



INCARNATION & RISEN LORD

OF THE LORD ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES



January 1, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

INCARNATION OF THE LORD PARISH

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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.

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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.

Mary kept all these things,



reflecting on them

in her heart.

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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.



WE ARE RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR... 2017! Our hopes for a new year are filled with great expectations as we thank Almighty God for His continued blessings! We look forward to continued spiritual growth in our understanding of the Catholic faith and learn how to practically apply the truths of our faith in our daily lives. Can this year be the one where we are serious about keeping ONE New Year's resolution?

SO MANY THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO ALL who assisted with the preparation of and participation in our Christmas liturgies. Your efforts really made a difference! From decorating the parish churches to assisting at the altar, joining in song with our choirs, our Christmas holiday opportunities for worship were made ever more prayerful. THANK YOU ALL!!

MANY THANKS, ALSO, for your Christmas greetings, Mass cards, gifts, and expressions of appreciation during the holiday season. May God reward your generous hearts both now and always!

Parish offices for both Incarnation of the Lord and Risen Lord will reopen from the holiday break on TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017.

**DO NOT SQUANDER TIME,
FOR THAT IS THE STUFF
LIFE IS MADE OF.**

- Benjamin Franklin



DEACON BOB'S CORNER
Mary, the Mother of God

Every New Year, we wake up thinking about the year that passed and the year that is yet to be. This year, consider making a resolution to live a fuller Christian life! After surfing the "net," I found five New Year's resolutions to help us make 2017 a very good year. I will layout the resolutions throughout the month of January 2017.

First Resolution - Take It Easy: Give yourself a break from unnecessary stresses by slowing down. Forget running errands all day on your Saturdays. Instead, give yourself the gift of a leisurely walk, a Sunday night movie, or an afternoon spent gardening.



Saturday (12/31/2016) Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave

4:00 PM INC - Living & Deceased of the Parish
4:00 PM RL - Living & Deceased of the Parish

Sunday (1/1/2017) Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 AM INC - Living & Deceased of the Parish
11:00 AM RL - Living & Deceased of the Parish

Monday (1/2) Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 AM RL - Lenny Murray (Thomasina Dush)

Tuesday (1/3) Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM INC - Dorothy S. Toski (Family)

Wednesday (1/4) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 AM RL - Byrnes Family (Mary Byrnes)

Thursday (1/5) St. John Neumann

8:00 AM INC - C.J. Rohleder (Marie Rohleder, wife)

Friday (1/6) Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM RL - Anna Winters (Maureen Molyneaux)

Saturday (1/7) Christmas Weekday

4:00 PM INC - Living & Deceased of the Parish
4:00 PM RL - Andrew Salamacha (Mary Salamacha)

Sunday (1/8) The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM INC - C.J. Rohleder (Marie Rohleder, wife)
11:00 AM RL - Living & Deceased of the Parish

Adoration at Incarnation of the Lord Church



Every Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
and the Rosary starts at 3:00 PM.
There will be Adoration on New Year's Day.

Spend some extra time with the Lord in 2017!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION The word "Octave" comes from the Latin word for eight, and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

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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."



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

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH MEN'S RETREAT The 2017 Incarnation of the Lord Parish Men's retreat will take place January 27 to 29, 2017 at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery. For more information please contact George Linkhauer by phone at (412)952-4127 or Jeff Kammerzell 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

Due to an earlier submission deadline to the publisher because of the Christmas holiday, the offertory collection for December 24th and 25th will be in next week's bulletin.

Incarnation Social Ministry - 2016 Year in Review

You made it easy...Here are our major outreach projects for the year. Thank you for your generosity and adding a bit of joy to our neighbors' lives!

"We Care" Toiletry Totes for the Homebound
Donuts & Juice to First Responders on 9/11 Anniversary
Clothing & Bedding Drive
Food Drive for North Hills Community Outreach-Bellevue
Giving Tree to Benefit Light of Life Ministries

MINISTERS - JANUARY 7 & 8, 2017

LECTORS

4:00 PM - TBA 9:00 AM - TBA

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:00 PM - J. & R. Dengler

9:00 AM - J. & R. Zito

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 PM - R. Dengler

9:00 AM - M.L. Bassett

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): Need help losing weight? Looking for the "right" group for help? Look no further, TOPS is in your neighborhood. We offer great support and friendship. TOPS meets Monday evenings at Incarnation Church. Weigh-in is at 6:15 PM, followed by a meeting at 6:30 PM. Call Darren at (412)877-7761 for more information.

WANTED: DIVORCED & SEPARATED: "Wednesday New Beginnings" divorce and separated group, 7:00 p.m. on the first of each month for discussion and support. If you are interested in attending, call Marcy Robertson, (412)732-9439.

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.

REMEMBER, REFLECT, RESPOND This feast has had several names through history. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one. When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son Jesus is also the divine Son of God.

Today's Gospel records one simple action of Mary: to keep these things in her heart. Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of being a disciple. Like Mary, we need to both keep, or remember, what God has done, and to reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures? Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times God has forgiven us?

Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God's goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God's help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting.

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

Frank Kuziel

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

Frank Woods

from Ben Woods and Judy Sucola.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 4

Choir - 7:30 PM - Education Center

Minister Schedule - January 7 & 8, 2017

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM - M.A. Turkovich, M. Zahren
11:00 AM - C. & M.A. Knoer

Lectors

4:00 PM - M. Kushik 11:00 AM - M. Skinger

Stewardship - Weekend of December 17 & 18, 2016

Budgeted Amount - \$5,124.00

Collection (102 Envelopes + \$169.00 Loose)	\$2,536.00
PSP - Blue (5 Envelopes)	<u>\$110.00</u>
Total	\$2,646.00
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Debt Reduction (3 Env.)	\$11.00
Maintenance & Utilities (40 Env.)	\$377.00
Social Ministry Outreach (3 Env.)	\$123.00
Immaculate Conception (3 Env.)	\$11.00

MANY THANKS to all who helped in decorating for Christmas. We will be taking the decorations down on Sunday, January 8th, after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please help if possible.

2017 Sanctuary Candle

We are taking requests for the Sanctuary Candle for 2017. The candle 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: _____

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.

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

BLESSED NEWS Both Numbers and the psalm describe being blessed, like the experience of our father's face lighting up as he sees us. Blessings are received with gestures and expressions of kindness and grace. In Galatians we are reminded that we too are children of God. As children, our Father's blessing is sought and cherished. The shepherds arrive and repeat the message of the angels. They bring news from angels that this child is both Son of God and son of Mary. This small, helpless, impoverished infant is the Savior, the Lord and King for whom all have been waiting. He is the blessing that lights the sky and the face of all who see him. This Son, this Lord and King, rests in his mother's arms as she reflects on all these things.

ANSWER TO OUR PRAYER There is lots of news from various sources in these readings. Moses, Paul, angels, shepherds, all have some news about this child. But there is no news from Mary. Mary is silent and reflective. The shepherds' message is amazing, but she had heard this message before and her response then was to say yes. Yes to the uncertainty, the unknown, the blessing. Her response now is to reflect, keeping all these things in her heart. She said yes and now that yes is real in her infant son. She holds the fulfillment of that earlier promise in her arms and she is powerfully aware of how small and vulnerable that promise is. She knows that her son, God's Son, is the answer to the prayers of so many for so long, and she knows how fragile that answer is. Her son needs to be loved and nurtured. As Mary knows and we will learn, the answer to a prayer is only the beginning.

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Keeping the Faith

by Marilyn Ruffner

Today is the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord. A solemnity is a feast day of the highest rank in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Rite. Eight days after the birth of Jesus, He was circumcised according to Jewish tradition and named Jesus, the name given to Him by the angel. The shepherds visited Him and told Mary of the message they had received about this child. We all have been given the message, Alleluia! We are told in the second reading that we are now ransomed and adopted children of God. This makes us heirs and sons and daughters of God. Pope Francis stated in his homily on December 24, 2013 that "the grace revealed in our world is Jesus, who was born of the Virgin Mary, is true man and true God. He has entered our history; he has shared our journey. He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light." What a gift we have received! This gift is something we should be sharing with others. Do others know we are the sons and daughters of God by our actions? Sometimes our world is very dark. Let's strive to bring light to others through our prayers and actions. Happy and Blessed New Year to all!

Youth Ministry - Silver Ring Thing

On Friday, January 13th from 7:00-9:00 PM will be the "Silver Ring Thing" at Seton LaSalle High School. The Silver Ring thing is an effective and exciting multi-media program with skits, videos, music, and witness talks. The program reflects the Catholic Vision of Love and the importance of embracing a life of chastity. The Catholic Vision of Love is a program that is taught in both Catholic schools and all religious education programs in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The program is for **all students in grades 7-8 and their parents, as well as teens in grades 9-12**. The **online registration cost is \$6 for students and adults, \$8 at the door**. Registration is limited, so register online early at www.silverringthing.com. Follow directions on the Registration information sheets. We strongly urge you to attend this worthwhile program with your child. A parent letter is available at each church explaining the program.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25 is a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. On the occasion of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, the theme "Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14-20) has been chosen. The theme finds its origins in Pope Francis' 2013 Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). For 2017, it should be noted that reconciliation is a gift from God, intended for the entire creation. "God was reconciling the world (kosmos) to God's self in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to the message of reconciliation". As a result of God's action, those who have been reconciled in Christ are called in turn to proclaim this reconciliation in word and deed: "the love of Christ compels us."

200 CLUB

Week 12 - Ticket 024 - *Larry Quartman* - \$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: _____

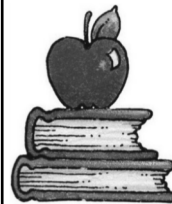
Phone Number: _____

Intention: _____

Requested by: _____

Date: _____ Alternate Date: _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC NEWS The month of December was an exciting month for First Grade students at Northside Catholic School. We prepared for Jesus' birthday by showing our generosity and kindness. We are practicing using kind words, helping each other, and including all of our classmates in games and activities. We also learned all about the Advent wreath and helped to decorate our school's Jesse Tree in the hall. We helped sponsor a child from Genesis of Bellevue by donating two gifts. Students practiced writing skills by writing a letter to Santa. The first grade students are becoming wonderful little readers and are working hard every day to learn sight words and practice reading. The most exciting part is seeing them love to read and love school! One of my students said something cute the other day that I wanted to share. She said, "Mrs. Getsy, I think there is something wrong with me because all I want to do is work!" For more information on our preschool through eighth grade school, please call (412)761-5043 x3001.

SAVE THE DATES Our annual Night at the Races will be held in the lower level of St. Cyril of Alexandria Church on Friday, February 3, 2017. More information to come soon. Also the Northside Catholic School Open House will be held during the day on Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 12:30-2:00 PM, and in the evening from 6:00-7:30 PM. Come see our school and meet the teachers and students!