



INCARNATION & RISEN LORD

OF THE LORD ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES



December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

INCARNATION OF THE LORD PARISH

4071 Franklin Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15214
PHONE: (412)931-2911 FAX: (412)931-2832

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

STAFF

Fr. David DeWitt, Pastor.....Ext.2

Fr. David's Office Hours

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

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

Or by Appointment

Deacon Bob Koslosky.....Ext. 8

Naomi Wells, Business Manager.....Ext. 7

businessmanagerincarnation@comcast.net

Mary Ann Burke, Social Services.....Ext. 4

Marilyn Ruffner, Religious Education.....Ext. 5

David Volcheck, Director of Music.....Ext. 6

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

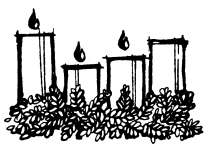
MON: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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.

Prepare the Way for the Lord!



© J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

*Make straight a
path for our God!*

RISEN LORD PARISH

3250 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
PHONE: (412)761-1507 FAX: (412)761-6454

www.risenlordparish.com

risenlord@risenlordparish.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday - 4:00 p.m. & Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Weekday: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday - 8:00 a.m.

STAFF

Fr. David DeWitt, Pastor.....Ext.8

Fr. David's Office Hours

Mon. & Wed. - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Or by Appointment

Fr. Luther M. Raymond, In Residence.....Ext. 16

Fr. Godfrey Torac, In Residence.....Ext. 33

Deacon Bob Koslosky.....rkoslosky@diopitt.org

Naomi Wells, Business Manager.....Ext. 4

businessmanager@risenlordparish.org

Agnes Sterbenac, Social Services.....Ext. 7

asterbenac@risenlordparish.org

Marilyn Ruffner, Safe Environment Coordinator.....Ext. 5

mruffner@risenlordparish.org

Mary Kay Ferrance, Director of Music

Youth & Young Adult Ministry.....mmilsop@yahoo.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

TUES: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WED: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

THURS: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

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.

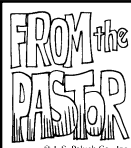
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC: Those wishing to share in the sacramental life of the Church are invited to contact the Parish Office. This specifically applies to those wishing to be baptized, who have not previously shared in the Eucharist, who have not sought to share the sacrament of Confirmation,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



WITH THE CONCLUSION OF OUR PARISH CONSULTATIONS, those in attendance saw for the first time the proposed models up for consideration. Each parish has packets of information available for those who may not have been present for the consultation. If you wish to complete a packet, please pick yours up at the office (either Incarnation or Risen Lord, respectively) and follow the instructions for completion of the packet before mailing it back to the diocese. The year 2017 will be a time used for gathering and reflecting on all the information from packets submitted. Everyone's input is important. May we use this time effectively.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT CONTINUES as we prepare ourselves for welcoming the Savior, Jesus Christ, into our hearts and homes once more. Are we using this time well?



Incarnation and Risen Lord churches with both be open on Wednesday, December 14th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM for the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves during Advent.

Third Sunday of Advent

We rejoice because we have passed the midpoint of the Advent season. We are that much closer to the celebration of Immanuel- God with us! The Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation for Christmas. Perhaps some of us are now beginning to put up our trees to decorate them. Below is a **Christmas Tree Blessing** provided by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary of the Woods, Indiana.

*Dear God,
Two thousand years ago,
you brought your son, Jesus, into this world
to teach us the power of love and sacrifice.
As we raise this tree, we remember his birth
and the meaning of his life for us.*

*Bless this tree
as a symbol of our celebration of Jesus' birth
and our gratitude for his sacrifice.*

*May the joy this tree brings
and the gifts we place under it
remind us of the many gifts
you have given us.*

*We ask your blessings upon our loved ones,
this day and always. Amen*

- copyright permission granted from the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary of the Woods, Indiana

MASSSES for the WEEK

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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)

Monday (12/12) Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM RL - Mrs. Pope (Leslie Ketter & Family)

Tuesday (12/13) St. Lucy

8:00 AM INC - Harry Moser (Resurrection Choir)

Wednesday (12/14) St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM RL - Eileen Oldaker (Thomasina Dush)

Thursday (12/15) Advent Weekday

8:00 AM INC - Joseph Snead (Rosemarie Snead)

Friday (12/16) Advent Weekday

8:00 AM RL - Eileen Oldaker (Tom & Barb Kunsak)

Saturday (12/17) Late Advent Weekday

4:00 PM INC - Living & Deceased of the Parish
4:00 PM RL - Ray Mustovic (Ed & Elva Silay)

Sunday (12/18) Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM INC - Harry Moser (Dee Greene)
11:00 AM RL - Living & Deceased of the Parish



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.

Oplatki Christmas Wafers are available at both Incarnation of the Lord and Risen Lord. They are available at the churches during Masses and at the parish offices. Be sure to get yours for your Christmas dinner tradition!



DEACON BOB'S CORNER

Gaudete Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord always.

Breaking Open the Word: Isaiah 3:1-6a,10

Listen to the Word: As you hear this familiar story, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Look into Your Life

Children: Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?

Youth: God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you?

Adults: What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives you hope? How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ?

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.

May God extend His helping and healing hands upon them all. In the letter of St. James 5:14-15 we are reminded, "If one of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church . . . the prayer of the faith will save the sick man."

Weekly Collections

Weekend of December 3 & 4, 2016

Weekly Goal - \$ 5,900.00
 Offering Collected - \$ 3,558.00
 Deficit - \$ 2,342.00

Income Report for November 2016

| | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Offering Goal (Four Sundays) - \$ | 23,600.00 |
| Offering Collected (Four Sundays) - \$ | 10,466.00 |
| All Saints \$ | 649.00 |
| Bequests, Donations, and Rebates - \$ | 80.00 |
| Funerals - \$ | 210.00 |
| Fundraising | Sarris Candy - \$ 172.00 |
| | Betsy Ann Candy - \$ 286.00 |
| | Enjoy Books - \$ 400.00 |
| Monthly Deficit - \$ | 11,337.00 |

Parish Share Report

Assessment for 2016 - \$ 55,084.00
 Received through November 2016 - \$ 31,330.72
 Balance Due - \$ 23,753.28



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

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.

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.

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.

The Incarnation parish office will open later than usual on Wednesday, December 14th at 1:30 PM due to a staff meeting.

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.

MINISTERS - DECEMBER 17 & 18, 2016

LECTORS

4:00 PM - M. Carr 9:00 AM - R. Hart

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:00 PM - J. Matelan, L. Lugar
 9:00 AM - E. Burke, Sr. Barbara

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 PM - A. Evans 9:00 AM - G. Linkhauer

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

Mary Woods

from Ben Woods and Judy Sucola.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 12

Pastoral Life Committee - 7:00 PM - Education Center

Tuesday, December 13

Volleyball - 7:00 PM - Education Center Gym

Wednesday, December 14

Choir - 7:30 PM - Education Center

Thursday, December 15

Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00 PM - Education Center

Saturday, December 17

Food Bank - 9:00 to 10:00 AM

The Risen Lord parish office will close early on Wednesday, December 14th at 10:30 AM due to a staff meeting.

Minister Schedule - December 17 & 18, 2016

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM - *N. Markovich, J. Kantenwein, C. Kuziel

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

Lectors

4:00 PM - M.A. Turkovich 11:00 AM - G. Ferrance



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!

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.

- St. Augustine

Stewardship - Weekend of November 26 & 27, 2016

Budgeted Amount - \$5,124.00

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Collection (114 Envelopes + \$178.00 Loose) | \$1,748.00 |
| PSP - Blue (5 Envelopes) | \$495.00 |
| Total | \$2,243.00 |
| <hr/> | |
| Debt Reduction (3 Env.) | \$40.00 |
| Maintenance & Utilities (4 Env.) | \$35.00 |
| Social Ministry Outreach (41 Env.) | \$466.00 |
| World Missions (1 Env.) | \$5.00 |
| Archdiocese for the Military (3 Env.) | \$34.00 |

No one claimed the October strip ticket so Risen Lord made \$500! Thank you and God Bless to all who participated in this wonderful fundraiser!

Risen Lord Food Pantry Closing

Over the past eighteen years, Risen Lord Parish has provided a Food Pantry for parishioners and others within the community. Over these many years, dedicated volunteers have supported this endeavor with utmost distinction. Our relationship with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank in Duquesne has always been a constant positive influence in helping us meet the needs of those seeking assistance. In more recent years, meeting the demands of this ministry has been met with greater difficulty. Our volunteer base has changed with the passing of time and we must recognize when changes need to be made.

One of the first questions to be asked should be, "How will our clients continue to be fed?" The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank requires us to provide needed information regarding other food banks for our clients, thereby continuing the process of feeding those who are hungry. Agnes Sterbenac, our parish's Social Minister for the past twenty-three years, has already provided this necessary information to all our clients. They will be able to seek assistance from another neighboring food bank. The final distribution from the Risen Lord Food Pantry will be Saturday, December 17, 2016.

Social Ministry - Christmas Toy Drive

This year there will be no Sharing Tree at Risen Lord Church. The Social Ministry Office has decided to give toys to the **needy children of the community**. This is sponsored by a local church, God Grace Ministry. The parishioners of Risen Lord are asked to bring new, unwrapped toys for children ages three to twelve to the church up until December 18th. God Grace Ministry will pick up the toys and wrap them and label them according to age and gender. Please call Agnes Sterbenac at the Social Ministry Office at (412)761-1507 x7 for any questions.

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 is the Third Sunday of Advent. This week we light the pink candle. We have reached the midpoint of Advent so there is much rejoicing. Christmas is almost here. We call this Gaudete Sunday. The priest wears a pink vestment. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus if He is the one. Jesus sends them back to John to tell him of the miracles that are taking place. The crowds following Jesus are asked, "Who did you go out to the desert to see? Was it someone in royal clothing? Was it a prophet?" We could ask ourselves the same question. Who do we want to see this Christmas? *The Word Among Us*, the daily Advent meditation booklet, has a question for us. Do you want to see the "glory of the Lord" this Advent? How? Activate our spiritual instincts. How can we do this? Pick up a booklet if you have not already done so. It's an excellent series of meditations for not only Advent, but throughout the year.

I saw this excellent prayer in this week's issue of OSV. It's written by Father Henri Nouwen and published in the *Catholic Family Prayer Book*.

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We, who have so much to do, seek quiet peace to hear your voice each day. We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us. We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Youth Ministry

Monday, December 19th is Youth Ministry Night at Risen Lord Parish. All in grades 5-12 are invited to join together for faith, food, and fun. It is from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Risen Lord Education Center. There will be more information in next week's bulletin.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are once again offering Christmas Cards. This year's card is white with a red sketch of Mary holding baby Jesus. The previous year's cards are also available. The cards are: 7 for \$10 (plus \$2 shipping), 12 for \$15 (plus \$3 shipping) or 30 for \$25 (plus \$6 shipping). Cards can be ordered online at www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org, or by calling (412)307-1100, or sending a check made payable to Little Sisters of the Poor at 1028 Benton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, or by stopping at the main entrance of the Home. All proceeds from the sale of the cards help to support the elderly poor Residents in the Little Sisters' care.

CHRISTMAS 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.

200 CLUB

Week 9 - Ticket 113 - *Jeff Kammersell* - \$100

2017 Mass Intentions

The Mass Books for Incarnation of the Lord and Risen Lord for 2017 are now open! Intentions can include the deceased, those who are suffering from a serious illness or injury, and anniversaries. We must limit weekend requests to one per household so that all parishioners have a chance at getting a weekend mass. Intentions must be in writing (use the form below) and will be taken on a first come - first serve basis. Masses are \$10 per intention and must be paid in full when scheduled. To schedule Mass intentions in person, please contact or stop by the parish office during scheduled office hours.

Please Note: These dates will be closed for scheduling Mass intentions: Triduum and Easter (4/13 to 4/16), All Souls' Day, Thanksgiving Day (11/23), Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Intention: _____

Requested by: _____

Date: _____ Alternate Date: _____

Intention: _____

Requested by: _____

Date: _____ Alternate Date: _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC NEWS In the Computer Lab at Northside Catholic School, students are fully engaged in using technology for grade appropriate activities. Students in grades 4-8 are working on creating a December calendar. Students are working with tables, changing fonts, font sizes, and text features. During the school year, students will be engaged in the following age-level appropriate activities: technology lessons that utilize Microsoft Office applications, such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Students are improving keyboarding skills through Typing.com. Students are also utilizing a program called IXL. IXL delivers a deeply engaging learning experience - for all students, in all grades, and in all subjects. IXL adapts with students as they grow, offering challenges at just the right level to help them master new concepts. From algebra to adverbs, IXL's content and technology enable fresh, captivating experiences that spark curiosity and build confidence. To learn more about our preschool through eighth grade, Christ centered school, please call (412)761-5043 x3001 and set up a tour.