

1st Sunday of Advent



December 2nd



## Holy Ghost Church

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

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## FROM THE DESK OF Fr. Dave

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, "The days are coming!" God's Word is insistent in today's liturgy for the opening of The Advent Season.



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XXX number of shopping days left till the "holidays", says our secular society. Often they do not use the term Christmas. That's probably for the best in order not to confuse things. The new age we expect is one in which love, charity and justice are the top priority; not balance sheets and sales records and the accumulation of things. Jesus was born among the poor and destitute to teach us to reorder our priorities. What we are preparing for is a moment when the "losers" (shepherds and carpenters) come out ahead and the "Big Shots" (Herod and the Romans) suffer want and are left out? The "Day of the Lord" will really shake things up! Are you ready? To be sure, let us begin a strenuous spiritual preparation by drawing near to Jesus through prayer and adoration. Begin with this Sunday's Candlelight retreat at Holy Ghost at 2pm. Meet Jesus in prayer before the



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Blessed Sacrament and bring your brokenness to Him in the Sacrament of Penance. Hear wise words of encouragement from Celeste Behe about preparing the family for the coming of Jesus. You will not be sorry that you

made the effort.

Praying for a joyous and fruitful Advent for you and your family,

*Fr. David J. Kozak*

### (INC) Thanksgiving Turkey Winners

1- Ruth Herman, 2- D. Rostkowski, 3- Rosemarie A. Cott, 4- Michelle M. Anderko, 5-Sr. Clarice Vresk, 6- Rosemarie A. Cott, 7- Sandra Haas, 8- Mr & Mrs John Kospiah, 9- Dave Turek, 10- Fr. Dave

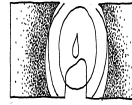
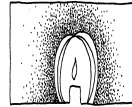
### (HG) Thanksgiving Turkey Winners

1- Joe DelFoe, 2- Helen Maurer, 3- Angie Horvath, 4- Ed & Dolores Judd, 5-MaryAnn Otto, 6- Joann Murphy, 7- Marco Barbesta, 8- Cindi Surovi, 9- Corey & Mary Sands, 10- Dan Damhosl.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT AND SOLD TICKETS.  
SEE YOU FOR THE HAM DRAWING IN THREE WEEKS.

## ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT— TODAY December 2nd. @ Holy Ghost 417 Carlton Ave..

Retreat Schedule: 2:00pm—3:00pm Adoration  
and Confessions.



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Advent Reflection @ 3:00pm featuring: "Waiting in Joyful Hope: 24 No-Stress Ways to Celebrate Advent" is an entertaining presentation designed to help individuals and families prepare for Christmas through the practice of simple Advent customs and devotions. The talk includes tips for creating your own family traditions, as well as a lighthearted account of Advent as it is experienced in our family of eleven. The Presenter is Celeste Behe is a parishioner at St. Theresa parish in Hellertown, a contributor to Catholic Digest, a blogger for the National Catholic Register, and a speaker for the IHM Conferences for Catholic parents and also is the Mother of Dominic Behe LU Class of '19 The Day ends With Benediction followed by Mass and Dinner Follows in Billinger Hall. All Are Welcome ! Bring a Friend!

## G i v i n g T r e e I t e m s .....

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. 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. Gift cards may be dropped off anytime during December at the rectory or drop gift Cards in the Collection Basket on the weekends during December for that purpose!



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## **ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY**

### **News and Upcoming Events:**

**Food Pantry Update:** On November 24th we served 29 guest families of which five were new. In addition to the regular staples, guests were able to choose from a variety Christmas gifts including hats, scarves, socks, toys and books.

**Our next pantry will be held on Saturday, December 22nd at 10:00am.** We continue to collect new and gently used toys, children's books, coloring books, crayons, hats, scarves, mittens and slipper socks for distribution to our guests. Donations can be dropped off at the Incarnation rectory or in the bins at the back of the church.

NOTE: If you are 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. Please call the Rectory

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### **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 7pm in Incarnation Rectory**. Jesus would like to form us into prophets after His own Heart. Come and join us. We need prophets. Fr. Dave

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### **Incarnation of Our Lord Financials**

Weekly collection for 11/25 \$1,328.00

Number of envelopes used = 136

Can you do more for God ?

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### **Annual Christmas Ham Drawing**

**Sunday, December 16th after the 8am Mass in Msgr. LaBuda Hall with PARISH Coffee Hour.** 10 Holiday Hams will be drawn. Tickets may be returned via the Mail or the Offertory Collection at Sunday Mass anytime. Extra Tickets at the Church Entrances.

## **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.

### **Next Meeting –**

**Wed. December 5th—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!

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## **(INC) Parish Activities Group**

**Christmas Decorating in Church – Saturday, 12/15/18, 9am.** Please join us if you can, as many hands make light work! Refreshments will be provided.

**Homemade Noodles – order forms can be found in the vestibules – a 16 ounce bag is \$4.00.** Monetary donations will also be accepted to offset the cost of supplies.

**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 October winners - Barbara Shook (\$146.25), Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vidumsky, (\$87.75), and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kerekes (\$58.50).

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

- Coffee & Donuts – Sundays 1/27/19, 2/24/19, 3/31/19, 4/28/19, 5/26/19 (after 8am Mass)
- Parish Feast Day Dinner – Saturday, 3/23/19, after special 4pm Mass
- Lenten Soup Supper – Friday, 4/12/19, 6pm before Stations
- Iron Pigs – Sunday, 6/30/19

## (H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors"

### Meetings:

THIS MONDAY Dec. 3rd—Christmas Mass  
12 noon & Party following  
No Meeting December 17th

## MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

NEXT Wednesday December 12th  
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, Leave Holy Ghost  
11am, Lunch, Show at 3pm and Return 7pm  
Price \$87.00 includes, Bus, Lunch Buffet,  
Show and Gratuity. Reservation and pay-  
ment now being accepted. Call  
"Boots" Horwath - 610-867-4839

## Holy Ghost Financials

Weekly collection for 11 / 25 = 1, 418.00  
Number of envelopes used = 73  
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December 8<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Conception -  
(HG)LU—5:10PM—Celebrants Intention  
(INC) 7:00pm— Margaret & Joseph LaBuda  
Son Raymond & Family

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8th SOLEMNITY OF  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
9:00AM (INC) ✕ Living & Deceased  
Incarnation Parish  
(HG) ADORATION 9am—10:50am  
(HG)LU—11AM ✕ Celebrants Intention

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## H.G. Social Committee News

### NOODLE MAKING

"Oodles of Noodles" will be made on the follow-  
ing dates—Dec 10, 2018, Jan 14, 2019, Jan 28,  
2019 All weather permitting. after the 8am Mass.  
Volunteers always welcome. Donations of Eggs  
and Flour always graciously Accepted.

## Holy Ghost "MOVIE SERIES"

Presents the Movie "A Walk in my Shoes" THIS  
Wednesday, December 12th @ 7pm in Billinger  
Hall. WEATHER PERMITTING.

Stressed out high school teacher TRISH FAHEY  
cant understand her students lack of effort and  
why their parents don't seem to care . But this  
perspective dramatically changes when Trish  
wrecks her car.

Join us. \*Admission Free\* Food and Beverages  
Available for purchase. All Are Welcome!

## Year -End Financial Statements

Envelope Contribution recording for the  
giving year 2018 will close on Wednesday,  
January 9<sup>th</sup> 2019! Parishioners have until  
this time to make up on back contributions  
for 2018. Please drop a Self-addressed  
stamped envelope via the collection or  
Mail if you wish to receive a contribution  
statement for the year 2018.

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✠ **OUR WEEK OF GRACE AND PRAYER** ✠

Vigil Mass December 1st

(HG) 4:00pm ✠ Deceased Members of the Copek Family

(INC) 5:30pm ✠ William Yenca by  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Bobeck

**SUN. Dec. 2nd** **1st Sunday of Advent**

8:00AM (INC) ✠ Health & Blessings on Damian  
Gasdaska by Fr. Dave

(HG) 10:00am ✠ Frank Schadle Sr.

LU 12:10pm Mass @ Holy Ghost w Coffee & Donuts

✠ Mark D. Ford by Mother Josephine

(HG) 2:00pm Advent Retreat All are Welcome!

Mon. Dec. 3rd — St. Francis Xavier

(HG) 8AM—✠ Stephen Ezar by Michelle & John Zaun

12 Noon HG Living & Deceased Prime Time Seniors

Tues. Dec. 4th— St. John Damascene

(HG) 8AM- ✠ Living & Deceased Incarnation Parish

Thurs. Dec. 6th— St. Nicholas. Bishop

(HG) 8AM ✠ William, Margaret & Kenneth Lopoczyk  
by Sandy Sule

Fri. Dec. 7th St. Ambrose—FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION 9am—11:50am

12 Noon HG ✠ Mary Heller by HG Prime Time Seniors

(HG)LU—5:10PM—Celebrants Intention

(INC) 7:00pm— Margaret & Joseph LaBuda Son Ray-  
mond & Family

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8th SOLEMNITY OF  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00AM (INC) ✠ Living & Deceased Incarnation

(HG) ADORATION 9am—10:50am

(HG)LU—11AM ✠ Celebrants Intention

Vigil Mass 3:35pm—Rosary for World Peace, Vocations

(HG) 4:00pm ✠ Health & Blessings on Boots Horwath

(INC) 5:30pm ✠ Harry Herman by Eleanor Mesko

**SUN. Dec. 9th** **2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:00AM (INC) ✠ Veronica Bacak by Daughters  
Roberta , Dorothy and Daughter in Law Nancy

(HG) 10:00am ✠ Living & Deceased of Holy Ghost

LU 12:10pm Mass @ Holy Ghost

8pm Christmas Vespers Packer Memorial Church

✠ **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS** ✠

\$10 PER WEEK PLEASE CALL EITHER RECTORY

Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

Sanctuary -

In Memory of ✠ John J. Damhosl by Wife & Fam.

St. John the Hermit -

In Memory of ✠ Carmella DelGrosso

B.V.M. -

Health & Blessings on Mary Margaret Koach

St. Joseph—

Special Intention—R. Koach

Sacred Heart

In Memory of ✠ Catherine Dalpe

St. Theresa

Prayer Intentions

Tabernacle-

In Memory of ✠ George Maurer

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of ✠ Deceased Sebastianelli Family

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



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✠ **Devotional Lamps** ✠

@ Incarnation of Our Lord Church

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of ✠ Al Timko by

Rosemarie Csaszar

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp

In Memory of ✠ Mary Raykos by

Daughter Karen Fatzinger & Family

St. Joseph Lamp

Health & Blessings on

Msgr. Robert F. Kozel

Infant of Prague Lamp-

✠ Special Intention

Our Lady of the Rosary

In Memory of ✠ Patricia Leperi



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