



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



6th Sunday of Easter ❖Mother's Day❖ May 14th 2023



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FROM THE DESK OF Fr. Dave

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

The Risen Jesus gives us a fine Easter gift during this month of May. We are invited to pause and reflect upon our role of our Mother Mary the Immaculate Virgin. May is Mary's month and it comes around when the Easter season is in "full bloom".

Mary shows her self to be both the Sorrowful Mother standing at the foot of the Cross AND the Queen of heaven who rejoices because her Son is risen as He said. The beauty of nature, the spring flowers and our beautiful Marian hymns all reflect the beauty of God's masterpiece of immaculate humanity. In the middle of all this, Marian devotion comes Mother's Day! We, as Catholic Christians have two mothers; our earthly mother, (living or deceased,) and our Immaculate Mother in heaven. Let us honor them BOTH by praying the rosary at home and in church. Designate prayer times to honor Mary with her favorite prayer. In religious education class this past year; the practice of praying the rosary has been especially emphasized. The visit of the Pilgrim Virgin of our Lady of Fatima is a cause for great rejoicing and renewed devotion. To our blessed mother Jesus joined Mary in prayer in the upper Rome together with the apostles, invoking the Holy Spirit. God is good, and he will never allow us to be without Mary a loving mother. The Holy Rosary is prayer before the Saturday afternoon Mass every week again since it stopped because of Covid. What a blessing to be able to do this again. All are invited to join us. Please make our community known it for its devotion to the Blessed mother. Please continue to Pray the rosary for those who recently received confirmation and are now receiving first holy communion. They are special children of Mary. Need the prayers of the mother of God tell protect their innocence and holiness. Be sure of my prayers to the virgin for you and your family.



Your pastor and friend,

Fr. David J. Kozak

**The Paschal (Easter) Candle Burns
this Easter Season:**

*In Loving Memory of ✕ Corey Sands by Wife Mary,
Children & Grandchildren*

Parish Financials

Weekly Collection for 4 / 30 = \$ 1,528.56

Online Giving = \$ 570.00

Total = \$ 2,098.56

CAN YOU DO MORE FOR OUR PARISH???

Upcoming Second Collections

*May 14th—Air Conditioning Maintenance
Envelope*

May 18th—Ascension of the Lord

May 28th—Pink Bonus & Parish Feast Day

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC!!

Dear Friends:

We are kicking off the 2023 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal in our parish and throughout our Diocese. We join our Catholic brothers and sisters throughout our Diocese to provide support for vital services like Catholic

Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians and Deacons, Catholic schools, and support for our centers for special learning. Every year the Appeal

challenges us to look outside our parish boundaries to support the universal ministries of our Church. I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important Diocesan fundraising

initiative and ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in making your gift to the Appeal and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org, or call the Appeal Office @ 1-800- 831-4443.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Dave

ASCENSION THURSDAY
THIS THURSDAY, MAY 18TH
ALL CATHOLICS MUST
ATTEND MASS
5/18—8AM & 6PM

SAT., May 6th **Saturday Vigil**

Confessions 3pm til 3:45 pm
4:00 pm **✠MOTHERS DAY INTENTIONS**

SUNDAY May 14th 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHERS DAY

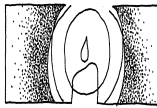
9:30am **✠MOTHERS DAY INTENTIONS**

1:30pm Mass in the Ordinariate Form

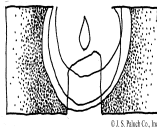
Mon., May 15th—St. Isidore
8:00am **✠Deacon Albert W. Chesnavage**



Tues., May 16th—Easter Weekday
8:00am **✠Robert Myles**



Wed., May 17th— St. John of Avila
8:00am **✠Eleanor Monroe by Steven Sell**
7:00pm Mass in the Ordinariate Form



Thurs., May 18th—ASCENSION OF THE LORD
8:00am **✠ George Maurer by Wife Helen & Family**
6:00pm Living & Deceased of Holy Ghost

Fri., May 19th—Sts. Nereus & Achilleus
8:00am **✠ Health & Blessings on Andrew Bednar Family**
by Joe Adamcik & Family

SAT. May 20th **Saturday VIGIL**

LEHIGH GRADUATION MASS

4:00 pm **✠Dr. Robert Stull by Wife Debbie & Family**

SUNDAY May 21st 2023
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30am **✠Health & Blessings on Catherine Hageman**
by Sister Mary Ellen Lang

1:30pm Mass in the Ordinariate Form



✠ DEVOTIONAL LAMPS ✠

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

Sanctuary

In Memory of **✠Rev. Frederick J. Przydzial**
Tabernacle (2)

In Memory of **✠Rev. Joseph M. Pugliese**
St. Joseph Altar

In Memory of **✠Andrew Spevak by Wife Mariann**
B.V.M Altar

In Memory of **✠ Rev. Msgr. Paul J. Firczak**
Sacred Heart

Health & Blessings on Donald S. Koach
St. Theresa

Special Intention

St. John the Hermit (San Giovanni Eremita)

In Memory of Living & Deceased Foiano Descendants
St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

In Memory of **✠ Richard F. Simmers, Jr by R. 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

*******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.*

DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE !!!!!

Work has begun =preparing home-made JAMS & JELLIES. If you are shopping, please pick up a box or two of CERTO Light (low sugar) Sure Jell (pink boxes). Prices are going up and we are buying this essential ingredient now so that we can keep prices down.

GARAGE SALE

House Cleaning? We are collecting items for the parish annual sales. OUR First one is Saturday, May 27th 9am—1pm and we are accepting items now. Please call Ron or Lisa at the rectory before you come to make sure someone is here or John Bauer 484-767-3898 or Lori Bauer 610-691-6762

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal

On this Mother's Day weekend please remember all mothers in every circumstance, Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves, who are managing busy schedules, dealing with outside influences and may have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese for assistance. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

Thank You! Thank You!

"BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC"

Parish Goal:	\$ 7,469.00
Committed:	\$ 2,570.00
Total Collected:	\$ 2,170.00
Number of Donors:	22
Average Gift:	\$ 116.82
# of Registered Families:	306

PLEASE HELP US MAKE OUR GOAL AGAIN THIS YEAR!

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 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

MONDAY, May 15th



SENIORS TRIPS

Wednesday, May 24th

ATLANTIC CITY RESORTS

LEAVE HOLY GHOST 8:45AM

Cost \$37.00 rebate \$15

MYSTERY TRIP

WEDNESDAY OCT. 18TH

ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS SHOW

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15TH

COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAYS

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP

AFTER THE 9:30AM MASS ON

THE SUNDAYS BELOW.

May 14th—May Crowning

May 28th—PENTECOST -

- OUR PARISH FEASTDAY -

June 25th

July 16th

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