



INCARNATION & RISEN LORD

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES



April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

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MONDAY 8:00AM - 4:30PM
TUESDAY 1:00 PM - 4:30PM
WEDNESDAY 8:00AM - 12:00PM
THURSDAY 8:00AM - 4:30PM
FRIDAY 8:00AM - 12:00PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Saturday - 4:00 PM & Sunday - 11:00 AM
Weekday Monday, Wednesday, & Friday - 8:00 AM

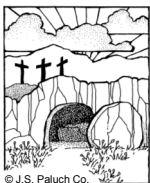
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TUESDAY 8:00AM - 4:00PM
WEDNESDAY 8:00AM - 4:30PM
THURSDAY 9:00AM - 1:00PM
FRIDAY 1:00 PM - 4:30PM



Alleluia!

Jesus is Risen!

RECONCILIATION: Saturday afternoon 3:00 - 3:30 PM before the 4:00 PM Mass, or by appointment.

INFANT BAPTISM: To schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Parents are expected to attend a Pre-Baptismal session which are held at Risen Lord Parish on the third Sunday of the month. The celebration and registration for the Sacrament of Baptism will still be at the individual parishes. Baptisms will take place 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 Catholic 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 at Incarnation or the Main Office at Risen Lord to arrange for a pastoral visit. Each hospital has a chaplain for emergencies.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please call the Main Office or Social Ministry Office to request your loved one to be on the Prayer List. Due to HIPPA Regulations, only an immediate family member can make this request.

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 PM on Friday (nine days before the Sunday of the intended publication). Submissions are subject to approval and space limitations.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ABUSE HOTLINE: For anyone who has been abused by church personnel, please call (412)456-3060 or 1-888-808-1235.



JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ON BEHALF OF FATHER LUTHER RAYMOND, FATHER GODFREY TORAC, THE STAFF and myself, your pastor, we extend to all the blessings of a wonderful Easter Season. May the Risen Christ bring peace and joy to all our hearts. These next fifty days are meant to encourage us to be faithful to God's message of love placed in our own hearts and the hearts of others. We joyfully and expectantly await the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost!

OUR CHURCHES, ONCE AGAIN, ARE DECORATED BEAUTIFULLY for this holiday season. Many thanks to all who help us greet this momentous challenge with such tremendous energy. To those who remembered loved ones with a flower memorial, we simply say "Thank You" for your generosity. Your efforts in this regard mean so much!

AS WE MAY RECALL, it was on May 30, 1993, that many new parishes were established within our diocese. On May 30, 2017, the parishes of Incarnation of the Lord and Risen Lord begin their 25th year as parishes. In what way, during this 25th year, could each parish celebrate and show our appreciation for all that God has done for us during this time? It is my hope that each parish will find a way to show their gratitude to God for His many blessings over these years! Each parish would have its own celebration. If interested in helping plan your parish's event, please contact either Incarnation of the Lord's parish office or Risen Lord's parish office as soon as possible!! THANK YOU!!

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Saturday (4/15) Holy Saturday

7:00 PM INC - Easter Vigil Liturgy - Liv. & Dec. of Parish
7:00 PM RL - Easter Vigil Liturgy - Liv. & Dec. of Parish

Sunday (4/16) Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

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

Monday (4/17) Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM RL - Chad Geiger (Marge Peschka)

Tuesday (4/18) Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM INC - Berie & Catherine Garvey - Anniversary (Family)

Wednesday (4/19) Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM RL - Veronica & Albert Markovich (Nancy Markovich)

Thursday (4/20) Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM INC - Irene & Tom Mihm (Fam. of Rosemary & Paul Mihm)

Friday (4/21) Friday within the Octave of Easter

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

Saturday (4/22) Saturday within the Octave of Easter

4:00 PM INC - Charles Turack (Dax & Turack Families)
4:00 PM RL - Liv. & Dec. of the Parish - *Anointing Mass*

Sunday (4/23) Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM INC - Living & Deceased of the Parish
11:00 AM RL - Mary Ann Namisnak (Fr. David DeWitt)

REJOICE AND BE GLAD "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (from Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today's responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!



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DEACON BOB'S CORNER

Easter Sunday

Nothing + Jesus = Everything!

Everything - Jesus = Nothing!

Without the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, where would we be? The word *paschal* refers to Jesus' offering of his life as the new Passover Lamb for our salvation. Underlying the Paschal Mystery is one fundamental reality: Jesus gives himself completely in love to the Father on our behalf to restore our relationship with God. And Jesus, through his death on the Cross, also reveals to us that we are all called to the sacrificial love that leads to true happiness here on earth and eternal joy in the next life.

We are a Resurrection People!

Breaking Open the Word: John 20:1-9 In John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene is first to arrive at the tomb early on the morning after Jesus rose. The second and third visitors come to the tomb because of Mary's incredible story. Before Jesus appeared to anyone, Mary visited his tomb and was the first to announce the events of the resurrection.

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

Look into your Life

Children: What is good and new in your life?

Youth: Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

Adults: In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

Sick Relatives & Friends

Fr. Godfrey Torac, Marie Baccaro, 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, 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, PFC Russell L. Johnson, Alexa and Michael Brown, SFC Erin Shaw

Weekly Collections

Weekend of April 1 & 2, 2017

Weekly Goal - \$ 5,900.00
Offering Collected - \$ 3,225.00
Deficit - \$ 2,675.00

MINISTERS - APRIL 22 & 23, 2017

LECTORS

4:00 PM - Sr. R. Kardell 9:00 AM - D. Gierl

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:00 PM - J. Matelan, L. Lugar
9:00 AM - J. & R. Zito

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 PM - M.L. Bassett 9:00 AM - H. Scherer

CASH AWARDS We will be selling June Cash Awards tickets starting the weekend of April 22-23 through May 27-28 in the back of the church. Tickets will also be available in the church office. Any questions, call Gerry at (412)231-2139. See the flyer in today's bulletin.

WOMEN'S GUILD There will be no Women's Guild meeting in April. Our next meeting will be on Sunday May 21th after the 9:00 AM Mass. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Come and enjoy friendship and food.

Alleluia! Easter is here at last! All the days of Lenten discipline and the sadness of Good Friday are over and we are here to rejoice. The readings remind us that we have a lot to rejoice about: the life of Jesus, his death and resurrection, and his promise to us. The psalm describes the stone, Jesus, who was rejected and who has become the very foundation of our faith. But it is John who tells the story of those first moments of uncertainty, fear, and excitement experienced by Mary of Magdala and two disciples, John and Simon Peter, when they discover that their beloved Jesus is not where they had buried him. Even though they do not understand the full meaning of his absence, they still believe.

GONE Acts gives us the whole story in a nutshell. Jesus was baptized, anointed, and preached. He was crucified, died, and rose. Each line of the Gospel gives us a bit more information about this unfolding mystery that Mary of Magdala, John, and Simon Peter are encountering. First, Mary comes and sees just the stone removed from the entrance to the tomb and knows something is wrong. Then John comes and sees the burial cloths lying in the tomb. Finally, Peter comes and enters the tomb and sees the cloths spread around the tomb. But there is no body. What are they to do? What are we to do?

BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Do they understand it all? Do we understand it? No. Not even Jesus' closest friends knew what to make of his absence. But this absence, the absence of his body, does not feel like the loss we experienced on Friday as we recalled his painful, agonizing death. Then we felt loss and fear and a profound emptiness. But his absence today fills us with hope and joy and a peace we only feel when the one we thought was lost is found again. We believe even without understanding because we experience not just his death but his whole life, a life that, as the disciples and we will soon realize, is transformed. We can believe that what Jesus said is true. Every word he spoke about his life and death, about his love for us and for the Father, every transformation of water to wine, every curing of the sick of body and soul, every day spent in the company of outcasts and the poor, every word of comfort and challenge, all of it is true because not even death itself could hold our beloved friend within a tomb.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION Easter is nearly three weeks later this year than last. Why does the date wobble around the calendar so? The way of calculating the date was set by the Emperor Constantine in 325. The decision ended a very bitter controversy in the church. Some people wanted to synchronize the Pasch with Passover on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Nissan, and their opponents wanted it after the Passover was complete, on the Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. The ecclesiastical rules do not exactly connect with the astronomical rules. The emperor squashed the hopes of the quartodecimans, as the fans of 14 Nissan were called, and chose Sunday. The traditional rule is that Easter is the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox, the fourteenth day of the new moon, and later than March 21. Thus, Easter wobbles between March 22 and April 25.

The actual tables and methods for computing the date are extraordinarily detailed, with subtle variations and mind-bending exceptions and charts with "golden numbers," "dominical letters," and "epacts" measuring leap years. In 1954 and 1962 the ecclesiastical calculations actually overrode the astronomical new moons and bumped Easter back a month! Today, there is a movement in the World Council of Churches (Protestants and Orthodox) for all Christians to combine their celebrations, based on the star charts for the Jerusalem skies. In principle, the Catholic Church is open to an ecumenical agreement on a fixed date for Easter, but we desire a unanimous decision from the World Council.

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RISEN LORD PARISH NEWS

AS A PARISH WE LIFT IN PRAYER...

...Those requesting prayer

For the Healing and Well-Being of All
 For Fr. Godfrey Torac, Marie McConnell Scotty,
 Agnes Sterbenac, Debra Butler, & Anonymous

...Those who have gone before us in faith



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in honor of
 the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of

Eileen Oldaker
 from Jim Oldaker.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 18

Fundraising Meeting - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 19

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM - Education Center

Thursday, April 20

Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00 PM - Rectory

Saturday, April 22

Anointing Mass - 4:00 PM

Minister Schedule - April 22 & 23, 2017

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM - N. Markovich, T. & M. Glassbrenner
 11:00 AM - S. Murray, C. Crummie, C. Knoer

Lectors

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

SUPER SPRING BINGO

Risen Lord Gym - Sunday April 23, 2017

Opens 11:00 AM Early Birds 12:30 PM Regular Games 12:45 PM

For a \$25 Donation you get fifteen cards for:

20 Regular Games (\$100 Prize for each Game)
 plus 4 Specials (\$200 Prize for each Special).

A potted flower is given away after each Regular Game!
 Additional cards sold separately.

TWO \$500 Jackpots & Half the Take Lightning Special
ALL SOLD SEPARATELY!

Chinese Auction - Door Prizes - 50/50 Raffle - Instant Bingo
Dauber Deli - Bake Sale

Tickets are available at the rectory.

SPRING HASN'T SPRUNG UNTIL YOU
GO TO THE BEST BINGO IN TOWN!

Stewardship - Weekend of April 1 & 2, 2017

Budgeted Amount - \$5,124.00

Collection (133 Envelopes + \$234.50 Loose)	\$2,991.51
PSP - Blue (16 Envelopes)	<u>\$569.00</u>
Total	\$3,560.51
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Maintenance & Utilities (4 Env.)	\$48.00
Debt Reduction (56 Env. + 87.76 Loose)	\$663.76
Pittsburgh Catholic (3 Env.)	\$25.00
Camp. For Human Development (3 Env.)	\$50.00

CHURCH ALIVE! CASE STUDY UPDATE

As many may remember, when our parish was going through the Church Alive! fundraising phase, we had to submit a "case study" to the diocese as a way to explain how we would spend the money raised in this phase. After receiving approval from the diocese to use the money as was stated in the case study, efforts began to achieve the first item on the list...creating a handicapped bathroom in the back of our church. Problems immediately arose when discovering water leakage problems in the basement of the church which could cause additional problems for our electrical system's power source also in the basement. Further research revealed that moving the electrical unit to the level of the church vestibule would be cost-prohibitive for the parish. Some possible solutions were sought out for these roadblocks, but in order to remove these roadblocks, additional money was needed. Money from the Church Alive! funds could not be used since the subsequent difficulties were not part of the case study list submitted. The only solution was to change the original case study list. Following diocesan policy and procedure to do this, I met with representatives from Risen Lord's pastoral and finance councils and together, we reworked the original case study and are ready to submit, for approval, an amended case study. The new list is as follows: 1) razing of the old garage behind the original rectory, 2) resolving the water leakage problem in the basement of the church, 3) repair or replace the sound and lighting systems in the church, 4) begin work on the handicapped bathroom in the church, 5) apply money to the parish debt, and 6) refurbish church pews. Completion of these tasks must follow as they are numbered 1 through 6. Notification of this change must appear in the parish bulletin for at least three weeks so that the parishioners are aware of the changes to the original case study. This notification will also appear in the bulletins for April 23, 2017 and April 30, 2017.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE SUPER SPRING BINGO! If you have an item to donate for the Chinese Auction (good items include wine & spirits, lottery scratch-off tickets, and store, restaurant, gas, & grocery gift cards) or ***IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER*** for the gaming or in the kitchen, please e-mail Bethany Glassbrenner at bglassbrenner@gmail.com. ***ITEMS FOR THE BAKE SALE ARE ALSO NEEDED!*** They can be dropped off at the Education Center on April 23rd. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



CALLING ALL LADIES The Risen Lord Ladies of Charity will be hosting a Gathering of Women on Sunday, May 7, 2017. A light lunch, served by our Lads of Charity, will be followed by a Chalk Talk/Pastel Presentations. Our theme this year is Pittsburgh. There will be a Chinese Auction, a 50/50 raffle, and we will raffle off the framed Chalk Talk picture. Tickets are \$10 and will be available April 22-23 and April 29-30 at church and at the Main Office. Hope to see you there!!!!



Keeping the Faith

by Marilyn Ruffner

Alleluia! Jesus is truly risen. When Jesus raised Himself from the dead, this was proof positive that He is the Son of God. We know that the followers of Jesus were not really sure that Jesus would rise from the dead. Mary Magdalene went to His tomb to anoint Him. Upon arriving she noticed that the stone was rolled away and the body wasn't there. Mary ran to tell Simon Peter and John that the body was gone. When they looked in the tomb, only the wrappings were there. They still didn't understand the scripture yet, that He must rise. Imagine traveling with Jesus for three years, seeing the miracles He performed, and still not understanding or knowing that He would really rise. Sometimes we do not see nor do we understand. We must travel on the road with Jesus and continue to develop a deeper relationship with Him. We must take our own wrappings off and rejoice that Jesus is truly risen from the dead!

On Thursday February 23rd, we visited St Anthony's chapel on Troy Hill for Vespers and an informative explanation of the relics housed there. St Anthony's Chapel committee sent us a thank you note for the generous contribution of our group. The contributions of those that visit allow the work to continue and maintain the chapel for generations to come. It was a fun trip and enjoyed by all present. We're truly blessed to have the chapel so close and view all of the relics. St Anthony's is second only to the Vatican for the number of relics displayed in the world.

Around the Area

A Journey Through Scripture: Understanding the Journey is the title of a course being offered at St. Athanasius Parish, Tuesday evenings, April 25th, May 2nd, and May 9th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. This course will explore the first eleven chapters of the Book of Genesis, describe overall structures of the books of the Bible, history of people, and more. Six elective credits from the Department of Education are offered. The cost is \$25. To register call (724)869-6587 by April 18th. All are welcome to increase your understanding of the Bible.

Fr. Godfrey has moved out of AGH and is now at Marion Manor in Greentree for rehabilitation. If you would like to send a card, his address is:

Fr. Godfrey Torac
Marian Manor, Room C116
2695 Winchester Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

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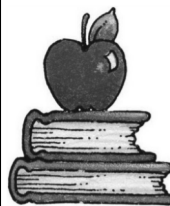
Week 27 - Ticket 112 - *Mary O'Toole* - \$100

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION The Felician Sisters in Coraopolis are sponsoring a celebration of Christ's Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 23, 2017. The program will take place at the Felician Sisters Convent, 1500 Woodcrest Avenue in Coraopolis and will begin with the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy at 1:00 PM. Principal celebrant and speaker will be Fr. Bob Hiltz, TOR, from Loretto, PA. After the liturgy, there will be time for personal prayer, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The afternoon will conclude with a Holy Hour and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM. For more information, please call Sr. Mary Cabrini Procopio at (412)264-2890.



CALLED BY NAME We're all called to holiness, but what does that mean? How does God invite us to holiness through His perfect plan for our lives? Come and explore our universal call to holiness as well as the particular vocations to Priesthood and the Religious Life at the second annual **Called by Name** event, Sunday, April 30, 4:00 - 8:30 PM at St. Paul Seminary. This evening for high school men and women features Fr. Matt McClain and Sr. Bethany Madonna (from the Sisters of Life) as speakers. Ben Walther, a nationally-renowned worship leader, will play during Mass and a time of adoration. No cost. Please visit PGHPriest.com to register, or talk to your youth minister.

OLSH Summer Camp Registration Opens! Students entering grades 6-9 are invited to spend their summer programming robotics, performing on stage, dissecting a brain, exploring their faith, playing alongside other athletes, and more! Drawing on resources such as the University of Notre Dame's Center for STEM Education, college athletes, and our teachers, coaches, and staff, OLSH provides summer experiences to enrich students academically, athletically, artistically, and spiritually. Explore all twelve camp options and **register now** at www.olsh.org/summercamp, or by calling (412)262-3300.



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC NEWS The First Grade students at Northside Catholic School are preparing to celebrate Easter through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are attending Stations of the Cross each Friday as well. The First Grade students are becoming confident little readers. We read Dr. Seuss books during the month of March and are currently reading books by Eric Carle. In math we are learning about fractions and how to tell time. We just received a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding completion of **100,000** questions on **IXL!!!** We are looking forward to spring and warmer weather! It is always a good thing when students comment at the end of the day about how fast the day went! For more information on our preschool through eighth grade school, give us a call at (412)761-5043 x3001 or stop by to schedule a tour. Happy Easter to all of the parishioners in our supporting parishes!