

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION-ST. JAMES

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2008
 SJ 4:00 PM Carmella Villaneuva & Donald Riehl
 By Patty & Eugenio Villaneuva
 Tina Calderone
 By Serafina Martorano
 I 5:30 PM Salome Murray
 By Minch Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008
 I 7:30 AM Kenneth Birkhead (Anniv)
 By Mother & Dad
 SJ 9:30 AM Bernard Petroni (Anniv)
 By Wife, Laurenza Palma,
 Bernadette & Family
 Giovannina & Giuseppe Giancarli
 & Michelina Zangrilli
 By Peter and Josephine Zangrilli
 I 11:00 AM Sarah D. Vandegrift (Anniv)
 By Family
 I 5:30 PM Angelina Pricolo
 By Daughter, Pat Langan

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008
 I 6:45 AM Josephine Moroze & Col. George O'Neill
 By Jack and Maureen Moroze
 SJ 8:00 AM Americo Silvestri
 By Michael & Catherine DiBella
 Stella Cegielski
 By Marie Perfetti

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2008
 I 6:45 AM Donald T. Harney
 By Christine Bucca & Family
 SJ 8:00 AM James DiLissio
 By Sister, Carmella Seifert
 Albert Lanzoni
 By Harold D. & Michele Lanzoni

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2008
 CHRISTMAS EVE**
 I 6:45 AM John T. Burke (Anniv)
 By Son, George
 SJ 8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Adam Patrick DeFeo
 By Grandparents, Frank & Grace DeFeo
 Angelo & Natalie Perfetti
 By Marie & Angela Perfetti
 SJ 4:00 PM Guy DiMemmo
 By Maryann DiLapo
 I 5:30 PM Helen & Steve Goydish
 By Family
 SJ 12:00 Midnight Intentions of I-SJ Parishioners

THURSDAY,
 I 7:30 AM
 SJ 9:30 AM

I 11:00 AM

FRIDAY,
 SJ 8:00 AM

I 9:00 AM

SATURDAY,
 SJ 8:00 AM

I 9:00 AM

SJ 4:00 PM

I 5:30 PM

SUNDAY,
 I 7:30 AM

SJ 9:30 AM

I 11:00 AM

I 5:30 PM

DECEMBER 25, 2008 CHRISTMAS DAY

Intentions of Christmas Remembrance
 Gaetano Calderone
 By Antonietta DeMarco
 Angelo Fruscione (Anniv)
 By Family
 Florence Houde
 By Son, Father Daniel, O.S.S.T.

DECEMBER 26, 2008

Tina Calderone
 By Friend
 Anne Gowaty
 By Frank & Kathleen Golazeski
 Helen Rose Haney
 By Rob & Roberta King

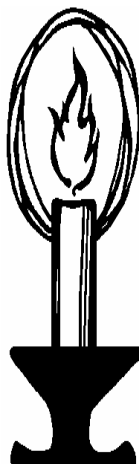
DECEMBER 27, 2008

Vigil – Holy Family
 Josephine Salmestrelli
 By Sal & Peg Amico
 Americo Silvestri
 By Florence Perrine & John Pecci
 Jack L. Pizzo
 By John & Dottie Jachym
 Angelo Fruscione
 By Family
 Robert F. Sikowski
 By Marilyn LiMato Militscher
 Mary & George Kamrad
 By Marie & Steve Agocs

DECEMBER 28, 2008

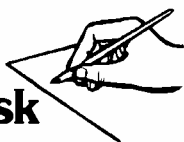
Helen Grace Smith (Anniv)
 By Daughters, Helen & Elizabeth
 Tina Calderone
 By Teresa LoRe
 Americo Silvestri
 By Victor Malespina
 Catherine & Thomas Burke
 By Daughter, Eileen
 Basil Imburgia
 By Blaze & Rita Imburgia

Christmas Blessings



The Incarnation Sanctuary Candle burns this week
 In Loving Memory of:
 Kenneth B. Birkhead
 By Mom & Dad
The Incarnation Bread & Wine used at Mass
 Is In Loving Memory of:
 Florence & James Colleton
 By: Daughters, Catherine Borberly & Mary
 Paprota & Family
The St. James Sanctuary Candles, Bread & Wine
used at Mass are:
 In Loving Memory of:
 Dorothy Fecak & Bernard Petroni
 By Jack & Palma Fecak & Family

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners and Friends of ISJ,

"While all things were in quiet silence and the night was in the midst of her course, Your almighty Word, O God, leaped down from Heaven, from Your royal throne." (Book of Wisdom)

What an honor it is for me as the Pastor of Incarnation-St. James Parish Family to wish your family all the blessings and joys of this most Holy Season of the Incarnation of the Son of God. In this season of gift-giving we remember the greatest Gift of all – Jesus Himself!

As we look over the accomplishments of the past year we pause and give thanks to the Giver of all Good Gifts for His generosity to our Parish Family. Our School continues to be second to none in providing quality Catholic Education. Under the leadership of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and a most dedicated faculty and staff, our students excel both spiritually and academically. Many parish families have come to the aid of our school families as "tuition angels" to ensure quality education for those who struggle to meet the costs. For these "Christmas Angels" we are most grateful.

Improvements to our Parish Churches continue on an almost weekly basis. In 2010 St. James Church will celebrate its 90th Anniversary and we hope 2009 will be a year of painting and refurbishing as we prepare for this great event. Both campuses, exteriorly, have been graced with prayer gardens and expert landscaping. Even our most Reverend Bishop, John M. Smith, commented on how beautifully our Parish is being maintained. These and many more miracles can only happen from the bountiful Hand of our Heavenly Father – and Yours!

Your financial gift to the Parish at Christmas forms a significant part of our annual Parish budget. Your gift this Christmas is truly needed to meet all our escalating costs. Fully aware of the financial crises that is enveloping our families and our Nation, still I plead for your unfailing generosity. The great Christmas Miracle of the Word Made Flesh happens throughout the year in the hearts and lives of all who are touched by our Parish Family. We need your help to continue.

May this Christmas Season and the New Year ahead be filled with the best of all gifts – Jesus Himself. I wish you and your family all the blessings and peace which the new-born Savior brings. And from the bottom of my heart, thank you a thousand times for all you have done and continue to do for our beloved Parish.

Recently our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, while meditating on the Christmas Mystery of the Incarnation, observed the following:

"God's sign is simplicity. God's sign is the Baby. God's sign is that He makes Himself small for us. This is how He reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby- defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with His strength. He takes away our fear of His greatness. He asks for our love: so He makes Himself a Child."

May our celebrations this week and in the days to follow of the Lord Jesus' Nativity be grace-filled and happy for all of our families and loved ones.

"To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." - Luke 2:11

Merry Christmas!

*In the love of the new born Savior,
Fr. Daniel, O.S.S.T.*



COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13-14, 2008

TOTAL: \$8,734.00

The Collection for **the Religious Retirement** amounted to: \$4,243.00 Thank you for your generosity!

We will catch up with collection totals after the holidays. Our bulletin was sent in early to meet publishing deadlines.

Thank you for your ongoing Catholic Stewardship and support of our Incarnation - St. James Parish Family. Nothing can be done without you, your participation and generosity in time, spirit and financial support.

Year End Giving

Have you remembered Incarnation - St. James Church as 2008 comes to a close? A gift before December 31 can support the work of the parish and provide a tax deduction. Charitable gift annuities, bequests through wills and paid up, no-longer needed insurance policies may also offer deductions while helping the parish. For information, please call the parish office (609) 882-2860.

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!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INCARNATION-ST. JAMES LAY MINISTRIES

Saturday, December 27, 2008

4:00 PM EMHC: Deacon Tom Rivella, B. Fabe, B. Coyle
Reader: Lynn LiMato
Server: N. Fasoli

5:30 PM EMHC: Deacon Frank Golazeski, C. Funari,
D. Sapp
Reader: Diana Ionata
Server: V. Hanson, R. Conceh

Sunday, December 28, 2008

7:30 AM EMHC: Deacon Frank Golazeski, P. & L.
Brennan, J. Vandegrift, C. Rudnick
Reader: Kathy Wollert
Server: M. Gervasio, N. Siracusa

9:30 AM EMHC: Deacon Tom Rivella, S. Calderone, D.
Zangrilli
Reader: James Alessi
Server: M. Brooks

11:00 AM EMHC: Deacon Joe Hannawacker, T. & P.
Zoladz, M. Tovar
Reader: Ron Prykanowski
Server: N. Carothers, R. Hoyt, W. Parr

5:30 PM EMHC: Deacon Joe Hannawacker, B. & M.
Seaman
Reader: Robert Gordon
Server: M. Bearden, M. Gardineer, C. Griffith

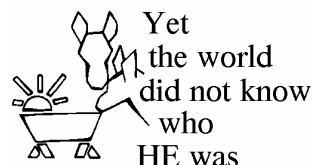
Remember the Sick in Your Prayers....

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, Jacquelyn 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.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Hedwig "Agnes" Marsola, Ruth McLaughlin, Josephine Malespina and Walter G. Scheuerman, MD. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



John 1:1-18

WELCOME

We welcome back all former parishioners who have joined with families and friends to celebrate this beautiful season. May your time together be pleasant and memorable. We also welcome all guests who are able to join with us for the celebration of the Lord's birth.

AN INVITATION

To Catholics who occasionally participate with fellow believers, we invite you to regularly share in the celebration of the Eucharist wherever you may live and work. May the Prince of Peace show us the way to create peace in our own lives and in the lives of all with whom we have contact.

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 Wednesday, January 5, 2009.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

News You Need to Know~::~

There will be no monthly meeting in January.

INSTEAD

There will be a "Little Christmas Party" in early January. Plans are being made for this friendly, pleasant gathering. Please check future Bulletins for details.

Our Christmas Greeting to our Parish Family

*During this Holy Christmas Season, as you welcome the Christ child, may you experience joy, peace, and love within your heart.
God's Blessings to everyone!*

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

FRIENDS OF ST. LUCY

Thank you to all the faithful donors who contributed for the Mass and Altar Flowers in honor of the Feast of St. Lucy, December 13, 2008.



THANK YOU

The volunteers arrived in great numbers and were well needed to sort the hundreds of gifts collected at both Church worship sites. What a blessing and joy it was to sort all the brightly wrapped gifts into their organizational bags. Over 1,000 gifts were donated to the following organizations in

our area, Martin House, Anchor House, Rainbow House, Care One, Morris Hall Nursing Home, Mt. Carmel Guild, Christopher House and the Children's Home Society. Thank You All for your wonderful generosity!!

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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Brag Bag

Congratulations to our 8th grade students who recently participated in the 27th Annual Scholastic Olympics sponsored by the National Honor Society of Trenton Catholic Academy. Our ISJ team was awarded third place at the competition. Medal winners were Jordyn Hnasko, First Place for Religion, and Sophia Su, Second Place for Math. Congratulations to the whole team!

Why is it called 'Christmas'?

In medieval England, the name of the feast being celebrated was joined to the word "Mass," and this became the name of the day. For example, the feast of St. Michael is called "Michaelmas." The feast of the Presentation, because candles were blessed on that day, is called "candlemas."

And so, in English, the feast of the birth of Christ is called "Christmas," "Christ's Mass!"



Merry Christmas

The English word "merry" did not originally convey, "jolly, mirthful." It was more along the lines of "blessed, peaceful" – a deep down inner joy rather than revelry.

One gets a sense of its original meaning in the well-known carol "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen."

As can be seen from the comma, the word "merry" is not used to

describe jolly gentlemen, but rather it is a blessing from God invoked upon them – "God rest ye peacefully, gentlemen."

Thus, "Merry Christmas," when spoken to one another, is a blessing!

In Italy – La Befana

La Befana is the "Kindly old witch" who brings children toys on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6. According to the legend of la Befana, the Three Wise Men stopped at her hut to ask directions on their way to Bethlehem and to invite

her to join them. She refused, and later a shepherd asked her to join him in paying respect to the Christ Child. Again she refused, and when night fell she saw a great light in the skies. La Befana thought perhaps she should have gone with the Three Wise Men, so she gathered some toys that had belonged to her own child, who had died, and ran to find the kings and the shepherd. But la Befana could not find them or the stable. Now, each year she looks for the Christ Child. Since she cannot find him, she leaves gifts for the children of Italy and pieces of coal (nowadays carbone dolce, a rock candy that looks remarkably like coal) for the bad ones.



Feliz Navidad - Los Posadas

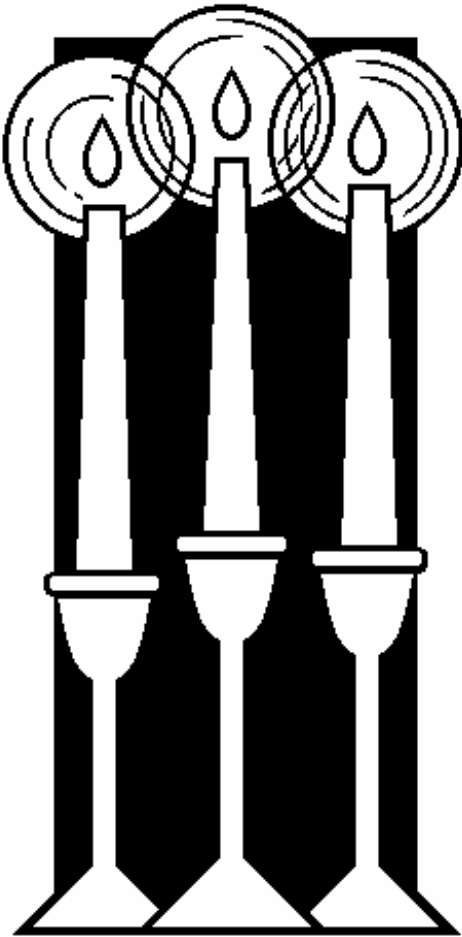
In many parts of Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America, December 16th begins the nine-day tradition called Posada ("lodging"), which reenacts Mary and Joseph's search for shelter.

Each "inn" is a home where the family portrays the innkeepers who denied the Holy Family lodging.

As Mary and Joseph are denied shelter at each inn, the families walk with them in groups to the next home.

When they arrive at the final home where the Holy Family finds lodging, a celebration is held. This is often accompanied by fireworks, carols, ritual questions, music, dancing, and of course, food! On the ninth night, which is traditionally Christmas Eve, the celebration is more impressive. At the final home, an image of the Infant Jesus is laid in the manger.





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.

