



INCARNATION & RISEN LORD

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES



April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of the Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

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

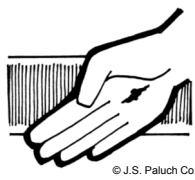
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WEDNESDAY 8:00AM - 4:30PM
THURSDAY 9:00AM - 1:00PM
FRIDAY 1:00 PM - 4:30PM



**Blessed are they
who have not seen,
but Believe!**

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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.



WE ARE IN THE WONDERFUL SEASON OF EASTER! Jesus Christ is Risen! Once again, MANY, MANY THANKS go out to all who assisted in helping us prepare and celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus! May these days continue to enliven us as we grow in the Lord.

THIS WEEKEND, RISEN LORD PARISH HOSTS their Super Spring Bingo in the gym of the Education Center. Doors open at 11:00 AM. Games begin at 12:30 PM. Thanks to all who support our fundraisers!

THE CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION is right around the corner...Incarnation of the Lord and Risen Lord parishes each have a member of their respective parishes receiving Jesus for the first time! Leila Barber from Incarnation and Annamaria Milsop from Risen Lord have both worked very hard this year preparing for this exciting day in their spiritual lives. Risen Lord will recognize Annamaria on Sunday, May 14, 2017 at the 11:00 AM Mass and Leila will be recognized on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at the 9:00 AM Mass. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH YOUNG LADIES!



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.



DEACON BOB'S CORNER

Divine Mercy Sunday

Act in such a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away joyful. Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God; give, then, generously to others. They should take leave of you with their hearts filled with joy, even if they have no more than touched the hem of your garment.

from *Divine Mercy in My Soul*
St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

Breaking Open the Word: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Listen to the Word: As you hear these hopeful words of Peter, which ones touch you most deeply? What single word or line from this reading lingers in your memory?

Look into your Life

Children: Even though you cannot see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others?

Youth: Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

Adults: When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebration reconciliation? At other times?

MASSSES for the WEEK

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

4:00 PM INC - Charles Turack (Dax & Turack Families)
4:00 PM RL - Rev. Joseph Reardon (Anonymous)

Sunday (4/23) Second Sunday of Easter

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

Monday (4/24) Easter Weekday

8:00 AM RL - John Rush (Anna Rush)

Tuesday (4/25) St. Mark, Evangelist

8:00 AM INC - Philip Bohr, Jr. (Family)

Wednesday (4/26) Easter Weekday

8:00 AM RL - Lori Lyn Kenzleiter Zilla (Kathy Saunders)

Thursday (4/27) Easter Weekday

8:00 AM INC - Mary Catherine Yost (Leo & Arleen Einloth)

Friday (4/28) Easter Weekday

8:00 AM RL - John Rush (Anna Rush)

Saturday (4/29) St. Catherine of Siena

4:00 PM INC - Jeanie Cappello (Lois, Peppy, & Patsy)
4:00 PM RL - George Silay (Elva & Edward Silay)

Sunday (4/30) Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM INC - DeWitt & O'Kane Families (Family)
11:00 AM RL - Living & Deceased of the Parishes



An Evening with the Book of Revelation

On Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 7:00 PM at the Risen Lord Education Center, Deacon Bob Koslosky will present a lector workshop entitled, "An Evening with the Book of Revelation." Though specifically directed to our lectors of both Risen Lord and Incarnation of the Lord parishes, this workshop is **OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS** who are interested in the Book of Revelation.

There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds.
- Alfred, Lord Tennyson

A SEASON OF JOY "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). This first line of today's first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles - Luke, Peter, and John - who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.
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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

MINISTERS - APRIL 29 & 30, 2017

LECTORS

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:00 PM - T. Donze, T. Degenish
9:00 AM - J. & R. Dengler, P. Wilson

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 PM - G. Linkhauer 9:00 AM - R. Dengler

WOMEN'S GUILD Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 21st after the 9:00 AM Mass since the second Sunday of that month is Mother's Day. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Come and enjoy friendship and food.

Weekly Collections

Weekend of April 8 & 9, 2017

Weekly Goal - \$ 5,900.00
Offering Collected - \$ 3,039.00
Deficit - \$ 2,861.00

Weekend of April 15 & 16, 2017

Weekly Goal - \$ 5,900.00
Offering Collected - \$ 2,311.00
Deficit - \$ 3,589.00

Holy Thursday Social Services Offering - \$ 656.00
Good Friday Holy Land Offering - \$ 333.00
Easter Offering - \$ 2,514.00

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.

Incarnation Social Ministry News

Anointing Mass

Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 4:00 PM
All are welcome!

Social Ministry Prayer List

If you, or anyone you know, wishes to be added to our prayer list, please call the Social Ministry Office. This list is private and will not be published in the church bulletin. Please call (412)931-2911 x4.

Saints John and Paul Catholic Parish - Thank you!

Incarnation Parish is the grateful recipient of a \$5,000 gift from the parishioners of Sts. John and Paul Parish. These funds are dedicated to the well-being of the people of Incarnation parish. If you need assistance with bills (medical, RX, dental, utilities, etc.), please call the Social Ministry Office. We are blessed to have generous and caring neighbors. *Thank you for your kindness, Father Joseph McCaffrey and Sts. John & Paul parishioners!* For assistance or information, call Mary Ann Burke at (412)931-2911 x4.

X-TREME CHRISTIANS You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first reading during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" (Acts 2:43) performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor, tutor disadvantaged kids, or help build or repair houses in poor areas. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example - prayer. In the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46) - their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other. *Tom Schmidt, © J. S. Paluch*

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

Robert J. DeWitt
 from his family.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 26

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM - Education Center

Thursday, April 27

A Evening with the Book of Revelation
 7:00 PM - Education Center

Minister Schedule - April 29 & 30, 2017

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Lectors

4:00 PM - V. Dragone 11:00 AM - J. Harding

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 at the door will be limited due to advance sales.

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

Stewardship - Weekend of April 8 & 9, 2017

Budgeted Amount - \$5,124.00

Collection (124 Envelopes + \$190.00 Loose)	\$2,084.00
PSP - Blue (20 Envelopes)	<u>\$566.00</u>
Total	\$2,650.00
Maintenance & Utilities (2 Env.)	\$20.00
Debt Reduction (4 Env.)	\$165.00
Pittsburgh Catholic (2 Env.)	\$11.00

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 bulletin for April 16, 2017 and will appear in the bulletin for April 30, 2017.

CALLING ALL BAKERS - BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE SUPER SPRING BINGO

All of Risen Lord's talented bakers are asked to bring their scrumptious goods to the Education Center the morning of 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 Mass, or call the Main Office at (412)761-1507 x4 by May 1st to make a reservation. Hope to see you there!!!!



Keeping the Faith

by Marilyn Ruffner

The Apostles were afraid and locked themselves in a room. They had just seen their beloved Savior beaten and crucified. Suddenly, Jesus is in the room with them. Imagine the joy and peace they must have felt at seeing Jesus alive and well. Even though Jesus had told them He would rise from the dead, they weren't really sure this would happen. They felt an enveloping peace. As the breath of Jesus blew upon them, they felt the tremendous power of the Holy Spirit enter them. The power of forgiving sins was given to them. The Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation were instituted. Thomas was not there that day. He didn't believe that Jesus had come. In order to believe, he said he would need to put his hands into the wounds of Jesus' hands and the wound in His side. When Jesus came to the Apostles again, Thomas was there. Jesus told Thomas to come and put his hands into His wounds. Thomas fell to his knees saying, "My Lord and my God." Jesus told Thomas he believed because he had seen, but said, "Blessed are they who have not seen, but believe." We have our belief in Jesus even though we never walked with Him physically. Jesus blesses us for our belief in Him. Why do we believe? What is your faith story? Who has helped you on your faith journey? I believe my journey began with my family taking me to church and telling me about my faith, but most of all my family living out their faith every day. They put God first and treated all people as they wanted to be treated. We never questioned going to church on Sundays. If Sister said there was a God, we knew that whatever Sister said, was definitely true. How are you passing on the faith?

Past Events

On Thursday, March 23rd, Sister Lorita came to Incarnation of the Lord and spoke on the Beatitudes. Sister sent us a thank you note for the invitation. She was very happy to return and see old friends. We all enjoyed an original rap written by Sister on the topic being the Beatitudes.

We all were inspired by the faith of Rachel Scott, when watching the movie *I am Not Ashamed* on April 2nd. Rachel was the first student killed from Columbine High School. The movie was based on her journal entries about her faith journey. Thanks Lavern Lugar!

ST. ALOYSIUS RUMMAGE SALE Saturday, May 6th, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, and Sunday, May 7th, 12:30 - 3:30 PM. There are eighteen rooms filled with everything from kitchen items, furniture, tools, toys...you get the idea. If you anything to donate, please drop it off at the enclosed back porch. Please do not bring any items to donate the days of the Rummage Sale. Thank you for your support!

200 CLUB

Week 28 - Ticket 165 - *Ticket Not Sold* - \$0

Fr. Godfrey is now at Marian Manor in Greentree for rehabilitation. If you would like to send a card, his address is:

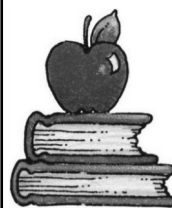
Fr. Godfrey Torac
Marian Manor, Room C116
2695 Winchester Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

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 Hilz, 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.



PEACE BE WITH YOU As the Father has seen me, so I send you. The new life in Christ that we celebrate at Easter is given to us in Baptism so that our life will never be the same. We receive the Holy Spirit and are filled with God's grace to be sent forth to fulfill God's will, just as Jesus did. The goal of *On Mission for the Church Alive!* is for us to be renewed in our baptismal mission to go forth as follower of Jesus and lead others to Him.. How can you share the peace and love of God with those who need it most so that their lives can be transformed? Visit online at onmissioninchurchalive.org to stay involved.

HEALING MASS Fr. William Kiel, celebrant, and Fr. Joseph Feltz, concelebrating. St. Christopher's at the Lake in Prospect on Monday, April 24th. Rosary at 6:30 PM, Mass is at 7:00 PM, confessions will follow. St. Christopher's parish office phone number is (724)865-2430.



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC NEWS The Kindergarten class has been very busy through the long winter months. They have become fantastic readers! You should hear them! They have learned about money, measuring and fractions in math and are beginning to do addition and subtraction. They spent Lent attending the Stations with our church buddies and keeping our Lenten promises. Kindergarten was very happy to welcome in Spring. They have really been working hard looking forward to the summer break. Come and see our kindergarten. Give us a call to set up a tour at (412)761-5043 x3001. We hope to see you soon!