

INCARNATION OF OUR LORD CHURCH

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November 30th – December 8th, 2024

SAT. Confessions – 3:00PM – 4:00PM
Vigil – 1st Sunday of Advent
4:15PM – +Joseph & +Louise Slabikosky
By daughters Louise, Joanne,
& Rosalie

SUN. 10:00AM – **Advent I**
Mass in the Ordinariate Form

FRI. 8:30AM – **1st Friday School Mass**
All are invited!

SAT. Confessions – 3:00PM – 4:00PM
Vigil – 2nd Sunday of Advent
4:15PM – +William, +Margaret, & +James
Yenca by John, David, &
Kenneth Stofanak
&
+Thomas Zsilavec by
Sam & Tina Richie

SUN. 10:00AM – **Advent II**
Mass in the Ordinariate Form

SUNDAY COLLECTION

11/23/2024

\$1,001.00

E-Giving: \$205.00

Total: \$1,206.00

THANK YOU!

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMPS

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

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp – Mary's Indulgences on Ruth
Noctor by Family

VOTIVE LAMPS – CONT'D

St. Joseph Lamp – In Memory of Helen & Joseph Balshi by
Children

Our Lady of the Rosary Lamp – Poor Souls in Purgatory
Infant of Prague – Special Intention

*****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.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

Incarnation Senior Group – NOTE: There will be NO SR.
GROUP MEETING FOR DECEMBER. Instead, we will have
our annual "CHRISTMAS PARTY" THIS WED., DEC. 4TH,
2024 @ the PRIME RESTAURANT @ 12NOON! Our next
regular meeting will be held on Wed., Jan. 8th, 2025! 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.

2024 Incarnation Christmas Party – Our annual Christmas
Party will be held on Sat., Dec. 28th, 2024 after our 4:15PM
Vigil Mass. Tickets are \$20/person and will be available soon.
The catered "Buffet Menu" includes: appetizers, salmon,
lasagna, & chicken Cordon Bleu entrees, along w/assorted
sides, desserts, and beverages. Also, games, music, & other
surprises! All are welcome, including members of Holy
Infancy, Holy Ghost, and the St. John Paul II congregations.
Deadline for ticket sales will be Sat., Dec. 21st!!

RESPECT LIFE

FR. ANDY'S CORNER:

The Meaning of Advent

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of **CHRISTMAS**.

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple, since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

The School Sisters of St. Francis & Incarnation Convent

After many years of wonderful service to our parish family and the South Side of Bethlehem, the School Sisters of St. Francis will be moving out of the convent @ Incarnation Parish at the end of December. Sr. Roseann will be going to live and serve in St. Matthias Parish in New Jersey and Sr. Regina will be going to live and serve at Monocacy Manor Convent on Bridle Path Rd. in Bethlehem.

To celebrate their loving service to our community, we want to thank God for the Sisters with a Mass of Thanksgiving and a celebration close to the Parish Feast Day of the Annunciation. For that reason, our Bishop, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, will celebrate the regular Saturday evening 4:15PM Mass on March 22nd, 2025, with a reception to follow Mass. More information about the celebration will come in the new year.

At this time, there are no set future plans for the use of the convent, but we are looking into different possibilities and will let you know as plans develop. Please thank the Sisters when you see them and pray for them in this time of transition.

Invite One Back This Advent

It's a familiar story: the family you used to see at Mass every week slowly stopped showing up when "life got busy." Or maybe there's an elderly parishioner you haven't seen since the COVID-19 pandemic a few years ago.

In this Year of Parish Revival, like the Good Shepherd, let's call those who belong to our parish family home as part of the **Invite One Back** initiative. This campaign begins now in anticipation of the upcoming Year of Mission, when the wider Church will be sent out to win new souls for Christ. Returning members to the fold will set the groundwork for this new missionary chapter.

The goal of this initiative is to guide people to intimate encounters with Jesus Christ and lead souls to salvation, allowing them to experience God's love, mercy, and goodness. To do that, we all need to invite back everyone not in our pews in a way that makes sure they feel seen and desired as an individual member of our parish family. Whom are you called to invite home? <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/invite-one-back>.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Due to the 2nd Sunday of Advent falling on December 8th, the holy day is transferred to Monday, December 9th! All Catholics have the obligation to attend Mass on Monday for this Solemnity. Please see the holy day schedule below:

Incarnation Church

8:30AM English School Mass – Open to all
7:00PM English

Holy Infancy Church

7:30AM – English
12:15PM – English
7:00PM – Spanish/Portuguese

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.

- **2024 Incarnation Christmas Party – Sat., 12/28/24 after the 4:15PM Vigil Mass**
- **PAG Meeting – Thurs., 1/16/25**
- **Return of MARDI GRAS BINGO – Sun., 3/2/25**
- **Bingo Buffet – Sat., 8/16/25**

2025 "Workbook for Lectors" – Copies are available in the Sacristy for all Incarnation Lector volunteers. Feel free to pick up your copy after our weekend Vigil Mass & **"THANK YOU"** & God bless you for your kind service throughout the year!!

Holy Ghost Advent Bazaar – All are invited to attend our 1-day Advent Bazaar @ Holy Ghost Church on **Sat., Dec. 7th, 2024 from 9AM – 2PM** in the church basement. Christmas thrift market with jewelry, veils, handbags/totes, household items, seasonal décor, winterwear, toys, games, puzzles, & religious items. Pierogies, soups, kiffles, jams/jellies, honey, and bake sale. Basket Raffle, Gift Card Raffle, and also 50/50 Raffle. See you there!

2025 Right for Life March – Attend the 2025 National Right for Life March in Washington, DC on **Friday, Jan. 24th, 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 andrewazan3rd@rcn.com or call (484)259-7740.

Day of Mercy – Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 2024 @ St. Theresa's in Hellertown, PA. Mass @ 8:00AM, Eucharistic Exposition & Confessions throughout the day, and @ 6:30PM a Liturgy of Healing. The Homillist will be Msgr. Myron Grabowsky of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Spiritual Directory, and Exorcist. Confessions will also be heard after the 6:30PM Liturgy. Light refreshments will follow in Friendship Hall. All are welcome!!

