



INCARNATION & RISEN LORD

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES



November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

INCARNATION OF THE LORD PARISH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday - 4:00 p.m. & Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday & Thursday - 8:00 a.m.

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Fr. David's Office Hours

Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

TUES: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

WED: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

THURS & FRI: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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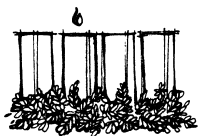
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FRI: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Stay Awake! For you know not

the hour when the

Son of Man will come.



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RECONCILIATION: Saturday afternoon 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Mass or by appointment.

INFANT BAPTISM: To schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Parents are expected to attend a Pre-Baptismal session. Sessions will be held at Risen Lord Parish on the third Sunday of each month. Registration for the Sacrament of Baptism and the celebration of the Sacrament will still be at the individual parishes on the last Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE: Dates for Marriages are scheduled only through the Priest and only after an initial meeting with the couple. Church law requires a minimum of six months notice before a wedding can be celebrated. In light of the many arrangements for a wedding, the couple should contact the Priest as soon as possible after the engagement is announced.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC: Those wishing to share in the sacramental life of the Church are invited to contact the Parish Office. This specifically applies to those wishing to be baptized, who have not previously shared in the Eucharist, who have not sought to share the sacrament of Confirmation, or those raised in another faith but now choosing to share our Catholic faith.

HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND: If a parishioner is in the hospital or sick at home, please call the Social Ministry Office to arrange for a pastoral visit. Each hospital has a priest, either as a chaplain or assigned from a neighboring parish, for emergencies.

SPONSOR LETTERS: Only active and registered members will be issued a Sponsor Letter. The Sponsor should contact the Parish Office at least one week prior to the date needed.

BULLETIN: Submissions can be made to bulletinINCandRL@comcast.net. Deadline is 12:00 p.m. on Friday (nine days before the Sunday of the intended publication). Submissions are subject to approval and space limitations.

ONLINE BULLETIN: View the bulletin online at Risen Lord's website or at www.parishesonline.com and search for Incarnation of the Lord.



THIS WEEKEND, WE CELEBRATE the beginning of a new Church year with this being the **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**. We prepare for the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ. With the start of all things new, we might ask ourselves a question about what we might consider doing differently as we move ahead in this new year? How can we improve in our developing a relationship with the Lord? In what personal areas do we need to grow?

WITH ALL THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS PLACED ON US AND OUR TIME, it can be very difficult to sort through all the “stuff” that makes for a rewarding Advent season. This is a time of great joy and anticipation as we await the birth of Jesus in our homes and hearts. Let us not waste this opportunity to prepare for the coming of Jesus. May we be ready to recognize Him when He knocks on our door!

THE SUPER TURKEY BINGO was a rousing success! So many thanks go out to so many people who all contributed to this annual fundraiser! News regarding our profit will be forthcoming shortly!



JOIN US FOR ADORATION

Every Sunday at Incarnation of the Lord from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Spend some extra time with the Lord.

The Mass Books for Incarnation of the Lord and Risen Lord for 2017 are now open! Call or stop by the respective church office to schedule your masses.

CHRISTAMS MEMORIAL FLOWERS Donation envelopes for Christmas Memorial Flowers are available at both churches. They are due back by December 11th in order to have the information published in the Christmas bulletin.

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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Saturday (11/26) Weekday

4:00 PM INC - Living & Deceased of the Parish
4:00 PM RL - Helen Vash (Madge & Bob Madrishin)

Sunday (11/27) First Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM INC - Josephine & Joseph Baranowski
(Lodyne & Christopher Bunsey)
11:00 AM RL - Living & Deceased of the Parish

Monday (11/28) Advent Weekday

8:00 AM RL - Eileen Oldaker (Jim, husband)

Tuesday (11/29) Advent Weekday

8:00 AM INC - Fred & Margaret Anderson (Amy, daughter)

Wednesday (11/30) St. Andrew

8:00 AM RL - Leona Potoski (James & Annette Bolye)

Thursday (12/1) Advent Weekday

8:00 AM INC - Jeanne Gorman (Marie Rohleder, sister)

Friday (12/2) Advent Weekday

8:00 AM RL - Dolores Schmidt (Ladies of Charity)

Saturday (12/3) St. Francis Xavier

4:00 PM INC - Living & Deceased of the Parish
4:00 PM RL - Deceased of the Stettner & Struver Families
(Janis Stettner)

Sunday (12/4) Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM INC - Thelma & Ed Roach (Seidl Family)
11:00 AM RL - Living & Deceased of the Parish



DEACON BOB'S CORNER

First Sunday of Advent

Waiting, hoping, and preparing.

Breaking Open the Word: Isaiah 2:1-5

Listen to the Word: As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What image from Isaiah lingers in your memory?

Look into Your Life

Children: What can you do to be ready for God to come into your heart and your life?

Youth: The Gospel tells us we don't know when the Son of Man will return. If he were to arrive today, would you be ready for him? What is one thing you can do during Advent to prepare for his coming?

Adults: As you prepare to re-welcome Christ into your heart while you prepare for Christmas, what does Isaiah call you to do? What does Isaiah call us as a people to do?

Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic invites you to have your **BEST ADVENT EVER!**

Simply sign up at www.dynamiccatholic.com.

Go to the Catholic Moments tab and scroll down to Advent & Christmas. Click the link.

Register and evoke the wonder of this Advent season.

Sick Relatives & Friends

Anyone wanting the name or the name of a loved one on or off the list, please call the church or social ministry office. Because of HIPPA regulations, only an immediate family member request the name of a loved one to be placed on the prayer list. Please remember in your prayers:

Ray Kenneally, Kelly Finnegan, Kimberly Behr, Mary Ann Wilson, Lou Saban, Sr., Michelle Fetzer, Kathleen Grady, George Finley, Robert Kroll, Dennis Guthrie, Tom Fowler, Madge Gillespie, Lori Ann Love, Wanda McAllister, Charles Wenzig, Sandy Zabierowsky, Marilyn Ruffner, Julie Fowler, and Gretchen Marker.



GUARD THOSE WHO GUARD OUR FREEDOM

Trevor L. McCallum, Michael Borus, Lt. Col. Katrina (Katy) Saban Coolman, Major Joseph Coolman, Joshua Crankshaw, Dalton Dailey, Joseph Dreves, Mark Enzerra, Jason Fullmer, 2nd Lt., Andrew Geisler, Dave Gratten, Matt Hahn, Christopher Kane, Tina Lippert, Christine May, Alexa and Michael Brown, MSgt. Shaun Seguin, SFC Erin Shaw

WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTAMS PARTY Reservation forms for the Women's Christmas Party at Shannopin Country Club on December 4 at noon are due this weekend. The party is open to all women of the parish and their friends and relatives. The cost is \$26. Any questions, please call Linda Coulehan at (412)931-3692.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH MEN'S RETREAT The 2017 Incarnation of the Lord Parish Men's retreat will take place January 27-29, 2017 at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery. For more information please contact George Linkhauer by phone at (412)952-4127 or Jeff Kammersell at (412)931-4839. If you already know that you want to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please call the Retreat Center directly by phone at (412)381-7676.



Weekly Collections

The collection for the weekend of November 19-20 will be published in next week's bulletin because of an early submission deadline due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Incarnation Fundraising



We need your recipes! Plans are in the works for our very first Incarnation Parish cookbook! We are continuing to collect recipes for appetizers, sides, main dishes and desserts. Please share your favorite recipes with us and e-mail them to incarnation.recipes@gmail.com. And be sure to include your full name with your recipe submissions. Recipes will be collected through the end of November. Thank you!

CASH AWARDS Tickets for the January Cash Awards are available in the back of Incarnation Church before and after Masses now through December 31, 2016. Please see the flyer in this week's bulletin for more details.



ENJOY BOOKS ARE GOING FAST! Please Call Donna at (412)931-7304 to get yours.

Incarnation Social Ministry

Giving Tree - The recipient will be Light of Life. You can pick a tag from the tree starting this weekend. Gifts must be brought to the church by December 11th. Check the bulletin board for the suggested gift list.

Grateful, Very Grateful for Volunteers

Thank you for all you have done throughout the year! Your support and helping hands to our social ministry is a constant. God bless you all!

Mary Ann Burke

By giving of ourselves to others, we truly live.
- Ethel Percy Andrus

MINISTERS - DECEMBER 3 & 4, 2016

LECTORS

4:00 PM - A. Booz 9:00 AM - C. Scherer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:00 PM - L. Lugar, K. Verbanets
9:00 AM - N. & J. Kammersell, D. Greene

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 PM - M.L. Bassett 9:00 AM - H. Scherer

INCARNATION OF THE LORD PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Christ became human, and we take up His ministry of love, service, and compassion as an expression of our faith in the Word Incarnate.

RISEN LORD PARISH NEWS

AS A PARISH WE LIFT IN PRAYER...

...Those requesting prayer

For the Healing and Well-Being of All
For Agnes Sterbenac, Marie McConnell Scotty,
Debra Butler, and Anonymous

...Those who have gone before us in faith

Due to HIPPA Regulations, only an immediate family member can call the Administrative Office or Social Ministry Office to request their loved one to be placed on the prayer list.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of

Anna and Andrew Ohm
from Marlene McDonnell.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, November 28

Youth Ministry Family Bowling Night
6:30 PM - Education Center

Tuesday, November 29

Volleyball - 7:00 PM - Education Center Gym

Wednesday, November 30

Choir - 7:30 PM - Education Center

Thursday, December 1

Liturgy Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM - Education Center

ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Father Michael Ackerman will be visiting Risen Lord from December 3-5 to lead our Advent Parish Mission. The theme of the Mission is "Accepting God's Will in the Changing World." He will speak at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, and conclude the Mission with Mass and a talk on Monday evening at 6:30. All are welcome!



Minister Schedule - December 3 & 4, 2016

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM - *M.A. Turkovich, M. Glassbrenner, J. Kantenwein
11:00 AM - *M.K. Urbano, C. Crummie, M. Miksic

Lectors

4:00 PM - N. Markovich 11:00 AM - M. Williams

Stewardship - Weekend of November 12 & 13, 2016

Budgeted Amount - \$5,124.00

Collection (136 Envelopes + \$167.00 Loose)	\$2,930.00
PSP - Blue (24 Envelopes)	<u>\$613.00</u>
Total	\$3,543.00

Debt Reduction (18 Env.)	\$205.00
Maintenance & Utilities (10 Env.)	\$102.00
Social Ministry Outreach (4 Env.)	\$52.00
All Saints Day (3 Env.)	\$27.00
World Missions (1 Env.)	\$10.00
Archdiocese for the Military Services	\$119.00

Social Ministry News

I would like to thank all the parishioners who have helped me during my time as social minister. Various projects include the Food Pantry, the Anointing Mass, the Mass of Remembrance, and the Sharing Tree. As of December 16, 2016, I will be leaving as Social Minister of Risen Lord Church. I have been Social Minister at St. Leo's Church and officially certified at St. Francis Church, now Risen Lord. My tenure has been a wonderful feeling for helping the needy throughout the years. Yes, every job has its ups and downs (even those serving the Lord); but I am grateful for the opportunity in helping our Lord find help for those less fortunate. Many, many thanks for those who helped our Social Ministry Office throughout the years. Names are too numerous to mention and I do not want to omit anyone. God bless you all. My prayers are with you always.

God Bless,

Agnes Sterbenac
Social Ministry

OCTOBER COLLECTIONS - Thank You!!!

Many thanks to all of those who contributed to the October Collections for the Food Pantry, Genesis House, Bethlehem Haven, and Operation Safety Net.

We sent to Genesis House diapers, wipes, blankets and various other baby items. Bethlehem Haven received gift cards and women's toiletries. Operation Safety Net now has 110 pairs of socks. Our Food Pantry is grateful for the donations.

Here is a note of appreciation from Genesis House:

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for the diapers, wipes, and beautiful baby blanket that was donated to Genesis. We will put all of these items to good use as we have many clients that need them. Thanks again. - Andrea Meloy



The church will be decorated on December 11th after the 11:00 Mass. Hope to see you there! All are welcome! We need your help!

RISEN LORD PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Risen Lord calls us to rejoice as a united people in the Good News that God loves us and has saved us. Each of us, by virtue of our baptism, is challenged to carry God's love to all in our neighborhoods. Through our communal participation in the Word of God and the Eucharist, as a parish, we seek to empower our people to meet this challenge to proclaim the love and hope that is our Risen Lord.



Keeping the Faith

by Marilyn Ruffner

Today's Gospel reminds us to be ready for the Coming of the Son of Man. We don't know when He will come. Noah continued to build his ark in preparation for the flood that God told him was coming. Others made fun of Noah and continued with their daily activities. After Noah entered the ark, the floods came and swept people away. Jesus tells of others just doing their work in the field, one is taken, the other is left. We presume the ones that were taken were those who will be with Jesus. We need to be prepared. The readings of Advent remind us to prepare ourselves and to "stay awake." What can I do differently to prepare myself for the coming of Jesus? How will I stay awake? What can we do in our faith life to prepare?

We successfully completed the third cycle of ChristLife on Saturday, November 5th. It was an inspiring experience for me and I want to share some of the comments of others who attended.

A few months ago, my sister wanted to go on a retreat. We were going to go up to St Paul's Monastery on the South Side, when I received a postcard inviting me to learn about Jesus through a three session seminar. The many weeks of Saturday mornings included a retreat. I asked my sister if this might fit the bill of our intentions and she said yes. There we were learning about Jesus and how to share our faith with others by becoming an active Catholic. The many sessions we attended were not only a personal experience, but filled with other religious experiences such as visiting the Holy Door at St Paul's Cathedral. We visited the seven churches on Holy Thursday, along with hearing a few wonderful speakers. We invited the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts and help us live what we learned - to indeed share our newly found faith more actively in our parishes. - Bernie Lundy

It took me just one or two sessions to get into the rhythm of ChristLife, really was not sure of giving up my Saturday mornings, but meeting and feeling the fellowship among the three parishes of St Cyril, Incarnation, and Risen Lord meant a lot to me. The small group discussions were fantastic - you could just listen or join in the discussion. There was no pressure! I always felt I was a good Catholic, but learning and discussing how to enrich my relationship with Jesus Christ and how to share my faith with others was the highlight of the program. - Jean DiDonato

It was an awesome experience! I totally enjoyed meeting people from my neighboring parishes. - Eileen Cervone

I always considered myself a "good Catholic". I attend Mass weekly, but always felt that there should be a joy present in everyone. I saw this joy we had together praising the Lord in song and prayer. The DVDs were topics that relate to everyone. I feel that my faith, that is always there, has been enriched. I was looking for joy and found it in myself in my relationship with Jesus.

- Marilyn Ruffner

Plans are in the future for having a new round of ChristLife sessions. Please call me to sign up for the committee.
(412)931-2911 x5 or (412)761-1501 x5

200 CLUB

Week 7 - Ticket 159 - *Dorothy Spikula* - \$100

Come Home for Christmas!

St. Cyril of Alexandria Church - Sunday, December 4, 2016

Festivities in Axmacher Hall - 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Live Tableaux & Prayer Service in Church - 2:00 PM

Music • Children's Activities • Bake Sale
Christmas Decorations & Flea Market
Live Trees, Poinsettias, & Wreaths for Sale

Instill the true meaning of the season into your hearts!

Christmas Discernment Retreat Fr. Joe Freedy and Fr. Mike Ackerman, along with Fr. Brian Welding and Fr. Brian Noel, will be leading a retreat for men who are seeking to know their vocation and to learn more about discerning a vocation to the Priesthood, from Friday, December 16, 7:00 PM to Sunday, December 18, 11:00 AM at Gilmory Retreat Center. The weekend will include Mass with Bishop Zubik, Adoration, opportunities for Confession, conferences, and solid brotherhood. No Cost. Must be eighteen or older. For more information or to register, please visit www.pghpriest.com.

Holy Family Specialized Learning, located off of Perrysville avenue of the North Side, has several volunteer needs at this time. We are seeking a Music volunteer to enhance the learning experience for students grades 1 through 12, we are seeking tutors in all subjects and we have an **urgent need** for clerical help at this time. Volunteer one or two days per week for one or two hours. Volunteer hours are between 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Come and see what a difference you can make! Contact Lynn Guerra by phone at (412)766-9020 x304 or by e-mail at Guerra.lynn@hfi-pgh.org.



The Northside Catholic School Music Program has jumped forward into the holiday spirit! All of the General Music classes are starting to learn their selected holiday songs for the in-school Christmas concert. The concert will be on December 15th and will feature the hard-working band students as well. The General Music classes are moving from rhythm concepts into melodic concepts - reading music on the staff, differentiating between "beat" and "no beat" as well as long and short sounds, recognizing various notes and their values, understanding syncopation and how it's used in music, and recognizing repeated patterns. The Band students have been working hard on their music and their skills. The fourth graders are playing quarter notes and are learning to play them together using the melody to "Au Clair de la Lune". The fifth-eighth graders are learning to put together different parts into one whole with "First Holiday Concert," an arrangement of "The First Nowell," and "It's Christmas Time Again." For more information on our school, please call the office at (412)761-5043 x3001 to schedule a tour.

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing!

Please join us for an uplifting experience this Advent.



A Procession

with 

Lessons 

and 

Carols 



An evening of Scripture, Song, and Prayer
that reflects upon the coming of the Messiah,
the anticipation of Christ's second coming,
and the welcoming Jesus to our hearts.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Organ prelude begins at 5:45 PM. Wassail bowl reception afterwards.



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You're invited to have



12:00-Noon on Saturday, December 10th

Risen Lord Parish Family Life Education Center

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BREAKFAST
·
CRAFTS
·
STORYBOOK TIME
·
TAKE YOUR OWN PICTURE
WITH SANTA
·
GOODY BAGS
·
and MORE!

Kids
\$6

Adults
\$4

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or after weekend Masses

or see or call

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