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December 22nd



Holy Ghost Church

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*Founded in 2008 as a merger of Slovak,
Hungarian, Windish, Polish and
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“ Many Pasts, ONE United Future. “

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, How did it "sneak up on us" so rapidly! Christmas I mean. Today's Fourth Week of Advent celebration is back to back with Christmas! What is the solution? Feeling panicky or short-changed with not enough time for the spiritual and material preparations necessary for a worthy celebration of Christ's birth? He will come: ready or not. The solution is to prolong the celebration of Jesus' Love for us WELL beyond December 24/25. Include the Octave Days, 26th to January 1st. They include the feast of St. Steven, St. John the Apostle, the Holy Innocents. Honor Mary the Mother of God on New Year's Day. Above all celebrate the ancient Solemnity of the Epiphany- The Three Kings. The Holy Family celebration is important.

As you can see; if we look beyond the secular calendar that stops the feasting on December 26th we can have a spiritual "Smorgasbord" of feasting well into the new year. Enjoy!

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

Your Pastor and friend
Fr. David J. Kozak



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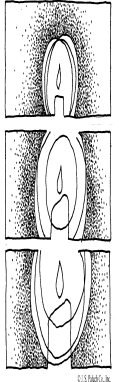


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Bible Study—Lectio Divina

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 .

The diocese is asking us to take steps to further ensure your safety while at mass in our parishes. If anyone has experience as a first responder, fire fighter, nurse or doctor, EMT, please inform us at the rectory ASAP. Also Greeters, Ushers, Collectors. Also, Teachers, Counselors, who have experience from school training. There will be a 4 hr workshop Saturday February 1st 9:30am to 2:00pm. The Seminar is free offered from the diocese and we need people from both Parishes and Masses to attend.



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.

Since legalizing abortion in 1973, the incidence of child abuse has soared at an alarming rate. Abortion weakens the social taboo against hurting the helpless and diminishes the value of life. If you don't believe it, just watch the news.



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**(H.G.) "Prime Time Seniors
Meeting—Monday, January 6th**

**MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -
Wednesday, January 8th**

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 12 / 15 = \$ N/A
Online Giving = \$ Due to Printing
Number of envelopes used = Deadline
Can you do more for God ?

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.

As the Season of Advent goes on , Bishop
of Allentown Alfred A. Schlert asks the cler-
gy and faithful of the Diocese of Allentown
to observe the Ember Days for the season.
Ember Days are quarterly observances with three
days set aside (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) to
pray in gratitude for the blessings of the season
and human labor, to thank God publicly. There are
12 Ember Days in all. Traditionally Embertide was
also decided as a time to pray for priests. Ember
Days are no longer included in the Universal Roman
Calendar, but they are not abolished.
On these days, Bishop Schlert is asking for absti-
nence from all meat products, fasting and a Holy
Hour by the clergy. The People of God of the
Diocese of Allentown are encouraged to join
in this practice as a sign of healing.
The Advent Ember Days are as follows:
Wednesday, Dec. 18; Friday, Dec. 20; and
Saturday, Dec. 21.

H.G. Social Committee News

NOODLE MAKING "Oodles of Noodles" are be-
ing made after the 8am Mass Mon., Dec. 30th. Vol-
unteers always welcome! Donations of Eggs and
Flour always graciously Accepted! To order Noo-
dles Call Steph Lee 610-248-5303 Or Gloria Szakos
- 610-868-7940.

Parish Choir – Needs More Members.

The choir sings at the 10AM Mass every Sunday.
They also enhance the liturgies for all major Holy
Day celebrations. The choir rehearses on Thurs-
day evenings @ 7PM. All are encouraged to partic-
ipate. Reading music is not a requirement and
there is no audition. All Are Welcome to join. This
is your invitation just go up to the Choir Loft next
time you are in church.

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 Tuesday, January 14th @ 6:30pm in
Billinger Hall. Pizza & Sweets!
All are welcome, Past & Present Parishion-
ers, School Alumni.....etc...

(INC—HG)

Year -End Financial Statements

Envelope Contribution recording for the giving
year 2019 will close on Wednesday,
January 8th 2020! Parishioners have
until this time to make up on back
contributions for 2019. After this
time contributions will be put in for
2020. Please drop a Self-addressed
stamped envelope via the collection
or Mail if you wish to receive a con-
tribution statement for the year 2019.



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ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

News and Upcoming Events:

Food Pantry Update: We served 51 guests at the November pantry, 9 of whom were new. Guests were able to pick up their Thanksgiving turkey as well as choose among the many toys, books, stuffed animals, etc. generously donated by our parishioners and friends. Our next food pantry will be held on Saturday, December 28th from 10:00 to noon.

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 1st Wednesday of every month in LaBuda Hall at 12 noon. Finger foods are served and BINGO is played @ every meeting.

Meeting —Wed., January 8th —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!

Monocacy Manor

Christmas Vespers 2019

This Saturday, December 21—7:00 PM

This Sunday, December 22—2:00 & 7:00 PM

White House Chapel, Monocacy Manor

395 Bridle Path Road Bethlehem

610.867.8890

Refreshments to Follow
Retreat Center Dining Hall
Freewill Offering

(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 – Cynthia Pavelko-Tracy (\$97.50), Helen Hahn (\$58.50), and Catherine Grencser (\$39.00).

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

- Coffee & Donuts – Sundays 1/26/20, 2/23/20, 4/26/20, 5/24/20
- PAG Meeting – Wednesday 1/22/20
- 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

Notice for LaBuda Hall users: Please do not put heat sources (candles, cook pots, frying pans, etc.) directly on the plastic tabletops; they will melt. Use a protective hot pad or trivet. Thank you.

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✠ **OUR WEEK OF GRACE AND PRAYER** ✠

(HG) 4:00pm ✠ John Repasch by the Family
(INC) 5:30pm ✠ Margaret Groller by Daughter Irene Vidumsky & Son-in-law Michael

SUN. Dec. 22nd 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00AM (INC) ✠ Elizabeth Nemchik
by Mr. & Mrs. James Nemchik
10:00AM(HG) ✠ Dennis Harbon & Loretta & Walter Elliott by Marilyn Harbon & Family

Mon. Dec. 23rd—Late Advent Weekday
(HG) 8AM ✠ Health & Blessings on Betty Dugas

Tues. Dec. 24th— Christmas Eve
(HG) 4PM ✠ Rose & Charles Konkolics
by The Rickey & Quigley Families
(INC) 4PM ✠ Living & Deceased Parishioners of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish

Wed. Dec. 25th —Christmas Day
(INC) 8AM ✠ Living & Deceased Parishioners of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish

(HG) 10AM ✠ Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish

Thurs. —Dec. 26th St. Stephen
(HG) 8AM ✠ Robert "Bobby" Walsh
by Sister Pat Nochton



Fri. Dec.. 27th — St. John, Evangelist
(HG) 12 NOON ✠ James Taglang
by Denny & Ray Karpay

SAT. Dec. 28th Vigil Mass
3:35pm—Rosary for Vocations and Prayer Intentions
(HG) 4:00pm ✠ Bernie & Don Knoblick Sr.
by Margo & Don Knoblick Jr.

(INC) 5:30pm ✠ John M. Zaun by Wife Anna & Family

SUN. Dec. 29th The Holy Family
8:00AM (INC) ✠ Agnes & Henry Lipsky
by The Lipsky Family

10:00AM(HG) ✠ James Taglang
by Al & Rosemarie Schadle

✠ **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS** ✠

\$10 PER WEEK PLEASE CALL EITHER RECTORY

**Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church
Sanctuary**

In Memory of ✠ John J. Damhosl Sr. by Family
Tabernacle(2)



In Memory of ✠ Salvatore Argento
B.V.M.

In Memory of ✠ Jean Spinelli
St. Joseph

In Memory of ✠ Stephen Copek by Daughter Steph
Sacred Heart

Health & Blessings on Charlotte Cole
St. Theresa

Health & Blessings on Nancy Pittner by L. Rothrock
St. John the Hermit

In Memory of ✠ Buragino, Corroda & Shunk Fams.
St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of ✠ Deceased Capuano Family
Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

In Memory of ✠ Deceased Boccardi/Bechdolt Fam.
Our Lady of Fatima

In Memory of ✠ Deceased Members Schadle Fam.
St. Vincent DePaul Chapel / Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of ✠ George & Concetta Petito

✠ **Devotional Lamps** ✠

@ Incarnation of Our Lord Church
Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of ✠ John Zavec by The Family

BVM Lamp

In Memory of ✠ Walter & Justine Edelman
by Daughter Sharon Vincovich & Family

St. Joseph Lamp

In Memory of ✠ Vincent Doddy
by Son Vincent Doddy

Infant of Prague

In Memory of ✠ Joseph & Elizabeth Dominko
by Daughter Ethel Pfliegler & Family

Our Lady of the Rosary

In Memory of ✠ Deceased Members of the
Kropinicki Family by Sandy Bosak

Tabernacle Lamps

In Memory of ✠ Deceased Members of the
Bosak Family by Sandy Bosak

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