

# INCARNATION OF OUR LORD CHURCH

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## March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**SAT.** Confessions & Adoration – 2:45PM – 4:00PM

**Vigil – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

4:15PM – +John Vidumsky by John Stofanek

**SUN.** 10:00AM – Lent IV

Mass in the Ordinate Form

**FRI.** 8:30AM – First Friday Mass (School Children of Holy Infancy) **All Are Invited!!**

**7:00PM - \*\*Special “Mary’s Stations of the Cross w/Adoration & Benediction of The Most Blessed Sacrament**

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4:15PM – +Elizabeth Shebay by Joan Balik

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All Living & Deceased Parishioners of Incarnation Church

**\*\*PAG Coffee & Donuts after Mass\*\***

10:00AM – Lent V

Mass in the Ordinate Form

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

3/22/2025

\$3,363.00

E-Giving - \$260.00

TOTAL: \$3,623.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**RESPECT LIFE!!**

## THIS WEEK’S VOTIVE LAMPS

**Sanctuary Lamp** - In Memory of Albert & Jean Libricz by Family

**Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp** – Good Health & God’s Blessings on Ethel Pfliegler (90<sup>th</sup> B-day) by daughter Beth Perkins & Family

**St. Joseph Lamp** – All Living & Deceased Parishioners of Incarnation Church

**Our Lady of the Rosary** – Mary’s Indulgences on R. Jean Noctor by Family

**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](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.

**Incarnation Senior Group** – Our next meeting will be held **Wed., April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**Incarnation Senior Group Easter Holiday Roll Sale - Order pick-up Thurs., April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.** Thank you for your kind support! Any questions, call Jo Zavec @ 610-867-0260.

**Oodles of Noodles** - We have delicious homemade noodles for sale – soup and regular sizes – **for \$5.00/bag.** Order forms are available in the church vestibule! Get them before they’re gone!

## **FR. ANDY'S CORNER:**

### **Parish Celebration of the Service of the School Sisters of St. Francis**

**Thank you to all who made the celebration with the Sisters a wonderful gathering! It was a blessing to reflect on the beautiful presence of the Sisters for 77 years and all the ways we were brought closer to Jesus through them! May God bless them all! It is good that many of them are still close by at Monocacy Manor, so do not forget to stay in touch!**

**Special Event: Mary's Stations of the Cross on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Incarnation Church. Don't miss this moving experience of Mary's perspective as we walk with Jesus on His Way to Calvary!**

**Stations of the Cross Every Friday** starting at 7:00 PM during Lent with some Adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

#### **"What's on your mind?" - Question box!**

Keep asking your questions!! We want to get in touch more with your real questions and there are paper and pencils at the entrance of Church or you can also send emails to the parish.

**Question: *For many years, many people have understood that Saturday's Vigil Mass is for those who work on Sundays or have small children. But now, many people say that Saturday's Vigil Mass is valid for everyone, regardless of the reason. So, could you clarify whether it is a mortal sin or not to go to Saturday's Vigil Mass without a compelling reason, like the ones I mentioned above, and is it simply because you don't go on Sunday?***

**Answer:** The Church allows the faithful to attend Saturday evening Mass to fulfill the Sunday obligation. This means that, on a liturgical level, there is no difference between going to Mass on Saturday evening or on Sunday.

When Jews celebrate the Sabbath (which begins at sunset the day before), they enter a sacred time in which secular time is suspended for 24 hours. During this period, they draw closer to God through specific rituals and strengthen family ties through prayer and fellowship at home. Therefore, the festivities begin the night before with First Vespers. As Dies Domini (49) explains, the liturgy of the "Vigil Mass" on Saturday is, in effect, the festive Mass of Sunday. Therefore, attending Mass on Saturday afternoon is liturgically the same as attending on Sunday. Initially, this option was permitted to facilitate the faithful's participation in the celebration of the Lord's resurrection. With the 1983 Code of Canon Law, it became a universal norm, so that a bishop's permission is no longer required to attend Saturday Mass and fulfill the Sunday precept. The original permission granted to bishops to allow the faithful to fulfill the Sunday obligation by attending Mass on Saturday afternoon was intended to help Christians more easily celebrate the day of the Lord's resurrection (Eucharisticum Mysterium, 28). With the promulgation of the Code of Canon Law in 1983, this became a universal law and no longer depended on the bishop's permission. Thus, anyone who attends Mass on Saturday afternoon is exercising a right recognized by the Church. It is not a mortal sin to attend Mass on Saturday instead of Sunday, since the Church recognizes this option as valid. However, deliberately missing Mass on both Saturday and Sunday without a valid reason is a grave sin (CCC 2181), because it fails to

sanctify the Lord's Day. In short, Saturday afternoon Mass is a legitimate alternative to fulfilling the Sunday obligation. Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2175): "Sunday is expressly distinguished from the Sabbath, which it chronologically follows each week and whose liturgical prescription it replaces for Christians. In Christ's Passover, it fully realizes the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath and proclaims man's eternal rest in God."

#### **Are there any Gardeners in the house??**

Sr. Regina used to be the Gardener of our parish grounds. If there are any gardeners interested in taking over the care of the parish garden between the rectory and the convent, please contact Fr. Andy. Thank you!

**Incarnation Annual Yard Sale** – Our Spring Yard Sale will take place on Memorial Weekend this year – **Fri., May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sat., May 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please look for future information regarding the start of donations and event set-up activities. Mark your calendars and thank you, in advance, for all your support to make this a fantastic event!

**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. Save the date and stay tuned for more information about these other upcoming PAG activities/events (all dates tentative):

#### **UPCOMING PAG EVENTS**

- **Coffee & Donuts** – Next Sunday, 4/6/2025 after special 8AM Mass
- **PAG Meeting** – Thurs., 6/12/2025 @ 7:00PM
- **Annual Iron Pigs Baseball Outing** – 6/22/2025
- **Bingo Buffet** – Sat., 8/16/2025

#### **SS. Cyril & Methodius Cemetery SPRING CLEAN-UP 2025**

This year's deadline is **THIS MONDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> !!** If anyone has any winter gravesite decorations that are still in our parish cemetery, please make every effort to remove anything that you don't want thrown away! Fr. Andy would like to make sure our cemetery is prepared for the spring and ready for the Easter season. **THANK YOU for your kind attention to this matter!**

**Knights of Columbus** – The Knights of Columbus, Trinity Council 313 will be collecting in support of the **Bethlehem Special Olympics** after each Mass **next weekend - April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. You can also easily donate using your credit or debit card by visiting our website. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

