



**Holy Ghost Church**  
A Roman Catholic Parish of the  
Diocese of Allentown  
Founded in 1871 as a  
German Ethnic Parish  
—150th Anniversary Year—  
—Pentecost 2020—2021—

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**Incarnation of Our Lord**  
A Roman Catholic Parish of the  
Diocese of Allentown  
Founded in 2008 as a merger of Slovak,  
Hungarian, Windish, Polish and  
Italian Parishes.

“Many Pasts, ONE United Future.”

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## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Our Christmas season comes to a conclusion with a celebration of Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan. This should cause us to grow in gratitude for our own adoption as children of God. At our baptism the Father called us, "His Child! His Beloved!" this should truly be an antidote to all the negative opinions and views we have concerning our worthiness. No one can remove the divine imprint; the seal of baptism that we received. Remember to live accordingly. Living a life worthy of our status as God's children is not always easy.**



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**Many challenges face us in our daily lives that cause us to act unworthily. Living beneath our dignity as Children of God is the chief obstacle to spiritual growth. When we look at ourselves in the "spiritual mirror" which is our daily examination of conscience; do we see only the faults and failings? Can we see sparks of the adoption as God's child? A lot depends on our answers. We grow in gratitude and love of God when we see the good in ourselves brought by sanctifying grace. Let us join Jesus in the Jordan receiving our divine adoption.**

**May the New Year be filled with opportunity to show we are His sons and daughters.**

**Your Pastor and friend,  
Fr. David J. Kozak**

**In the latest report from the PA Department of Health, 30,364 abortions were performed in Pennsylvania the past year. Think of it. In our home state, 30,364 lives eliminated in one year (or 84 per day). Lord, forgive us.**



**Respect  
Life**



## **Bible Study—Lectio Divina**

**ALL ARE WELCOME to join in at the St. Vincent DePaul Chapel every Monday at 6:30pm. Scripture Study and discussion along with some quiet time w the Blessed Sacrament .**

### **A SPECIAL "THANK YOU"**

**SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION FROM FR. DAVE, DEACON STEVE AND RON KOACH TO ALL OF YOU WHO SENT THEM CHRISTMAS CARDS, GOOD WISHES GIFTS, Foods, Baked Goods, Etc..... FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**

**May our Infant Savior bless each and every one of you with peace, joy, good health and happiness in the New Year!**

### **Stewardship Prayer**

**My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others to Mass, if I invite and bring them in. It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. ~ Amen**

### **DONORS 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 2020 to Easter 2021). Please either Rectory ASAP.**



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**ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY**

**News and Upcoming Events:**

**Food Pantry Update:** Our next food pantry will be held Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-12. All volunteers are welcome!

**2020 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Schedule:** 1/16/20, 4/9/20, 7/9/20, 10/8/20. All meetings are held at 7:00pm in the church basement. Mark your calendar!

**The 2020 Mardi Gras Bingo fundraiser** will be held on Sunday, 2/23/20. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door and will go on sale shortly.

**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.

**Incarnation Parish Senior Group**

New members are invited to 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.

**Meeting —Wed., Feb. 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!**

**March For Life 2020** The 2020 March for Life will be held in Washington DC on Friday, January 24, 2020. Consider joining the hundreds of thousands of other pro-life marchers. Check the AD Times for details re: transportation, cost and departure times.

**Incarnation of Our Lord Financials**

Weekly collection for 1/5 = \$2,313.00

Online Giving = \$378.00

Number of envelopes used = 73

Can you do more for our Parish?

**(INC) Parish Activities Group**

**Christmas Decoration Removal – this Sunday, January 12, at 9am after the 8am Mass.**

**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 December winners – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bolcar (\$97.50), Ruth Herman (\$58.50), Elizabeth Wiley (\$39.00).**

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

- PAG Meeting – Wednesday 1/22/20
- Coffee & Donuts – Sundays 1/26/20, 2/23/20, 4/26/20, 5/24/20
- Phantoms Group Outing – Sunday, 3/8/20, 3:05pm game **\*\*new\*\***
- Lenten Soup Supper – Friday 3/13/20
- Parish Feast Day Dinner – Saturday 3/28/20, after special 4pm Mass
- Children's Egg Hunt – Saturday 4/11/20
- Iron Pigs Outing – Sunday 6/28/20, 1:35pm game
- Bingo Buffet – Saturday 7/18/20, after special 4pm Mass
- Putt U Mini Golf – Wednesday, 8/5/20
- Polka Mass & Halupki Dinner – Saturday 9/12/20, special 4pm Mass

**Noodle Making will begin this Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am-11:30am in LaBuda Hall. Please come join us! New helpers always welcome!**



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

**Meeting—Monday, January 20th**

**MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -**

**Wednesday, February 12th**

Leave HG Church 10:30am for

**\*\*\*Mohegan Sun\*\*\***

**Cost: \$25—Slot Play: \$25—\$5 Food Coupon**

For Casino info. & Reservations Call:

"Boots" Horwath - 610-867-4839

or Gloria Szakos - 610-868-7940.

**Holy Ghost Financials**

Weekly collection for 1/5 = \$1,686.00

Online Giving = \$230.00

Number of envelopes used = 73

Can you do more for our Parish?

**WELCOME VISITORS**

We welcome all our visitors and we welcome all who join us at our Masses. You do not have to stay visitors. We welcome all Catholics to become an active participants in the life of our Parish Family. Please see Fr. Dave after Mass or please call the Rectory for more information.

**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. Please call either Rectory for more info. on how to Join our parishes. You are most certainly Welcome to do so.

**H.G. Social Committee News**

**NOODLE MAKING** "Oodles of Noodles" are being made after the 8am Mass **THIS Mon. Jan. 13th & 27th** weather permitting. Volunteers always welcome! Donations of Eggs and Flour always graciously Accepted! To order Noodles Call Steph Lee 610-248-5303 Or Gloria Szakos - 610-868-7940.

**150th Anniversary NEWS .....**



Excitement is building we need your help! We kicked off our 150th Anniversary Inaugural and still need more help! We are reminding you of our next planning meeting **THIS Tuesday, January 14th @ 6:30pm** in Billinger Hall. Pizza & Sweets! All are welcome, Past & Present Parishioners, School Alumni.....etc...

**(INC—HG)**

**Year—End Financial Statements**

Envelope Contribution recording for the giving year 2019 closed on Wednesday, January 8th 2020! **ANY MONIES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE CREDITED TO 2020.** Please drop a Self-addressed stamped envelope via the collection or Mail if you wish to receive a contribution statement for the year 2019.

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength.

May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.



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