



**Holy Ghost Church**  
**A Roman Catholic Parish of the**  
**Diocese of Allentown**  
Founded in 1871 as a  
German Ethnic Parish

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**Incarnation of Our Lord**  
**A Roman Catholic Parish of the**  
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Founded in 2008 as a merger of Slovak,  
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*Incarnation Parish*

**Bishop's**  
**Annual**  
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Faith • Hope • Charity

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# MASSES and Devotional Candles

4:00 pm Mass now at Incarnation until October 1st  
SAT. April 9th—  
 (INC) 4:00pm + All Parishioners Living & Deceased

SUN. April 10th—3rd Sunday of Easter  
 8:00AM (INC) + John & Frances Sopko & Daughter Helen Fischer by Daughter/Sister Margaret Coyle  
 10:00AM(H.G.) + Philip Sebastianelli by Mother Katherine & Family

Mon. APR. 11th —St. Stanislaus  
 8:00AM+ Helen Shivok  
 by Larry & Francine Williams

Tues. APR. 12th —Easter Weekday  
 8:00AM + Elizabeth Morris by Anita Bolden

Wed. APR. 13th Easter Weekday  
**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

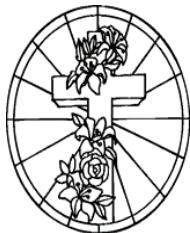
Thurs. APR. 14th —Easter Weekday  
 8:00AM + Joseph B. Salabsky

Fri. APR. 15th Easter Weekday  
 12 Noon Mass  
 Hermina & Leo Barth  
 by Daughter Dorothy Bedics and Family

SAT. April 16th— Vigil For 4th Sunday of Easter  
 (INC) 4:00pm + John Demyan  
 by Wife Bernadette & Family

SUN. April 17th—4th Sunday of Easter  
 8:00AM (INC) + John Lehman, Sr.  
 by Spence & Marisa Pierce

10:00AM(H.G.)  
 + Joseph Kutzera by Wife  
 Sophie & Family



## Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church Sanctuary -

Health & Blessings on Jeff and Charlotte Cole  
Tabernacle (2) -

Health & Blessings on the Noodle Workers  
B.V.M. -

Special Intention  
St. Joseph -

In Memory + William Werkheiser  
Sacred Heart -

In Memory of + Dino P. Cantelmi, Sr.  
St. Theresa -

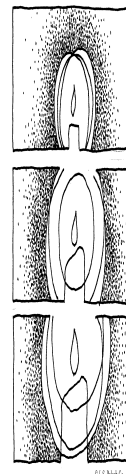
Health & Blessings on Frieda & Joe Yost  
St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of + Deceased Sebastianelli Fam.  
Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

In Memory of +Deceased members  
 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 Church

Sanctuary Lamp -

In Memory of + John & Frances Sopko  
 by Daughter Margaret Coyle

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp -

Health & Blessings on Ann R. Cmorey by Stephanie Turek

St. Joseph Lamp—

In Memory of William Polak by Shirley Cech & Family

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. 19

**INC) Noodle Makers** -- Noodles will be sold in LaBuda Hall after our weekend Masses. Cost is \$4/bag and there are no limits! Noodle-making will resume as we get closer to September and our Fall Festival date (Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>).

**(H.G.) "Oodles of Noodles"** Noodles will be made on Mondays April 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> after the 8am Mass in Billinger Hall. We take orders for noodles. Please call Steph Copek if interested in ordering at 610-868-8084. Fine, Wide and Squares are available while the supply lasts. Volunteers are always needed.

**Passion & Purpose for Marriage:** The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to host author Dr. Allen Hunt from Matthew Kelly's organization, Dynamic Catholic, on April 16, 2016, at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Orefield from 10 am—2:30 pm with an optional Mass at 8:30 am. Dr. Hunt will explore topics such as what's the most important word in a marriage? What is really going on in your wife's head? What do you wish your husband knew about you? Whether married, engaged, dating, or discerning, you will discover key ingredients to healthy and happy relationships. The day includes an introduction by Bishop John Barres and music by George Lower. Come and strengthen your marriage! Refreshments will be provided. Cost is \$25 per ticket. For tickets, visit [dynamiccatholic.com/Orefield](http://dynamiccatholic.com/Orefield) or call 859-980-7900. Questions? Call 610-289-8900

### **(H.G.) Upcoming Bus trips**

**Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> Sight and Sound "SAMSON"** Depart 8am Show 11am Return 5:30pm Lunch 2pm Fulton Steam Boat Inn Show, Lunch and Gratuities \$88.00.

**Wednesday July 22 TH—AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE "The Crooners"** Leave 10:15am Show 3:00pm Return 7:00pm Lunch 12:30pm at Bird in Hand Show, Lunch and Grat. \$83.00 For info and reservations call: Boots Horwath 610-867-4839 or Gloria Szakos - 868-7940.

### **ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SCRAP METAL COLLECTION: EARTH DAY, Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.** If you have items to donate and need a "pick-up", please contact Ruth Herman. Please see flyers in church vestibules for more details!

**FOOD PANTRY: Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 from 10:00AM – 12:00 Noon.**

Any questions or comments please contact Ruth Herman @ [rmh1330@aol.com](mailto:rmh1330@aol.com) or call 484-239-0243.

### **Sunday Collections - April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Weekly Sunday Collection is the life blood of our Parish Community. The Ministries of our Parish and Our Calendar of Events are supported by all your contributions.

### **Weekly Offering**



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Father Cliff thanks you for your generosity, God bless you!

**(INC.) - \$ 1,678.00**

**(HG) - 2,085.00**

**eBulletins Are Available:** If you're interested in receiving our weekly parish bulletin via email, please contact Incarnation Parish @ [ip-arish@ptd.net](mailto:ip-arish@ptd.net) or Holy Ghost Parish @ [hghost-church@gmail.com](mailto:hghost-church@gmail.com) with your name & email address and we'll make sure to send it out to you!!

**2016 Masses & Vigil Lamps – Holy Ghost and Incarnation Parish's 2016 Mass & Candle Requests--** Please contact the rectory for your memorial Masses and Candles during regular office hours, Mon. – Fri., 8:30AM – 3:30PM. Cost of a Mass/Candle is \$10/for each.

**Marriage Encounter Weekends - Tax day is coming!** Waiting for that "BIG REFUND?" Try a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend for a marriage refund that will outlast any check! For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

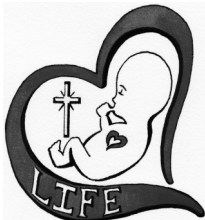
**(HG) Congratulations to Andrew Kercher,** who was welcomed into full Communion of the Catholic Church and **Hannah Benedek** being Confirmed and **Olessya Minorics** who received her First Holy Communion. We will have coffee hour in their honor today after the 10am mass in Billinger Hall.

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## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION –

MONTH THREE: Your baby is quite active now, but the mother won't feel movement for a few more months. Your spiritually adopted baby now squints, swallows, and is breathing fluid which continues until birth! The baby you are praying for now weighs one ounce!



# SENIORS

## Holy Ghost Prime Time Seniors

April 18th—Speaker Carol Henn -

Author - "Southside"

Refreshments served.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND !**

### MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

**\*\*\* WEDNESDAY—April 20th \*\*\***

WEDNESDAY—May 11th

leave Holy Ghost 10:30am for Mohegan Sun. Cost: \$23 refund of \$25 and \$5 in Food Coupon. For Casino info. & Reservations Call:

"Boots" Horwath - 610-867-4839  
or Gloria Szakos - 868-7940.

## 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 from 1:00 – 4:00PM. Finger foods are served and BINGO is played @ every meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Vidumsky @ 610-868-6320, Mike Vidumsky @ 610-530-1528, or Barbara Raykos @ 610-867-0774. Hope to see you there!!!

Next meeting Wednesday May 4th @ 1PM.  
All Are Welcome!

## A Look Back at Lent 2016 at Holy Ghost .....

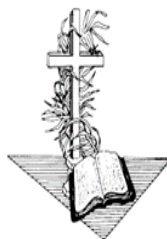
### New Tradition.....

Our parish integrated the "pretzel" into this year's Lenten program. The pretzel symbolizes prayer and penance. It is designed to show the form of arms crossed in prayer reminding us that Lent is a time of prayer. St. Clement Mary Hofbauer as shown in the mural of German saints in the church sanctuary, is holding a pretzel reminding us of the power of prayer every day, not only during Lent. Prayer petitions were attached to the Mission Cross dating back to 1886. Following an Austrian-German tradition, pretzels and a prayer were distributed on Palm Sunday.



### Stations of the Cross.....

Weekly stations were done every Friday and very well attended. A special highlight of Lent for the past 15 years has been Mary's Stations of the Cross. These



stations are led by women and reflect on how the Blessed Mother felt as she watched her Son walked the road to Calvary. This year the following women from Holy Ghost and Incarnation parishes read the stations: Mary Frances Shurtz-Leon; Mary Ann Otto; Katie Mageeney; Kyle Slee; Julie Yost;

Phyllis Hager; Stephanie Kostelnick; Marina Barbasta; Rosemarie Csaszar; Bonnie Zsilavec; Tina Ritchie; Sister Virginelle Makos, OSF ; Maura Shay; RitaEllen Gorbos and Cindy Surovi. Deacon Steve Presided over Benediction and Ron Koach led the Singing. Thank you for your participation!

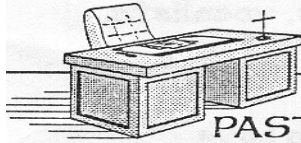
### Poor Man's Supper; Good Friday Fish Dinner; and Easter Egg Hunt.....

The Poor Man's Supper preceded Mary's Stations. It featured tomato-cheese soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. Thanks to Jean Blaukovitch, Kathleen Horwath, Nancy Kercher and Maureen Dresen for preparing and serving the meal.



The Good Friday Fish Dinner was cancelled. Instead the committee visited other churches to check on the competition's menus and service. We'll be ready to serve you a delicious dinner in 2017.

Thank You to Lori and John Bauer and Barb and Tim Brown for coordinating this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Children of all ages enjoyed meeting the Easter Bunny and collecting those eggs with money and prize tags.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My dear friends,

*"He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and terrified." What was so terrifying about being wished peace?*

*How ironic that the disciples were so scared right at the moment that Jesus was offering them peace. The fact is that they didn't understand what was going on. They were already aware at this point that Jesus had risen from the dead, and two of them had just had a powerful encounter with him on the road to Emmaus. But now, he suddenly appeared before them, in a manner that was not only totally unexpected, but also apparently physically impossible. This is why they thought they were seeing a ghost. It just didn't make sense.*

*Jesus reassured them with concrete actions. He told them to look at him and to touch him. He wanted his disciples to be comforted by his real physical presence among them. He wanted them to come into contact with his entire being, not just the abstract idea of his presence. Once they did this, they were "incredulous for joy and were amazed." The peace that he wished for them was now complemented by great joy. It just took a while to sink in. This may be the case for us at times too. We may not understand the mysterious ways in which Jesus is present in our lives.*

*Sometimes he is hidden in what Mother Teresa called "the distressing disguise." His Spirit may be present, wishing to bring us peace right in the midst of stress, sickness, anguish, or pain, but we may not recognize him at first. But just because he may not "show up" in the way we expect doesn't mean he isn't with us. The risen Christ also wants to give us the gift of peace.*

*So, with my accident the Bible Study on Mercy did not start off last week as I had planned. Please come this week, two times to chose from: Tuesday at 2 at Holy Ghost Rectory or Tuesday evening at 7 at Incarnation. Call the rectories for more information!*

God bless,

*Fr Cliff*

# HEALING MASS



**Mass of Healing  
& Anointing  
Monday  
May 2nd @7pm  
in Holy Ghost Church  
All are Welcome!**

### INCARNATION PAG INFORMATION

**Monthly Drawing – Congratulations to the FEBRUARY, 2016 winners:** Rosemarie Cszaszar (\$118.75); Mr. & Mrs. Francis Cech (\$71.25); and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vidumsky (\$47.50). March winners will be selected and reported in a few weeks! **REMINDER:** \$5/entry, and since this drawing takes place electronically, just make your donations in multiples of \$5.00. Donation envelopes must be received in the rectory by the **LAST DAY OF THE MONTH.** Thank you for your support!

**PAG Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in LaBuda Hall after the 8:00AM Mass.**

**2016 FALL FESTIVAL GENERAL MEETING – Discussion/suggestions will take place AFTER coffee & donuts are served on April 24<sup>th</sup>!**

**NEW!! INCARNATION PARISH "INDOOR YARD SALE" SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> from 8:00AM – 1:00PM in LaBuda Hall. More details as to what can be brought to church will be given ASAP. Items can be dropped off beginning MONDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>!!**

**BINGO BUFFET DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 16<sup>th</sup> in LaBuda Hall after the 4:00PM Mass. SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**PUTT U MINI-GOLF OUTING – WED., AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> @ 7:00PM. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**PAG Iron Pigs Baseball Outing – 2016 --SAVE**

**THE DATE!! Our PAG 2016 Iron Pigs Baseball Outing will be Sun., May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:35PM. Cost is \$37/person and includes seating in the PenTeleData Party Porch (accommodates 80 people), dinner buffet, and unlimited non-alcoholic beverages.**



**Please contact Milissa Bolcar @ 610-866-3345 or online @milissa.bolcar@linde.com. Ticket reservation deadline is: APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016!! COME JOIN US!!**