



## ***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*

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## ***The Ascension of The Lord***

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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## **FROM THE PASTORS DESK,**

***My dear parishioners and friends,***

### **"PEOPLE OF HOPE"**

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us.

Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

On another point some of you have been waiting for:  
**Holy Ghost Church and Incarnation of Our Lord Parish**

### **now provide Online Giving—**

a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just visit our website, on the front page of your bulletin, and click our Online Giving link.

When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays!

Also, We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at anytime over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at:

**[FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org)**

There are always extra pledge forms next to the church bulletins for you convenience. Thank You for your support!

**Memorial Day Mass Monday May 29th will  
be 9am in Incarnation Church.**

**God bless,**

***Fr Cliff***



## **(INC) P.A.G. NEWS**

**Buffet Breakfast – THIS Sunday, May 21, after the 8am Mass. Tickets are \$5. The buffet menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, french toast sticks, rolls, fresh fruit, orange juice, coffee, and tea.**

• **Coffee & Donuts – NEXT Sunday, May 28, 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.**

• **Mark your calendars for these other upcoming events, and stay tuned for more information about tickets/reservations and volunteer opportunities.**

= **Celebration of Sister Francine's 25th Anniversary (at our parish) and Bobby Dancho's Retirement – Saturday, June 17, after the 4pm Mass.**

= **PAG Meeting – Wednesday, June 21, 7Pm**

= **Bingo Buffet - Saturday, July 15, after the 4pm Mass.**

= **Putt U Mini Golf Family Outing - Wed., August 2.**

= **Fall Festival - Saturday, September 16.**

### **Celebration of Sister Francine's 25th Anniversary (at our parish) and Bobby Dancho's Retirement.**

**Saturday, June 17, after the 4pm Mass.**

**ADMISSION IS BY TICKET ONLY!**

**Reservations can be made after the weekend Masses by calling the Rectory 610-866-3391 from 9am—noon Monday thru Friday and leave the Names of those attending and number of tickets needed.**

**Deadline for reservations Saturday June 10th or until the tickets are gone.**

**Volunteer bakers will be needed for this affair.**

**All those interested in Baking please call Jo Zavec @ 610-867-0260 or Marie Bolcar @ 610-866-0363**

## ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY

### News and Upcoming Events:

**Food Pantry:** Our next food pantry will be held NEXT Saturday, May 27 from 10-12 noon. Please let Ruth know if you are available to help out.

**Monocacy Farm Project:** On Saturday, April 29th Ruthann Kaspern, her daughter Annmarie and Ruth planted 3 very long rows of carrots (not tomatoes as previously thought). If you are interested in volunteering to help keep our plot weeded, etc, please contact Ruth. Once we have our list of volunteers we will work with you to pair up and put a schedule together. Time commitment per week is no more than 2 hours.

**NOTE:** If you're 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!** Any questions or comments please contact Ruth Herman @ [rmh1330@aol.com](mailto:rmh1330@aol.com) or call 484-239-0243.

### (H.G.) "Oodles of Noodles"

Noodles will be made TOMORROW MONDAY May 22nd @ 8:30am after 8am Mass in Billinger Hall for the last time this season. Volunteers and Donations of Flour and Eggs are always greatly appreciated.



### Ascension Thursday May 25th Mass Schedule

A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION FOR  
ALL CATHOLICS

Wednesday, May 24th  
—EVE OF THE Holyday  
Incarnation Church 7pm

Thursday, The Holyday  
May 25th—6:30pm Holy Ghost



Monthly Mass of  
Healing & Anointing of the Sick-  
Off for the Summer. See you  
Monday September 11th.  
Confessions and Adoration 6-7  
with Mass at 7pm  
See you then! **227**

## Sunday Collections - May 14th

"Our giving to the Church is a tangible way to say thank you to God." School is winding down all over

### **Weekly Offering**



the place, but our bills don't wind down. In fact, they increase! With the warmer weather approaching we will be using our A/C more, we will be using more gas in our lawn mowers, and occasionally they need maintenance that we were not aware of in the Fall and Winter when not used. Help us meet some of these expenses. Our budget each week is about \$2000/wk barring any unforeseen expenses. Like the leak in the roof passageway of Incarnation from the Rectory to the School, that was not covered by insurance. That yielded roof repair, ceiling repair and new carpet. At Holy Ghost we still have roof and A/C repairs going on. Please help us! Thank you so much for whatever you can give.

**(H.G.) -1,776.00 (INC.) - \$2670.00**

### (INC) MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION Sale:

Thank you for supporting Pennsylvanians for Human Life Bethlehem-Easton's carnation sale. Your contribution of \$ 250 will be used for our pro-life educational activities. We appreciate all your help to promote respect for life.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal** – I am so thrilled at your response to the appeal to this point! Both parishes are at least half of our goals. Thank you so much on the part of all who are helped by the Appeal in our Diocese. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online @ [FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org). or call the Appeal Office @ 1-800-831-4443.

### **(HG) 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Total Goal:	\$14,050.30
Pledges & One-Time Gifts:	\$ 6,814.00
Amount Collected:	\$ 5,054.00
# of Registered Families	321
# of Donors	16

### **(INC) 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Total Goal:	\$15,769.05
Pledges & One-Time Gifts:	\$ 6,486.00
Amount Collected:	\$ 4,436.00
# of Registered Families	380
# of Donors	22



# SENIORS

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

**Monday June 5th BINGO**

**Monday June 19th Annual Dinner**  
**at Borderline 1pm**

**Monday July 3rd—NO MEETING**

### **MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -**

**Wednesday June 14th**

**Wednesday July 12th**

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 - 610-868-7940.

\*\*\* **ATTENTION !!! American Music trip**  
**THIS Wed. May 24th "Viva Las Vegas"**  
Departure time 9:30 am at Transbridge  
& 10:15am from Holy Ghost  
Return about 7pm.

### **Mark your calendars:**

Dec. 6th. Christmas Show—Dinner @  
PI & Fancy.

## **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. 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—Wed. July 7th @ 12 noon.**  
**With the Raffle**

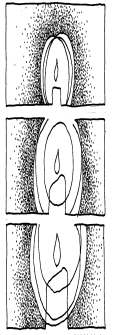
**Wednesday July 5th Annual Indoor Picnic**  
**Mark your calendars!**

## **Holy Ghost Social Committee News** **and Upcoming Events:**

**Apple Dumpling Sale—**Dumplings are available for pick-up TODAY Sunday, May 21, before and after Masses. Dumplings are made by family who owned former Meyers Restaurant.

## **PENTECOST WEEKEND—PARISH** **FEASTDAY**

Mass will be celebrated Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. Refreshments, including champagne punch, will be served in the Social Hall following each Mass. Every adult will receive a free chance to win a Feast Day present. Winners drawn on Sunday.



## **Coffee and Donuts**

June 11th & 25th.

Coffee and donuts on vacation til September.

## **"An Old-Fashioned" Ice Cream Festival**

**Tuesday June 20th—6-8pm .**

Dedicated to memory of Msgr. Billinger and his June ice cream festivals. You may even find boxes of Linette candy !! Traditional food (hot dogs, pizza, etc). Games of chance for adults. Children's games. Cake walks.

## **Annual Parish Picnic—**

Sunday AUGUST 20TH Mass at NOON  
at the Picnic Grounds – NO 10 AM  
MASS THAT DAY in Church



## **3rd Diocesan Annual Family Day At Steel Stacks**

— Sunday Sept. 24. We will again have our stand selling Cabbage Noodles and a Fun day for all ages. A Good time was had by all last year. Mass at 11am. Mark your calendars. **NO 10AM MASS IN CHURCH THAT DAY!**



**Annual Fall Fair.**  
**October 28th & 29th**

**Mark your Calendars!**

# Masses and Devotional Candles

## SAT. May 20th—Vigil Mass

@(INC) 4:00pm ✕ John Demyan by Wife Bernadette & Family

✕ Robert Gasdaska by wife Peggy & Family

## SUN. May 21st Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM (INC) ✕ Stephen Pecsek by Katrina Horon Miles

10:00AM(H.G.) ✕ Theresa & Anton Winkelbauer  
by Sandy Sule

12:10pm Packer Church—LU Baccalaureate Mass

## Mon. May 22nd—St. Rita of Cascia

(H.G.) 8AM ✕ Carol Balog by Husband Michael

## Tues. May 23rd—Easter Weekday

(H.G.) 8AM ✕ James & Mary Ford by Marie Clemens

## Wed. May 24th—EVE OF THE ASCENSION

(INC) 7:00pm ✕ Living & Deceased Parishioners

## Thurs. May 25th—ASCENSION THURSDAY

A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION FOR ALL CATHOLICS

(H.G.) 6:30PM ✕ Robert Gasdaska  
by Sandy & Bill Romanyshyn

## Fri. May. 26th—St. Philip Neri

(H.G.) 12 Noon ✕ Robert Gasdaska by Sandy & Bill  
Romanyshyn

Health & Blessings on Helen Salay

## SAT. May 27th—Vigil Mass

(INC) 3pm-3:45pm Confessions

@(INC) 4:00pm ✕ Andrew & Agnes Bruno  
by Ann Marie Anderko & Family

## SUN. May 28th

## Seventh Sunday of Easter



8:00AM (INC) ✕ John & Anna Lehman by Children John, Jr. & Jane

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

## Devotional Lamps @ Holy Ghost Church

### Sanctuary -

In Memory of ✕ Charles & Julia Sterlein

### Tabernacle (2) -

In Memory of ✕ Rose Konkolics  
by Rickey & Quigley Fam

### B.V.M. -

Special Intention - Catherine Sterlein

### St. Joseph -

For Continued Health & Blessings  
on Dennis Harbon by Wife Marilyn & Family

### Sacred Heart—

For Continued Health & Blessings on Bob Hercik

### St. Theresa -

Health & Blessings on Helen Salay

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

Health & Blessings on Yolanda Buttillo

Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

In Memory of ✕ Deceased Boccardi/Bechdolt Fams.

### Pieta—(2)

In Memory of ✕ Alexander & Elizabeth Trotsky

## St. Vincent DePaul Chapel / Tabernacle Lamp

Health & Blessings on Joann Petito

## Devotional Lamps @ Incarnation Church

### Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of

✕ Barbara Kostelnik  
by Husband George

### Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp -

In Memory of

✕ Roman Herman by Family

### St. Joseph Lamp

Health & Blessings on St. Vincent  
DePaul Food Pantry Guests



### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

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