

Holy Ghost Catholic Church

Founded in 1871 as a German Ethnic Parish

The Traditional Latin Mass Parish in the Diocese of Allentown.



Holy Ghost Parish is an Apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

8th Sunday after Pentecost ■

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¥ July 23rd 2023



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The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter is a Clerical Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right.

All Masses, Liturgies, and Sacraments are offered according to the traditional Roman Rite of the Catholic Church.



FROM THE BISHOPS OFFICE

Dear Father Pendergraft,

I wish to extend to you and the parishioners of the former St. Stephen of Hungary Parish my profound gratitude for the overwhelming expressions of support and prayers for my episcopal ministry, especially with the recent passing of my father.

I am deeply grateful for the many Spiritual Bouquets, expressions of prayerful support, and cards that I received from your parishioners. Truly their deep faith and their love for their Bishop stand as a testament to their commitment to the Church. Please convey to them my deep appreciation and prayers.

With gratitude for your thoughtful correspondence, and invoking the blessing of Almighty God upon you and the parish community, I am Fraternally yours in Christ, I am,

¥Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown



Holy Mother Church celebrates the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on July 31. While healing from a cannonball wound received in battle, Ignatius read about Christ and turned entirely to God, later founding the Jesuit order. St. Ignatius made the restoration of piety among Catholics his first concern, increasing the beauty of sacred places, providing catechetical instruction, increasing the frequency of sacraments, and giving help to any in need. His zeal for spreading God's love and the salvation of souls was marvelous, and he worked at these tirelessly. He stated, "Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His Grace to mold them accordingly." St. Ignatius is known by many for his book the Spiritual Exercises, which are a set of meditations and prayers focused on detaching the soul from the world and finding God's will for your life. They are a spiritual treasure that would be wonderful to use to increase one's devotion. In the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius strongly recommends making a daily examination of conscience to take stock of one's day. It recalls the Morning Offering and examines the day with love, contrition, and gratitude. To make an examination, St Ignatius suggests five steps. In summary they are:

***Recall you are in the presence of God Who is your Creator and Who loves you. Give thanks to God for this day's gifts. Ask for the Holy Ghost's help to examine yourself without condemnation or complacency. Now examine how you lived this day in relation to God, to neighbor, and to self. Review the day, hour by hour. What was God trying to tell you through the events and the people you encountered today? Pray words of reconciliation and resolve. Having reviewed this day of your life, look upon yourself with compassion and see your need for God, remembering His love for you.

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SUNDAY, July 23rd 2023 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am **№**The John O'Connell Family by Daughter Boots & Family

10:30am

Missa Pro Populo

<u>Tues., July 25th—St. James the Greater, Apostle St. Christopher</u>
8:00am

Maryrose Paxson

<u>Wed., July 26th—St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed</u> <u>Virgin Mary</u>

8:00am **⊻**Kathleen Rock

Fri., July 28th— Ss. Nazarius and Celsus, Martyrs, Victor I Pope & Martyr, & St. Innocent I Pope & Confessor 8:00am

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SAT., July 29th—St. Martha, Virgin, Ss.Felix, Simplicius, Faustinus & Beartice, Martyrs 8:00am ★John & Agnes Repasch by the Family

SUNDAY, July 30th 2023 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am **Bernadine** & Don Knoblick, Sr. by Margot & Don Knoblick, Jr.

10:30am

Missa Pro Populo

Ask Father Nite—An invitation from Fr.

Pendergraft our pastor to all our original parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish: Do you have questions or concerns? Would you like to get to know your new pastor a little better? Please join Father Pendergraft for a special evening just for you.

DATE: THIS Wed., July 26th at 6:30

PM. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

DEVOTIONAL LAMPS

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

Sanctuary
No Intention

St. Joseph Altar

No Intention

B.V.M Altar

No Intention

Sacred Heart

No Intention

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St. Theresa

No 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

Allen Sigley by Aunt Dolores Judd

nfant of Prague - St. John Capistrano

No Intention

Our Lady of Fatima

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

Reminder!!!

Please remember to silence or shut off your cell phones when coming into church.

Parish Financials

Weekly Collection for 7/16 \$ 2,840.00 + Online Giving = \$ 355.00

Total \$ 3,195.00 THANK YOU!!!

CAN YOU DO MORE FOR YOUR PARISH??

Coffee after 8:30am Mass,
Potluck after 10:30am Mass
Everyone is invited!
Father Pendergraft encourages everyone to attend catechism including those who attend an earlier Mass.
When Father begins Catechism, those who wish to converse, play and socialize are asked to exit the parish hall to do so.

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.

<u>Baptisms</u> — 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.

<u>RCIA</u>—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.

<u>Marriages</u> — 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.

<u>Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator</u> 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

<u>CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE</u> 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.

Express sorrow for sin, give thanks for grace, and praise God for the times you responded in ways that allowed you to better see God's life. Most of all, thank God for how He used you as an instrument of His love, peace, and mercy.

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St. Ignatius also wrote a prayer named the Suscipe; suscipe is the Latin word for receive. This prayer was not included in St. Ignatius' four week Spiritual Exercises. Instead St. Ignatius attached the Suscipe to the end of the Exercises as additional material for the "contemplation for attaining love." At this point Ignatius focused on the immeasurable love of God for all of creation and all that God has given, even His Life. Then Ignatius pondered what he might offer to such a loving God, and as the prayer relates, the answer is himself. The Suscipe is a brief but beautiful prayer that everyone could use as a form of meditation and offering to God.

Suscipe

Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess You have given me: I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will. Give me only Your love and Your grace; with these I will be rich enough, and will desire nothing more. --St. Ignatius of Loyola

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--St. Ignatius of Loyola



Prime Time Seniors Group

<u>Dues are \$10 per year.</u>
<u>The 2023 officers are:</u>
<u>Carol Barron</u>, President;
<u>Sue Grady, Vice President;</u>
<u>Phyllis Hageter</u>, Secretary and Jean Blaukovitch, Treasurer.

Refreshments are served at each meeting.
MONDAY, August 21st Indoor PICNIC

<u>SENIORS TRIPS : MYSTERY TRIP</u> WED., OCT. 18TH

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

New Members Welcome

Holy Ghost Prime Time Seniors is open to anyone 55 years of age and older. Meetings are held

in Msgr. Billinger Social Hall on the first and third Mondays each month starting at 1 PM. We hope that our new, eligible parishioners will join Seniors. We invite you to attend our annual indoor picnic on

Monday, August 21st at 1 PM.
There will be plenty of good food and fun. If you would like to attend the picnic, please contact Carol Barron at 610-428-0617 or by



email: abvmprek@yahoo.com reservations no later than August 14th. If you have any general questions about Prime Time Seniors, you can also contact Carol.

40th Anniversary of Ordination Of Fr. David Kozak

Mass will be celebrated on Sat, Sept. 16th at 4pm at Immaculate Conception Church, 501 Ridge Ave., Allentown, A reception will follow at The Polish American Citizens Society, 446 N. Front St., Tickets-Adults \$45 Children aged 5-12 \$15

Please RSVP to Agata at
(201) 214-8853 by August 15th.

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