



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.



15th Sunday after Pentecost ❖ ❖ ❖ September 10th 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.

On September 14 Holy Mother Church celebrates the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, which commemorates three events: the finding of the True Cross in the 4th century by St. Helena, the dedication of the basilica built by St. Helena and Constantine over the Holy Sepulchre, and the rescuing of the Holy Cross from the Persians in 629. On this feast we exalt the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Exalting the Cross is thus adoration of Jesus Christ who suffered, died, and rose for our redemption.

- **"We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light... [T]he cross is something wonderfully great and honourable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both His miracles and His sufferings were fully rewarded with victory.**
- **The cross is honourable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of His victory. It stands for His suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also His trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world...."**
---St. Andrew of Crete+

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+On this blessed feast day, let us also think of our own crosses and lovingly embrace them as a means to grow closer to God. Instead of complaining of our crosses and trials, we need to ask ourselves, as St. Josemaria Escriva suggests, "...what is this compared to what I deserve?" On this feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, let us offer up each of our crosses to God, laying them at the foot of the Cross. In this way we may change each struggle of our day into a prayer to our Lord who loves us and asks us to take up our cross daily and follow Him. The following hymn, which was penned by Venantius Fortunatus, is considered one of the greatest hymns of the Church's liturgy.

Vexilla Regis Prodeunt

Forth comes the Standard of the King: All hail, thou Mystery ador'd! Hail, Cross! On which the Life Himself Died, and by death our life restor'd! On which our Saviour's holy side Rent open with a cruel spear Of blood and water poured a stream, To wash us from defilement clear. O sacred wood! In Thee fulfill'd Was holy David's truthful lay! Which told the world, that from a tree The Lord should all the nations sway. Most royally empurpled o'er How beauteously thy stem doth shine! How glorious was its lot to touch Those limbs so holy and divine! Thrice blest, upon whose arms outstretched The Saviour of the world reclined; Balance sublime! Upon whose beam Was weighed the ransom of mankind. Hail, Cross! Thou only hope of man, Hail, on this holy Passionday! To saints increase the grace they have; From sinners purge their guilt away. Salvation's spring, blest Trinity, Be praise to Thee through earth and skies: Though through the Cross the victory Dost give; oh, also give the prize! Amen.

SUNDAY, September 10th 2023
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am ✕ Charles, Charles, Jr. & David Kunsman
by the Family

10:30am ✕ Missa Pro Populo

**Monday, Sept. 11th—Feria—Sts Protus & Hyacinth,
Martyrs**

8:00am ✕ Eric Canlas by the Lynn Family

Tuesday, Sept. 12th— The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00am ✕ Arinne Atiyeh by Annaleigh Gidosh

Wednesday, Sept. 13th—Feria

8:00am ✕ Dennis & Laurie Atiyeh by Annaleigh Gidosh

Thursday, Sept. 14th – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00am ✕ Patricia Lurati by Maria Mitchell

**Friday, Sept. 15th – Seven Sorrows of the Blessed
Virgin Mary—St. Nicodemus**

8:00am ✕ Samuel David Conrad by Grandparents Walt
& Maureen Conrad

**Saturday, Sept. 16th —Sts. Cornelius, Pope and
Cyprian Bishop & Martyr**

8:00am ✕ Eugene Donnelly by Margo & Stephen Baratta

SUNDAY, September 17th 2023
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am ✕ Catherine & John DeAngelo by Marguerite
& Michael Piccucci

10:30am ✕ Missa Pro Populo

**PLEASE BRING SUPPLIES TO
HOLY GHOST:**

8 inch dessert plates, paper towels
napkins, Paper Plates 8.5 inch lunch size only (no
styrofoam) Many parishioners choose to support this
apostolate of Hospitality by donating supplies. These
supplies are used for coffee hours and potluck. You
may donate supplies at any time. These are our current
needs. Please leave them on the table inside the pot-
luck supply closet near the water coolers.

✕ **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS** ✕

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

Sanctuary

Health & Blessings on Steve Horvath

St. Joseph Altar

Health & Blessings on Charlotte Cole

B.V.M Altar

Health & Blessings on Alfred & Rosemarie Schadle
on their Wedding Anniv.

Sacred Heart

Health & Blessings on the
Sacred Heart Devotional Group

St. Theresa

Prayer Intentions

St. John the Hermit (San Giovanni Eremita)

In Memory of Living & Deceased Foiano Descendants

St. (Padre) Pio - Our Lady of Pompeii

NO INTENTION

Infant 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.**

**Coffee after 8:30am Mass,
Potluck after 10:30am Mass**
Everyone is invited!
**Father Pendergraft encour-
ages everyone to attend
catechism including those
who attend an earlier Mass.**
**When Father begins Cate-
chism, those who wish to
converse, play and socialize
are asked to exit the**



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.*

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.

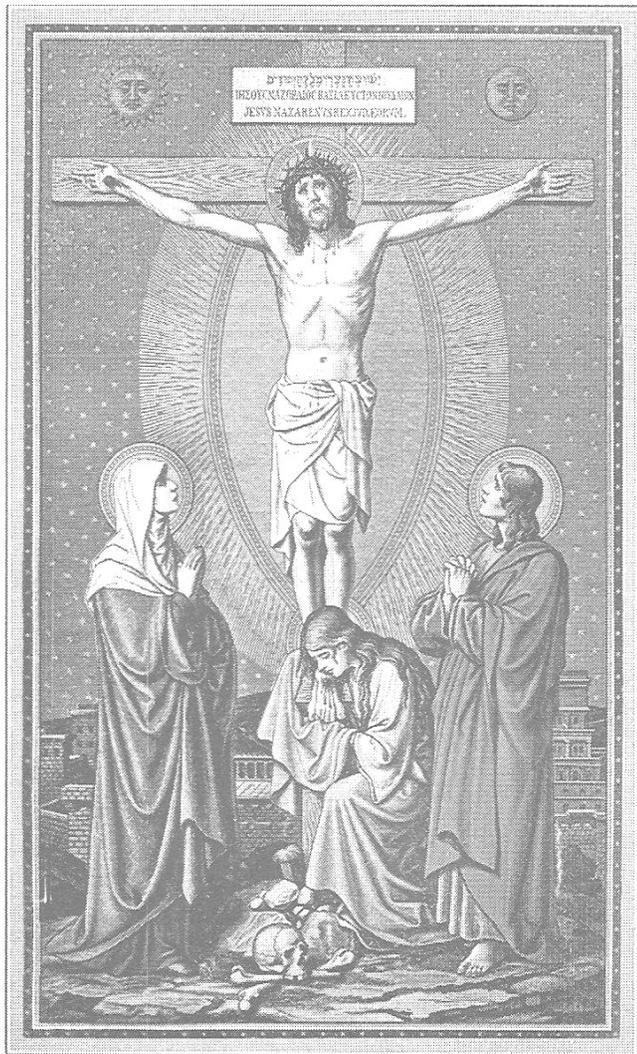
COURAGE — *Diocesan Help Line: 610-217-5557*

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.

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Vexilla Regis Prodeunt

*Vexilla Regis pródeunt: Fúlget Crucis mysté-
rium, Qua víta mortem pértulit, Et morte vítam
prótulit. Quæ vulneráta lánceæ Mucróne diro
críminum Ut nos laváret sórdibus, Manávit un-
da et sánguine. Impléta sunt quæ cóncinit, Da-
vid fidéli cármine; Dicéndo natióibus: Reg-
návit a ligno Deus. Arbor decóra et fúlgida, Or-
náta Regis púrpura, Elécta digno stípíte, Tam
sancta membra tángere. Beáta, cujus bráchiis,
Prétium pepéndit sæculi: Statéra facta córpor-
is, Tulítque prædam tártari. O crux, ave, spes
única; Hoc Passiónis témpore, Piis adáuge
grátiam, Reisque dele crímina. Te, fons salútis,
Trínitas, Colláudet omnis spíritus: Quibus Cru-
cis victóriam Largíris, adde præmium. Amen.*



Prime Time Seniors Group

Dues are \$10 per year.

The 2023 officers are:

Carol Barron, President;

Sue Grady, Vice President;

Phyllis Haqeter, Secretary and

Jean Blaukovitch, Treasurer.

Refreshments are served at each meeting.

Next Meeting -MON. September 18TH

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.

MYSTERY TRIP Lancaster

WEDNESDAY October 18th

Depart Holy Ghost 8:30am

Lunch on your own.

Christmas Show

to American Music Theatre

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th

**SOLD OUT. There is a waiting list
for cancellations.**

**For ALL Questions and reservations call
Contact Boots Horwath 610- 867-4839**



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