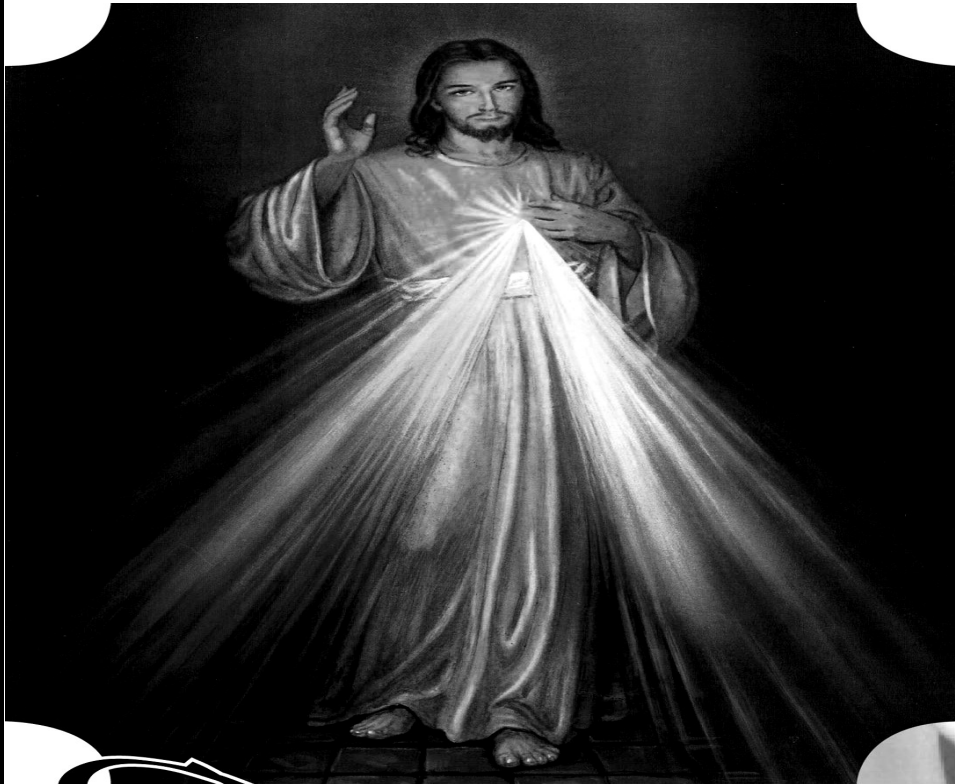




Holy Ghost Church
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PARISH MEMBERSHIP- "All Are Welcome"

Is Usually determined in Our Parish 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 as best you can through the use of contribution envelopes. Etc..*

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.

Baptisms — *For infant Baptism, parents must be registered and active members of the parish for at least six months. Parents need to call their Parish Offices to make an appointment to arrange for Baptisms. All Catholic godparents must be practicing their faith. (Non-Catholic godparents must be Christians, actively practicing their faith.) Please call the Parish Office for additional information.*

RCIA — *Any adult interested in becoming a Roman Catholic must go through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, when available. Please call the Parish Offices for additional information.*

Marriages — *Diocesan Policies for Marriage*

Couples should inform the parish of their plans to wed, and schedule a meeting with the priest as soon as they are engaged. After meeting with the priest the couple should contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life Formation at 610-289-8900 x221 to register for the FOCCUS inventory. The FOCCUS inventory should be taken online within two weeks of the first meeting with the priest. After discussing the FOCCUS inventory with the priest the couple should register online for marriage preparation classes. These classes must be taken at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Office Hours - *Please note the Rectory offices are closed on ALL Church Holydays and National Holiday observances.*

Mass Schedules:

Mondays & Tuesdays:

at 8:00am in Incarnation Church

Thursday at 8:00am and Fridays: 12 noon in Holy Ghost Church

Saturdays: 4:00pm at Both Incarnation and Holy Ghost Churches w Confessions 3pm - 3:45pm

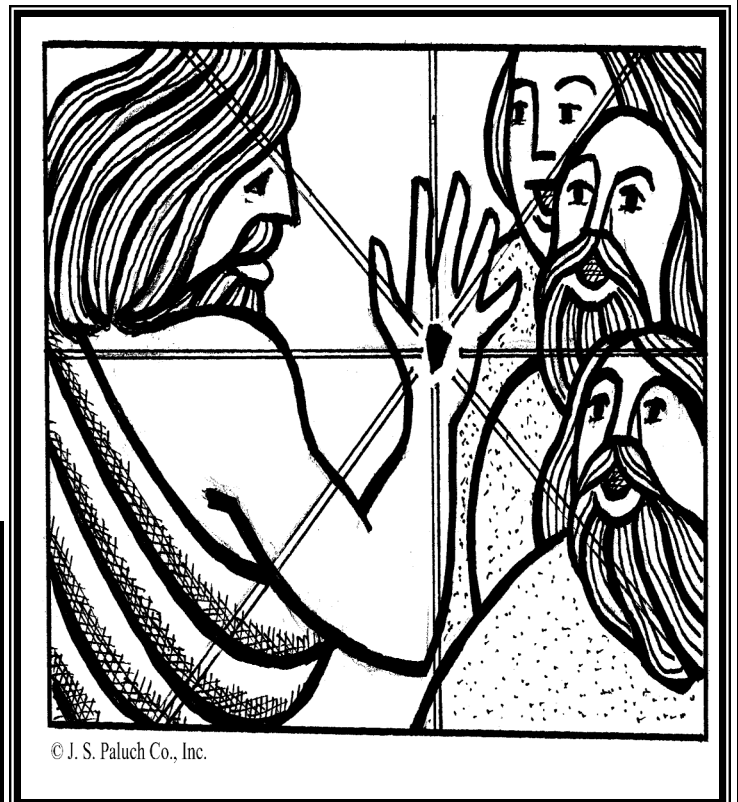
**Sundays: 8:00am in Incarnation Church
10:00am in Holy Ghost Church**

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

*Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
Confidential Telephone: 1-800-791-9209*

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

*Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J.
Telephone: 610-332-0442 ext. 19*



Holy Ghost Financial
Weekend of 3-29-15

Weekly Offering



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.

Thank you for your generosity!

Budget/Weekly \$1893.00
 Current Week \$3,165.00
 Over/under + \$1272.00

Fiscal Year 7/1/14 thru 7/1/15
 Budget to date—\$71,934.00
 Actual to date—\$62,596.00
 Over/Under—(\$9,338.00)

Parish Prayer List

Anyone in need of prayers for a special intention, sickness, emergency, grief support, medical problems, family problems, job loss, etc..... Can have the prayers of many people in Our Parish praying for you. Names may be written in the Prayer Intention Book in front of the St. Joseph's Shrine, or You may give your name (not necessary to give a reason) listed. For requests call - 610-867-9382.

Parish Prayer List and also

Please Pray for the Sick, Especially our Shut-ins at Home, in Hospitals, Nursing Homes and also special requests, especially ...

Theresa Martin... Jim K. ... Special Intentions...
 Joan Thieme... Blake Ciperski... Ruth Schaffer...
 Scott Fedor... Joseph Seaman... Marie Rosar...
 Brett Snyder... Erna Wukich... Sue Bauer...
 Pat Berger... Don Knoblick, Sr. Rachel Horwath...
 Anonymous... Helen Shivok... William Bold...
 Connie and Margaret Manfredo... Msgr. Loeper...
 Anonymous... For a Job... Frances Kurz ...
 Depression... Michael S... Arlyce Kusler...
 Millie Martucci... John Zieger... Special Intentions ...
 For luck to sell our home... Dolores Horvath...
 Fr. John P. Conte ... Alan Manfredo...
 Fr. Killian... Mary Sands... Rev. Ron Hari...
and the troops defending our Nation! 227

Holy Ghost - PRIME TIME SENIORS

A LOOK AHEAD... Meetings.....

April 20th—Speaker—Janene Holter
Education and Outreach Programs
MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

Wednesday May 13th

leave Holy Ghost 10:30am for Mohegan Sun. Cost: \$22 refund of \$25 and \$5 in Food Coupon.
 For Casino info. & Reservations Call:
 "Boots" Horwath - 610-867-4839
 or Gloria Szakos - 868-7940.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When we imagine the disciples cowering behind locked doors on the first Easter, it is a matter of the greatest urgency that the doors get opened. They are not locked in as if in prison; rather, they have chosen to marinate in fear. Both the lock and the key stand on their side of the door, in their control. Christ breaks through this significant barrier with a message of "Peace." The risen Lord's word propels them through the door and along the path leading to the consoling image of the community living in harmony in the first reading today. What do we pray for in our tradition? More than anything else, we pray for peace. Every Mass is an earnest prayer for peace with God, with self, with neighbor, and for peace in the world. Yet, curiously, the peace Christ offers is deeper than the mere absence of conflict. Our tradition treasures the memories of saints who were remarkably open to Christ's gift of peace even in the maelstroms of history. St. Edith Stein and St. Maximillian Kolbe, martyrs of the Holocaust, are but two examples. At the eye of a fearful storm, they stand as witnesses to the power of Christ's rising in our lives.

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*****Additional Palm Tree Memorial**

Given in Loving Memory of
+ Loretta & Walter Elliott
By Marilyn & Dennis Harbon & Family
Thank you!

EASTER HAM WINNERS

Mark, Joseph Zebrowski, Fran Gestl, Jane Carlin, Jean Blaukovitch, Gerry Kiefer, Carlos Molinaro, Hedge, Deanna Klipple, Jack Foley, Rose Long, Susan Silvoy.

SPRING GARAGE SALE

Date: Saturday, May 2015 (Rain or Shine)

Time: 10 AM to 1 PM

Place: Parish Garage

The first parish spring garage sale will begin to accept donations at the end of March. Future bulletins will give specific dates for dropping off items. This will be a good time to pack up those items you no longer use but may be just the thing someone else needs. Once again, we will accept only items in good (and working) condition. We will not accept clothes, shoes, toys, or outdated computers, printers or televisions. The Café on Carlton will serve grilled hot dogs, baked goods and soft drinks.

NOODLE MAKING

The noodle makers gather on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. They begin in the Msgr. Billinger Hall at 8:30AM and continue through the morning. Extra hands are always needed no experience is needed. Donations of large eggs and Gold Medal All-Purpose flour are always appreciated. Next noodle making is April 27th, - May 11th, - May 26th, - June 8th. Volunteers Needed Please!

STRUDEL SALE

St. Stephen of Hungary, 510 West Union St., Allentown PA. is the place to get authentic strudel available in the following flavors: Cabbage, Apple, Cherry, Blueberry, Peach, Potato, Poppy Seed /Apple, Sweet Cottage Cheese, Savory Cottage Cheese, and Cheeseburger. (\$15.00 to \$18.00)

Place orders by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays and pick up on the Friday of same week. Sale is ongoing. Call Aaron Voyden at [610-393-2806](tel:610-393-2806)

"CHRIST IS HERE"

"Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here."

—St. Augustine

"A CHEERFUL GIVER"

"A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given."

—St. Julian

Devotional Lamps 4/11 – 4/18

Sanctuary -

In Memory of Rose & William Dresen

Tabernacle (2) -

Special Intention - Health & Blessings on James K.

B.V.M. -

In Memory of Elizabeth Molter by the Noodle Makers

St. Joseph -

Special Intention - Health & Blessings on Michael S

Sacred Heart -

Health & Blessings on Rachel Horwath

St. Theresa -

Health & Blessings on Arlyce Kusler

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of Philip Sebastianelli (Anniv.)

Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

In Memory of Deceased Bechdolt—Boccardi Families

Pieta(2)

In Memory of Alexander & Elizabeth Trotsky

Risen Christ(2)

H & Blessing on John & Nancy Pittner by Lucy Di Campi



APRIL

12 Coffee and Donuts—(TODAY)

MAY

3 May Devotion to Mary

10 Coffee and Donuts

23 PENTECOST

30 Parish Garage Sale (10 AM – 1 PM)

May 23rd / 24th Weekend

PENTECOST SUNDAY—Our Parish Feast day!

Our theme : "Come Home to Holy Ghost."

We invite all current and former parishioners to join us on our parish Feast Day for special liturgies. Receptions will be held in Msgr. Billinger Hall following each of the Masses.

Bishop Barres will celebrate the 4pm Mass that weekend. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!**

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12th

"Divine Mercy Sunday"

"Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

— 1 John 5:5

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Happy Easter! And, most especially, Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

What a special day this is as we invoke God's Mercy not only on us but on the whole world! And, later this year, on December 8th, we have a Holy Year that will start, devoted to the Divine Mercy of God. By any chance, would you know of anyone who might be in need of God's Mercy? Perhaps that person might be a loved one, a friend, a boss, or even you! I know, for a fact, that your priest could use God's mercy ---- 24 / 7 / 365 days a year! This little Polish nun who had a difficult time finding a "home" among the convents she visited, went into a chapel, knelt in front of the crucifix and Eucharist and prayed for Mercy that she might be accepted by the Convent. Do we have that much faith that we simply pray, in His Presence, for Mercy and then believe that His Mercy overflows? During the course of her life she received Visions of Our Lord and become His Secretary of Divine Mercy, writing down what she heard Him say. Unfortunately, for many years, the Church squelched these writings until a Polish Archbishop suggested that the writings be looked at again. That same Archbishop, who as Pope, both Beatified and Canonized her and established what the Lord had asked for, that the Sunday after Easter would be Divine Mercy Sunday. Thank you Pope St. John Paul II for allowing His Mercy to reach all of us. Faustina and John Paul II are now Saints in the Church and their message of love and Divine Mercy continues. Is there any on you, male and female, young and old, who can and will pass this message on? I dearly hope and pray for that! This weekend Our Parish celebrates, at the 10:00 Mass, the First Communion of Jase Barker and Kennedy Thomas. It is my honor and privilege to feed them from the Altar for the first time. Please join me in praying that this first time will be the first of many, many times they approach the altar for the greatest gift of Divine Mercy --- the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Congratulations on this important step in your life.

(Continued, next Column)

+++ Masses for the Week +++

Sat. 4:00pm 4/11

+ Clyde Andrews by John & Nancy Pittner

Sun. April 12th

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

First Holy Communion

8:00am - at Incarnation Church

10:00am - Holy Ghost Church

+ Philip Sebastianelli (Anniv.) by Mother & Sister

Mon. Apr. 13th – Easter Weekday

8:00am Mass—Incarnation Church

Tues. Apr. 14th —Easter Weekday

8:00am Mass—Incarnation Church

Thurs. Apr. 16th—Easter Weekday

8:00am Mass- Holy Ghost Church

+ Mary Jane Giblin— Vincent Munley Family

Fri. Apr. 17th – Easter Weekday

12 Noon Mass—Holy Ghost Church

+ Rose & William Dresen by Daughter Maureen Dresen

Sat. Apr. 18th– Easter Weekday

3-3:45pm Confessions - Holy Ghost Church

3:35:pm—Rosary for Vocations

4:00pm + Mary Ninfo & Deceased Family

by Anna Marie Sorrentino

Sun. April 19th

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00am - at Incarnation Church

10:00am - Holy Ghost Church

+ Joseph Kutzera by Wiife Sophie & Children

Think about that, when we receive Holy Communion, we are receiving His Divine Mercy!

Also, Congratulations to Enrique Ruiz and Padrig Shay on being Confirmed by Bishop John O. Barres, D.D. on March 25th!

THANK YOU to the Readers, and Servers and to Ron for enhancing our Liturgies of Holy Week. Thank you to the choir --- Holy Week would not be the same without you. And thank you to Fr. Hoffa for celebrating the Liturgies while I was busy at Incarnation of Our Lord Parish.

God Bless,

Fr. Cliff