

ANNUAL EASTER HAM RAFFLE, COFFEE AND DONUTS AND EASTER CANDY Palm Sunday April 5th after the 10am Mass in Msgr. Billinger Hall. 10 Hams will be raffled off. Extra tickets are available in the Sacristy, Rectory or Msgr. Billinger Social Hall. Also, Coffee and Donuts will be served and Homemade Easter Candy will be available.

DONORS NEEDED PLEASE - Memorials

Palm Trees are Available for Memorializing for the Easter Season in the Church – Palm Cost \$20ea. The Names will appear in the Bulletin! If Interested please contact Ron at the Rectory 610-867-9382 as soon as possible! Donations and Memorial names may be dropped in the collection basket anytime!

OPERATION RICE BOWL

During Lent a true disciple adopts a more simple 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.

PRIME TIME SENIORS GROUP

Meets the first and third Monday of each month, 1:00PM, in the Msgr. Billinger Social Hall. A brief business meeting is held followed by an activity. Refreshments are always served. Join the group now! Yearly dues are \$10.00. Next meetings are scheduled for Mondays, March 2nd, March 16th, April 6th and April 20th.

Bingo is played at the first monthly meeting; a Program with guest speaker, entertainment or special event is held the second meeting of the month. Anyone age 55 or older is eligible to join. You do not have to be a member of Holy Ghost parish to join this group. Annual dues are \$10. Refreshments are served at every meeting.

F. Y. I. OTHER PLANNED TRIPS.....

Sight & Sound presents “Queen Esther”. Date is June 9th. Bus will leave Holy Ghost at 8:30 AM; show is at 11:00 AM. Buffet after the show at Bird-in-Hand Restaurant in Lancaster. Cost is \$100 – make reservations now. You can pay in instalments; balance due by May 9th. This price is much lower than prices being charged by other groups.

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS -

On March 11, 2020, the bus trip will be to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. Bus will leave Holy Ghost at 8:30 AM. Cost is \$35. For Casino info. & ALL Reservations Call: “Boots” Horwath - 610-867-4839 or Gloria Szakos – 610-868-7940.

FOOD FOR THE POOR - Monthly Collection

The Third Sunday of the month is designated in Holy Ghost Parish to collect food that is taken to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at Incarnation of Our Lord Parish for distribution which serves on an average 30+ Families a month in need. When shopping, please consider picking up a few extra items, or donate the “free” item in buy one-get one free offers. Things especially needed are cold cereals, canned meat, canned tuna fish, Asst Soups, Jell-O, baked beans-dried or canned, spaghetti sauces, canned vegetables, pasta (any kind), jelly, peanut butter, Ketchup, Mustard. The Bin is located in the rear of the Church.

NOODLE MAKING ‘Oodles of Noodles’

The noodle makers gather Mar 9th, March 23rd, and April 27th, to make noodles. 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. Watch the bulletin for extra dates and times.

2020 MASS INTENTIONS -

The Mass Intention Book for 2020 is now open. Please call Ron or Lisa at the Rectory 610-867-9382 #3 with your Mass and Lamp Requests.

Coffee and Donuts

March 15 July 21 October 18 April 5 August 16
November 22 June 14 September 20 December 20

Annual St. Joseph's Day Dinner

Saturday March 21st after 4pm Mass in Billinger Hall. Adults: \$10 and children ages 6-12—\$6.00. Menu: Spaghetti, Ziti, Meatballs, Sausage, Salad and Dessert. Tickets go on sale beginning the weekend of Feb. 29th - March 1st or reservations can be made by calling Jean Blaukovitch @ 610-791-0749 and leave a message. Leave your name, number and total tickets needed. You will get a confirmation call and your tickets can be picked up at the weekend Masses. All are Welcome! Spread the Word! Dinner will be served beginning at 5 PM. Last time for seating is 6:15 PM

PINK BONUS ENVELOPE

F. Y. I.

What is this?

Included in your packet of envelopes is a Pink Bonus envelope. This is an optional Parish Fundraiser that replaces the former Parish Lottery. Drawings, with payouts of 15%, 10% and 5% of the amount collected for that month will be held at Coffee & Donuts Sunday of every month. The Offering is \$5.00 monthly. The drawing is held after the 10am Mass with Coffee & Donuts Sundays. Bonus envelopes must be received before the First Sunday of every month to be eligible for the drawing for that particular month. Additional pink envelopes are available next to the bulletins, if needed. Thank You for your support!

(HG) - HELP*PIEROGIES Volunteers Please reserve March 17TH thru March 19th to help make Pierogies. Daily from 8:30am until 4pm. Volunteers also for cleanup from 4pm - 7pm if you cannot make it during the daytime hours! All and any help is welcomed. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY Donations of Eggs & Flour are always graciously accepted! Order Forms are next to the Church Bulletins in Church. Deadline for Orders is Tuesday March 10th 5pm NO LATER!**

Ember Days

As the Season of Lent approaches, His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert asks the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to celebrate the Ember Days for the Season as a sign of reparation and healing for the Church. Ember Days are quarterly observances with three days set aside (Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday) to pray in gratitude for the blessings of the season and human labor, to thank God publicly. There are twelve Ember Days in all.

Holy Mother Church provides many opportunities to refresh and renew. The Lenten Ember Days blends with the season of Lent, providing reminders to continue and persevere in the spirit of conversion and penance. The fasting and abstinence would follow the current laws of the Church, with abstaining being from all meat, and fasting would be one full meal a day, with the allowance of two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal, and no eating between meals.

The Church no longer regularly ordains priests during the Quarterly Ember Days, but traditionally this is a special time, particularly Ember Saturday, to pray for priests and for seminarians.

The Lenten Ember Days for 2020 are as follows: Wednesday, March 4, 2020, Friday, March 6, 2020, and Saturday, March 7, 2020

Parish Choir – Needs More Members

The choir sings at the 10AM Mass each Sunday from September through June. They also enhance the liturgies for all major Holy Day celebrations. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings @ 7:15 PM. All are encouraged to participate. Reading music is not a requirement and there is no audition. All Are Welcome to join. This is your invitation just go up to the Choir Loft next time you are in church.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 11 starting at 10:00 AM Held rain or shine !!!

Bring your children, grandchildren, friends – ages 10 and under.

OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

Wednesday, June 17, starting at 5:00 PM Part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration. We may not be able to have Linette candy, but we'll do our best to re-create some of the other traditions of festivals run by Monsignor Billinger. Come out and enjoy traditional festival foods – Bingo and wheel games for adults; Traditional Cake Walk; Fish Pond and other games for children. If anyone has any photos from past festivals, please contact the parish office. We would like to make copies of them and put them on display.

FOOD SALES

HOME-MADE SOUPS

- **Beef Vegetable soup**
Pick up 2/22 and 2/23
- **Manhattan Clam Chowder**
 - **Orders due 3/17; Pick up 3/21 and 3/22**
- **Cost: \$10 per quart. Order forms available in church**

EASTER CANDY will be sold April 4 and 5. Order forms will be available in church weekend of March 21.

HOME-MADE SHOO FLY PIES will be sold April 25 and 26. Order forms will be available in church April 5.

LIVE your Faith this LENT

Are you troubled by the divisive, hate-filled state of our world today? Do you wonder if we can ever get past the hostility and loneliness that seems so pervasive? Whose job is it to RENEW our world?

Our group has been meeting throughout the past six weeks to share insights into the tenets of our Catholic faith. It has been a great

opportunity to discuss what we BELIEVE and to clarify some of the doctrines and practices of Catholicism through the lenses of the Scriptures and the Catholic Catechism.

The atmosphere is very welcoming and not at all judgmental. Everyone's voice is heard and valued. We meet every Friday for the 12 noon Mas, follow by a shared meal (usually soup or sandwiches) and informal discussion, guided by materials from the RENEW Series.

As we begin the 2020 Lenten season, we invite you to join us on Friday afternoons starting Feb. 28th as we explore our call to LIVE our faith in our daily lives. Gather with us this Lenten season to share some food for thought to warm our hearts, challenge our minds and stir our souls to action. All Are Welcome!

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Noodle Order Form

Date: _____ **Name** _____

Phone #: _____

Homemade Noodles \$4.00lb.

Fine Noodles # _____ x \$4.00= \$ _____

Wide Noodles # _____ x \$4.00= \$ _____

Square Noodles # _____ x \$4.00=\$ _____

Total Due

Upon Pick Up \$ _____

Order forms may be placed in the collection basket or by calling Gloria Szakos (610)868-7940 or Stephanie Lee (610)248-5303.

Thank you!!!

