

# INCARNATION OF OUR LORD PARISH

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January 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024



- SAT.** Confessions – 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
**Vigil – The Epiphany of the Lord**  
4:15PM - +Richard “Bucky” Szulborski by  
Alfreda Wesolowski
- SUN.** **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
10:00AM – Mass in the Ordinarate Form
- SAT.** Confessions – 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
**Vigil – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:15PM - +Anna M. Doddy by son Vincent Doddy  
&  
+Gerald Berger by Cynthia Workman
- SUN.** **Epiphany II**  
10:00AM – Mass in the Ordinarate Form

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

12/31/2023

\$1,654.00

E-Giving: \$418.00

Total - \$2,072.00

THANK YOU!!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION – 2023

\$8,388.00 (To Date)

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp – Living & Deceased Members of the  
Slovak Catholic Sokols #78

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp – In Memory of Anna Zaun by  
brother Francis Ezar

St. Joseph Lamp – In Memory of Jessica Albright LaBarge  
by Anne Pecsek

**\*\*\*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.allentowndioocese.org](http://www.allentowndioocese.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:** Masses and Votive Candles are \$10.00/each. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

**Incarnation Church 2023 Contribution Statements** – If any of our parishioners would like a copy of their 2023 church contributions, please send a **self-addressed, stamped envelope** to the rectory or drop one in our collection baskets on the weekend. **DEADLINE FOR 2023 ENVELOPES WILL BE NEXT MON., JAN. 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024!!**

**Incarnation Senior Group** – Our next meeting will be **Wed., Feb. 7<sup>th</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.

**PAG Monthly 50/50 Drawing Reminder** - \$5.00/entry. Since this drawing takes place electronically, please 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.

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

- **Removal of Christmas Decorations** – NEXT SAT., 1/13/2024 @ 9AM
- **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

## **Fr. Andy's Corner**

### **+Epiphany Blessing Of A Home+**

All make the Sign of the Cross.

**Head of Household:** *"Peace be to this house and: to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.*

**All:** *Blessed be God forever.*

**Reader:** *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be..... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-3.14)*

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to an entrance inside the main door:

(write the first half of the current year)

**+20**

**Christus  
Mansionem  
Benedicat**

**24+**

(Or shorter form)

**20+CMB+24**

These words mean. "May Christ bless this house". (Each word could be written by a different member of the household.)

**All:** *Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**THANK YOU:** A huge **THANK YOU** to all of you who participated in this year's Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Fundraiser. We realized a profit of \$996.00 for our parish!! Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**Funeral Pre-Arrangement Presentation – James Funeral Home** will be sponsoring a Pre-Arrangement Presentation on **"The Importance of Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Living Wills."** Presenter will be Atty. Kevin Danyi. It will be held @ James Funeral Home, 527 Center St., Bethlehem, PA **next Sat., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 10:30AM!** Info on pre-arranging funerals and cremation services will also be available. Please RSVP by Fri., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, by calling 610-867-4617.



## **Formed.org for Incarnation also!**

After speaking with the people at the Augustinian Institute, they have decided that since I am the pastor of both parishes, to allow Incarnation Parish to also use the Formed.org account that Holy Infancy has access to! So I want to encourage everyone to access this wonderful resource that has movies about the saints, Bible studies, audio books, talks, and wonderful programs available for kids, youth, and adults. There's also an APP for it.

TO SIGN UP:

- 1) Go to [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup)
- 2) Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
- 3) Search for "Holy Infancy Church and School"
- 4) Enter your Full Name and Email address
- 5) Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED
- 6) Download the FORMED.org App so you can watch it on your Smart TV or Device

If anyone needs help, just ask Deacon Tony or myself after Mass! Let's grow in our understanding of the deepest meaning of Christmas! Go on to Formed.org and watch these and other programs for all ages that are dedicated to forming us in the Catholic Faith, Jesus' way for us to deeper relationship in His Church, and receiving the salvation He came to give us! Take advantage of this great opportunity and talk about it with other parishioners!

For example: Watch the Movie – "Mary of Nazareth" – Enjoy!

<https://watch.formed.org/advent-week-4/videos/mary-of-nazareth>

## **Make Stewardship Your Resolution in 2024**

Making an estate plan is an act of care for yourself, your loved ones, and your community. By creating your plans, you can outline important financial and healthcare decisions for the future, provide for your loved ones, and ultimately, act as a steward of everything God has placed in your care.

Through our new partnership with **FreeWill**, you can start the new year by completing this important act of care. FreeWill is a secure online platform that can walk you through the process of creating your estate plan — 100% free of cost. Please scan the QR code below or visit our website.



## **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!

**2024 “RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH” – 2024’s National “Right to Life” March in Washington, DC** will be held on **Fri., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Our Diocese will once again run a bus to Washington for those who want to participate in this very important event! Bus departs from **St. Jane Frances De Chantal Church in Easton, PA @ 7:00AM**. Cost is \$20/person to be paid in advance to hold your seat. For more info and to reserve your seat, please contact **Andrew @ 484-259-7740** or go to [americanpatriot@rcn.com](mailto:americanpatriot@rcn.com).