



# INCARNATION & RISEN LORD

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES



February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## INCARNATION OF THE LORD PARISH

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend:** Saturday - 4:00 PM & Sunday - 9:00 AM

**Weekday:** Tuesday & Thursday - 8:00 AM

### STAFF

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Fr. David's Office Hours

TUES: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM & THURS: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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### NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 PARISH

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**Weekday:** Monday, Wednesday, & Friday - 8:00 AM

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FRIDAY: 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**I have come not to abolish,**

**but to fulfill**

**the Law.**



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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.



WITHIN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, (Tuesday, February 21, 2017) we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for our parishes within our cluster. This is a wonderfully prayer-filled moment in the spiritual lives of our young people. Bishop David Zubik will be the bishop who confirms our class this year in Holy Wisdom Parish Church (Saint Boniface site). Let us pray for these young folks as they continue their faith journey, welcoming the influx of the Holy Spirit in their lives!

**PSP UPDATE:** Both of our parishes will meet their 2016 PSP goals!! This is great news...many thanks to all who supported this effort this year. The diocese has notified us of our new goals for 2017. Information about these new goals will appear in next week's bulletin. Our New PSP year always begins on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday. This means that Sunday, February 26, 2017 kicks off the new year for 2017.

**A DATE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** has been set for Sunday, April 30, 2017. We have two young ladies preparing this year to receive Jesus in the Eucharist: Leila Barber and Anna Maria Milsop. Please pray for these girls as they look forward to their Big Day!!



**OUR BAPTISMAL CALL BELONGS TO ALL OF US.** It's not just for our priests, deacons, and religious. By virtue of our baptism, all of us are called to experience Jesus more

closely by considering what it means to follow him, and to remember that as members of the Body of Christ, **we are not alone**; we share the journey with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lent invites us to consider the meaning of our lives, the direction we're going, and how we can better follow Jesus. This Lent, as we continue to journey *On Mission for the Church Alive!* all Catholics are invited to "**Back to the Font,**" a Morning of Reflection that includes presentation, prayer, and discussion. Sessions will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the following locations near the North Side: St. Alphonsus, Wexford; St. Bonaventure, Glenshaw; St. Paul Seminary, Crafton. Call (412)456-3180 or visit [OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://OnMissionChurchAlive.org) for other locations, more information, or to register.

**On Mission for the Church Alive! Questions or Comments**

The Diocese is reaching out to parishioners for On Mission feedback. Your comments and suggestions will seriously be considered as the plans move forward. Please contact an On Mission Team Leader or call the parish office, for information. More information can be found online at [onmissionchurcalive.org](http://onmissionchurcalive.org)

There you can look at all of the proposed parish models, read other articles concerning the changes that will be made throughout the diocese, and submit any questions you may have about this process.



**Saturday (2/11) Weekday**

4:00 PM INC - Charles Reljac (Family)  
4:00 PM RL - Evelyn Pettinato (Mary Byrnes)

**Sunday (2/12) Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday (2/13) Weekday**

8:00 AM RL - Frank & Elizabeth (Connie)

**Tuesday (2/14) Ss. Cyril & Methodius**

8:00 AM INC - John Dax, Sr. (Dax & Turack Families)

**Wednesday (2/15) Weekday**

8:00 AM RL - Jim & Carol Donovan (Betty Donovan)

**Thursday (2/16) Weekday**

8:00 AM INC - Dorothy Kardell (Felician Sisters)

**Friday (2/17) Weekday**

8:00 AM RL - Albert Giovanazzi (Family)

**Saturday (2/18) Weekday**

4:00 PM INC - Tom Newman (Wife, Lois Newman)  
4:00 PM RL - John Stettner (Wife)

**Sunday (2/19) Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

*Spend some extra time with the Lord in 2017!*



**DEACON BOB'S CORNER**

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*God's Commandments are a way of life.*

**Breaking Open the Word:** Matthew 5:17-37

**Listen to the Word:** When you hear the word commandment, what do you feel? What did Jesus mean when he said he did not come to **abolish** but to **fulfill** the law of the prophets?

**Look into your Life**

**Children:** What rules cause you the most difficulty to follow? Why?

**Youth:** In your own words, describe what the spirit of God's law is.

**Adults:** Have you considered that laws are made with love? Do you accept God's love through his laws?

## 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.

## Weekly Collections

### Weekend of February 4 & 5, 2017

Weekly Goal - \$ 5,900.00

Offering Collected - \$ 3,408.50

Deficit - \$ 2,491.50

### Income Report for January 2017

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| Offering Goal (Five Sundays) - \$      | 29,500.00 |
| Offering Collected (Five Sundays) - \$ | 13,921.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary - \$                 | 1,090.00  |
| Additional Christmas - \$              | 656.00    |
| Additional Feast Days - \$             | 30.00     |
| Funerals - \$                          | 400.00    |
| Bequests, Donations, and Rebates - \$  | 6,683.00  |
| Monthly Deficit - \$                   | 6,720.00  |

The January Cash Awards made a profit of \$2,380 and the football pool made \$200. Thanks to all who participated.



### 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

### MINISTERS - FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2017

#### LECTORS

4:00 PM - T. Donze                      9:00 AM - J. Kammersell

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:00 PM - L. Lugar, J. Matelan  
9:00 AM - D. Greene, E. Burke

#### ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 PM - H. Scherer                      9:00 AM - R. Dengler

### Incarnation Social Ministry

*Incarnation Parish received a formal acknowledgment from the Light of Life Recuse Mission for the 100+ Christmas gifts donated (letter is posted on the bulletin board). This local organization provides "Food, Shelter, and Hope," to those in need. Our outreach project provided gifts for men, women, and children. Thank you to all for your continued generosity! A special shout-out to Terry G. for many hours of sorting, wrapping, and labeling. And to Ed S. for making two deliveries to the Light of Life Mission.*

Mary Ann Burke

Social Ministry Office

Mon., Tues., Thurs. - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

(412)931-2911 x4

socialservicesinc@comcast.net

### 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.

**CHOICE** "If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to which ever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

## 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

**Edward Schreiber**  
from Robert Schreiber.



## Ladies of Charity Lenten Service Project

Each year during Lent, the Ladies of Charity sponsor a Lenten Service Project. In previous years, our benefactors included:

- 2013 - Operation Troop Appreciation
- 2014 - Operation Troop Appreciation & Veteran's Hospital
- 2015 - Veteran's Place and Veteran's Hospital
- 2016 - Sisters Place and St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

This year we plan to assist Operation Safety Net. As you know, every Holy Thursday we have a sock drive to assist the homeless. This year we hope to expand this and assist both homeless men and women of our area. Soon you will receive a list of items that could be very useful to the homeless. This list is slightly different than in previous years. If you are interested in helping with this project there will be boxes at each church door for your donations. Of course if you are not able to purchase items you may make a monetary donation, or if not, then just pray for all the homeless men and women in our area.

**REMINDER: THE NEXT LADIES OF CHARITY MEETING IS FEBRUARY 16, 2017 AT 1:00 PM.**

### Minister Schedule - February 18 & 19, 2017

#### Eucharistic Ministers

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

#### Lectors

4:00 PM - N. Markovich      11:00 AM - G. Ferrance

### Stewardship - Weekend of January 28 & 29, 2017

Budgeted Amount - \$5,124.00

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| Collection (109 Envelopes + \$161.00 Loose) | \$1,842.00        |
| PSP - Blue (6 Envelopes)                    | \$450.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>\$2,292.00</b> |
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| Debt Reduction (4 Env.)                     | \$52.00           |
| Maintenance & Utilities (2 Env.)            | \$15.00           |
| Social Ministry Outreach (7 Env.)           | \$59.00           |
| St. Anthony School (2 Env.)                 | \$7.00            |
| Solemnity of Mary (1 Env.)                  | \$100.00          |
| Little Sisters of the Poor                  | \$652.05          |

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Monday, February 13

Pastoral Life Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM - Education Center

#### Wednesday, February 15

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM - Education Center

#### Thursday, February 16

Ladies of Charity - 1:00 PM - Education Center  
Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00 PM - Rectory

*My great concern is not whether God is on our side;  
my great concern is to be on God's side.*

*You have to do your own growing  
no matter how tall your grandfather was.*

- Abraham Lincoln

### 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!

### 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 emphasizes that we must obey the spirit and not just the letter of the law. There are many ways to circumvent the commandments. We are not going to go out and build a golden calf to worship, but how many of us put money and other material things before God? These are the strange gods in the first commandment. The fifth commandment states that "thou shall not kill." We murder people every day with our words and judgements of them, even though we're not physically hurting them. Saturday evening or Sunday morning is the time we get together as our community and worship our God. Do we really want to miss that opportunity as a community of faith? Is it an opportunity or an obligation for us? Jesus was explaining that the commandments need to be observed, but in the spirit of the law. We cannot honor God if we are at odds with our own brother or sister. We need to avoid occasions that cause us to sin. Let's reflect on the commandments, that we have the most trouble observing. What can we do to follow them with true spirit? We have three weeks before Lent. Use this time to reflect on the commandments that are hard for us to follow. When Ash Wednesday arrives we will have an idea where we need more spirit.

Have you registered for the tour of St Anthony Chapel on Troy Hill? We are inviting any parishioner from St. Cyril, Incarnation, and Risen Lord, but all are welcome. Bring a friend. We will meet at the chapel on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 in the evening. St Anthony's Chapel is our very own little Vatican, containing many relics. It houses the most relics outside of the Vatican. The Stations of the Cross are life size and magnificent! I know some of you attend the nine week novena up there on Tuesdays. The tour explains whose relics are there and shows where they are. It's very informative and we are lucky to be living so close to such a holy place. Many people were cured there due to the intercession of St Anthony. Carole Bruechner will be giving the tour. She's not only a personal friend, but she is one of the best tour guides. They ask for a donation of \$5.00. If some people need a ride, maybe we could carpool. Call me if you have any questions at (412)931-2911 x5 or (412)761-1507 x5. A sign-up sheet is in the church for your convenience.

What is the **Best Lent Ever**? Matthew Kelly is offering a free, daily e-mail program that will help us to have a truly life-changing Lent. **His newest best seller, *Resisting Happiness*, is the basis for this free program. Guess what? This book is available at Incarnation and Risen Lord. Did you get your free copy?** This book leads readers to realize they cannot get to where they want to go without God. Pick up your copy. Father David ordered this book for both of our parishes. It's really a thought provoking, but really easy read. Thanks Fr. David! Sign up for the Best Lent Ever at [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com). It begins Ash Wednesday. It provides daily tips by e-mail, short inspirational videos by Matthew Kelly, and reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members. We will learn through this email program how to open our hearts to God and do more than just give up chocolate for Lent.

## 200 CLUB

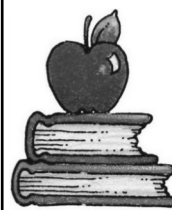
Week 18 - Ticket 092 - *Ticket Not Sold* - \$0

**Update on Regionalization of North Hills Catholic Elementary Schools** The proposed models for Catholic elementary schools in the North Hills region are in the final stages of review. The announcement by Bishop Zubik will be made in mid-February. Schools are enrolling students for the upcoming school year with the understanding they will be part of a regional system that will include shared governance and collaborative fundraising, technology, and athletics. Thank you for your continued prayers for our school and young people.

**Registrations are being taken for Mt. Assisi Academy Preschool for the 2017-2018 school year.** The classes for three year old children are held on Monday and Friday from 9:15 to 11:30. The four year old Children attend Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 or from 12:15 to 3:15. Our new class, "Almost Three," is offered Monday and Friday from 12:30 to 2:30. This class is for children who are not three and ready for school. Our curriculum is designed to incorporate language development, social skills, art, math, reading readiness, fine motor skills, and gross motor skills. Our school is affiliated with the School Sisters of St. Frances in which the religious as well as lay members are staffed. For further information please contact:

Mt. Assisi Academy Preschool  
934 Forest Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
(412)761-0381

OPEN HOUSE IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. We hope to see you there.



**NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC NEWS** Confirmation for the eighth grade at Northside Catholic School is approaching quickly. Eighth graders have been preparing for some time and will be ready to become a fully initiated Catholic. Please pray for them. The sixth grade is learning about the judges and prophets in the Old Testament. The seventh grade did a project making a triptych on the Paschal Mystery. First grade is having a 'Kindness Day' because we're focusing on how Jesus wants us to live our lives. Fourth grade is studying each of the Ten Commandments, doing activities that will help them remember the Commandments. All the children will soon be focusing on Lent and preparing for the Resurrection of Our Lord at Easter. In Social Studies and Science, fourth grade is working on the states of the South-eastern United States and biomes of the world; our massive quilt of the states is hanging in the stairwell for everyone to see. We all enjoyed the many activities of Catholic Schools Week and are ready to get back to our academic studies and activities. For more information on our school, please come and see us or call to schedule a tour at (412)761-5043. We hope to see you soon.