



INCARNATION & RISEN LORD

OF THE LORD ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES



December 4, 2016

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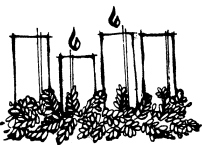
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FRI: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

A Shoot shall sprout from Jesse,

and from his Roots,

a Bud shall blossom.



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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.



WE NOW ENTER THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT...awaiting the coming of the Lord Jesus with hearts filled with great anticipation! Is it not wonderful that we worship a God who welcomes us daily into a relationship with Him allowing for "perpetual do-overs"? When we experience the forgiveness of our sins we are welcomed back into a right relationship with the Lord. Once again, we are offering an opportunity to receive God's merciful forgiveness as we celebrate "THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU" on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016 FROM 6:00 TO 9:00 PM in both Incarnation of the Lord Parish and Risen Lord Parish. Please make some time to come for confession and receive God's warm embrace through this magnificent sacrament of healing!

SOMETHING YOUR PASTOR HAS BEEN TERRIBLY REMISS IN has been providing you more current information regarding Church Alive! monies which have come in. With the publication of this bulletin, I attempt to rectify this serious oversight. The amounts being reported in this edition of the bulletin reflect monies credited to the respective parish as of July 31, 2016, the most current report provided to us. THANK YOU!

Incarnation of the Lord Parish

Target Goal: \$315,000.00
 Pledges Received: \$248,565.00
 Payments Received: \$126,185.00
 Amount Due To Parish After Deductions: \$46,940.82

Risen Lord Parish

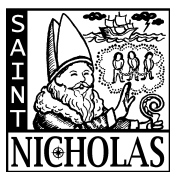
Target Goal: \$210,000.00
 Pledges Received: \$326,468.00
 Payments Received: \$155,080.00
 Amount Due To Parish After Deductions: \$57,689.73



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.



December 6th is the Feast of St. Nicholas Tell a story of Saint Nicholas' generous giving in secret to those in need. Then encourage children to identify a kindly "Nicholas deed" to do for someone else. Have children fill their shoes with pieces of carrot or bits of hay for his white horse or donkey. Place shoes outside bedroom doors or on the hearth. See that a candy treat (a candy cane represents Bishop Nicholas' crozier) or a simple gift appears by morning on December 6th.

- taken from the website, www.stnicholascenter.org

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure,
 with a heart as innocent as a child's.
 - St. Nicholas



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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

Monday (12/5) Advent Weekday

8:00 AM RL - Mary Papinchak (Mary Ann Jones, daughter)

Tuesday (12/6) Advent Weekday

8:00 AM INC - Rose Dax (Dax & Turack Families)

Wednesday (12/7) St. Ambrose

8:00 AM RL - Eileen Oldaker (Jim, husband)
 4:00 PM RL - Living & Deceased of the Parish

Thursday (12/8) The Immaculate Conception of Mary

8:00 AM INC - Joan Wortherspoon (Jim Scherer)
 8:00 AM RL - Eileen Oldaker (Ladies of Charity)
 7:00 PM INC - St. Anthony in Thanksgiving (Mayme Theodore)

Friday (12/9) Advent Weekday

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

Saturday (12/10) Advent Weekday

4:00 PM INC - Philip Bohr (Family)
 4:00 PM RL - Living & Deceased of the Parish

Sunday (12/11) Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM INC - Living & Deceased of the Parish
 11:00 AM RL - Joan Milsop (Jess & Marlene McDonnell)



DEACON BOB'S CORNER

Second Sunday of Advent

God's kingdom is at hand - it is here.

Breaking Open the Word: Isaiah 11:1-10

Listen to the Word: What image in Isaiah lingers in your memory? What in this reading touches your heart?

Look into Your Life

Children: Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

Youth: What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

Adults: Name the one thing in your life which you must "move out of the way" in order to make more room for Christ: a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.

DynamicCatholic.com - BEST ADVENT EVER!

It's not too late to register for this program. Each day until December 26, you will receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, or free Christmas music to help you slow down during this busy season in order to focus on what really important, Immanuel, God with us. Go to www.DynamicCatholic.com. Click on Catholic Moments. Scroll down to Advent/Christmas to register. Relax and enjoy.

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

Pray for the Deceased



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Pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Beile who was buried from our church.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

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 of Jesus to our hearts.

Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM

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

Weekly Collections

Weekend of November 19 & 20, 2016

Weekly Goal - \$ 5,900.00

Offering Collected - \$ 2,723.00

Deficit - \$ 3,177.00

Religious Retirement Collection - \$1,403.00

Weekend of November 26 & 27, 2016

Weekly Goal - \$ 5,900.00

Offering Collected - \$ 2,209.00

Deficit - \$ 3,691.00

CASH AWARDS Tickets for the January Cash Awards are available in the back of Incarnation Church before and after Masses now and through December 31, 2016.

Social Ministry Thank You

The November food drive for North Hills Community Outreach was a huge success! Twenty-five boxes of food were collected for the Bellevue location. The Coulehans loaded their van on November 16th with all the groceries and made the delivery. This outreach project had many participants. Gathering, collecting, sorting and boxing the food items was accomplished by enthusiastic helpers. Incarnation Parish made Thanksgiving dinner a feast for our neighbors. God bless you.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING We will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 18th after the 9:00 Mass. All are welcome. Many hands make light work.

MINISTERS - DECEMBER 8, 2016

LECTORS

7:00 PM - T. Donze

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

8:00 AM - D. Greene, G. Seidl

7:00 PM - L. Lugar, D. Miller

ALTAR SERVERS

7:00 PM - G. Linkhauer

MINISTERS - DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2016

LECTORS

4:00 PM - G. Linkhauer

9:00 AM - D. Gierl

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:00 PM - J. & R. Dengler

9:00 AM - P. Wilson, J. & R. Zito

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 PM - R. Dengler

9:00 AM - M.L. Bassett

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

Anna Winters

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 the **Deceased of the Stettner and Struver Families** from Janis Stettner.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 5

Advent Parish Mission - 6:30 PM - Church

Tuesday, December 6

Volleyball - 7:00 PM - Education Center Gym

Wednesday, December 7

Choir - 7:30 PM - Education Center

Thursday, December 8

59er's - 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Education Center

Saturday, December 10

Damascus Diner - 7:30 to 10:00 AM - Education Center

Breakfast with Santa - 12:00 PM - Education Center

ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Father Michael Ackerman will be visiting Risen Lord this weekend and Monday 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 weekend Masses and conclude the Mission with Mass and a talk on Monday evening at 6:30. All are welcome!

Minister Schedule - December 10 & 11, 2016

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM - *T. & D. Griffin, N. Markovich

11:00 AM - *S. Murray, C. & M.A. Knoer

Lectors

4:00 PM - V. Dragone 11:00 AM - J. Harding



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!

Stewardship - Weekend of November 19 & 20, 2016

Budgeted Amount - \$5,124.00

Collection (115 Envelopes + \$213.00 Loose)	\$2,310.00
PSP - Blue (9 Envelopes)	<u>\$176.00</u>
Total	\$2,486.00
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Debt Reduction (3 Env.)	\$112.00
Maintenance & Utilities (43 Env.)	\$422.00
Social Ministry Outreach (2 Env.)	\$26.00
World Missions (1 Env.)	\$5.00
Religious Retirement (73 Env. + \$138.00 Loose)	\$1,202.75

Risen Lord Dollar Days for October and November earned \$143.12! God Bless you and thank you for your generosity!

Thank You from the Social Ministry

I would like to thank the Ladies of Charity that worked the night of the Mass of Remembrance. I also want to thank the altar servers, the music ministry, the sacristans, and the lads and laddies who helped the Ladies of Charity. Thank you all and God Bless.

Agnes Sterbenac
Social Ministry

2017 Sanctuary Candle

We are taking requests for the Sanctuary Candle for 2017. The candle that is burning in the Sanctuary may be lit in remembrance of a deceased member of your family, and not for any other reason. The donation for the candle is \$10 and lasts for one week from Saturday to Friday. Intentions can be made in person or by calling the Parish Office during regular office hours or by filling out the form below and returning it in the offertory collection.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Deceased: _____

Requested by: _____

Date: _____

Alternate Date: _____

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

- Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

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

In today's Gospel, John uses an agricultural example to explain the coming of the Messiah. He explains that the chaff shall be separated from the grain. This gives us a picture of Jesus separating the good from the bad. A huge fork called a winnowing fork or fan was used to toss the harvested grain into the air. The lighter chaff blew away and the heavier grain fell to the floor. This is the judgement that Jesus will bring. Jesus will gather the good grain into the barn and the chaff will be burned or blown away. This image of Jesus is not what we like to think about. This Gospel is not supposed to make us afraid of Jesus, but to forewarn us. We must be aware that what we do matters to God. What do we need to do to separate the husk from the good grain inside of us? What needs work in our lives to prepare us for the coming of Jesus?

Christ Life

Please call the office to submit your name for planning sessions for Christ Life. We are forming committees for facilitators, refreshments, and for mailing initial notices about dates of the sessions. Please consider becoming a part of this wonderful spiritual experience. Call me at either office or call Jean DiDonato at St Cyril. Hopefully all parishes in our vicariate will eventually be involved in planning stages for a second Christ Life program.

Here is another testimonial on Christ Life:

First off, I want to let you know, I was and am not a perfect, practicing Catholic. I had fallen away so long ago, I felt as if I had no possible chance of being "saved". Not that I'm a horrible person or anything, just a person who took the easy way, a lot of times, as long as I wasn't hurting anyone. Anyway, I wanted to get to know Jesus better. After twelve years of Catholic school training in the early 50's-60, you'd have thought I wouldn't need that. Without Jesus in my life, I was missing something, without realizing what it really was. Many will say they are happy and don't need that "extra burden" of having to follow someone else's laws. There are enough laws in the country to cover everything. Well, let me tell you. In the first few weeks, I was TERRIFIED that someone would find out my dark secret, (that I really wasn't practicing at all). It turned out, they really didn't care. We were all there together to develop a deeper relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. There was no judgement, just encouragement from not only the staff, (who are magnificent by the way), but by the members of the group. The ability to talk or NOT TALK, was a game changer. I soon felt myself chiming in before I even had time to think about it. I got SO MUCH out of my attendance each week. I told myself if I didn't like it, I wasn't going back. I encourage everyone to experience the Christ Life experience, at least once. You will develop a relationship with Jesus, such as you never knew you could. He will open His heart to you and help you to forgive yourself, as He forgives you. - Pat S. Woodke

200 CLUB

Week 8 - Ticket 018 - *Ticket Not Sold* - \$0

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!

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.

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.

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.



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC NEWS The Northside Catholic Student Council is a very active organization. In the last three months it has promoted a number of community outreach activities. It has raised \$75 for the Missions in Chimbote. It has raised over \$50 for the KDKA Turkey Fund and has collected cartons of food for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Officers and representatives have provided a number of activities for the student body. There was a school supply raffle, two coloring contests, a Fall Carnival and Haunted Stage, and it donated new books to the school library.

The officers greeted the Middle States team, photo documented all school events, prepared gala posters and pictures for use at the gala, gave school tours to visitors, and sold snacks to students.

For more information on our student council, or our K-8 school please contact the school at (412)761-5043 x3001. We would love to have you come see the school!

You're invited to have



12:00-Noon on Saturday, December 10th

Risen Lord Parish Family Life Education Center

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

Kids
\$6

Adults
\$4

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