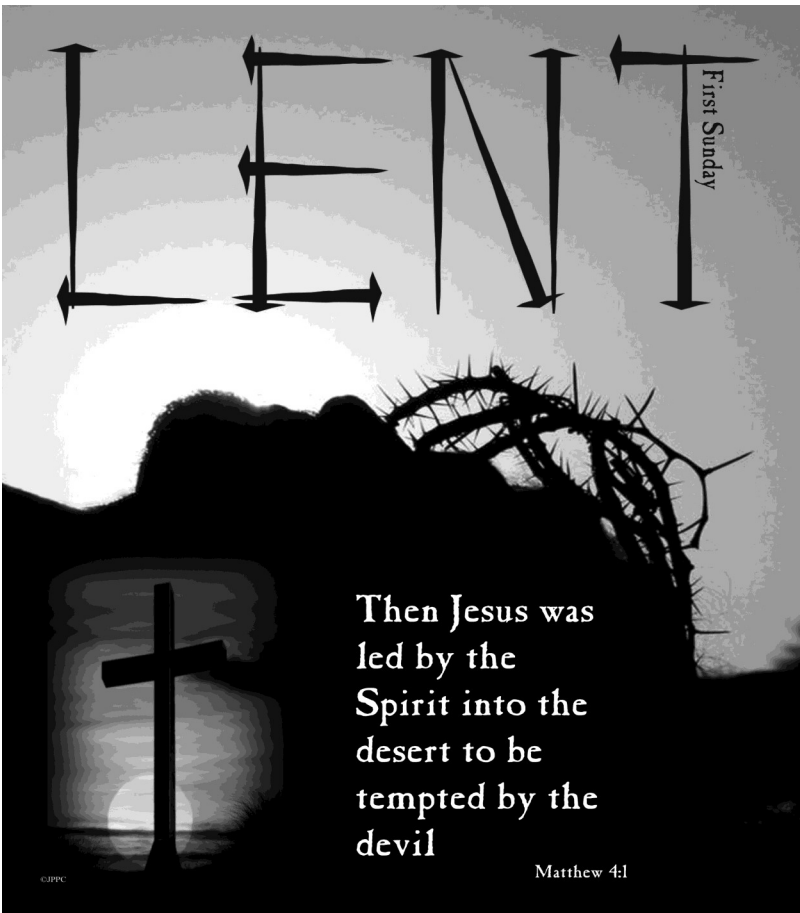




Holy Ghost Catholic Church
 A Roman Catholic Parish of the
 Diocese of Allentown
 Founded in 1871 as a German Ethnic Parish



1st Sunday of Lent ✠ ✠ ✠ **February 26th 2023**



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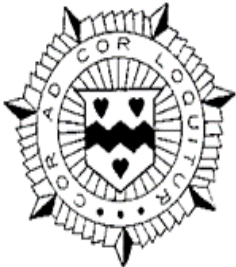
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FROM THE DESK OF Fr. Dave

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

Practicing the three pillars of Lenten observance (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) is a challenge that is not easy to face. Perhaps, if we do it together, we can make some progress. That is why it is important that we strive TOGETHER to become more prayerful during this holy season. Our Bishop's letter emphasizes the spirit of silent, reflective prayer, that we should adopt in order to grow closer to Jesus. The world is filled with idle chatter, noise, and distracting voices. Let us separate ourselves from this hindrance to real prayer. This is especially true when we prepare to participate in the holy sacrifice of Mass. Let us speak with Jesus in humble prayer as we sit in the pew before Mass. Assuredly it is a praiseworthy thing to build fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the parish family. Greeting and conversation are fine, but they can be done effectively in the vestibule of church or outside the door. Reserve the inner sanctuary of our church as a place of prayerful communion with Jesus. Obviously, this will be a sacrifice. Isn't that what Lent is all about? Adopting this practice will assuredly bring us closer to Jesus! It might run contrary to our present practice, but the effort and sacrifice will be pleasing to Jesus. I offer this challenge, to all of us as a Lenten penance (priests included). The current, official Lenten practices are easy compared to what we old timers remember. Let us adopt this new, creative way to join Jesus in carrying the cross. It can only result in a joyous Easter! Joining you in this new penance, I remain, sincerely yours in Christ,

Your pastor and friend,

Fr. David J. Kozak

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

To assist with the Altar Pieces used during Mass, mainly to do ironing at home. Please call Ron at the Rectory. 610-867-9382 #3

Parish Financials

Weekly Collection for 2 / 19 = \$ 1,543.56

Online Giving = \$ 660.00

Total = \$ 2,203.56

Thank You!

CAN YOU DO MORE FOR OUR PARISH???

Upcoming Second Collections

Feb. 26th– Pink Bonus Collection Envelope

Mar. 5th– Building & Maintenance Envelope

Mar. 12th– Rice Bowl Envelope

Mar. 19th– Easter Flower Envelope

Mar. 26th– Pink Bonus Envelope

Operation Rice Bowl

*****Please note the second collection every weekend during Lent is for**

Operation Rice Bowl.***

Please throw all other envelopes in at Offertory Time!

Bereavement Ministry

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? If you have lost a loved one through death and feel you need support on your grief journey, our parish grief ministry is here to offer support and assistance in your time of sorrow. If you need to talk or know someone who needs support, please call: (484) 274-6073 and speak to Madeline Gardner RN—Coordinator. Come let us walk this "sacred journey" with you.

We forgot to welcome the following new parishioners in last week's bulletin: Chiomi and Jude Chigozie-Okwum and their three sons, Sammi, Zimmi and Zibbi.



SAT., February 25th **Saturday VIGIL**

Confessions 3pm til 3:45 pm
4:00 pm ✕Theresa & Rudolph Damhosl by the Family

SUNDAY February 26th 2023

First Sunday of Lent

9:30am ✕Kate Cuppi by Mary Frances Schurtz-Leon

1:30pm Mass in the Ordinariate Form

Lehigh University—Packer Church

12:10pm & 9:10pm Masses

Mon., Feb. 27th—St Gregory of Narek

8:00am ✕ Carroll Moorhead by Justine Yuhas

Tues., Feb. 28th —Lenten Weekday

8:00am ✕ Stephen Morecz

LU-6:00pm ✕ Bernard Spirk
by Sister-in-Law Gloria Keeler



Wed., March 1st—Lenten Weekday

8:00am ✕ Corey Sands by Helen Maurer

Thurs., March 2nd – Lenten Weekday

8:00am ✕ Mary Morecz by her Estate

Fri., March 3rd - FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration 9:00am til 11:30am Stations of the Cross followed by Mass ✕Esther Oquendo
by Daughter Amelia E. Reyes

SAT., March 4th **Saturday Vigil**

Confessions 3pm til 3:45 pm
4:00 pm ✕Robert Flecksteiner (14th Anniv.)
by Wife Barbara & Family

SUNDAY March 5th 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

9:30am ✕Frances Blaukovitch (3rd Anniv.)
By Daughter in Law Jean Blaukovitch & Family

1:30pm Mass in the Ordinariate Form

Lehigh University—Packer Church



✕ **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS** ✕

\$10 PER WEEK PLEASE CALL
the RECTORY to reserve yours

Sanctuary

In Memory of ✕Robert Flecksteiner, Sr.
by Wife Barbara & Family

Tabernacle (2)

In Memory of ✕Robert & Dorothy Blaukovitch

St. Joseph Altar

In Memory of ✕Andrew Spevak by Wife Mariann

B.V.M Altar

In Memory of ✕John V. Kozauer

Sacred Heart



Special Intention

St. Theresa

Health & Blessings on Rachel Horwath

St. John the Hermit (San Giovanni Eremita)

In Memory of ✕ Buragino, Corroda & Shunk Families

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

Health & Blessings on Donald S. Koach

Infant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

Deceased Members Bechdolt / Boccardi Fams

Pieta

In Memory of ✕Alexander & Elizabeth Trotsky

Our Lady of Fatima

In Memory of ✕George & Concetta Petito,
Rosemarie Petito Hare & Joanne Petito

St. Monica Ministry

Are you heartbroken because members of your family have left the church? Join the St. Monica Ministry in petitioning Our Lord to draw back into the fold our loved ones who have strayed and to give strength and wisdom to those who await their return. Together we will offer our prayers at a Holy Hour offered monthly at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, 1408 Easton Rd., Hellertown. Please join us to pray for your loved ones at 6pm on the second Wednesday of each month: March 8, @HOLY GHOST, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13. No registration is required. For more info or updates on this ministry, email Celeste Behe at StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: "THE MISSION OF HOLY GHOST PARISH IS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS AND TO LIVE HIS MESSAGE OF FAITH, LOVE AND FORGIVENESS, WE SHARE THIS NOT ONLY WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY BUT ALSO IN THE LIVES OF ALL WE TOUCH. TO THIS END WE PLACE OURSELVES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PRAY FOR GUIDANCE TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY."

DO YOU ATTEND MASS HERE—BUT HAVEN'T REGISTERED YET? IT'S VERY EASY..... AND YOU ARE MOST WELCOME HERE WITH US!

We encourage all Catholics to become active participants in the life of our Holy Ghost Parish Family. Please call the Rectory 867-9382 EXT. #3 for more information.

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..ON LINE GIVING PLEASE GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO.

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 Rectory for additional information.

CCD — All Children grades 1—8 in Public School MUST register. All the Sacraments are to be received in the Parish Church you are Members of. All are Welcome! CCD every Wednesday night 6:15-7:30pm at St. Ursulas upper School. Contact Anne Korves , Coordinator 610-570- 7414 Classes started September 21st

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

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC,
Direct Telephone Number: 1-800-791-9209

Secretary for Youth Protection Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS Telephone Number: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

COURAGE — Diocesan Help Line: 610-217-5557

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling (800) 276-1562.

Annual OPERATION RICE BOWL

During Lent a true disciple adopts a simpler style of eating. We are encouraged to do that and donate the money saved for the needs of the hungry in the world. Every Sunday during Lent you will be able to place your sacrificial offerings in special collection envelopes sent to your homes with your regular Collection envelopes. They are sent to Catholic World Relief for food for the hungry. Operation Rice Bowl was established here in our own Diocese of Allentown and has become a Nation-Wide Campaign.

DONORS NEEDED PLEASE - Memorials Palm Trees are Available for Memorializing for the Easter Season in BOTH Churches – Palm Cost \$25ea. The Names will appear in the Bulletin! If Interested please contact the Rectory as soon as possible please. Donations and Memorial names may be dropped in the collection basket anytime deadline SUNDAY, March 26th !

Special Collection—

The Catholic Bishops have asked all churches in the United States to take an extraordinary second collection for the Catastrophic loss of lives and devastation in the countries of Turkey & Syria following the large earthquakes and aftershocks. We will take up this collection the weekend of March 11th & 12th. We ask that you put your donations in an envelope marked for this purpose and put it in the collection that weekend to receive proper credit.

Prime Time Seniors Group

***PRIME TIME SENIORS** meet on the first and third Monday of each month. Anyone age 55 and older is eligible to join. Dues are \$10 per year.*

The 2022 NEW officers are:

Carol Barron, President;

Sue Grady, Vice President;

Phyllis Hageter, Secretary and

Jean Blaukovitch, Treasurer.

Refreshments are served at each meeting.

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, March 6th —Bingo

Mark Your Calendars

The annual St. Joseph's Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 25th, between 5pm and 7 PM in the parish social hall. It is an Italian buffet dinner. Watch future bulletins for the menu and how to purchase tickets.

LENTEN "Grab N Go"

FISH DINNERS -

*All FRIDAYS during Lent, 4-5:30pm
Must Order Monday before. Most dinners \$15.00 unless otherwise noted, all dinners include sides.*

Fri., Mar. 3rd Breaded Haddock \$15,

Fri., Mar. 10th Tavern Battered Cod \$15,

Fri., Mar. 17th St. Patrick's Day

Stuffed Flounder w Crab or Corn Beef & Cabbage—\$17 for either one.

Fri., March 24th Tavern Battered Cod \$15

Fri., March 31st Crab Patties \$15 Must

Order Monday before. For Orders and Info. Call 610-867-9382 #3 Order Forms next to the Church Bulletins.

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