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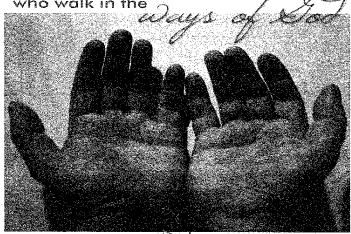
Holy Ghost Church

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

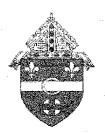
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Happy are those who fear the Lord, who walk in the



What your hands provide you will enjoy; you will be happy and prosper.



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FROM THE DESK OF Fr. Dave

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"THE HIGHEST LAW"

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitudes toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

> God bless you all! Fr. David J. Kozak

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.

Thank you to those who have already donated!

It is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Holy Ghost Social Committee for their \$5,000.00 Donation.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

(HG)Social Committee Update

"Celebrate, Socialize & Serve Together" Coffee and Donuts Schedule 2018:

September 23, October 21, November 18 (turkey drawing), December 16 (ham drawing) 2019:

January 21, February 18, March 17 (Happy St. Patrick's Day), April 14, May 19 and June 9 (Pentecost; Parish Feast Day Dinner)

<u>St. Joseph's Dinner</u> will be Saturday, March 23, 2019. Menu is traditional Italian pasta buffet.

Lenten Activities planned as of now:

Poor Man's Supper/Mary's Way of the Cross will be Wednesday, April 10, 2019—6pm

Easter Egg Hunt and Food Blessing will be Saturday, April 20,2019—11am

Spring Garage Sale—May 18, 2019

Seedling Sale—May (weekends)

Ice Cream Festival—Wednesday June 19

Parish Picnic—August

THE ORIGINAL CURRENCY

"Labor was the first price, the original purchase-money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased."

—Adam Smith

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.

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.

OUR WEEK OF GRACE AND PRAYER

Vigil Mass

Sept 1st

(HG) 4:00pm № Carmen Mutarelli by Steve & Angie Horvath (INC) 5:30pm & Joseph Ruch by Wife Nancy, Son Joseph and Daughter in law Barbie

SUN. Sept. 2nd 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

by Dave and Pam Yurek 10:00AM(HG)

Augustine "Augie" Sebastionelli by the Family 12:10pm Packer Church—Lehigh No 9:10pm Mass

Mon. Sept. 3rd — LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

St. Gregory the Great (INC) 9AM—Health & Blessings on Sr. Francine Garganta OSF on her 60th Anniversary of Religious Life. Coffee & Donuts Follows in LaBuda Hall

Thurs. Sept. 6th — Ordinary Time Weekday (HG) 8AM ★ Daniel C. Cressman by Fr. Dave

Fri. Sept. 7th- Ordinary Time Weekday HG) 12 noon

Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sat. Sept. 8th

Vigil Mass

3:35pm—Rosary for World Peace, Vocations and Prayer Intentions

(HG) 4:00pm № Joseph Yost by Wife Frieda & Family

(INC) 5:30pm ★ Rita Kapun by Justine Yuhas

SUN. Sept. 9th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM (INC) № Paul Horvath by Wife Sylvia

> 10:00AM(HG)
>
> Filomena Adamo Crisci by Daughter Lisa Villani & Family

Lehigh 12:10pm—@ Holy Ghost 9:10pm Mass - Packer Memorial Church—Lehigh Univ.

DEVOTIONAL LAMPS \$10 PER WEEK PLEASE CALL EITHER RECTORY

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church Sanctuary -

In Memory of

Msgr Richard J. Loeper (1st Anniv) Tabernacle (2) -

In Memory of

Dino P. & Karen C. Cantelmi

Begin to the property of the prop B.V.M. -

Health. & Bless. on "Boots" Horwath by Pat & Patti St. Joseph-

Sacred Heart

In Memory of **Marie** Schwarcz

St. Theresa -

Special Intention

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii Health & Blessings on Dolores Judd 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

Robert Noctor by Rosalie Rinaldi

> Tabernacle Lamps(2) by the St Bernard's Ladies Auxiliary

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp In Memory of

Elizabeth Pumberger by the Family

St. Joseph Lamp In Memory of Mary Velas by Fr. Vincent Velas

> Infant of Prague Lamp-Health & Blessings on Tina Richie

Our Lady of the Rosary Lamps-(2) Health & Blessings on Sr. Francine OSF on her 60th Anniversary in Religious Life

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

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator: Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J. Telephone: 610-332-0442 ext.2019

ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY News and Upcoming Events:

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

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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 / 26= \$ 1,519 Number of envelopes used = 151 Can you do more for God?



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.

<u>Next Meeting — This Wed. September 5th —</u> 12noon.

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

<u>Secretary,</u> Josephine Zavecz @ 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. Congratulations to the July winners —

Mr. & Mrs. John Petraglia (\$40.00), Barbara Shook (\$24.00), Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Raykos (\$16.00).

<u>Polka Mass & Halupki Dinner – Saturday,</u>
<u>9/15/18.</u> 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. Social Committee News

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 19. The weather could have been better but everyone's spirits were high as we enjoyed Sunday Mass together, a delicious picnic buffet and very competitive Holy Ghost and City of Bethlehem trivia contest. Trivia winners were Cindy and Jeff Surovi and Len Panik and David Cao. Special thank you to John Bauer for transporting the food and supplies between the church and the picnic grounds as well as working the grill. Also thank you to everyone who helped with set-up, cooking, serving and, most importantly, clean up.

(HG) NOODLE MAKING

"Oodles of Noodles" will be made on the following dates—Mondays 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 <u>at 9:00am in Billinger Hall.</u> 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!

(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors" Meetings:

September 3rd—No Meeting – Labor Day

<u>September 17th Free Hearing screening</u>
<u>AND PRESENTATION by Audiology Associates.</u>

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

Holy Ghost Financials

Weekly collection for 8 / 27 = \$ 2,015.00 Number of envelopes used = 102 Can you do more for God?

Holy Ghost "MOVIE SERIES"

Presents the Movie "FLY WHEEL"

THIS Wednesday, September 5th @ 7pm in

Billinger Hall.

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his relationships- even his wife and son don't trust
him.

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All Are Welcome!



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