



INCARNATION & RISEN LORD

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES



May 21, 2017

Sixth 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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**If you love me,
you will keep my
commandments.**

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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.



THE MONTH OF MAY IS SAILING BY... have we taken time to honor our Blessed Mother during the month? She is the best example of a disciple of Jesus...she shows us the way to her Son. Mary is a powerful witness who guides us in the right path and that path always leads us to Jesus.

THIS SUNDAY, we welcome Leila Barber to the Table of the Lord as she receives Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations to Leila and her parents and family! As we all know, our parents are the first and best of teachers. Let us continue to pray for parents and families that they may be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in setting good example for their loved ones and all of us.

NEXT WEEKEND IS THE UNOFFICIAL START OF THE SUMMER SEASON...MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END. May the summer season be one in which we grow more closely to the Lord Jesus as we live out our Gospel values.

ONE OF A PASTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES in connection with the ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE! initiative is to apprise parishioners of the amounts of money which come in while working toward meeting our respective goals. I have failed miserably in meeting this responsibility toward you, and beg your indulgence. Reports come in quarterly, so what I share with you today are amounts as of January 31, 2017 due to each of the parishes:

INCARNATION OF THE LORD: \$53,262.96
RISEN LORD: \$66,944.71

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION The custom of genuflection is not found everywhere in the Catholic Church. In fact, it is a bit of breach of etiquette to genuflect in most Eastern Catholic Churches. If you're visiting an Eastern Catholic or an Orthodox church, the "when in Rome" rule should be adopted. Watch what the home team is doing! Usually, Eastern Catholics and Orthodox reserve a small portion of the eucharistic bread for the dying in a cupboard or eucharistic dove, but it is not a center of attention or devotion. The rule is to make a profound bow, called a "metasis," toward the altar - bowing deeply while making the sign of the cross.

East and West split years before we Westerners began to reserve the Blessed Sacrament prominently in our churches. Thus, the East never changed the original custom of bowing toward the altar. Increasingly, as tabernacles became more widespread in the West and moved into prominent placement within churches, we replaced the bow toward the altar with a genuflection toward the Blessed Sacrament when its place of reservation is visible.

In a church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a special chapel or off the main axis of the building, normally you should bow toward the altar when you enter your pew, because the eucharistic table is the principal sign of Christ's presence in the church building. If you have ever participated in the liturgy of Dedication of a Church and Altar, there is no mistaking the altar's significance: it is first slathered with chrism and then adorned with a brazier billowing clouds of incense that fill the whole church as a sign of prayer and presence!

- Rev. James Field, Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co.

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Saturday (5/20) Easter Weekday

INC 4:00 PM - Living & Deceased of the Parishes
RL 4:00 PM - Frank Kuziel (Barb Kunsak)

Sunday (5/21) Sixth Sunday of Easter

INC 9:00 AM - Robert Sambroak, Jr. (Bill & Joan Grawshaw)
RL 11:00 AM - John Turkovich (Mary Ann Turkovich)

Monday (5/22) Easter Weekday

RL 8:00 AM - Mary Ann Kernan (Verolini Family)

Tuesday (5/23) Easter Weekday

INC 8:00 AM - Mary Catherine Yost (Sharon & Darin Desilets)

Wednesday (5/24) Easter Weekday

RL 8:00 AM - Anthony Boll (Boll Family)
RL 7:00 PM - Mary Kraus (James & Marianne Zahren)

Thursday (5/25) The Ascension of the Lord

RL 8:00 AM - John Rush (Betty Donovan)
INC 8:00 AM - Alma Gorman (Marie Rohleder, Granddaughter)
INC 7:00 PM - Living and Deceased of the Parish

Friday (5/26) St. Philip Neri, Priest

RL 8:00 AM - Mary Ann Kernan (Rosanna Mielcarek)

Saturday (5/27) Easter Weekday

INC 4:00 PM - Marissa Straight (Janis Stettner)
RL 4:00 PM - 50th Wedding Anniversary of
Thomas and Barbara Kunsak

Sunday (5/28) Seventh Sunday of Easter

INC 9:00 AM - James Borden (Leo & Arleen Einloth)
RL 11:00 AM - Living and Deceased of the Parishes



DEACON BOB'S CORNER

Sixth Sunday of Easter

We have the Spirit of Truth to guide us.

Breaking Open the Word: John 14:15-21

Listen to the Word: Are there words or phrases in today's Gospel that touch your heart and mind? What feeling do you have after hearing the promises of Jesus?

Look into your Life

Children: Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Youth: Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?

Adults: Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017, all parishioners of both Incarnation of the Lord and Risen Lord Parishes are encouraged to wear red to represent the tongues of fire appearing above the disciples of the Lord!



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

Weekly Collections

Weekend of May 13 & 14, 2017

Weekly Goal - \$ 5,900.00

Offering Collected - \$ 3,148.78

Deficit - \$ 2,751.22

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.

MINISTERS - MAY 27 & 28, 2017

LECTORS

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:00 PM - J. & R. Dengler
9:00 AM - N. & J. Kammersell

ALTAR SERVERS

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

*I must believe no work beneath me,
since Jesus was a carpenter for thirty years,
and Joseph all his life.*

- Charles de Foucauld

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.

PEOPLE OF HOPE Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel, Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope. © J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

*If you wish to go to extremes,
let it be in sweetness, patience,
humility, and charity.*



St. Philip Neri
Feast Day - May 26

YOU CAN BE A PEACEMAKER

Prayer for Peace in our Communities

O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored.

You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required . . . "Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others. Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities.

Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will. Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity.

Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Elmer Thomas "Mike" Jones



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

John Turkovich

from Mary Ann Turkovich.



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 Risen Lord outlining their proposed Configuration and is still available in the church. Written feedback forms can be returned to the church by May 28th. All of the feedback will be compiled into a single report and sent to the diocese and the On Mission Commission.

Stewardship - Weekend of May 6 & 7, 2017

Budgeted Amount - \$5,124.00

Collection (117 Envelopes + \$178.00 Loose)	\$2,862.00
PSP - Blue (12 Envelopes)	<u>\$491.00</u>
Total	\$3,353.00
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Maintenance & Utilities (4 Env.)	\$50.00
Debt Reduction (42 Env. + \$100.00 Loose)	\$489.00
Pittsburgh Catholic (3 Env.)	\$16.00
Holy Land Offering (1 Env.)	\$10.00
Easter Offering (2 Env.)	\$35.00
Camp. for Human Development (1 Env.)	\$35.00

Minister Schedule - May 27 & 28, 2017

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM - C. Kuziel, N. Markovich, M. Zahren
 11:00 AM - C. & M.A. Knoer, C. Crummie

Lectors

4:00 PM - M.A. Turkovich 11:00 AM - J. Harding

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 23

Fundraising Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM - Rectory

Wednesday, May 24

Choir Practice

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.

Today's readings describe that period when the apostles are getting used to acting on their own. Acts describes the spreading of the word to Samaria, curing the sick, and their reception of the Holy Spirit. The First Letter of Peter reminds us that our response to evil must be to do good and to speak of our hope with gentleness and reverence. The psalm is joyous with praise for God and a reminder of God's saving of those held captive in Egypt long, long ago. John talks not only about the Father and Jesus but also another Advocate, who will remain even when Jesus leaves. The readings also contain the promise of continued love and comfort. The readings today reflect a time of transition, instability, and hope.



WHEN YOU ARE MALIGNED Each of the readings describes a time of transition and uncertainty. In Acts, the apostles are learning how to respond to those seeking to share in the joy of healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. In the First Letter of Peter, the new Christian community is reminded that they will be maligned. Their response to such suffering is shaped by Jesus' example of gentleness and reverence. The Gospel offers Jesus' words of consolation to those who are being left behind. All those who had lost Jesus once through crucifixion must prepare to lose him again. But this time they are promised that they will not be abandoned. They are left with the promise that Jesus' new commandments are the continuing guide to a life that, through death and resurrection, unites those who believe in Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit.

KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS If keeping Jesus' commandments is the key to loving him, being loved by the Father, and accompanied by the Spirit, then what choice do we have but to keep his commandments? It seems simple, but unlike the commandments carried down the mountain by Moses, Jesus did not leave us with ten statements of conduct to guide our actions. Jesus left us with a much more complicated commandment, to love our neighbor as ourselves. This commandment requires that we first love ourselves as Jesus loved us. We must see in ourselves what Jesus saw in each one of us. Jesus saw that we too are made in the image and likeness of God and that we carry with us the fragility of our humanity. We must see that same Godliness and humanity in every person we encounter. It is not just ourselves we see in the face of our family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers. It is the face of God. We should act accordingly.

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Keeping the Faith

by Marilyn Ruffner

Jesus promises the apostles if they keep the commandments, the Father will send them “another Advocate.” He identifies this advocate as “the Spirit of Truth.” Keeping the commandments, means that you love Jesus. Whoever loves Me will be loved by the Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him. Although the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me, because I live and you will live. You will realize that I am in my Father and you are in Me and I in you.” Although we cannot see Jesus, we believe in Him. If we let the world become more important than our relationship with Jesus, we can no longer see Him. We receive this Advocate in our sacramental life at Baptism, Confirmation, and whenever we receive Jesus in the Eucharist. How can we be an “advocate” for others? Can you bring the presence of Jesus to others?

Upcoming Events

The movie *God is Not Dead* will be shown on June 4th at 1:00 PM at the Incarnation Library on the floor beneath the church. Come join your friends. Snacks will be available. When an atheist professor plans to forego “dusty arguments” in his class, he insists the new students declare that “God is Dead.” Unable to do this, Josh is challenged to defend his faith and prove to the class that God’s Not Dead. Against all odds, Josh stands up for his faith and takes on the challenge. This is open to all.

Vacation Bible Schools at Our Neighboring Parishes

St Aloysius

July 10-14, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Ages 4 through 5th Grade

St Athanasius

June 12-16, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Ages 4 through 5th Grade

Our Lady, Queen of Peace

July 17-21, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Ages 4 to 11

Please contact the various parishes for the details. This is a great opportunity for our children to meet children from our neighboring parishes, have fun, learn about God, and share our faith.

Grades 6-8 Power Week July 10-14

Contact St. Athanasius for details.

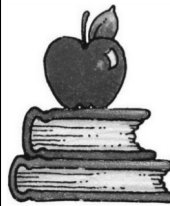
Ignatian Five-Day Directed Retreat St. Joseph Spirituality Center will sponsor an Ignatian Five-Day Directed Retreat beginning on Friday, June 16 at 7:00 PM and closing on Tuesday, June 20 at 12:00 PM. This directed retreat, based on the spirituality on St. Ignatius Loyola, is an opportunity for Scriptural-based prayer in a contemplative mode. The atmosphere is one of silence and quiet prayer. The retreat will include daily and individual retreat direction. The directors include Sr. Catherine Higgins, Sr. Paula Drass, Fr. Phillip Fogarty, SJ, and Carolyn Nickerson. A fee of \$350 includes lodging, meals, and individual direction. Please register by June 1 by calling (724)869-6587.

Protecting God’s Children Safe Environment Database

In regards to future events at Incarnation of the Lord and Risen Lord Parishes, all adult volunteers (aged 18 and over) 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. Event coordinators are asked to submit a list of all potential volunteers SIX WEEKS prior to an event to Marilyn Ruffner, the Safe Environment Coordinator, which will give enough time to ensure that ALL event volunteers are properly registered in the Safe Environment Database. If you have a question about your availability to volunteer, please call Marilyn and to if you are updated in the database. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

200 CLUB

Week 32 - Ticket 142 - *Mary Ann Burke* - \$100



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC NEWS With only a few weeks left in the school year, the sixth-grade class at Northside Catholic School is still very focused on its academic progress. Related to their studies of medieval times in reading class, the students just completed their own illuminated manuscripts using passages from scripture. In English class, students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade are writing research reports based on the notes, outlines, and works cited sources that they have researched and written on note cards. May is also the month that these students demonstrate their writing skills during the Diocesan Writing Assessment using the ETS Criterion Writing Technology.

Congratulations to sixth grader Paige Lang-Perdue who earned the position of Northside Catholic School’s representative to the Diocesan Spelling Bee!

In other Language Arts related news, congratulations to eighth grader Jacob Saitta! Jake placed first in the state of Pennsylvania in the eighth-grade category of the Zaner Blozner Handwriting Competition. He is now one of 18 semi-finalists that will compete for the National award.

Come and visit Northside Catholic School and Experience our Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service. Call us at (412)761-5043, x3001.

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!