INCARNATION OF OUR LORD PARISH

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Sept. 9th - 17th, 2023

SAT. Confessions – 3:00PM – 4:00PM Vigil – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:15 PM - +Joseph Raykos by wife Barbara +Agnes & Michael Stephan by Family

SUN. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM – Mass in the Ordinariate Form

SAT. Confessions – 3:00PM – 4:00PM Vigil – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:15 PM – +Richard "Bucky" Szulborski by David & Pamela Turek & Family +Elizabeth Ann Hazler

SUN. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM – Mass in the Ordinariate Form

> **SUNDAY COLLECTION** 09/02/2023 \$2.172.00 E-Giving - \$323.00 Total - \$2,495.00 THANK YOU!!

Sanctuary Lamp - In Memory of Susan Bosak by sister Sandy Bosak

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp – Health & God's Blessings on Dennis & Gloria Praedin (50th Wedding Anniversary) by **Bonnie Zsilavec**

St. Joseph Lamp – In Memory of Paul Bosak by daughter Sandy Bosak

***Diocesan Information: Youth Protection – To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection in the upper right-hand corner. **COURAGE** – Diocesan Help Line – 610-217-5557. Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting **Service:** If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service @ www.Report BishopAbuse.org or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

Votive Lamps & Mass Intentions for 2024 - Beginning with the new 2024 Mass Book Opening on September 30th, Fr. Andy has agreed to add 2 more Votive Lamps for our parishioners to accommodate your requests and help to supplement the Vigil Mass Intentions for the new year. The "Our Lady of the Holy Rosary" and the "Infant of Prague" Lamps will become available at this time. Of course, requests can start to be made the following Monday, October 2nd, 2023, during regular rectory office hours!! We hope this makes things easier for all!! Thank you, in advance, for your kind cooperation and understanding!!

Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass – SAVE THE DATE This year's Diocesan Anniversary Mass will be held on Sun., Sept. 17th, 2023 @ 3:00PM in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 18th & Turner Sts., Allentown, PA. Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Register @ www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass by this Mon., Sept. 4th. If you have any questions, please feel free to email stewardship@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-866-0581, Ext. 2310.

Incarnation Senior Group - Our meetings are held every 1st Wednesday of the month @ 12Noon in Labuda Hall! Our next meeting will be Wed., October 4th. New members are always welcome and we also extend a warm welcome to the Holy Infancy Seniors to join our group!! There's something for everyone to enjoy! Bingo, finger foods, and refreshments are served. Please contact one of our officers if you have any questions.

FR. ANDY'S CORNER: Our Lady of Sorrows Devotion – Sat., September 16th: We will again celebrate the Devotions to Our Lady of Sorrows on Saturday, September 16. Before Mass we will pray the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows. At the 4:15PM Mass we will have a procession with any statues or images you may have and banner of Our Lady of Sorrows. Then After Mass we will have some light refreshments and social in Msgr. LaBuda Hall. We hope you can join us. May Our Lady of Sorrows give us all hope for the future glory to be revealed in us!

Priesthood Sunday 2023 –This weekend - Sept. 9th & 10th "Thank God for our Holy Priests!" This weekend we are celebrating Priesthood Sunday at all Masses! It is a special day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Please remember to thank & honor our priests today!! The men who answer the call to the priesthood are very special, and they are working harder than ever as the number of priests continue to decline in the United States. Their role is essential to the Church and to our faith. Thank you, Fr. Andy, and God bless our priests!!

2023 Incarnation Parish Fall Bazaar – Fall is fast approaching and our annual Fall Bazaar is right around the corner. This year's date is Sat., October 7th, 2023 from 12Noon – 7:00PM. We are getting ready to assemble our Tricky Tray baskets for our raffle. If you'd like to help, some suggestions for donations to assemble theme baskets are: Coffee Basket filled w/coofee pot, coffee, cookies, napkins, etc.; Dog/Cat Pet Baskets, an EAGLES basket, STEELERS basket, BEER basket, BAKING basket, WINE basket, PASTA dinner basket, SPA basket, NEW BABY basket, etc. As always, monetary donations and gift cards are greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Pat Krycia @ 610-703-0857 and if needed, please leave a message! Your call will be returned ASAP. Thank you, in advance, for your kind participation and assistance.

2023 Incarnation Fall Bazaar BAKE SALE: We will once again hold a bake sale in connection w/our Fall Bazaar on Sat., October 7th. If you're interested in donating homemade baked goods, jams, jellies, candies, or any homemade "canned" items, please call Rosemarie Csaszar @ 610-866-7927. All items can be brought to LaBuda Hall on **Fri., Oct. 6th or Sat., Oct. 7th BY 10:00AM!!** Many volunteers are needed to make this bake sale a success and your cooperation would be greatly appreciated!

PAG Monthly 50/50 Drawing Reminder - \$5.00/entry, and since this drawing takes place electronically, just make your donation in multiples of \$5.00. Donation envelopes must be received by the LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH in order to participate in that current month's drawing! Thank you for your continued support of this activity. Congratulations to our August winners: Joe & Marie Bolcar (\$78.75); Barbara Shook (\$47.25); and Jeffrey Kotash (\$31.50). Enjoy your winnings!!

PAG Upcoming Events – Save the date and stay tuned for more info regarding these future PAG activities/events:

- Our Lady of Sorrows Reception NEXT SATURDAY, 9/16/23 after 4:15PM Mass. <u>Please</u> join us for a simple reception after our Vigil Mass next Saturday.
- PAG Meeting Wed., Sept. 20th, 2023 @ 6:30PM in LaBuda Hall
- Halupki Take-Out Sale Sat., 10/21/23
- Parish Fall Breakfast Sun., 11/12/23 after a special 8:00AM Mass
- Church Christmas Decorating Sat., 12/2/23
- Incarnation Parish Christmas Party Fri., 12/29/23

STEEPLES & STEEL - There will be a "Steeples & Steel" tour event next Sat., Sept. 16th, 2023 @ 9:30AM & 1:00PM. These tours reflect the lives of European immigrants who settled in South Bethlehem in the late 1800's through early 1900's and became steelworkers. These highly-acclaimed guided tours take visitors through the neighborhoods of South Bethlehem, highlight the ethnic churches that were built by these immigrants, cemeteries, and the Bethlehem Steel plant site, including the Hoover-Mason Trestle. The church highlighted on the 9:30AM tour will be HOLY INFANCY R.C. CHURCH, and the 1:00PM tour will feature the Cathedral Church of the Nativity @ the entrance to the Hill to Hill Bridge @ Delaware Ave. Cost is \$30/person which includes lunch and \$2.00 off admission coupon for the National Museum of Industrial History @ 602 E. Second St., Bethlehem, PA. Minibus departs from this location as well and there is free parking in the lot across from the museum. Reservation required/ticket sales are FINAL. For more info and tour reservation, please contact the Steelworkers' Archives @ 610-861-0600 or online @ www.steelworkersarchives.com .

Polka Picnic @ St. Francis Center for Renewal - We have rescheduled this event for Sat., Sept. 23rd, 2023 from 2-6PM!

Shine your dancing shoes and join us for our 1st ever Polka Picnic, featuring the music of Robbie Lawrence & the Steelworkers Polka Band. This outdoor event features an afternoon of polka music, dancing, and of course, food! Admission is \$5.00/person. Food will be available for purchase including kielbasa & pierogies. Also, this event is BYOB and will be held on the lawn behind the White House @ Monocacy Manor. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, & anything else you need for a fun-filled afternoon outdoors! You can get your tickets online @ StFrancisCtr.org or call 610-867-8890.

St. Francis Retreat House - Easton, PA - Fall "Monday Mini-Retreats" begin next Mon., 9/18/23 @ St. Francis Retreat House in Easton, PA with a presentation by Carol Swavely, MA, entitled "Places of Comfort & Healing." Carol will explore the theme of "God's mercy" and our call to enflesh this mercy with each other. Info will include the compassionate outreach of Rachel's Vineyard Retreats & Project Rachel. Dinner begins @ 6:00PM w/presentation from 7-9:00PM. Register www.stfrancisretreathouse.org or call 610-838-1048 prior to Sept. 11th by 4:00PM for onsite participation or Fri., Sept. 15th by 4:00PM for virtual attendance. Donation requested is \$35/person onsite and \$20/person for virtual.