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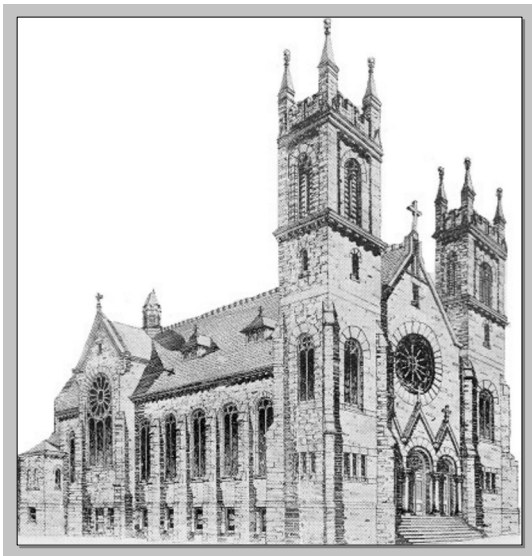

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Sunday, Sept. 20th	***Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***
*7:00AM	
8:30AM	Pro Populo
10:30AM	Guy & Susan Jorstad
Monday, Sept. 21st	***St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist***
*7:00AM	Alicia Roxberry
8:00AM	Crispin Caro
Tuesday, Sept. 22nd	***St. Thomas of Villanova***
*7:00AM	Bin Nguyen & Chuong Nguyen
8:00AM	Stephen Lafata & Taylor Seprosky
Wednesday, Sept. 23rd	***Ember Wednesday in September***
*7:00AM	†Repose of the soul of Rita VanderWyde Bruns
8:00AM	†Repose of the soul of Susan Kramer
Thursday, Sept. 24th	***Our Lady of Ransom***
*7:00AM	Rev. Msgr. Andrew Baker
8:00AM	†Repose of the soul of Josephine Casella
Friday, Sept. 25th	***Ember Friday in September***
*7:00AM	Souls in Purgatory
8:00AM	†Repose of the soul of Eduardo Vizcarra
Saturday, Sept. 26th	***Ember Saturday in September***
*7:00AM	Reparation for the Evil of Cremation to Souls
8:00AM	Natalie & Casey Ferguson
Sunday, Sept. 27th	***Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***
*7:00AM	
8:30AM	†Repose of the soul of Anthony Sebastionelli
10:30AM	Pro Populo

* *Offered at St. Stephen of Hungary Oratory*

✠ VOTIVE CANDLES ✠

More than one votive candle may be lit per statue or altar with a $10 donation per week. To sponsor a candle, either call the rectory or place your donation in the Sunday collection basket and indicate which candle and your intention.

Sanctuary Lamp:
Beatae Mariae Virginis Altar:
Madonna della Pietà Altar: Holy Souls
St. Joseph Altar: Special Intention
Sacred Heart Altar: Sacred Heart Devotion Group
St. Padre Pio: †Repose of the souls of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Narzisi
San Giovanni Eremita:
St. Therese of Lisieux: Peace in the World
Our Lady of Fatima: Special Intention
Infant of Prague: Mayer Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come watch **Holy Ghost play baseball** with St. Lucy's **today, Sept. 20, 2PM** at Battaglia-Cawley Field, 298 McNichols Court, Scranton, PA 18504.

Our parish will be going on a one day pilgrimage to the **Pennsylvania March for Life on Mon., Sept. 21.** Please contact Mary or GarriAnn to reserve seats, $20 per person. If you cannot join us, you can sponsor a seat. This is especially helpful for large families.

Please join the **40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil**. Peaceful, prayerful witness saves lives, which many women personally confirmed to us. God moves hearts and uses our presence as the physical sign to cooperate with HIS will. The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil **begins Wed., Sept. 23 and continues until Nov. 1**. Holy Ghost Parish has committed to providing a prayerful presence on Thursdays at the Allentown Planned Parenthood. To sign up, please contact Mary at the potluck or email her at schedule40dfl@gmail.com.

There will be no Sports at the Shrine on Fri., Sept. 25. They will resume on Fri., Oct. 2, 5-8PM.

Team 4 Altar Server practice will follow 8AM Mass on Sat., Sept. 26.

Our Lady's Helpers' Oktoberfest fundraiser is Sat., Oct. 10. Join our parish and our Bishop in supporting the mission to provide each pregnant, abortion minded woman the possibility to see her baby on an ultrasound machine, and assist each mother to choose life in that crucial, life-changing moment. Please contact Lilyan Frisch (610-944-1437) to purchase tickets.

Each week on Sundays there is a **coffee social** after the **8:30AM Mass** and a **potluck and catechism** after the **10:30AM Mass** in the church hall downstairs. Please bring food and drinks to share. Visitors are invited to join us.

Save the Date: Annual Advent Bazaar (Sat., Dec. 5, Immediately following 8AM Mass-2PM)

PROPRIUM MISSAE (PROPER OF THE MASS)

Introit (Psalm 118:137, 124)

Justus es, Dómine, et rectum judícium tuum: fac cum servo tuo secúndum misericórdiam tuam. Ps. ibid. 1. Beáti immaculáti in via: qui ámbulant in lege Dómini. ℣. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. ℟. Amen. — Justus es ...

Thou art just, O Lord, and Thy judgment is right; deal with Thy servant according to Thy mercy. *Psalm.* Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord. ℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. ℟. Amen. — Thou art just...

Collect

Da, quæsumus, Dómine, pópulo tuo diabólica vitáre contágia: et te solum Deum pura mente sectári. Per Dóminum nostrum ...

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that Thy people may shun all the wiles of the devil: and with pure mind follow Thee, the only God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

Epistle (Ephesians 4:1-6)

Fratres: Obsecro vos ego vinctus in Dómino, ut digne ambulétis vocatióne, qua vocáti estis, cum omni humilitáte et mansuetúdine, cum patiéntia, supportántes ínvicem in caritáte, sollíciti serváre unitátem spíritus in vínculo pacis. Unum corpus et unus spíritus, sicut vocáti estis in una spe vocatiónis vestræ. Unus Dóminus, una fides, unum baptísma. Unus Deus et Pater ómnium, qui est super omnes et per ómnia et in ómnibus nobis. Qui est benedíctus in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

Brethren: I, a prisoner in the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called. With all humility and mildness, with patience, supporting one another in charity, careful to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. One body and one spirit, as you are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all, who is blessed for ever and ever. Amen.

Gradual (Psalm 32:12, 6)

Beáta gens, cujus est Dóminus Deus eórum: pópulus, quem elégit Dóminus in hereditátem sibi. ℣. Verbo Dómini cœli firmáti sunt: et spíritu oris ejus omnis virtus eórum. Allelúia, allelúia. ℣. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam, et clamor meus ad te pervéniat. Allelúia.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: the people whom He hath chosen for His inheritance. ℣. By the word of the Lord the heavens were established; and all the power of them by the spirit of his mouth. Alleluia, alleluia. *(Ps. 101:2.)* ℣. O Lord, hear my prayer; and let my cry come to Thee. Alleluia.

Gospel (Matthew 22:34-46)

In illo témpore: Accessérunt ad Jesum pharisæi: et interrogávit eum unus ex eis legis doctor, tentans eum: Magíster, quod est mandátum magnum in lege? Ait illi Jesus: Díliges Dóminum Deum tuum, ex toto corde tuo et in tota ánima tua et in tota mente tua. Hoc est maximum et primum mandátum. Secúndum autem símile est huic: Díliges próximum tuum, sicut teípsum. In his duóbus mandátis univérsa lex pendet et prophétæ. Congregátis autem pharisæis, interrogávit eos Jesus, dicens: Quid vobis vidétur de Christo? cuius fílius est? Dicunt ei: David. Ait illis: Quómodo ergo David in spíritu vocat eum Dóminum, dicens: Dixit Dóminus Dómino meo: sede a dextris meis, donec ponam inimícos tuos scabéllum pedum tuórum? Si ergo David vocat eum Dóminum, quómodo fílius ejus est? Et nemo póterat ei respondére verbum: neque ausus fuit quisquam ex illa die eum ámplius interrogáre. — *Credo.*

At that time, the pharisees came to Jesus, and one of them, a doctor of the law, asked Him, tempting Him: Master, which is the great commandment of the law? Jesus said to him: Thou shalt love the lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments dependeth the whole law and the prophets. And the Pharisees being gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying: What think you of Christ? whose son is He? They said to Him: David's. He saith to them: How then doth David in spirit call Him Lord, saying: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit on My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool? If David then call Him Lord, how is He his son? And no man was able to answer Him a word; neither durst any man from that day forth ask Him any more questions. — *Creed.*

Offertory (Daniel 9:4, 17-19)

Orávi Deum meum ego Dániel dicens: Exáudi, Dómine, preces servi tui: illúmina fáciem tuam super sanctuárium tuum: et propítius inténde pópulum istum, super quem invocátum est nomen tuum, Deus.

I, Daniel, prayed to my God, saying: Hear, O Lord, the prayers of Thy servant; show Thy face upon Thy sanctuary, and favorably look down upon this people upon whom Thy Name is invoked, O God.

Secret

Majestátem tuam, Dómine, supplíciter deprecámur: ut hæc sancta quæ gérimus, et a prætéritis nos delíctis éxuant et futúris. Per Dóminum …

We humbly entreat Thy Majesty, O Lord: that these holy Mysteries which we celebrate, may set us free from both past and future sins. Through our Lord …

Communion (Psalm 75:12-13)

Vovéte et réddite Dómino Deo vestro, omnes qui in circúitu ejus affértis múnera: terríbili et ei qui aufert spíritum príncipum: terríbili apud omnes reges terræ.

Vow ye, and pay to the Lord your God, all you that round about Him bring presents: to Him that is terrible, even to Him who taketh away the spirit of princes; to the terrible with all the kings of the earth.

Post Communion

Sanctificatiónibus tuis, omnípotens Deus, et vítia nostra curéntur, et remédia nobis ætérna provéniant. Per Dóminum nostrum …

By Thy sanctifying Gifts, O almighty God, may our vices be healed and eternal remedies made available to us. Through our Lord …

From the Pages of a Gentler Time

Weekly wisdom from "The Correct Thing for Catholics" (1891)

Our authoress turns to the last offices of charity, where the truest tribute is not flowers, but Masses. This week: **The Correct Thing at a Funeral**

It IS the Correct Thing:

1. For the relatives and nearest friends of the deceased to have Masses said as soon as possible for the repose of his soul.
2. To have the funeral conducted from the parish church.
3. To have a Requiem Mass celebrated on the day of the funeral.
4. To place a crucifix on the lifeless breast in the coffin.
5. To keep blessed candles constantly burning around the remains.
6. To refuse admission to all callers save relatives and very dear friends.
7. For a Catholic to be buried in a Catholic cemetery, or at least in a consecrated grave.
8. To pay church expenses connected with a funeral in advance.

It is NOT the Correct Thing:

1. For relatives and friends to spend a great deal of money for flowers and the trappings of woe and little or none for Masses.
2. For those in attendance at the "wake" to make it the occasion of merriment.

Yours from a gentler century, until next Sunday...

PARISH GROUPS / ACTIVITIES

Altar Server Guild

Meets on the 1st Saturday of each month after the 8AM Mass. Please contact Fr. Nolan for more details.

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Friends of St. Dominic Savio

Boys & Girls aged 5-10 meet for a talk by Father and fun activities after the 8AM Mass on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

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Prime Time Seniors Group

Open to anyone 55 years of age and older. Meetings are held in the church hall downstairs on the first and third Mondays each month starting at 1PM. Refreshments are served at each meeting. Call Carol Barron at 610-428-0617 for more information.

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Women's Rosary and Altar Society

For ladies 18+ and meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month after 8AM Mass. The society prays the Rosary after Mass, enjoys coffee and refreshments while Father gives a talk.

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Mary Immaculate Choir (MIC)

The MIC is a mixed-voice ensemble that sings at the 10:30AM Mass each Sunday. Contact director Eric McWhirter for more information.

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Sacred Heart Devotion Group

We seek to venerate and adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus and strive to practice this devotion. The group meets monthly on the second Friday after 8AM Mass. Contact Rosa at **rosa@sacredheartdevotion.org** for more information or visit **www.sacredheartdevotion.org**.

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Parish Registration

If you wish to become a parishioner of Holy Ghost Parish, you must fill out and submit a registration form. Forms can be obtained by emailing the parish at:
hghostchurch@gmail.com.

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Additional Parking Options

A public parking garage located within walking distance of Holy Ghost is available for those looking for another parking option when attending Mass. The address is:
New Street Garage, 324 S. New St., Bethlehem, PA
Rate: $1/hr., Sundays are free.

Men's Group In Honor of the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph

Meets on the 1st Saturday of each month after the 8AM Mass for a talk on virtue by Father, and fellowship.

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Federation of North American Explorers

A Uniformed Catholic Scouting Group for ages 6-17, girls and boys, meets on Tuesdays at 6:30PM at various locations. Contact **ststephenofhungaryfne@gmail.com** for more information.

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Pro-Life Apostolate

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6PM for a Holy Hour followed by the meeting. Contact Mary at **schedule40dfl@gmail.com** for more information.

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Helping Hands

Organizes meals for families welcoming the birth of a new child and other needs. For more information contact **helpinghandsholyghost@gmail.com.**

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Hospitality & Potluck

Weekly potluck socials after Mass are organized by our parish hospitality apostolate. Please contact Steve and Amy Troelsch at **holyghosthospitality@outlook.com** to volunteer.

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St. Monica Society (SMS) & Our Lady of Guadalupe Society (OLGS)

The SMS and OLGS have Masses offered monthly to pray for the return to the practice of the Catholic Faith (SMS) and conversion to it (OLGS) of loved ones. Contact Wanda for more information.

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Girl's Youth Group

Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month from 3-4:30PM. Please contact Fr. Pendergraft for more details.

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Catholic Mystic Study Group

The group studies the lives of Catholic mystics and saints. Members research and present their findings. It's a great way to get to know and share the lives of these lovers of God. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1PM. For more information, contact Marilyn Gomes at 610-462-0376.

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Summer Hours:
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Fall Hours (starting Oct. 7):
Wed, & Fri. 10 AM-5 PM
Sat. 10 AM-2 PM

In the 13th century many Spanish Catholics were enslaved by the Saracens, often tortured as a way to get them to renounce their Faith. St. Peter Nolasco worked for 15 years to ransom these captives, all the while imploring heaven's help for this task. On August 1, 1218 the Blessed Mother, our Lady of Ransom, appeared separately to St. Peter Nolasco, his confessor St. Raymond of Penafort, and King James the I of Aragon, urging them to create an order bearing her name of mercy to carry out this great work of charity. Thus the Order of our Lady of Mercy, or Mercedarians as it was later called, was established by King James, with the order's rules consisting of raising alms for the ransom of Catholics or even giving their lives for the exchange of those enslaved. Their constitution states, **"to visit and to free Christians who are in captivity and in power of the Saracens or of other enemies of our Law…By this work of mercy… all the brothers of this Order, as sons of true obedience, must always be gladly disposed to give up their lives, if it is necessary, as Jesus Christ gave up His for us."**

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In thanksgiving for Mary's help, a feast day was established and later extended throughout the whole Church by Pope Innocent XII. Thus holy Mother Church honors Our Lady of Ransom on September 24. Pope Leo XIII encouraged the devotion of this feast, especially encouraging remembrance of how our Lady ransoms us from the slavery of our sins.

"No other reason is needed than that of a Divine faith which, by a powerful and most pleasant impulse, persuades us towards Mary. Nothing is more natural, nothing more desirable than to seek a refuge in the protection and in the loyalty of her to whom we may confess our designs and our actions, our innocence and our repentance, our torments and our joys, our prayers and our desires. All men, moreover, are filled with the hope and confidence that petitions which might be received with less favor from the lips of unworthy men, God will accept when they are recommended by the most Holy Mother, and will grant with all favors."

--Pope Leo XIII

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Prayer to Our Lady, Mother of Mercy

Blessed Virgin Mary, who can worthily repay you with praise and thanks for having rescued a fallen world by your generous consent! Receive our gratitude, and by your prayers obtain the pardon of our sins. Take our prayers into the sanctuary of heaven and enable them to make our peace with God. Holy Mary, help the miserable, strengthen the discouraged, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God. May all who venerate you feel now your help and protection. Be ready to help us when we pray, and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it your continual concern to pray for the people of God, for you were blessed by God and were made worthy to bear the Redeemer of the world, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

--Saint Augustine of Hippo

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Supplication to Our Lady of Ransom

Sweet Mother! turn those gentle eyes
Of pity down upon me;
Oh! hear thy suppliant's tearful cries,
My humble prayer, do not despise,
Star of the pathless sea!

In dark temptation's dreary hour,
To thee, bright Queen, we flee;
Oh! then exert a mother's power,
When storms are rough and tempests lower;
Star of the raging sea!

Through all my joys and cares, sweet Maid,
May I still look on thee,
Who bore the Price our ransom paid,
And ne'er the suppliant's cry hath stayed;
Star of the azure sea!

And when my last expiring sigh,
My soul from earth shall free,
Do thou, bright Queen of Saints, stand by
And bear it up to God on high,
Star of the boundless sea!

****Say the Hail Mary three times followed by the Hail Holy Queen*

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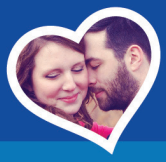
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