

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION-ST. JAMES

Mass Intentions for the Week



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2008
Vigil – Holy Family
 By John & Dottie Jachym
 Angelo Fruscione
 By Family
 Robert F. Sikowski
 By Marilyn LiMato Militscher
 Mary & George Kamrad
 By Marie & Steve Agocs

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2008
Feast of the Holy Family
 Helen Grace Smith (Anniv)
 By Daughters, Helen & Elizabeth
 Tina Calderone
 By Teresa LoRe
 Americo Silvestri
 By Victor Malespina
 Catherine & Thomas Burke
 By Daughter, Eileen
 Basil Imburgia
 By Blaze & Rita Imburgia

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2008
 Helen Paternoster
 By Ann Olander
 Josephine & Ralph Zacchino
 By Slowinski Family
 Gaetano Calderone
 By M/M Angelo Recine
 Leonard Brenna
 By Antoinetta DeMarco

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2008
 Dominick Genovesi
 By Wife and Family
 Mary B. LaRossa
 By Donna Vagnozzi Bucci & Family
 Rose Campbell
 By Lidia Silvestri & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2008
 Walter Birchenall (Anniv)
 By Daughter, Joan
 Joseph Lumia (Anniv)
 By Family
 Anthony Zampini
 By DiBella & Polizzi Family

Vigil – Solemnity of Mary – Mother of God
 Helen Baylog (Anniv)
 By Daughter, Julie

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2009 New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary – Mother of God

I 7:30 AM Jane W. Dinzer
 By George Burke
 SJ 9:30 AM Angelina Stia DiStefano
 By Theresa Cammarata
 Josephine Salmestrelli
 By Rudy Infanti
 I 11:00 AM Nerina Costantina
 By Dr. Michael A. Newman

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009 FIRST FRIDAY

I 6:45 AM Mattie Joeick Blackwell
 By Joyce & Otis Roberts
Adoration begins following the 6:45 a.m. Mass. Close at 4:00 p.m. with Vespers and Benediction.
 SJ 8:00 AM Abraham Puthenveetil
 By Son, Father Pradeep & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2009 FIRST SATURDAY

SJ 8:00 AM Anthony F. Angleine
 By Fred Angeline
 Jeanette Marasco
 By Kathleen Faraglia
First Saturday Devotion begins prior to Mass @8:45 a.m..
 I 9:00 AM Rose Santaniello
 By Sarah, Rudy, Kim & Donella
First Saturday Devotion concludes following Mass. Please join us in this Devotion to our Blessed Mother.
 SJ 4:00 PM Rev. Luke Mennella, O.S.S.T.
 By Peter & Josephine Zangrilli
 Joseph J. Pucciatti
 By Albert & Marion Ritzo
 I 5:30 PM John Paul Rooney
 By Claire Peer & Bob Gilleo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009

I 7:30 AM Polizzi Family Deceased Members
 By Emilo Papa
 Frances Weble
 By Renk Family
 SJ 9:30 AM Edith M. DiStefano & Mildred Fruscione
 By Rose Anna & Angelo Romanello
 Leo J. Zomparelli
 By Harold & Grace Lanzoni
 I 11:00 AM John Levanduski
 By Denise, Dave & Rebecca Sapp
 I 5:30 PM Basil Imburgia
 By Blaze & Rita Imburgia
 Intentions of I-SJ Parishioners



*The Incarnation Sanctuary Candle and Bread & Wine used at Mass are:
 In Loving Memory of:
 Victoria Gudebski
 By Gene & Alex Spring
 The St. James Sanctuary Candles, Bread & Wine used at Mass are:
 In Loving Memory of:
 Joseph Lumia
 By Family*

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners and Friends of ISJ,

A Blessed and Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with the best Gift – Jesus!

This is the day the Lord has made and we rejoice and we are glad!

On this Sunday within the Octave of Christmas the Liturgy turns our attention once again to the profound Mystery which has occurred – namely the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, Jesus Christ, eternal God, has jumped down from Heaven's royal throne and has become One of us. This greatest event in the history of the human race causes us to kneel in adoration and in awe. As the Liturgy prays: "May we become one with Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity." Every day this week is a Christmas Day as we celebrate again and again the Word made Flesh, dwelling among us.

Today, we focus on the Holy Family of Our Blessed Lady, St. Joseph and the Infant Jesus. All of us were born into a family and today we celebrate that family with all its strengths and shadows. Our families are the source of our greatest joys and sometimes our greatest sorrows. Do I hear an Amen on that? Today the Church asks us to be proud of our family no matter what it may look like. I remember after my Parents had divorced I was very ashamed of my family. Good Catholic families did not divorce. So I always thought we were lesser people because of it, I became less proud, less loving of my family. It was not until I knelt at the casket of my Father the morning of his funeral did I finally realize how foolish I had been. Did not speaking to one another, all of that fighting and arguing, did it make us better people, happier, richer? I think not!! How I would love to hold my Mother and Father again in my arms and tell them how much I love them. What a gift that would have been for Christmas.

So my dear brothers and sisters today, this most Holy Day, hold your family close to your heart and in your arms and never let go. Be proud of who and what you are. Let the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph guide and protect you especially in the New Year just ahead.

Speaking of the New Year 2009 which is about to begin, may it be filled with the greatest Gift and Blessing there can be found – the Gift of Jesus. I wish you health and happiness, peace and blessing, but most importantly in the words of the French Canadian blessing given by the Father of every house to his children: "Vous avez le Paradis a la fin des vos jours!" MAY YOU HAVE PARADISE AT THE END OF YOUR DAYS.

As the old year ends and the new begins I wish to thank each and every one of you and your family for all you have done and continue to do for our beautiful Parish. We look forward to do great things in 2009 and in the Holy Name of Jesus we give God the glory.

Have a blessed and truly Happy New Year!

*In Jesus love,
Fr. Daniel, O.S.S.T.*

Due to the Christmas and New Years holidays, we have had earlier deadlines in order for our bulletins to be printed on time. Because of this we are unable to provide collection information for Christmas and the following weekends. We will do so when we return to our normal schedule. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



Dear Lord, at the beginning of this New Year,
I remember that you are a God of beginnings and endings.

You created the world, with all its eternal patterns.

Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's thaw.

Spring begins in new, green life, ending in Summer's heat.

Summer begins in sunshine, and ends in Autumn's breezes.

And Autumn's color leads to the white of Winter again.

As another year ends and begins in our lives,
help us to remember that you have made a world of cycles.

When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy,
Help me take delight in the life I've received from you.

Remind me that I will one day pass from this world
And enter a new life like those who've gone before me.

Amen.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

INCARNATION-ST. JAMES LAY MINISTRIES

Saturday, January 3, 2008

4:00 PM Reader: Theresa Cammarata
5:30 PM Reader: Mary Bedard

Sunday, January 4, 2008

7:30 AM Reader: Kathy Wollert
9:30 AM Reader: Dan Gowaty
11:00 AM Reader: Donald Cox
5:30 PM Reader: Robert Gordon

Remember the Sick in Your Prayers....

Daniel Adams, Lucille Altamare, Josephine Amico, Maribel Aromin, Mary Aveni, Bob Bark, Gene Blicharz, Lucy Boczany, Rose Bonifazi, Margaret Ann Bruno, Lillian Bulanowski, Eileen Byrne, Steve Cebulko, Claire & Ugo Cesaro, Yolanda Ciprietti, Peter Corti, Jean DelVecchio, Richard Dotter, Tom Dzubek, Marie Emma, Eileen Fell, Nancy Ferrara, Rennie Funari, Alfredo Gentile, Josephine Geraci, David Gillico, Constance Gizzi, Rose Gizzi, Sharon Gizzi, Vincent Guagliardo, Mary Hebert, Irene Infanti, Evelyn Kaltin, Barbara Kelly, Mary Lanzoni, Rogelio Lopera, Lynn Lippincott, Bill McKnight, Viola McGuigan, Eileen Meagher, Joseph Minotti, Terry Moulton, Helene Mule, Frances Nardone, Pia Paul, Bernice Pearre, Helen Persichetti, Laura Petroni, Amanda Radice, Kathleen Reed, Daisy Rivera Alicea, Dolores Rogers, Fena Romano, Grace Rossi, Nikki Russo, Carol Salender, Frank Sapio, Maureen Scibilia, Mary Frances Smith, Tina Taglireno, Angelo Vagnozzi, Anthony Vannozi, Joseph Vocek, Stephanie Weightman, Jacquelynn Nelson White, Theresa Wilde, Imelda Wollert and Nicholas Zuccarello.

Please call the parish office at 609-882-2860 to add a name to the prayer list and inform us when all is well so we may take a name off the list.

Parish Office Closed During Holidays

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th in observance of Christmas.

We will also be closed for Wednesday December 31st and Thursday, January 1st in observance of the Solemnity of Mary and the New Year holiday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Religious Education Classes are closed for the Christmas break. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 2009. We wish you peace, joy, happiness and health throughout this Christmas Season and the New Year.

INCARNATION-ST. JAMES SCHOOL

ISJ School will be closed for the Christmas vacation December 22, 2008-January 2, 2009. **Classes resume on Monday, January 5, 2009.** (Last week the bulletin erroneously said Wednesday?! But it is MONDAY, January 5th! Sorry kids!)

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

JANUARY IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

- January is the month to renew your membership or to become a new member! Look for the pink envelope in the January envelope packet; they are addressed to each household. We ask that all Rosarians write *their* names on the envelope before submitting it. Our membership chairperson would be most appreciative. Annual dues are \$7.00. You may place your pink envelope in the collection basket, take or mail it to the parish office.
- Our "Little Christmas" Luncheon will be scheduled in early January watch the bulletin for all the information.

ATLANTIC CITY – SHOWBOAT

The Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a bus trip to the Showboat on January 18, 2009. Bus leaves the Incarnation Campus parking lot at 12:00 p.m. and returns approximately 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$28.00 per person and you receive back \$25.00 in coin.

Hope you can join in the fun!

RESERVATIONS: ANNE PATRONE 883-7317



FIRST FRIDAY Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on **First Friday, January 2nd** following the **6:45 AM Mass @ Incarnation Church** and will conclude at **4:00 PM with Evening Prayer & Benediction.**

Please come and spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

Parents who are registered in our parish are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to setting the baptismal date. We invite and encourage you, when possible, to attend this session prior to the child's birth. Parents at least one must attend and Godparents are cordially invited to attend instruction. The next class will be held Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Conference Room. Baptisms are scheduled for the 2nd Sunday of every month at 1:00 p.m. Please contact the Rectory for a Baptismal Information sheet 882-2860 or to register for a class. There is no charge for the class.



SCHOOL NEWS

TUITION SUNDAY IS JANUARY 11, 2009

Payment for the 2008-09 Second Half Tuition will be accepted in the Church Office from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

No extensions will be given unless you contact Father Daniel at the Church Office during business hours 609-882-2860.

CLASSIFICATION "A"

SECOND HALF

Parishioners using envelopes:

ONE STUDENT	\$1,700.00
TWO STUDENTS	\$3,425.00
3 OR MORE	\$3,475.00

CLASSIFICATION "B"

SECOND HALF

All others not in "A"

ONE STUDENT	\$1,900.00
TWO STUDENTS	\$3,800.00
THREE STUDENTS	\$5,700.00

SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

SCRIP IS GREAT FOR YOUR WEEKLY FOOD SHOPPING!

Scrip is easy to buy, easy to give and easy to use! Did you know that when you purchase Scrip (Gift Cards) from Incarnation-St. James School your purchase helps support a child's Catholic Education? You may designate a Catholic school student to receive the credits to defray tuition cost or the school will use the funds towards tuition cost. Credits can be applied at Catholic elementary, high school, and the CCD program at Incarnation-St. James.

Fill out the order form in the back of Church. You may select from over 300 local and national vendors. Take or mail it to the Parish or School Office or drop in the Collection basket in an envelope marked Scrip Order. With each purchase, the school and the buyer receive credits based on a percentage of the sale. For more information, please see the printed information found in church, or call Mary Tovar at 609-571-0098.

EWING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSORS YOUTH FREE THROW BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

All Ewing Boys and Girls, ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the Local level of Competition for the 2009 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 10th at the Incarnation Church Parish Center Gym.

Contestants will be placed into either the boys or girls division, and are grouped according to age.

Entry forms can be obtained on the day of the Event. For more information contact Emil Wandishin at 609-882-7702.

The snow date is January 17, 2009.



A warm welcome is extended to all who are visiting with us this weekend. New families moving into the area are asked to register with the parish office. Call 609-882-2860 for a registration form. Please notify the office when you move from the area.

EXERCISE CAUTION

IN INCLEMENT WEATHER

As we enter into the Winter Season and the possibility of snowy weather, please use good common sense and caution during inclement weather when deciding if you should come to Church or participate in an extra-curricular activity, such as a society or parish meeting if there is ice/snow on the roadways/walkways. When in doubt, please stay home, and do not put yourself at risk. We try to make every effort to make sure that our sidewalks and parking lots are safe, but we always respect your decision.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

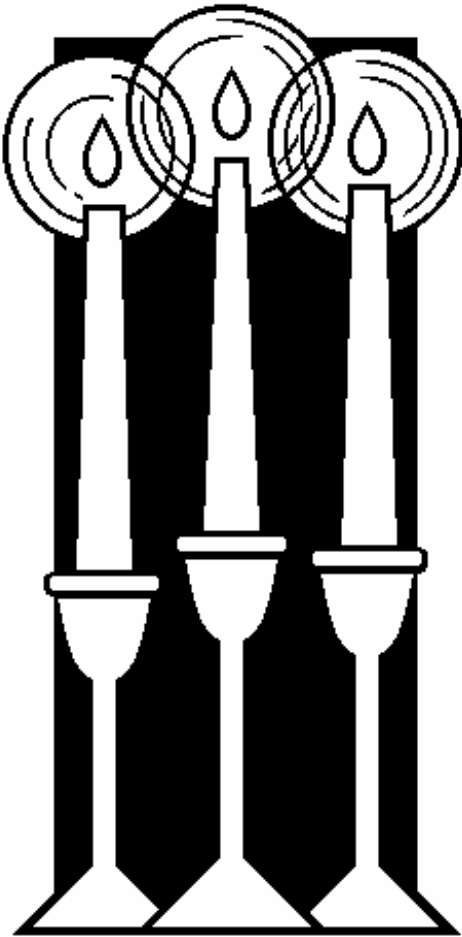
If you or a family member are hospitalized and would like a visit from one of our priests, please call the rectory to inform us. Many times parishioners are admitted to the hospital and we are unaware of this. Because of the "Privacy Act" passed several years ago, hospitals and other health care facilities cannot inform the parish if a parishioner is being treated there. **PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON THE GRAPEVINE THEORY** and assume that we know that you or a family member is in the hospital or has been admitted to a long-term care facility. We cannot visit if we are unaware. Visiting the sick and homebound is an important part of our priestly ministry and we are most glad to do so.

JANUARY 22, 2009. 36TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE:

Thursday, on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade in Washington, DC. March along Constitution Avenue to Capitol Hill. Join hundreds of thousands of people of all ages at this pro-life event-of-the-year! The Office of Family Life/Respect Life will publicize bus transportation to the March for Life from the Diocese of Trenton. Look for bus listings on www.respectlifetoday.com and in the January 8, 2009 issue of the Monitor. If your parish or Knights of Columbus Council are sponsoring a bus this year, please let our office know at 609-406-7400 ext. 5592 or email respectlife@dioceseoftrenton.org.

JANUARY 22, RALLY FOR LIFE ON THE STATE HOUSE STEPS, TRENTON:

Thursday, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm – Citizens from across NJ gather in our state capitol to demonstrate their respect for life. Call 609-406-7400, ext. 5592 or email respectlife@dioceseoftrenton.org for further information.



Jesus, the Light of the World.

We invite you to honor the Lord in a very special way this year. You may purchase the Sanctuary Candle, the altar Bread and Wine used at Mass and Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The Sanctuary Lamps will burn for one week and will be acknowledged in the Church Bulletin. The cost for all is \$120.00. You may also purchase separately the candles for \$30.00, flowers for \$80.00 and Bread & Wine for \$10.00. This is limited to the first fifty people who return the form below with their payment. The funds collected will help defray the cost of the altar supplies used for our Liturgies.

Memorials may be made for a specific week but is limited to a first come, first serve basis. We are sorry that we will not be able to accommodate all special requests for certain weeks. We will make an acknowledgement weekly in the bulletin for whom the Candle burns. If there are more than fifty requests, your check will be returned to you. Please consider remembering a loved one during the next year.

Please complete the form below and return to the Rectory or Collection basket marked Sanctuary Candle.

Please allow me to purchase a Memorial to be offered during 2009.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

I would like the Memorial: (Check One):

____ In Memory of... ____ For the special intention of... ____ in Thanksgiving for...

Name/Intention _____

Requested By: _____

Enclosed is: \$10.00 for Bread & Wine _____ \$30.00 for Candle _____
 \$80.00 for flowers _____ \$120.00 for all _____

I would like my memorial offered at: (Check One)

____ Incarnation Church ____ St. James Church

Mail checks to: Incarnation-St. James Parish, 1545 Pennington Rd, Ewing, NJ 08618

Or drop in the collection basket in an envelope marked Sanctuary Candle. Dates First Come, First Serve basis.

