



INCARNATION & RISEN LORD

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES



May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of the Easter

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

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FRIDAY 1:00 PM - 4:30PM



**The Shepherd calls
his own Sheep
by Name**

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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 HAVE ENTERED THE MONTH OF MAY...a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Risen Savior. Mary proves, time and again, to be the perfect intercessor for us when we pray to God. She is the model after whom we build and affirm our lives. We can always go to her in prayer realizing that she hears us and answers our prayers according to God's Will. Are we open to allowing her to help us?

WE HAVE BEGUN OUR SEASON FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS throughout the various parishes of the diocese of Pittsburgh. Incarnation of the Lord and Risen Lord parishes will celebrate this second sacrament of initiation in the coming weeks...Sunday, May 14, 2017 at the 11:00 AM Mass, Annamaria Milsop will join us at the Table of the Lord, and on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at the 9:00 AM Mass, Leila Barber will receive First Holy Communion. This is a great day for the Church and for their families! Congratulations to All!

THE WINDOWS AT INCARNATION OF THE LORD have been completed. The diocese was out this past week to inspect and approve the work accomplished. Many thanks to all for your patience during this process!

AS WE ARE ALL AWARE, for some time now, all adults (age 18 and over) who elect to volunteer in our parishes are required to have clearances through registration in the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Safe Environment Database. This has been policy of the diocese for some time now. After consulting with Marilyn Ruffner, our Safe Environment Coordinator, we are asking for event coordinators to submit a list of all potential volunteers SIX WEEKS prior to an event which will give enough time to ensure that ALL event volunteers are properly registered in the Safe Environment Database. As another point to consider, if you have a question about your availability to volunteer, please call Marilyn and see if you are updated in the database. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



DEACON BOB'S CORNER
Fourth Sunday of Easter

We enter life to the full through Christ.

Breaking Open the Word: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Listen to the Word: As you hear the words of Peter, what line or phrase strikes you most?

Look into your Life

Children: When others do not like you, how can Jesus be your example of response or action?

Youth: Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life? Has anybody helped you hear God's voice?

Adults: In what specific ways is Christ an example that you follow when dealing with others, especially with the ones against whom you hold a grudge or those who dislike you?

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Saturday (5/6) Easter Weekday

4:00 PM INC - Living & Deceased of the Parishes
4:00 PM RL - Rev. Joseph Reardon (Anonymous)

Sunday (5/7) Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM INC - Robert Sambroak, Jr. (Lynn Williamson)
11:00 AM RL - Joan Milsop (Tusa Family)

Monday (5/8) Easter Weekday

8:00 AM RL - Health of Fr. Godfrey Torac (Jim Oldaker)

Tuesday (5/9) Easter Weekday

8:00 AM INC - Betty Gorman (Marie Rohleder)

Wednesday (5/10) Easter Weekday

8:00 AM RL - Health of Fr. Godfrey Torac (L.O.C.)

Thursday (5/11) Easter Weekday

8:00 AM INC - Joseph & Julia Wetter (Bernadette Orr)

Friday (5/12) Easter Weekday

8:00 AM RL - Eileen Oldaker (Marianne Zahren)

Saturday (5/13) Easter Weekday

4:00 PM INC - Albert Brunner (Donna Miller)
4:00 PM RL - Veronica T. & Albert J. Markovich (Daughter, Nancy)

Sunday (5/14) Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD The Twenty-Third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The verse four reads

*Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil;
for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage.*

This verse connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



PARISH WEBSITE The new website for both parishes will be ready the weekend of May 27-28. It was supposed to be ready this weekend but due to some circumstances the launch date had to be pushed back. We apologize for this delay.

Sick Relatives & Friends

Fr. Godfrey Torac, Bernie Lundy, John Grubbs, Marie Baccaro, Dolores Vazzana, 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

A1C Alexander J. Sharpe, Tina Lippert,
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,
Christine May, PFC Russell L. Johnson
Alexa and Michael Brown, SFC Erin Shaw

Pray
for the
Deceased



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Pray for the repose of the soul of
Norman Gottron
who buried from our church.

*May his soul and all the souls of the
faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Weekly Collections

Weekend of April 29 & 30, 2017

Weekly Goal - \$ 5,900.00

Offering Collected - \$ 2,298.00

Deficit - \$ 3,602.00

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.



The next phase of the *On Mission for the Church Alive!* process is underway. The Draft Models that were presented to parishes last fall have now been refined one step further by placing each parish into a single Configuration based on parishioner feedback. Information was passed out at Masses the weekend of April 29-30 at Incarnation outlining their proposed Configuration and is still available in the church. The diocese is once again asking for parishioner feedback on their new Configuration. There will be Feedback Sessions after each of the weekend Masses at Incarnation on May 6th and 7th for people to express their opinions and ask questions. Written feedback forms can be returned to the church by May 14th. All of the feedback will be compiled into a single report and sent to the diocese and the On Mission Commission.

MINISTERS - MAY 13 & 14, 2017

LECTORS

4:00 PM - M. Carr

9:00 AM - J. Kammersell

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:00 PM - K. Verbanets

9:00 AM - Sr. Barbara, G. Seidl, D. Greene

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 PM - H. Scherer

9:00 AM - G. Linkhauer

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION The fact that many monastic churches do not have a prominent tabernacle shapes the patterns of liturgical prayer. Monastic communities often protect the ancient value of "receiving from the same sacrifice," meaning that the communicants are assured that what they eat and drink in the Holy Mysteries actually comes from the same celebration. It surprises many to learn that the Church does not foresee, nor does it provide for, Communion of the faithful from the reserved Sacrament. Liturgical laws have long defended your right to receive from the same sacrifice, the same Mass, that you attend.

At one time, of course, the bread for the Eucharist was the ordinary bread of the day, except unleavened, probably prepared at home. It was broken and distributed to the faithful. Early on the loaf itself was referred to as the *hostia* in Latin, meaning the "sacrifice," the same word for the sacrificial animal in Jewish worship, and for Jesus as the Lamb of God. By giving his life on the cross, Jesus became the *hostia* for us. To this day in the Greek Church, one of the tasks of the priest's wife is to bake the bread for the Divine Liturgy, sometimes in a bakery oven dedicated to that purpose and called a "Bethlehem."

Today's familiar individual hosts first appeared in the eleventh century at about the time when tabernacles were coming into use. The turn away from "bread" bread allowed the hosts to be reserved since they did not spoil like regular bread, and made the annual "Easter Duty" counts easier.

- Rev. James Field, 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 Fr. Godfrey Torac, Marie McConnell Scotty,
 Agnes Sterbenac, Debra Butler, & Anonymous

...Those who have gone before us in faith

Mary Kraus



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

Cathy Swidorsky

from Nancy Markovich.

OPEN DATES FOR THE SANCTUARY CANDLE There are still some weeks open for Sanctuary Candle Requests. The weeks available, beginning on Saturday, are on the these dates: 6/3, 6/10, & 12/30.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 8

Pastoral Life Committee Meeting
 7:00 PM - Education Center

Wednesday, May 10

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM - Education Center

Thursday, May 11

59er's - 12:00 PM - Education Center

Saturday, May 13

Damascus Diner - 7:30 to 10:00 AM - Education Center



Sincerest THANKS to EVERYONE for supporting the Super Spring Bingo! This was our first annual Spring Bingo, and though it was not a sell out, we will be able to report an impressive profit, which will be reported in coming weeks. We COULD NOT have done it without our donors, solicitors, ticket sellers, volunteers, bakers, players, and all others who sent their prayers and positive vibes. Support came from Risen Lord, Incarnation, and parishioners from several other neighboring parishes, showing our vibrancy and ability to come together to have fun and celebrate our gifts. So many people have shared positive feedback on our giveaways and overall bingo operation. We are incredibly grateful for your hard work and moral support over the past few months. You are **AWESOME** and **APPRECIATED!**

Minister Schedule - May 13 & 14, 2017

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM - T. Griffin, J. Kantenwein, M. Zahren
 11:00 AM - S. Murray, C. Crummie, M. Miksic

Lectors

4:00 PM - B. Glassbrenner 11:00 AM - J. Glassbrenner

Stewardship - Weekend of April 22 & 23, 2017

Budgeted Amount - \$5,124.00

Collection (113 Envelopes + \$200.00 Loose)	\$1,916.00
PSP - Blue (4 Envelopes)	<u>\$140.00</u>
Total	\$2,056.00
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Maintenance & Utilities (11 Env.)	\$120.00
Debt Reduction (4 Env.)	\$70.00
Social Ministry Outreach (1 Env.)	\$5.00
Pittsburgh Catholic (20 Env.)	\$165.00
Holy Land Offering (10 Env.)	\$40.00
Easter Offering (10 Env.)	\$190.00

Pastoral Life Committee - April 2017

The Pastoral Life Committee met and discussed the following items.

We are planning our Annual Baseball outing to see the Phillies play the Pirates on Saturday August 5. This year in addition to receiving a free hat, the band Chicago is in concert after the game. Your ticket includes your seat, a hat, and the free concert by Chicago to follow the game. Flyers will be out soon. Join us for this fun filled night. Root for the Pirates then stay to hear Chicago.

We discussed the Mass of Remembrance. In past years, Agnes Sterbenac, our Social Minister, coordinated this event with the Ladies of Charity. Some suggestions from the committee were to contact the Ladies of Charity to see if they would like to coordinate this event. If not, then the Pastoral Life Committee would coordinate this special Mass. With preplanning in mind we decided to contact Father David to see what he had in mind. We will let you know what has been decided.

We have begun preliminary discussions about an Advent program for Risen Lord. We have a few ideas in mind and with Father David's permission, we have started to explore some possibilities. If you would like to suggest something let us know.



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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 describes Jesus as the Good Shepherd. God was envisioned by the Jewish people as trustworthy, attentive, and a caring shepherd of His people. The idea of a shepherd is also described in the psalms. We are all familiar with Psalm 23 - *The Lord Is My Shepherd*. Remember that David was a young shepherd boy who became the King of Israel. It is hard to relate to the job of a shepherd today, because we are not familiar with the job of the shepherd. The shepherd in the times of Jesus spent all of his time with the sheep of his flock. He was their protection from predators such as wolves and anything that would pose a threat. Jesus is the divine Shepherd. All of us recognize his voice. Jesus would leave the flock to rescue one sheep that is lost. I love the image of the shepherd holding the lamb in his arms carrying him gently home. Who in our life is a stray sheep or a person who is lost? How can we reach out like a shepherd with loving care and tenderness? We need to protect all life with words and actions.

On May 13, 2017 will be the one hundred year anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady Of Fatima to three children, Francisco Marto (age 9), Jacinta Marto (age 10), and Lucia Santo (age 16). In 1917, the world was three years into WWI. Christianity was being attacked on all sides and the world was in chaos. Sound familiar? Mary's message to the children was the same each time - "Pray the rosary." According to the article, "Five Lessons From Fatima" written by Patrice Fagnant-MacArthur, (Catechist Magazine), before the Blessed Mother appeared to the children they would pray the rosary every day after lunch. In order to shorten the prayers, they would only say the first two words of the Our Father and the Hail Mary. They became more devoted and said the full prayers after the appearance of the Blessed Mother. Patrice's suggestions to discuss with your family are: pray the rosary for peace, children can be saints, the importance of sacrifice, the need for courage in the face of obstacles, and both heaven and hell are real. The Blessed Mother appeared to the three children and encouraged them to offer sacrifices to help sinners and save them from the fires of hell. Many people did not believe the children and at one point they were put in prison to make them recant their story. The children continued to do what was asked of them. She told the children that many people go to hell because there is no one to pray for them. I encourage you to pray the rosary as a family on this special week end of the anniversary and as often as possible. How many of these prayers can you say by heart? The Hail Mary, The Magnificat, The Angelus, The Memorare, and Salve Regina?



Ladies, please come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast on May 13th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza in Greentree. Call Pam at (412)461-8906 or Kay at (724)772-6749 or go online at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org as soon as possible because the cutoff date was May 5th. Hear speaker Irene Carubia tell her story of faith lost after the changes of Vatican II, then found in a way again that transformed her. Originally from Brooklyn, she resides in West Virginia. She and her husband have seven adopted children, five from the same sibling group. The cost is \$23.

200 CLUB

Week 30 - Ticket 051 - *Jim Byrnes* - \$100

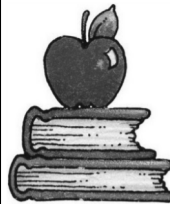
*The goal of religion
is not to get us into heaven,
but to get heaven into us.*

- Anonymous



The Knights of Columbus in Bellevue will hold a Pizza Night for all Catholic men, aged eighteen and older on Friday, May 26th at 7:30 PM until about 10:00 PM in their Bowling Alley and Game Room. There is no charge. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Available games include duck pin bowling, darts, air hockey, billiards, cards, shuffle board, foosball, and ping pong. Come on over and enjoy some pizza and games with us, and see what we are all about. There will be no promotional aspects. This is a fun social event, open to members and non-members alike.

Brighton Heights Gardening Events Come to the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation Office, 3629 California Avenue, to meet with other volunteers to help with gardening. On May 13th we will be weeding, and on May 20th we will be planting annuals and mulching. If you have garden gloves and a digger please bring them. For any questions, please contact Mark Kirby by phone at (412)392-5934 or by e-mail at pghmark@outlook.com.



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC NEWS The fourth grade class at Northside Catholic School is starting several new units. April is National Poetry Month, therefore our class just started their poetry unit. We will be reading, studying, and creating various types of poetry. At the end of the unit, our class will have created and printed a poetry book with eight to nine different styles of poetry. In English class, we are starting our spring writings which are personal narratives. In the next few weeks, our class will be starting our biggest writing piece of the year. We will be drafting, editing, and publishing autobiographies. Finally in math, we will be starting our geometry unit which will include a perimeter and area robot activity. We are very excited to be heading towards the end of our school year, which has our class working on a variety of projects. Give us a call at (412)761-5043 x3001 to come and see our preschool through eighth grade, Christ centered school. We hope to see you soon!

Calling All Veterans

On Thursday, May 25th, Northside Catholic School would like to cordially invite all veterans of our supporting parishes, and their guests to a luncheon at 11:30 AM in the school library followed at 1:00 PM by a Memorial Day Salute to our Veterans. Our school band will perform and every grade level will present a patriotic song. We would like to show our appreciation for your service to our country. Please RSVP by May 19 by phone at (412)761-5043 x3001 or by e-mail at nscprincipal1@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!