

# INCARNATION OF OUR LORD PARISH

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## December 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**SAT.** Confessions – 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
**Vigil – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
4:15 PM – +John Vidumsky by Incarnation Senior Group  
&  
+Anne Dailey by Sandy Bosak

**SUN.** **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
10:00 AM – Mass in the Ordinariate Form  
&  
12:10PM – Mass for Lehigh Students

**SAT.** Confessions – 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
**Vigil – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
4:15 PM – +Joseph Kundek by Family  
&  
+Joseph Holub by Justine Yuhas

**SUN.** **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
10:00 AM – Mass in the Ordinariate Form

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

12/2/2023 - \$1,407.00

E-Giving: \$468.00

Total - \$1,875.00

THANK YOU!!

### THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp – In Memory of Deceased Members of the Wrescics, Markacs, & Cassano Families by Jo Zavec & Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp – In Memory of John Zavec by brother Charles Zavec

St. Joseph Lamp – Living & Deceased Members of Slovak Catholic Sokols #78

**\*\*\*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](http://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.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

**2024 Votive Lamps & Mass Intentions:** The 2024 Mass Intention/Votive Lamp Book is open. We have added the Our Lady of the Rosary and Infant of Prague Vigil Lamps to help with your requests. Masses and Votive Candles are \$10.00/each. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

**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 **November winners: Sr. Clare Vresk (\$76.25); Mr. & Mrs. David Turek (\$45.75); Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bednar (\$30.50).** Enjoy your winnings!!

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

- **Incarnation Parish Christmas Party** – Fri., 12/29/23
- **PAG Meeting** – Thurs., 1/18/2024 @ 6:30PM in LaBuda Hall
- **Coffee & Donuts** – Sun., 4/7/24 after special 8:00AM Mass
- **2024 Iron Pigs Outing** – Sun., 6/23/24

**Incarnation Parish Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Sale Pick-up** – Your Christmas Candy orders can be picked up **TODAY, Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**, in LaBuda Hall from 3:00PM – 6:00PM. If there are problems w/delivery, calls will be made to pick up any leftover orders! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!**

## FR. ANDY'S CORNER:

### Advent Reflection Sessions – Jesus comes to us through Mary

**The Advent Series** - We will pray the Rosary, and then will discuss Our Lady as the way Jesus comes to us, with some reflections and photos from Fr. Andy's summer pilgrimage to Lourdes. The next Reflection Sessions will be **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM in Msgr. Labuda Hall.**

### **New Online Giving Opportunity**

Incarnation of our Lord Parish is now able to offer another Online Giving opportunity for parishioners which we hope is easier for those who prefer to donate electronically. This new method offered by the diocese allows us to receive donations with a lower service fee than our current method through Parish Soft. Those using Parish Soft can continue to do so. But if you are open to switch, please do so since every little bit helps. Online Giving is a secure and personalized way to support our parish.

You can sign up for Online Giving by visiting the Parish website <https://incarnationofourlord.org> or by scanning the QR code.



For any questions, contact the rectory: (610) 866-3391 or email [iparish@ptd.net](mailto:iparish@ptd.net). As always, thank you for your generous support!

### **Have you made your will yet?**

The Diocese of Allentown has partnered w/FreeWill, <https://www.freewill.com/AllentownDiocese>, a simple, secure and confidential online tool which makes it possible for individuals to prepare their own wills FOR FREE! The tool includes an optional step for individuals interested in creating a charitable bequest for their parish, Catholic school, or other ministries of their choice. It will be a great blessing for our loved ones if we prepare for our departure from this world by taking a moment to make a plan for our estate.



**Incarnation Senior Group** – Our next meeting will be held **this Wed., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 @ 12Noon** in LaBuda Hall! New members are always welcome and we also extend a warm welcome to any Holy Infancy Seniors who would like 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.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS!!***

**Incarnation PAG Annual Christmas Party** – Tickets are now available at our weekend Masses and at the rectory for this year's Parish Christmas Party. Date will be **Fri., Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30PM. Cost is \$20.00/person.** There will be a catered buffet menu which includes appetizers; chicken marsala, crab cakes, and baked ziti. Several sides will be available along w/assorted desserts & beverages. We will have games, music, and other surprises for all!!! Everyone is invited to participate, including **Holy Infancy, Holy Ghost, and St. John Paul II Ordinariate members.** **Deadline to buy tickets is next Mon., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>!!** We hope to see you there for some holiday fun!



**St. Monica Ministry @ St. Theresa's Hellertown** – You are cordially invited to attend a bilingual Holy Hour for the return of loved ones who have left the Church. This Holy Hour will take place @ **St. Theresa's R.C. Church, Hellertown, PA on Tues., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:00PM – The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** It will be preceded by a buffet dinner & basket raffle starting @ **4:00PM in St. Theresa's Friendship Hall.** Presiding @ the Holy Hour will be Deacon Miguel Ramirez of Our Lady of Mercy & St. Anthony of Padua Parishes in Easton, PA. Deacon Ramirez will offer a bilingual reflection on Our Lady of Guadalupe's maternal love for her children, and on her constant intercession for those who have left the Church. To register for the dinner preceding the Holy Hour, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry). **No registration necessary to attend just the Holy Hour!** For more info on St. Monica ministry, please email StMonica [Ministry27@gmail.com](mailto:Ministry27@gmail.com).

**St. Francis Center for Renewal** – Eight hundred years ago, St. Francis of Assisi invited people in the town of Greccio "to enact the memory of the Babe born in Bethlehem by recreating the scene with the 1<sup>st</sup> Crèche. Join us in this milestone anniversary year as the School Sisters of St. Francis welcome you to **Make Your Heart a New Bethlehem w/ a LIVE reenactment of Greccio.** Join us on **Fri., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM @ Monocacy Manor!** Visit the Sisters 100 yr. old convent, see the majestic Christmas tree, spend some prayerful time in the White House Chapel, and sip some hot chocolate. Bring your family and also your favorite Nativity figure for a special blessing. **No RSVP necessary.**

**Carols & Candlelight – St. Francis Center for Renewal** Share a special Sunday w/St. Francis Center for Renewal, the School Sisters of St. Francis, and a soul-stirring Christmas choir under the direction of Charles Briggs. *Carols & Candlelight* is set for **2:00PM Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, n the Monocacy Manor White House Chapel. No RSVP necessary!!!**

**Respect Life!!** May our prayer be that all Christians prepare for the Lord's coming by fostering a consistent respect for human life, born and unborn.