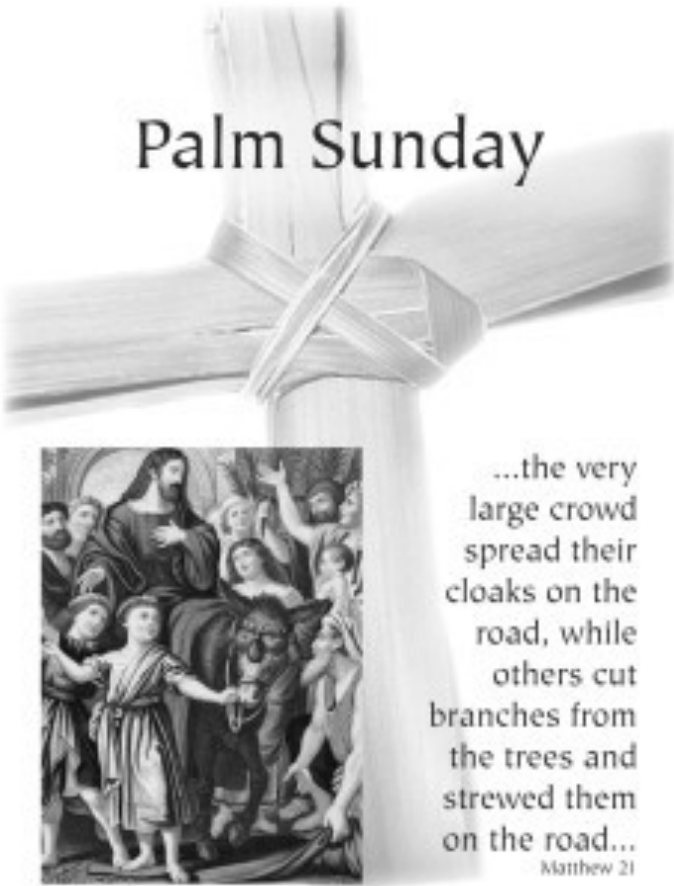




Holy Ghost Catholic Church
A Roman Catholic Parish of the
Diocese of Allentown
Founded in 1871 as a German Ethnic Parish



Passion PALM Sunday ❖ HOLY WEEK ❖ April 2nd 2023



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FROM THE DESK OF Fr. Dave

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ!
We open these most Holy days with HOSANNAS and palm branches. Do we understand what is being done for our salvation? The word HOSANNA literally means “grant Salvation!!” God’s people are welcoming and acknowledging Him as a triumphant Savior. Jesus is finally acclaimed as the answer to all the pain and suffering present in our lives. But will it last? Many other conquering heroes were acclaimed by people waving and strewing palm branches in ancient times. Today their names are splashed on social media and in the news. Shortly, many are forgotten and their brief time in the sun is over. Only Jesus is able to retain His triumph over evil (sin) and share it with us! He does this enduring the pain, rejection, and humiliation of the Passion. That is why the official name of our celebration today is SUNDAY OF THE PASSION. Jesus achieves eternal triumph over sin and death through His ultimate sacrifice and calls us to do the same. Let us live these days of Holy Week in profound communion with Him and with our brothers and sisters. Let us willingly shout HOSANNA today and LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED on Good Friday in order to shout with joy and gratitude “HE IS RISEN. TRULY HE IS RISEN!” next Sunday.

My prayers go out for you and your families for a spiritually fruitful Holy Week.

Your pastor and friend,

Fr. David J. Kozak

2023 MASS INTENTIONS -
WE ARE IN NEED OF MASS INTENTIONS OUR MASS LOG IS BEING DEPLETED AND WE NEED INTENTIONS PLEASE. Please call Ron or Lisa at the Rectory 610-867-9382 #3 with your Mass and Lamp Requests.

Parish Financials

Weekly Collection for 3 / 26 = \$ 1,961.56

Online Giving = \$ 495.00

Total = \$ 2,456.56 Thank You!

CAN YOU DO MORE FOR OUR PARISH???

Upcoming Second Collections

April 2nd Palm Sunday and Building & Maintenance

April 7th Holy Land Coll. -Good Friday

April 9th EASTER & Sunday Collections

April 30th 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!

GARAGE SALE

House Cleaning? Start collecting items for the parish annual sales. First one is Saturday, May 27th and we can start accepting items now already. Please call Ron or Lisa at the rectory before you come to make sure someone is here.

“Guided Steps”

a bereavement support group, will begin a new session on Wednesday, April 12 from 1 to 3pm in the Jubilee Center of Assumption Parish. The group will meet for 8 sessions, ending May 31st . For more information or to register, please call Carol Barron, 610-428-0617 or Claudia Lentz , 610-360-3129.



SAT., APRIL 1st **Saturday Vigil**

Confessions 3pm til 3:45 pm
4:00 pm ✕Rose Ann Ruth by Husband Ed & Son Brian

SUNDAY APRIL 2nd

PASSION + + + PALM + + + SUNDAY
9:30am ✕Patricia Petito by R. J. Koach, Jr.

1:30pm Mass in the Ordinariate Form

Lehigh University—Packer Church
12:10pm & 9:10pm

Please take time to walk with the Lord this Holy Week and join us for Services!

Monday of Holy Week—Apr. 3rd

8:00am ✕ Stephen Morecz
6:00pm—8:00pm CONFESSIONS W/ ADORATION

Tuesday of Holy Week.—Apr. 4th

8:00am ✕Victor F. Finelli Sr.

Wednesday of Holy Week— Apr. 5th

10:30am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral



Thurs., Apr. 6th—Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lords Supper

7:00pm ✕Living & Deceased Parishioners
Procession and Adoration at the Repository til 11:30pm

Fri., April 7th—Good Friday – FIRST FRIDAY

Church opens 9am for Visits
3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

SAT. APRIL 8th **EASTER VIGIL**

11:00am CHILDRENS EGG HUNT
12NOON EASTER FOOD BLESSING
8:00 pm ✕Solemn Easter Vigil

SUNDAY April 9TH 2023 **EASTER SUNDAY**

9:30am Solemn Mass of Easter
✕Living & Deceased Parishioners

12 NOON Solemn EASTER Mass
in the Ordinariate Form

Solemn Easter Mass 12:10pm in Packer Church—LU
Lehigh Univ.—NO 9:10pm Mass Today

✕ DEVOTIONAL LAMPS ✕

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

Sanctuary

Health & Blessings on Patricia Nochton

Tabernacle (2)

In Memory of ✕Joseph R. Koach (Anniv.)

St. Joseph Altar

In Memory of ✕Andrew Spevak by Wife Mariann

B.V.M Altar

In Memory of ✕Deceased Members of the
Blaukovitch & Bauer Families

Sacred Heart

Health & Blessings on Donald S. Koach

St. Theresa

Special Intention

St. John the Hermit (San Giovanni Eremita)

Deceased Buragino Corroda, Shunk Family

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

Health & Blessings on Correia Family

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

*******Silence in Church*******

In speaking about silence in the Liturgy and in Church, Pope Francis says that when we don't observe this silence, we "risk neglecting the recollection of the soul."

We "Enter into silence before the Most Blessed Sacrament to speak with and listen to Jesus" whether exposed on the Altar or in the Tabernacle it is meant to remind each of us to create that environment of silence in the sacred place of any Church. When the Most Blessed Sacrament is Exposed on the Altar or not there should be no talking with others because all the attention should be on His Holy Presence. The purpose is to encourage everyone to enter into the heavenly mysteries that we celebrate and expose us to an encounter with the Living God.



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.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Inviting all children ages 1 to 11 to our Annual Easter Egg hunt on Sat., April 8th, at 11 AM. We have noticed that attendance has dwindled since the pandemic, and we are hoping that more children will attend this year's event. Remember that you may bring your children, grandchildren or other family members. Children do not need to be members of the Parish to participate. **If it rains on Sat. April 8th, the Easter Egg Hunt will not be held.**

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 taking place at St. Theresa Parish, Hellertown on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00pm. Displayed for prayer and veneration will be a new icon of St. Monica, created especially for the ministry by Msgr. Robert Kozel. All are warmly invited to join us as we come together in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking Our Lord's mercy and invoking the powerful intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones. Fellowship in the Parish Center will follow the Holy Hour. Registration is not required.



Prime Time Seniors Group

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

The 2023 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

THIS MONDAY, April 3rd

“Grab N Go” DINNER -

Sat. April 15th—Chicken Paprikash over Egg Noodles, Veggie and Rye Bread. \$15.00

Order deadline is Mon. Apr. 10th

For Orders and Info.

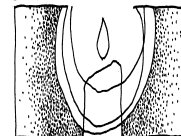
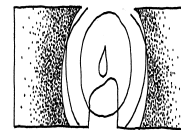
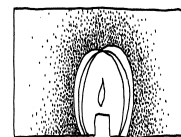
Call 610-867-9382 #3 Order Forms next to the Church Bulletins.

Thank You!!!

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the annual St. Joseph's dinner.

The social hall was almost filled to capacity. Chefs Michael Bartolacci and Steph Lee did an outstanding job. We appreciate their hard work and generosity. Thank you to all those who helped to set up the hall, serve the food, clean-up after the dinner and contributed in any way to this event's success.

See you next year!!!



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