

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



August 19th



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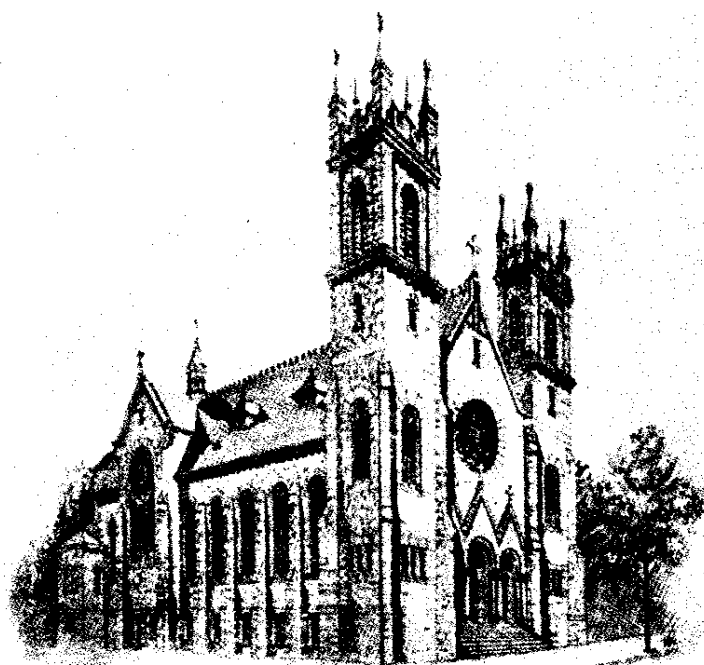
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FROM THE DESK OF Fr. Dave

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Why is God's Wisdom described in today's first reading as "she"? Of course it is a symbolic way of speaking but many of us have turned to wise females to help discern the will of God in our lives. Pious grandmothers, moms and aunts

have taught us to know Jesus better and to practice our faith. How much of our sacramental preparation was done at home under their watchful eye. The presence among us of fine women Religious is a sign of Divine Providence in sending us : nurturing teachers, compassionate care-givers, and wise administrators.

The Holy Father often speaks of the special gift women have in contributing to the apostolic work of the Church. Our parish is no different!

This September we would like to celebrate the life and work with three religious Sisters from Incarnation Parish: Sister Francine OSF. who worked among us for many years deserves recognition . She is celebrating 60 years of religious life. The Labor Day Mass at 9 am at Incarnation Church will be offered in Thanksgiving for her service.

Vocations to the Religious life are a sign of the spiritual health of a parish. Incarnation Parish is blessed in having two Sisters celebrate 65 years of religious life! Sister M. Ann Marie Yenca , OSF and Sister M. Loretta Motko OSF.

We will praise God for their service and ask God for health and strength for them at the special Mass on September 15 at 4pm at Incarnation. Mark your calendars and join us in praying for these "wise women" Wise in the ways of the Lord.

God bless you all!

Fr. David J. Kozak

Holy Ghost FOOD FOR THE POOR - Monthly Collection —**The Third Sunday of the month** is designated in Holy Ghost Parish to collect food that is taken to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at Incarnation Parish for distribution which serves on an average 40+ Families a month in need. When shopping, please consider picking up a few extra items, or donate the "free" item in buy one-get one free offers. Things especially needed are cold cereals, canned meat, canned tuna fish, Asst Soups, Jell-O, baked beans-dried or canned, spaghetti sauces, canned vegetables, pasta (any kind), jelly, peanut butter, Ketchup, Mustard. The Bin is located in the rear of the Church.

Summer Collections:

It is normal for the Weekend collections to drop a bit while parishioners are on vacation. Please catch up with any missed envelopes. Consistent and generous support helps your parish meet its financial obligations and better serve you. Thank You.

Please pray that all parishioners will attend Mass and receive the Sacraments Weekly.

School Taxes- HELP

As many of you that are homeowners know taxes are forever going up. This Year the School Taxes for Incarnation of our Lord Parish are \$8021.00 and Holy Ghost are \$9,765.00. Any and All donations toward these Tax Bills would be greatly appreciated. Any and all donations can be put in the collection basket during Mass or mailed to either rectory and credit will be given to the respective donor. Thank You for your generous support always. F.Y.I THERE HAS BEEN INQUIRIES AS TO WHAT THE PARISH PAYS AS FAR AS SCHOOL TAXES. All buildings except the Church Building are Taxable for Northampton County and BASD School Real Estate Taxes.

ACTIVE PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Is Usually determined in Our Parishes by these five things :

- 1-You have completed the official parish registration form,
- 2 - You attend liturgies regularly on Sunday as well as Holydays.
- 3-You support our parish family with prayer.
- 4 -You show an interest in the life and activities of our parish community, sharing time and talent when able to do so.
- 5 -You support the parish financially through the use of contribution envelopes. This is why there are problems at the time of Baptisms, Weddings, Other Sacramental events, Letters of Eligibility for the Sacraments, Parochial Schools and Belonging to various Groups and Organizations of the Parish.



ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

Food Pantry Update:

Food Pantry Update: On July 28th we served 29 guest families. In addition to the regular staples, guests were treated to apples, bananas and potatoes.

Our next pantry will be held NEXT Saturday, August 25th at 10:00 am. Please let Ruth know if you are available to help out.

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 rmh1330@aol.com or call 484-239-0243.

BIBLE STUDY

I would like to provide an opportunity for ALL of us to participate. Young and old, seekers and questioners and those well acquainted with our faith. Spread the word that Bible Study is held FRIDAYS at 7 pm at the rectory at 617 Pierce Street. Jesus would like to form us into prophets after His own Heart. Come and join

us. We need prophets. Fr. Dave

*** ON LINE GIVING ***

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!

C.C.D. Teachers

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

Incarnation Financials

Weekly collection for 8 / 5 = \$ 1206.00
Number of envelopes used = 92

Incarnation Parish Senior Group –

New members are invited to 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.

Next Meeting — This Wed. September 4th —
12noon .

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Officers: President Irene Vidumsky 610-530-1528, Vice President Rosemarie Csaszar @ 610-866-7927

Secretary, Josephine Zavec @ 610-867-0260 .
All Are Welcome!

(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.

Polka Mass & Halupki Dinner – Saturday, 9/15/18. There will be a special 4pm Polka Mass that day, with music led by The Changing Times & the Tatra Slovak Folk Group. The Halupki Dinner follows afterward in the LaBuda Social Hall; tickets are \$10.00 and are now on sale.

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

- Noodle Making – resumes on 9/18/18 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings
- Coffee & Donuts – Sundays 9/30/18, 10/28/18, 11/25/18, 1/27/19, 2/24/19, 3/31/19, 4/28/19, 5/26/19 (after 8am Mass)
- PAG Meeting – Wednesday, 10/24/18, 7pm
- Fall Parish Breakfast – Sunday, 11/11/18, after 8am Mass
- Parish Feast Day – Saturday, 3/23/19, after special 4pm Mass
- Lenten Soup Supper – Friday, 4/12/19, 6pm before Stations

(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"

Meetings:

Aug. 20th—NO MEETING

September 3rd—No Meeting - Labor Day

September 17th Free Hearing tests AND PRESENTATION by Audiology Associates. Members and Nonmembers ARE WELCOME to attend!!!!

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

Wednesday - September 12th

Wednesday October 10th

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.

Also, Mark your Calendars for the Christmas Show at American Music Theatre. Tuesday, December 18th, Details to follow.

Holy Ghost Financials

Weekly collection for 8 / 5 = \$ 1,494.00

Number of envelopes used = 101

Can you do more for God ?

Holy Ghost "MOVIE SERIES"

Presents the Movie "Where hope grows"

THIS Wednesday, August 22nd @ 7pm in

Billinger Hall .

Calvin Campbell a former pro baseball player with a self destructive streak, has his faith in God restored when he meets Produce an inspirational man with down syndrome. As their friendship develops, Calvin is reminded that sometimes hope can grow in the most unlikely of places.

Join us. *Admission Free* Food and Beverages Available for purchase.



Holy Ghost — Social Committee News

There will be a meeting of the Social Committee on THIS Wednesday, August 22, at 7 PM to discuss parish activities for the balance of 2018 and 2019. This meeting will also include a status update on the Fall Fair. All chairs are asked to attend the meeting. If you cannot attend, please get an update for your area to Charlotte Cole, Maureen Dresen or Kathleen Horwath before the meeting.

(HG) NOODLE MAKING

"Oodles of Noodles" will be made on the following dates—Mondays Aug. 27th, Sept. 10th, Sept., 24th after the 8am Mass. Volunteers always welcome. Donations of Eggs and Flour always graciously Accepted.

Fall Fair

A letter will be mailed to all parishioners after Labor Day. This letter will include information on how Fall Fair proceeds will be used as well as how parishioners can help to make the event a success. Grand Prize chances will be included with the letter.

There will also be a calendar showing dates for pierogie making and baking days for kiffles, pies and sheet cakes.

Items for the Garage Sale may be delivered after September 11. Please call the parish office to make sure someone is available to accept your donations. NO clothing, shoes or bedding will be accepted.

JAMS & JELLIES — Tuesdays at 9:00am in

Billinger Hall. If you can't join us, we can always use canning jars, rims and lids, sugar and pectin (regular and sugar free). Cash donations will be used to purchase fruit and vegetables. Contact is Boots Horwath (610-867-4839).

Diocesan Family Day at Steel Stacks.

Sunday, September 30th.

NO 10am Mass that day in church Mass will be at Steel Stacks. At 11am at Levitt Pavilion ~ OUR PARISH WILL BE SELLING CABBAGE AND NOODLES THAT DAY. PLEASE CALL Ron at THE RECTORY IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP IN ANY WAY. HOURS ARE FROM NOON TIL 5. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!

✠ OUR WEEK OF GRACE AND PRAYER ✠

Vigil Mass Aug. 18th
(HG) 4:00pm ✠ John Alogna by the Baratta Family(INC)
5:30pm ✠ Rita Kapun
by S Clare & S Clarice Vresk

SUN. Aug 19th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM (INC) ✠ Anna Horvath by the Horvath Family
10:00AM(HG) ✠ All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Mon. Aug. 20th— St. Bernard
(HG) 8AM—✠Harry Herman by Rosanne & Shea Amano

Tues. Aug. 21st — St. Pius X
(HG) 8AM- ✠Living & Deceased Incarnation Parish

Thurs. Aug. 23rd — St Rose of Lima
(HG) 8AM ✠ Wayne George Wilson Sr.
by the Joseph Adamcik Family

Fri. Aug. 24th - St. Bartholomew
HG) 12 noon ✠ John Zieger by the Prime Time Seniors

Sat. Aug. 25th Vigil Mass
3:35pm—Rosary for World Peace, Vocations
and Prayer Intentions
(HG) 4:00pm ✠ Joseph Yost by Catherine Sterlein

(INC) 5:30pm ✠ Vincent Seaman, Jr.
by John & Donna Pierog

SUN. Aug 26th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM (INC) ✠ Anna & Ondrej Martinka by Daughter
Anna Boncik & Family

10:00AM(HG) ✠ Margaret Fischer Sarko
by Son Bill and Daughter in Law Louise Sarko

9:10pm Packer Church—Lehigh U.

WELCOME!

We welcome all who join us at our Masses. We encourage all Catholics to become an active participant in the life of our Parish Families. Please call either Rectory for more information.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
Direct Telephone: 1-800-791-9209

✠ DEVOTIONAL LAMPS ✠

\$10 PER WEEK PLEASE CALL EITHER RECTORY

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary -

In Memory of ✠ Joseph & Emma Racz
Tabernacle (2) -

In Memory of ✠ Alex & Elizabeth Salay
B.V.M. -

Health & Blessings on Helen Salay
St. Joseph—

In Memory of ✠ Gene & Ellie Salay
Sacred Heart

In Memory of ✠ Lisa Salay Miller
St. Theresa -

Special Intention

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

✠In Memory of Eugene Woolley

Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

✠Deceased Boccardi / Bechdolt Families
Pieta—(2)

In Memory of ✠ Alexander & Elizabeth Trotsky
St. Vincent DePaul Chapel / Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of ✠ George & Concetta Petito

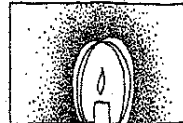


✠ Devotional Lamps ✠

@ Incarnation of Our Lord Church

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of ✠ Mary Velas by Fr. Vincent Velas



Tabernacle Lamps(2)

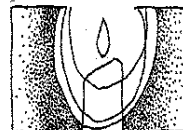
In Memory of

✠ Sr. Marie Glodava, OSF



Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp

In Memory of ✠ Eugene Woolley



St. Joseph Lamp

Health & Blessings on
Damien Gasdaska

Infant of Prague Lamp-

In Memory of ✠ Robert Noctor

Our Lady of the Rosary Lamps-(2)

Health & Blessings on Tina Richie

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

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TO BE PLACED IN THE BULLETIN ON THE WEEKEND OF 18-19 AUGUST 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you are aware, a statewide Grand Jury has been investigating clergy sexual abuse of minors in six Pennsylvania dioceses. This past week, the Report was released, and it includes incidents of past abuse in the Diocese of Allentown.

Abuse is abhorrent and has no place in the Church, or anywhere in society. Most of the incidents date back decades. The offending priests are no longer in active ministry, are laicized (defrocked), or are deceased.

Since 2002, our Diocese has taken strong and decisive actions to address abuse. Our goal is to prevent it from happening again, but that does not change the fact that the abuse of children is terrible and sinful. The abuse was devastating and tragic for the victims and survivors, and continues to cause pain and anger to this very day. I ask forgiveness of victims and their families who have lived with this burden, sometimes for many years.

As your Bishop, I am deeply saddened by these incidents. I sincerely apologize for the past sins and crimes committed by some members of the clergy. I apologize to the survivors of abuse and their loved ones. For the times when those in the Church did not live up to Christ's call to holiness, and did not do what needed to be done, I apologize.

I also apologize to you, the faithful of the Diocese, for the toll this issue has taken over the years: the sadness, the anger, the doubts, and the embarrassment it may have brought you as a Catholic. I ask for your forgiveness, and I thank you for your perseverance and for your courageous witness to our faith.

I want to assure you that as a Church, we will learn from the Report of the Grand Jury and use it to further improve our protections for children and young people.

Sadly, abuse still is part of the society in which we live. We acknowledge our past failures, and we are determined to do what is necessary to protect the innocent, now and in the future.

As your Bishop, my first priority is keeping our children safe.

For the past sixteen years, the Diocese of Allentown has had a policy of zero tolerance. We report cases of abuse of minors to the authorities, and perpetrators are no longer in active ministry.

We require rigorous background checks. We have 123 designated Safe Environment Coordinators in our parishes, schools, and ministries. We have trained more than 38,000 adults on how to recognize and respond to abuse. More than 5,000 people have taken Mandated Reporter Training. Children in our schools and religious education programs receive age-appropriate abuse-prevention training every year.

We are focused on re-establishing trust among all those who rely on the Catholic Church for help, for spiritual guidance, and for strength.

We are thankful for the vast majority of our Clergy and Religious who had absolutely no involvement in the unholy behavior of the past, and who continue to work every day for you, the People of God, in the Diocese of Allentown.


And so, my message to you today is one of hope, that the work we are doing will ensure that our precious children are protected, and that the sins of the few will not dilute your faith in our Church today.

Every time we celebrate Sunday Mass, we recite the Nicene Creed, which includes these words: "I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church."

Our Church is indeed holy. It nurtures us and offers us the necessary means to salvation. Because it was founded by our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Church remains holy in its mission, even when some of its people are sinful. In spite of this human sinfulness, our Church is still here for all of us. It always will be, just as Christ promised. The Church will remain our foundation and our source of grace.

So I ask you today to join me as we pray for the victims and survivors of these reprehensible acts. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, we ask God for the strength to heal and for the grace to walk together as one family of faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown