INCARNATION OF OUR LORD CHURCH

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January 11th - 19th, 2025

- SAT. Confessions 3:00PM 4:00PM Vigil – The Baptism of the Lord 4:15PM – +Anna Doddy by son Vincent Doddy
- SUN. 10:00AM The Baptism of the Lord Mass in the Ordinariate Form
- SAT. Confessions 3:00PM 4:00PM Vigil – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:15PM – +Thomas Zsiilavec by Helen Tone
- SUN. 10:00AM Epiphany II Mass in the Ordinariate Form

PAST SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

12/14/2024 - \$1,956.00, 12/21/2024 - \$1,013.00, 12/29, 2024 - \$1,699.00 & E-Giving \$2,990.00 w/Total of \$4,689.00.

2024 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION As of 1/5/2025: \$6,974.00 Christmas E-Giving: \$3,500.00 TOTAL CHRISTMAS THUS FAR: \$10,474.00 <u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u> 1/4/2025 - \$1,575.00 E-Giving: \$255.00 TOTAL: \$1,830.00 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMPS

<u>Sanctuary Lamp</u> - Living & Deceased Members of Slovak Catholic Sokols #78

<u>Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp</u> – Mary's Indulgences on Ruth Noctor by Family

VOTIVE LAMPS - CONT'D

<u>St. Joseph Lamp</u> – In Memory of Stephen Pecsek by siblings John, Chaz, & Anne <u>Infant of Prague</u> – In Memory of Joseph Dominko by Family

***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. <u>COURAGE</u> – Diocesan Help Line – 610-217-5557. <u>Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:</u> 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.

Incarnation Senior Group – NOTE: Our next regular meeting will be held on Wed., Feb. 5th, 2025 @ 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. Congratulations to our December 2024 Winners: Justin Yuhas (\$81.25); Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bednar (\$48.75); Connie Libricz (\$32.50) Enjoy your winnings!

- Christmas Decoration Removal THIS SUNDAY, 1/12/2025 @1:00PM
- PAG Meeting Thurs., 1/16/25 @ 6:30PM in LaBuda Hall. Discussion topics will include recap of 2024 activities & planning for 2025 events, especially the return of our MARDI GRAS BINGO ON Sun., 3/2/2025
- Bingo Buffet Sat., 8/16/25

FR. ANDY'S CORNER:

Jubilee Year of Hope!

"We pray that this Jubilee Year of Hope will serve as a spiritual salve for the scars of division in our world," said Bishop Alfred Schlert. "May the People of God see a future of great promise and of great hope," he said.

The Catholic Church celebrates a Jubilee every 25 years (and occasionally more often, such as with the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy declared by the Pope for 2016). This Jubilee will mark the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of Our Lord, when God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis has said he selected hope as the theme because the world is suffering the ongoing effects of war, the lingering effects of Covid, and a climate crisis. Bishop Schlert commented recently on the themes of this and the previous Jubilee Years: "Hope and mercy, mercy and hope. Those two things go together," he said. "One begets the other."

In Rome, the Pope will mark the great tradition of a Jubilee Year by opening the main doors of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve. "The time has come for a new Jubilee," Pope Francis said, "when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in the hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ."

2025 Right for Life March – Attend the 2025 National Right for Llife March in Washington, DC on **Friday, Jan. 24**th, **2025.** A bus will be leaving from St. Jane Frances de Chantal in Easton, PA @ 7:30AM and return around 8:30PM Friday evening. There is a "passenger donation" for the bus driver of \$20.00/person. For more info, please email <u>andrewazan3rd@rcn.com</u> or call (484)259-7740.

<u>Pennsylvanians for Human Life Meeting</u> – All are invited to attend our Bethlehem Chapter meeting on **Thurs., Jan. 16th, 2025 @ St. Anne's.** Learn about what our organization does and also enjoy fellowship with each other in support of all human life!



RESPECT LIFE "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live!" St. John Paul II Abortion destroys families and thereby, the nation. Support your local pregnancy care center! **St. Monica Ministry** – The next St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour will take place **this Tuesday, Jan. 14th, 2025 @ 6:30PM @ St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Rd., Hellertown, PA.** All are invited to bring their petitions before the Most Blessed Sacrament, invoking the particular intercession of St. Monica for their fallen-away loved ones. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us pray with renewed hope and trust in Our Lord's mercy! For information, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com.



<u>A Simple Act of Care for 2025</u> – As we pause and reflect on our blessings after the holiday season and look to a busy winter season ahead, the Diocese of Allentown invites you to show simple acts of care to yourself, your loved ones, and even to your parish by **creating your Will.** In thanks for your support, the Diocese partners with **FreeWill** so you can make a will and find peace-of-mind in the year ahead. It's completely FREE to use and takes as little as 20 minutes to complete. Please visit <u>https://allentowndiocese.my.giftlegacy.org/</u> to get started and help out your family for the future.

Retrouvaille: Rediscover The Love In Your Marriage – Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced *Retro-vy*). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this along! Couples learn to build better communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. The next program will be held **Fri., Feb. 14th – Sun., Feb. 16th, 2025 @ the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for this event, please visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u> or call **215-766-3944 or 1-800-470-2230.** All inquiries are strictly confidential!

