



INCARNATION OF THE LORD & RISEN LORD

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES



January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

STAFF

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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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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



Rejoice and be Glad!
your Reward will be
Great in Heaven

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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.



WHEW! Already the end of January! Before too long, we will be preparing to enter the holy season of Lent. The forty days of Lent are meant to prepare our spiritual selves for welcoming the PASSION, DEATH, and RESURRECTION of Jesus. Lent begins with ASH WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2017. A schedule of Lenten activities will be available in the weeks to come.

WITH THE SEASON OF LENT APPROACHING, we also come upon a new year for our Parish Share drives within each of our parishes. We have not received (as the publishing of this week's bulletin) our new numbers for the 2017 year. We have until Friday, February 24, 2017 to meet 2016's goals. Incarnation of the Lord's 2016 goal is \$55,084 and to date, \$23,084 has been paid to the diocese. Risen Lord's 2016 goal is \$29,720 and to date, \$26,500 has been paid to the diocese. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFICE HOURS ARE CHANGING

Office hours for both Incarnation of the Lord and Risen Lord are being altered to better meet the needs of the parishes. The new office hours listed below will be effective Monday, February 6, 2017.

INCARNATION OF THE LORD

Monday . . . 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
 Tuesday . . . 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
 Wednesday . 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Thursday . . 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
 Friday . . . 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

RISEN LORD

Monday . . . 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Tuesday . . . 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Wednesday . 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
 Thursday . . 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Friday . . . 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2016 ARE READY You will be able to pick up at Mass the weekend of January 28-29. You can also pick them up at your respective church office, or have it mailed to you by calling your respective church office or place this request form in the offertory collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____



- Saturday (1/28) St. Thomas Aquinas**
 4:00 PM INC - Living & Deceased of the Parish
 4:00 PM RL - Living & Deceased of the Parish
- Sunday (1/29) Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 AM INC - For the Health of our Friends (Choir)
 11:00 AM RL - Timothy D. Sullivan (Son)
- Monday (1/30) Weekday**
 8:00 AM RL - Christine Wise - Birthday (Daughter)
- Tuesday (1/31) St. John Bosco**
 8:00 AM INC - Freida Snyder (Leo & Arlene Einloth)
- Wednesday (2/1) Weekday**
 8:00 AM RL - Mary McCormick Saunders (Kathy Saunders)
- Thursday (2/2) The Presentation of the Lord**
 8:00 AM INC - Bea Rohleder & St. Blaise (Marie Rohleder)
- Friday (2/3) Weekday**
 8:00 AM RL - Fr. Joseph Reardon (Anonymous)
- Saturday (2/4) Weekday**
 4:00 PM INC - Bernard Garvey (Family)
 4:00 PM RL - Living & Deceased of the Parish
- Sunday (2/5) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 AM INC - Living & Deceased of the Parish
 11:00 AM RL - William & Elizabeth Keenan (Family)

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.

Spend some extra time with the Lord in 2017!



DEACON BOB'S CORNER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*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. The previous resolutions were to **Take It Easy, Read the Bible, Go Gadget Free, and Remove Negative Elements.***

And Last but Not Least - Fifth Resolution - Add Positive Energy: Fill the void left behind from the negative elements with positive people, habits, and hobbies. Think about your funniest, most caring friends and ask them to lunch next weekend. Take up new hobbies like hiking, running, walking, weight-lifting or yoga.

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:

Dolores Vazzana, 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 repose of the soul of
Casey Marie Schwartzmier,
who was buried from our church.
*May her soul and all the souls of the
faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Weekly Collections

Weekend of January 21 & 22, 2017

Weekly Goal - \$ 5,900.00
Offering Collected - \$ 2,111.00
Deficit - \$ 3,789.00

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 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.

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.

MINISTERS - FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2017

LECTORS

4:00 PM - M. Ruffner 9:00 AM - G. Linkhauer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:00 PM - T. Degonish, L. Lugar
9:00 AM - Sr. Barbara, E. Burke

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.

BOAST IN THE LORD What are you most proud of? What do you like to boast about? Were you top of your class in college? Do you work harder than anyone in your office? Or are you the best at appearing to work hard, but hardly working? Everyone likes to have something they are the best at, or at least very good. But it really is kind of silly to base your own worth on what you accomplish. What truly makes us important is that we are loved by God. Our second reading tells how God uses the foolish, weak, or poorest people to shame those who are wise, strong, and wealthy. Why? Because God loves the poor, the weak, the disabled, the homeless just as much as God loves the important people.

And it's not just the external qualities that are important. Some wealthy people have great love for the poor. Some of the best teachers only work with disabled children. Our Gospel on the Beatitudes today makes that clear if you listen carefully. Blessed are not just the poor, but the poor in spirit; not only the hungry, but those who hunger for righteousness. That's what Saint Paul means when he says, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31).

So how do we get to be "important" to God? Instead of asking God to make my projects a success, I can ask what God wants me to do. And for all the good that you do, remember to thank the Lord. *Tom Schmidt, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

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

Lenny Murray
from his family.

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. **There are many weeks still open waiting to be filled.** 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: _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 1

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM - Education Center

Thursday, February 2

Liturgy Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM - Education Center

Stewardship - Weekend of January 14 & 15, 2017

Budgeted Amount - \$5,124.00

Collection (102 Envelopes + \$230.00 Loose)	\$2,049.00
PSP - Blue (5 Envelopes)	\$295.00
Total	\$2,344.00

Debt Reduction (5 Env.)	\$100.00
Maintenance & Utilities (37 Env.)	\$411.00
Social Ministry Outreach (2 Env.)	\$30.00
Christmas Offering (1 Env.)	\$25.00
All Saints Day (1 Env.)	\$24.00
St. Anthony School (56 Env. + \$107.00 Loose)	\$688.00

The Risen Lord & St. Cyril's Men's Retreat St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center February 24 to 26, 2017

Dear Brothers in Christ - Peace in this New Year!!
The theme for our Retreat this year is:

"Make known to me your ways Lord"

Retreats teach us ways to find inner peace and to appreciate life for what it is. God is always speaking to us. Do we hear Him?

Reserve Early! Special dieting or lodging needs will be met as much as possible. We will be ride sharing to conserve parking and fuel. Please make your reservations by calling the Retreat Center directly at (412)381-7676 or call Tom Glassbrenner at (412)761-5185.

Rest at your leisure while on retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center!

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting.
It has been found difficult and left untried.

- Gilbert K. Chesterton

Minister Schedule - February 4 & 5, 2017

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM - N. Markovich, M. Zahren

11:00 AM - S. Murray, C. Crummie

Lectors

4:00 PM - TBA

11:00 AM - TBA

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.

THE CHOSEN REMNANT Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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Keeping the Faith

by Marilyn Ruffner

According to St. Augustine, in 393, “anyone who piously and earnestly ponders the Sermon on the Mount - as we read in the Gospel according to Matthew - I believe will find therein the perfect standard for Christian life.” St. Augustine describes the practice of the Beatitudes as the way we can reach holiness.

If we are poor in spirit, we do not have a love of material things, but we want to gain heavenly possessions. Jesus describes meekness as “being wise as serpents, but gentle as doves.” Earth refers to the heavenly kingdom and in another sense a unifying integration of a community of souls. Our mourning is not to be despair which is a sorrow without hope. We are to mourn our sins and the sins of others, which is suffering. If we hunger for the things of the world, we will end in starvation. We need to hunger Christ, who is all-encompassing truth and justice. St Augustine reminds us that we are beggars at God’s door and someone is begging from us. To him that shows mercy, mercy will be shown. “The eyes by which God is seen are the eyes of the heart,” says St. Augustine. How foolish are those who try to see God through bodily eyes. We must walk by faith and not by sight. When our hearts are pure, we can see God clearly. The peacemakers of God are different than the peacemakers of the world. St Augustine explains that “man is unable to rule over the lower things, unless he in turn submits to a rule of a higher being.” We choose with our freewill the first seven beatitudes. The eighth Beatitude is done to us as a consequence of our choices. The Beatitudes are the perfect norms that we must strive to conform ourselves by cooperating with the graces gifted by the Holy Spirit.”

These reflections of the Beatitudes by St Augustine on the Beatitudes in *Integrated Catholic Life* increased my understanding of the Beatitudes. I guess I always took the simplistic view. The entire article is worth reading. I found it online, google “St. Augustine on the Beatitudes.” If you began this week and reflected about one Beatitude a week, it would be the second week of Lent when you finished. At this point we would have some ideas about how we want to improve our spiritual life.

There is no Youth Ministry activity in February.

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast on February 11th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Cranberry Township. Hear Speaker Susan Brinkmann tell her conversion story from hard core feminist to committed Catholic. Susan is a staff journalist for and frequent guest on EWTN’s Women of Grace. She is a book author and winner of many national journalism awards, and is a third-order Carmelite. Cost of the breakfast is \$23. To register, call Kay at (724)772-6949 or Pam at (412)461-8906 or go online at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. The registration deadline is February 3rd.

200 CLUB

Week 16 - Ticket 134 - *George Finley* - \$100

Lay Apostolate Meeting The leadership of the lay apostolates and movements already engaged in ministry in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are invited to gather at Saint Paul Seminary on Thursday, February 9, from 4:00 - 6:30 PM for a meet and greet, message, and prayer with Fr. Joseph M. Mele, the Episcopal Vicar for Leadership and the head of the Secretariat for Leadership Development and Evangelization. There are many active apostolates and movements in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. If you’re involved in the leadership of one of these important groups, please register it at <http://diopitt.org/webforms/catholic-lay-apostolates>. For more information, reach us at apostolates@diopitt.org.

THE ANNUAL WHITE MASS Join Bishop David Zubik in honoring all Health Care Professionals at the annual White Mass, 12:00 Noon on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Saint Paul Cathedral. A reception will be held afterward featuring local Catholic author Mike Aquilina speaking about the healing imperative: the rise of Christianity and the invention of medicine. All are welcome to attend. More information can be found at www.cathmedpittsburgh.org.



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC NEWS The fifth graders at Northside Catholic School have learned that the Romans believed that their double-profiled god Janus could look back over the old year and look forward to the new year. We fifth graders are doing the same. We will continue to question, explore, and examine in order to continue our learning.

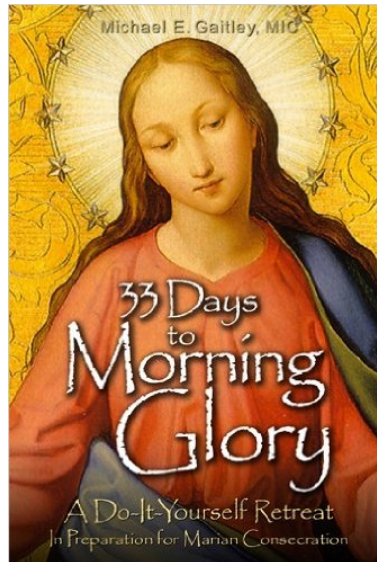
Through Smart Board activities, we will learn that being a leader in Jamestown in 1607 was not so easy. The colonists were not always happy with the leaders’ decisions and they let them know about it. We also look forward to new academic adventures such as being colonial characters who built this nation with our role playing project. Long division is not such a problem if we divide the steps and conquer it with our group practice - answer found. Our Pizza Hut “Book-It” program helps keep us eager readers. We will continue our Christian idea of service by being altar servers, cantors, and bell ringers at our liturgical services, and participating in student council projects.

The whole school looks forward to Catholic Schools Week which combines learning with fun. Exploring the Science Center, being amazed at the Mad Science presentation, and learning about Pittsburgh’s Steel industry thanks to a CLO presentation are just a small sample of the fun we have at Northside Catholic School.

If you are looking for some great academic experiences, please contact us at (412)761-5043 x3001. **Join us for our Open House** on Thursday, February 9, from 12:30-2:00 PM and 6:00-7:30 PM. We look forward to meeting you!

SAVE THE DATE Our annual **Night at the Races** will be held in the lower level of St. Cyril of Alexandria Church on Friday, February 3, 2017 starting at 5:00 PM.

COME and SEE



Total Consecration to JESUS through MARY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Incarnation of the Lord Parish

MORNING SESSION:

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
8:00 a.m.	Mass (Feast of the Presentation)	Incarnation of the Lord Church
9:00 a.m.	30-minute DVD & Introduction to "Total Consecration"	<u>Lower Level</u> of Incarnation of the Lord Church ("Library")
10:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary meeting	<u>Lower Level</u> of the Church (Legion of Mary Meeting Room)

EVENING SESSION:

- ✓ 30-minute DVD & Introduction to "Total Consecration"
- ✓ 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- ✓ Lower Level of Incarnation of the Lord Church ("Library")

** ONLY In the event of SEVERE weather, call Carol Scherer at 412-478-3769 to determine if your session will be postponed.