

# INCARNATION OF OUR LORD CHURCH

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## May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**SAT.** Confessions/Adoration 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
**Vigil – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
4:15PM – +Joseph Raykos by wife Barbara & Family

**SUN. Easter III**  
10:00AM – Mass in Ordinariate Form

**SAT.** Confessions/Adoration 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
**Vigil – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
4:15PM – *Mother's Day Intentions*

**SUN. Easter IV**  
10:00AM – Mass in Ordinariate Form

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

4/26/2025

\$867.00

E-Giving - \$215.00

TOTAL: \$1,082.00

2025 EASTER COLLECTION – TO DATE

\$4,511.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



### THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMPS

**Sanctuary Lamp – In Memory of Joseph Raykos by wife Barbara**

**Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp – In Memory of Joseph & Helen Balshi by Children**

## VOTIVE LAMPS – CONT'D

**St. Joseph Lamp – In Memory of Joseph Straka, Sr., Ethel Straka, & Greg Straka by Children/Siblings Joe & Denise Straka**

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

**Infant of Prague – In Memory of George Yenca by Nephews John, David, & Kenneth Stofanak**

**\*\*\*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.



### Annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale –

Please be generous in supporting the efforts of the local chapter of **Pennsylvanians for Human Life** organization to promote the sanctity of LIFE! Donations for carnations will be accepted before/after our Vigil Mass next Saturday, which is Mother's Day weekend. Vases will be available at the front of the church if you choose to place your carnations in front of the Blessed Mother altar. Thank you, in advance, for your kind participation!

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

### **Prayers for the Election of a New Pope**

On May 7th, the Conclave will begin. The term *Conclave* means "with a key," and during this time, the cardinals will be isolated from the outside world, and will dedicate themselves to profound prayer, appealing to the same Holy Spirit that descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost. The selection of a pope is a sacred and solemn process that traces its roots to Christ, who entrusted Peter with the "keys to the kingdom of heaven." *Please pray for the Church and the Cardinals during these days:*

*"O God, eternal shepherd,  
who govern your flock with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for your Church  
who will please you by his holiness  
and to us show watchful care.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen."*

### **Because We Are Catholic**

Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the 2025 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal in our parish and throughout our Diocese. I want to offer my personal thanks for the generous commitments you have made in the past. I also want to let you know that the 2025 Appeal will be part of our Diocesan-wide effort to engage our entire community in the Jubilee Year of Hope announced by Pope Francis for 2025.

The Because We Are Catholic Appeal brings hope to children, families, and adults throughout Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties. With your support, we feed the hungry, clothe the poor, care for the elderly, prepare young adults for marriage, inspire young men and women considering religious life, and welcome students of all abilities to our Catholic schools.

Our parish has been asked to raise **\$10,840.00!** Let's strive for 100% participation from our parish. Together, I believe we can make our goal.

Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org) or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

**With gratitude, Fr. Andy**

### **117<sup>th</sup> Bethlehem Bach Choir Festival**

The Bach Choir will be using our own Incarnation Parish as a performance venue for one of its concerts this season again. They will be in concert here in our church on **Fri., May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00PM**. If any of our parishioners are interested in attending this event in our parish, or any Bach Choir event this May, **you may purchase tickets at a 50% discount** by calling their box

office @ 610-866-4382, ext. 115 or ext. 10, **identify yourself as an Incarnation of Our Lord parishioner**, and you will receive this discount.

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

**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.

**2025 Iron Pigs Outing** – Sun., 6/22/25. Reservations now being accepted w/ticket price of \$37/person. **All reservations are due by 5:00PM on Wed., May 21<sup>st</sup>!!** Please contact Milissa Bolcar @ [milissa.bolcar@messer-us.com](mailto:milissa.bolcar@messer-us.com) or call **484-666-9887**. Seating is limited. See our posters for more information.

Save the date and stay tuned for more information about these other upcoming PAG activities/events.

### **UPCOMING PAG EVENTS**

- **PAG Meeting – Sat., 6/14/2025 @ 5:15PM after the 4:15PM Vigil Mass!**
- **Annual Iron Pigs Baseball Outing – 6/22/2025**
- **Bingo Buffet – Sat., 8/16/2025**

**Incarnation Annual Yard Sale** – Our Spring Yard Sale will take place in LaBuda Hall on Memorial Day Weekend this year – **Fri., May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 3:00PM – 7:00PM, and Sat., May 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM – 12Noon.** **NOTE: We are now accepting yard sale donations!!** Your donations can be brought to the church basement before our Vigil Mass on Saturdays and placed on the table marked 'YARD SALE'!! **Please Do not bring bedding, clothing, TVs, computer monitors, or books!!!** If there are any questions, please feel free to contact **Jessica Holland @ 610-504-4529**. Thank you for helping to make this year's Spring Yard Sale a success!!

**World Day "Prayer For Vocations"** – Next weekend, May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, is "*World Day of Prayer for Vocations*" weekend. Please offer your prayers for our priests, deacons, brothers, monks, sisters, nuns, and all those in the consecrated single life. Pray, too, for all those being called to these lives of devotion and their willingness to give themselves to the Church!!

*Respect Life!!*