm—Rosary for Vocations and Prayer Intentions
(HG) 4:00pm ✨Dolores Miller by Theresa Hudzina

(INC) 5:30pm ✨All Parishioners

SUN. Jan. 21st 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM (INC) ✨Mary Ford by Maryann Evasko

10:00AM(HG) ✨Deceased Members
Joseph Molter Family



Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary -

In Memory of ✨John Damhosl, Sr. by the Family
Tabernacle (2) -

In Loving Memory of ✨Frank & Mary Schadle
B.V.M. -

Health & Blessings on
St. Joseph -

In Loving Memory of ✨
Sacred Heart—

Health & Blessings on Charlotte Cole
St. Theresa -

Prayer Intentions

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of ✨Anthony Sebastianelli by 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 ✨George & Concetta Petito



Devotional Lamps @ Incarnation of Our Lord Church

Sanctuary Lamp

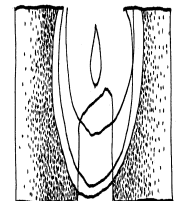
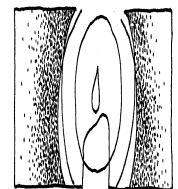
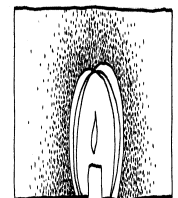
In Memory of ✨Rita Kapun

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp -

In Memory of ✨William Yenca

St. Joseph Lamp

Health & Blessings on
St. Vincent DePaul
Food Pantry Guests



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