

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION-ST. JAMES

Mass Intentions for the Week



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008
 SJ 4:00 PM Mildred Fruscione (Anniv)
 By Family
 Lucy Cicchetti Chiantese
 By Rose & Christopher Neubert
 I 5:30 PM Helen Haney
 By Russ & Sue Totaro

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008
 I 7:30 AM Donald T. Harney
 By Marie & Steve Agocs
 SJ 9:30 AM Louis LiMato. Jr.
 By Mother, June
 Enza Riggi
 By San Calogero Society
 I 11:00 AM Bette Pagano
 By Paul & Betsy Piscopo
 I 5:30 PM Helen Rose Haney
 By Elizabeth Morgan

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
 I 6:45 AM Leon Strycharz (Anniv)
 By Wife, Sally Ann & Family
 SJ 8:00 AM Immaculate & Giuseppe Castaldo
 By James Alessi & Family
 Stella Cegielski
 By Genevieve Mulldowney
 I 12:15 PM Frances Weble
 By Jackie & Jim Vairo
 SJ 7:00 PM Albert Lanzoni
 By Nancy Lanzoni
 Ann Gowaty
 By Michael I. Lanzoni

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008
 I 6:45 AM Helen Haney
 By Matt & Mary Howe
 SJ 8:00 AM Americo Silvestri
 By Edith A. Mrazik
 Rosalie Cegielski
 By Peter & Josephine Zangrilli

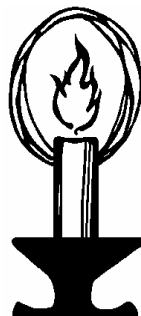
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2008
 I 6:45 AM Rose Santaniello
 By M/M Don Smith
 SJ 8:00 AM Vincenzo "Vincent" Piccarreta
 By ISJ Seniors Club
 Antoinetta Verrelli
 By Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008
 I 6:45 AM Charles T. & Carolyn Stanley
 By Family
 SJ 8:00 AM Agnes & Frank Seidenglanz
 By Mary Ann & Joseph Kuhn
 Eetna Nebbio
 By Cari & Charles Gallagher

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008
 I 6:45 AM Carl LaMarca Jr. (Anniv)
 By Mother and Father
 Elizabeth Asebite
 By Kayra Palma &
 Bernadette Petroni & Family
 Matthew Pastore
 By M/M James Alessi & Son
 John Levanduski
 By Jean & Alex Spring

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2008
 SJ 8:00 AM For the Intentions of the Friends of St. Lucy
 By Donors
 I 9:00 AM Lawrence B. Rowe (Anniv)
 By Wife
 SJ 4:00 PM Gaetana Calderone
 By Frank & Grace DeFeo
 Angelo & Natalie Perfetti
 By Marie & Angela Perfetti
 John Pierdinock
 By Geraldine Vandegrift & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008
 I 7:30 AM Joseph E. Kelly
 By J. George Burke
 SJ 9:30 AM Giuseppe & Giovannina Giancarli &
 Michelina Zangrilli
 By Donna & Pasquale Guarraggi
 Lucy Rivera (Anniv)
 By Daughter, Daisy & Family
 Angelo Ortolano (1st Anniv)
 By Wife, Irene
 I 11:00 AM Edward Fleming
 I 5:30 PM By Bob & Kathy Wollert



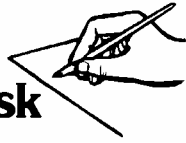
The Incarnation Sanctuary Candle, Bread & Wine used at Mass and Altar Flowers are:

In Loving Memory of:
 Deceased Members of Meagher & Prial Family

The St. James Sanctuary Candles, Bread & Wine used at Mass and Altar Flowers are:

In Loving Memory of:
 Angelo & Natalie Perfetti
 By Marie & Angela Perfetti

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners and Friends of ISJ,

“Stir up Your mighty Power, Lord, and come to save us!”

Brothers and Sisters, with this celebration of the Eucharist the Church begins the second week of the Holy Season of Advent. Our anticipation for the coming of the Just One increases symbolized by the lighting of the second candle of the Advent wreath.

Today's second reading from St. Peter tells us how to wait. Awaiting the renewal of creation, we are to strive to be found at peace. This Advent, we await the coming of the Prince of Peace into a world shattered by conflict. As we remember the attack on Pearl Harbor that brought the United States into the Second World War, we pray for the countless men and women who have died, and continue to die, through war and senseless violence. In **THE PASTORAL CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD** of the Second Vatican Council, the Church teaches that peace is not just the absence of war or the balance of power, but peace is justice, human harmony, and unity in love – the fruit of the Spirit. Wars thrive on injustice, pride, and the striving after personal power. Peace thrives on justice, humility and self-sacrifice. How might we practice the peace of Christ this Advent at home, at work, in the parish, and in the neighborhood?

One practice of peace is to pray daily for someone you dislike or someone who has angered you. Practice peace today by resolving to forgive someone and spending time praying about it. If we hope to act in ways that promote peace, we need to spend time cultivating the inner peace out of which we will act. An ancient practice is to pray the psalms. According to Saint Basil the Great, the words of the psalms calm our inner turmoil, transform our sinful tendencies, bring us inner peace, and promote reconciliation. Let this holy Season of Advent be a time of peace and forgiveness as we await the Author of all peace and forgiveness.

This second week of Advent sees the celebration of two great feasts of Our Blessed Lady. Tomorrow we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holyday of obligation so please consult the bulletin for the times of Masses. This day marks the first moment of the life of Our Lady in the womb of Her Mother, good St. Ann. From that first moment of Her conception, Mary was kept free from the slightest stain of all sin, both Original and Actual. Even the Prophet Mohammed in the holy book, the Koran, praises Mary: “You are all fair, O Mary, and the greatest woman in Paradise. Allah has kept You from the slightest touch of Satan.” In the words of the great English Poet William Wordsworth: “Mary, You are our tainted nature's single, solitary boast.” Even though we entered this world with Original Sin, we should pray often to leave this world, like Our Blessed Lady, free from all sin. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.

On Friday we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Patroness of the American appeared as a dark-skinned Virgin to Juan Diego, asking that a temple be built there at Tepeyac. She wanted a place where a conquered native people, suffering from disease, poverty and despair could easily receive her compassion and protection. Mary was the first Christian sanctuary, housing the Savior of all the world in her very body. If we make a place for her in our lives, she will remind us, even in our darkest days, of God's love. Today, make a home altar for family prayer, or decorate the one you have. Include a cross, Bible, candle, and picture of Our Lady.

Concluding this very holy week in the Liturgy is Saturday with the Feast of St. Lucy. She is invoked against diseases of the eyes because part of her martyrdom was having her eyes put out at the hands of the torturers. The name Lucy means “light” and it is very appropriate to celebrate her feast day when daylight is the shortest of the year. In our Parish there is a very strong devotion to this holy Virgin Martyr on behalf of all who suffer from any eye condition. My Mother would pray to St. Lucy constantly to protect her eyes from the ravages of diabetes. I am very grateful to Almighty God and to St. Lucy that my Mother kept her sight until the end of her life. There is a beautiful statue of our Saint in St. James Church.

What a tremendous Season of the Church Year now unfolds before us. We recall the four thousand years the world awaited the coming of the Messiah. The three greatest individuals of the Bible are presented to us for our consideration. The first is the Prophet Isaiah who lived some five hundred years before the birth of Christ. His writings are among the most beautiful and filled with expectation of the Savior. Our second character which comes on the scene today is John the Baptist. Jesus said of him that no man born of woman was greater than the Baptist. He is the last prophet of the Old Testament and the bridge to the New. And finally as the days of Advent melt into that silent night, holy night, we will meet that blessed among all women, Our Blessed Lady. At her assenting nod, God will give to the world His Son. The Liturgy saves the best of the Bible until this most beautiful and poetic of all the seasons of the Church. To make this Season holy, try to attend Mass as often as possible. Pray daily, especially the Rosary, and even though it is not Lent and the Church does not require it by law, even fasting and abstaining is appropriate as we await the birth of our Savior. Catholics of the Eastern Rite have been fasting since November the 15th in preparation for Christmas.

May these holy days of Advent, make us truly holy. O Divine Infant of Bethlehem Whom we adore and acknowledge to be our sovereign Lord, come and take birth in our hearts.

*In the love of Jesus and
Our Blessed Lady, Fr. Daniel, O.S.S.T.*

COLLECTION TOTALS

NOVEMBER 22-23: \$8,897.30

11/22-23 Human Development Collection amounted to: \$1,732.00

11/27 Thanksgiving Collection amounted to: \$738.00

NOVEMBER 29-30: \$11,521.00

*Thank you for your ongoing Catholic Stewardship and support of
our Incarnation - St. James Parish Family.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INCARNATION-ST. JAMES LAY MINISTRIES

Saturday, December 13, 2008

- 4:00 PM Reader: Theresa Cammarata
Server: N. Fasoli
EMHC: Deacon Tom Rivella, M. Enourato,
D. Epstein
- 5:30 PM Reader: Claire Peer
Server: N. Carothers, M. Gardineer, N. Siracusa
EMHC: Deacon Joe Hannawacker, P. Brennan,
D. Sapp

Sunday, December 14, 2008

- 7:30 AM Reader: Kathy Wollert
Server: M. Bearden, M. Gervasio
EMHC: Deacon Joe Hannawacker, C. Rudnick,
P. & T. Zoladz, S. Calderone
- 9:30 AM Reader: Josephine Zangrilli
Server: W. Parr
EMHC: Deacon Tom Rivella, Ja. & Je. Alessi
- 11:00 AM Reader: Cathy Funari
Server: C. Griffith, V. Hanson, R. Conceh
EMHC: Deacon Frank Golazeski, C. Davis,
D. & N. Gowaty, K. Golazeski
- 5:30 PM Reader: Melanie Seaman
Server: S. Serrato
EMHC: Deacon Frank Golazeski. B. Seaman,
Jim Alessi

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, Maryann Gibilisco, 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, 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.



Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the Way for the Lord

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Religious Education Classes will be CLOSED this Monday, December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

- * A Big Thank You to all Rosarians and parishioners who helped set up, bake, serve and clean up for Msgr. Ronan's Reception. Msgr. was delighted and so happy to visit with all who came. Thanks for your help!
- * December 14th – 9:30 Corporate Communion Mass at St. James. Monthly Meeting following Mass. Address Christmas Cards to be sent to Morris Hall Residents.
- * A reminder – The Annual Christmas Luncheon/dinner will be scheduled for January.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Seniors will hold their Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 10th from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Roman Hall. Cost per person is \$20.00 for members and \$22.00 for non-members. Music & Dancing. For reservations please call by December 3rd: Lucy Bogda: 882-0750, Mickey Calderone: 882-8117, Lidia Silvestri: 882-7131. Ho Ho Hope to see you there!



INCARNATION-ST. JAMES – GIVING TREE PROJECT

The Giving Tree is up and awaiting your tag selection at both Churches. Please select a tag and return the gift, wrapped, with the tag attached. Gifts must be returned by December 14th.

Anyone who would like to help sort the gifts is welcome to join us on Sunday, December 14th @Incarnation following the 5:30 p.m. Mass and @St. James following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. If you have any questions concerning the gift items call our Coordinators: @Incarnation Rose Stevenson at 609-884-0749 and @St. James Maria Zangrilli at 609-883-8453.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

It's not too late to join the Adult Choir for Christmas. Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7 PM at Incarnation. The choir will sing at Midnight Mass, Christmas Eve. Please contact Nancy Paolini at 609-682-3198 or npaolini@comcast.net. Midnight Mass will be concelebrated at St. James Church. All are welcome.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY, ADOPT A CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS

To participate please contact our coordinator, Carole Minotti at 989-8292. Carole will give you the name, age and size of each child. You will then purchase one toy and one item of clothing for your adopt a child. Gifts are due in the Parish Center, December 14th from 1-3:00 p.m. Thank you for your participation.

PARISH CALENDARS

We would like to thank the M. William Murphy, Inc. Funeral Home for donating our 2009 Incarnation-St. James Parish calendars. Calendars are available at the entrances of both Church Worship sites.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

We will hold an evening **Penance Service** at Incarnation Church on Wednesday, December 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Additional priests will be available for confessions. This is a perfect opportunity to prepare your heart for the coming of our Infant King.

Confessions during Advent are also available on Saturdays, at the St. James Church at 3:30-4:00 p.m. and at the Incarnation Church at 4:30-5:15 p.m.



SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY

Has the holiday shopping got you slowing down? Is the hustle and bustle tiring you out? Then lift your Christmas spirit by coming to see our school children in their annual Christmas play. Your hearts will be filled with gladness! It's a special treat not to be missed! All are welcome. The play will be held on December 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Incarnation Church Auditorium.

SCRIP

We invite our parish family to help support a child's education by ordering your **Holiday Gift cards** through our **Scrip Program**. Save the trip to the Malls or Restaurants. We have over 300 local and national vendor's available right here at ISJ.

Fill out the **Scrip Program** order form in the back of Church. Take or mail it to the Parish or School Office or drop it in the Collection basket in an envelope marked **Scrip Program** Order. For more information, please see the printed flyer found in church, or call our Scrip Expert, Mary Tovar at 609-571-0098. You may also order in person with one of our helpful Scrip Sales Volunteers on the First Weekend of the month at Incarnation Church and the Second Weekend of the month at St. James Church. Thank you!

EIGHTH GRADE THANK YOU!!

The 8th grade class sends a big **THANK YOU** to the parishioners, families, and friends of ISJ who came out to **Cheeburger Cheeburger** on November 19th for our first "dining out fundraiser" of the year. The money raised from the 8th grade fundraisers goes toward the end of the year class trip and graduation dinner/dance. Your support means a lot to us! Please plan to join us at our next delicious dining out night on December 9th at **Red Robin, Hamilton Market Place**, between 5 and 9 pm. Don't forget to bring the enclosed flyer! Thanks.

SAINT VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

Whenever you come to church and light a votive candle to one of the saints, not only does your prayer arise to God for your intentions but your offering enables the Saint Vincent DePaul Society to aid and assist all those in dire need of food, shelter, heating oil and clothing especially during this Christmas Season. So please – light those candles to God and help those in need. Father Daniel

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Our annual Tree Lighting will take place in the Incarnation Circle following the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, December 13th. Please join us for our program and singing. Refreshments will be served in the Church Auditorium following the Lighting. Don't miss it!

Saturday with Santa!



**DECEMBER 13TH
10:00 A.M. TO NOON**

Incarnation-St. James PTA's Annual Saturday with Santa will be held on December 13th, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Come join us for light refreshments, games, crafts, and of course a visit from Santa! The cost is \$6.00 per child, \$7.00 at the door. If you would like to attend – please complete the bottom coupon portion of this column and return it, along with payment, to Annie Hoyt, c/o Rebecca in Grade 8, drop in the collection basket or take to the Rectory by December 8th. Checks may be made payable to Incarnation-St. James PTA.

Saturday with Santa!

Yes, we would like to attend "Saturday with Santa"

Family Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of children attending: _____

Amount enclosed @\$6.00 per child: _____

Please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*“HAVE MERCY ON ME AND
I WILL HAVE MERCY ON YOU.
GIVE ME YOUR HANDS AND
I WILL GIVE YOU PEACE.
THE MORE YOU HONOR ME,
THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU.”*



WON'T YOU JOIN US!

In spiritual preparation for Christmas this year!

We will honor in a most powerful novena the sacred infancy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We invite you to join us with your special intentions as we honor the Holy Child Jesus.

Let us also pray for the children, grandchildren and those who will be born this year. Let us pray for those children who came too early (pre-mature) those babies who are challenged in various ways. Let us pray for our beloved grandchildren. This novena will help us realize the power of the Word of God who became flesh and lived with us.

The novena schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, 12-16: 6:45 a.m.@Incarnation, 8:00 a.m.@St. James
- Wednesday, 12-17: 6:45 a.m.@Incarnation, 8:00 a.m.@St. James
- Thursday, 12-18: 6:45 a.m.@Incarnation, 8:00 a.m.@St. James
- Friday, 12-19: 6:45 a.m.@Incarnation, 8:00 a.m.@St. James
- Saturday, 12-20: 9:00 a.m.@Incarnation, 8:00 a.m.@St. James
- Sunday, 12-21: 7:30 a.m.@Incarnation, 9:30 a.m.@St. James
- Monday, 12-22: 6:45 a.m.@Incarnation, 8:00 a.m.@St. James
- Tuesday, 12-23: 6:45 a.m.@Incarnation, 8:00 a.m.@St. James
- Wednesday, 12-24: 6:45 a.m.@Incarnation, 8:00 a.m.@St. James

Devotional prayers will be available in the Church.

Your intentions will be placed by the statue of the Divine Infant of Prague.

Tear off and include in an envelope marked Novena for collection time or take/mail to the Rectory.

I wish to participate in the Novena by including my special intentions, my offering is \$ _____

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS: _____
