

Church of the Incarnation

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time * January 18, 2026

We come together as a Christian community to minister the Gospel of Christ

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome!

Please register at the parish office or online by visiting our website at www.incarnation-church.org.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday.....7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

(No 7 a.m. Mass from Memorial Day through early September)

Saturday.....8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Sunday.....7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Holy Days.....5 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

7 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Holy Day

Eucharistic Adoration.....Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held every Sunday and some Saturdays at 1:00 pm. Baptism Preparation Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month via Zoom. Please call the office for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard Monday through Saturday following the 8:30 A.M. Mass and on Saturdays from 4:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. in church or by appointment.

CARE OF SICK

Arrangements should be made through the parish office for home visits with the Eucharist for the sick and elderly. The office should be contacted for the Sacrament of the Sick.

SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must:

Be a registered member of a Catholic parish

Be at least 16 years of age

Received Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation

If married, according to the laws of the Catholic Church

Sunday, January 18 - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and “God’s chosen One.”

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 17

8:30am Lorraine Weinhardt
r/b Paul & Sharon Swierczynski
5:00pm Louis & Barbara DiPaolo r/b Houwen Family

Sunday, January 18

7:30am For the Intentions of Fr. Tim Mulranen
r/b Flo Curley
9:30am Anthony & Elvira Laricchuita
r/b Richard & Anna Sweeney
11:30am Brenda & Billy Williams
Harry & Gloria McKain r/b McKain Family
Daniel Cherwien r/b Kathy Higgins
Mary DiAngelo r/b Adele Gallagher
Edward “Archie” Payer r/b Wife & Family

Monday, January 19

7:00am Ultan O’Sullivan r/b Frank & Linda Sesko
8:30am Thomas E. Flood r/b Loving Family

Tuesday, January 20

7:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:30am Grace Calabro r/b McGowan Family

Wednesday, January 21 – St. Agnes

7:00am Sheila Schwartz r/b Frank & Bunny Maurone
8:30am Paul Lucas r/b Frank & Bunny Maurone

Thursday, January 22

7:00am Nora Boyle r/b Slagan Family
8:30am Frank Silenzio
r/b Anthony & Catherine Silenzio

Friday, January 23 – St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

7:00am George, Helen & Michael Stever
r/b Meg & Dave Stever
8:30am Vincent Silenzio
r/b Anthony & Catherine Silenzio

Saturday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales

8:30am Michael V. Silenzio
r/b Anthony & Catherine Silenzio
5:00pm Ercole Chila r/b McAleer Family
John Kovaleski & Linda Pepperling
r/b Kovaleski Family
Gerry & Marie Sullivan r/b Ianelli Family
Robert Fritz
r/b Erin & Ed Miller & Chris & Brian Toal
For the Intentions of Deacon Mike Drees

Sunday, January 25

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30am Joseph Schiavo r/b Cathy & Charlie Pagano
9:30am Intentions of Fr. Steven Bertonazzi
r/b Beth Faust & Family
Paddy Gray r/b Betty Blessing
Michael McClain r/b Parcells Family
Mary Hess r/b Amy Durante
Joseph Reiners r/b Ellen & Ken Hummel
Michael Joseph Nagel
r/b His Mom, Annmarie Nagel
11:30am Julia Crumsho r/b Lisa & Hank Westermann

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 19

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 20

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 21

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 22

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 23

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 24

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

Prayer for Religious Vocations

Priest: **Let us pray for vocations.**

All: O God, we earnestly beseech you to bless the Church with many priests, deacons, seminarians and religious who will love you with their whole strength, be faithful to their vocation and gladly spend their entire lives to teach your truths, serve your Church and make you known and loved.

Priest: **Bless our families, bless our children.**

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for your work.

Priest: **O Mary, Queen of the clergy,**

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, deacons, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone, are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading 1 – Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 - Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Reading II - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel - John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me. I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.’” John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

In John 1:29-34, we receive the witness of John the Baptist concerning Jesus. Bearing witness means verbally attesting to what is true based on personal experiences. John was able to give his testimony about Jesus because of his knowledge of Him. So, too, we are called to be witnesses – people who recognize the work of God in our lives and share it with others. Jesus commissions His disciples to bear witness when He says, “You are witnesses” (Lk 24:28). We experience Jesus differently because of our own unique needs, expectations, and life situations. Perhaps He is our Savior, our Healer, our Peace or our Wisdom. Regardless of how we experience Jesus, every experience of the Lord can be an opportunity for us to bear witness so that others can be encouraged to seek the Lord’s grace in their lives.

Think about it: What is the testimony I would offer about who Jesus is in my life based on my experience?

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

“...a time to be born...”

Nico Michael Dondero
Gianna Marie Crescenzo

“...a time to welcome...”

Daneker Family; Nagle-Brown Family; Davis Family

“a time to be married...”

...a time to be healed...”

Ann Marie Agar, Sam Amaradio, Bernadette Andrews, George & Maureen Austin, Verna Bisconte, Edward Boyd, Joseph Brickley, Rita Bruno, Charli Burke, Carla Carelli, Colleen, Lynn Collins, Krista Collings, Bob Cooper, Jerrolyn Covely, Bob D'Alessio, Roxanne Day, Robert Deegan, Alberta DiFabio, Lucyna Dinces, Barbara, Stephen & Vincent DiTullio, Michael Donahue, Mirenda Donnian, Rich Donofrio, Ellie & Les Edwards, Jack Ewen, Francis Ferry, Anna Forsman, Marylou Furfari, Linda Gerwatoski, Jay Gigante, John Gilmore, Margaret Giordano, Michael Groody, Donovan & John Gura, John & Joseph Hart, Kathy Heisinger, Karol Hennessey, Nat Holland, George Ivan, Jason, Adalynne Johnson, Susan Kane, Karen, Carol Taylor-Kearney, Caroline Keenan, Marilyn Angelotti-Kelly, Fred Krumm, Steffanie Lerch, Richard Marcantonio, Michelle Marhefka, Barbara Marker, Elwood Martz III, Maryellen McAteer, John McDevitt, Dorothy McKeever, Anne McMenamin, Barbara & Ira McManus, Christina McNasby, Jack & Tim McSorley, Hannah McStay, Joan Morlachetta, Katie Mutek, Peter Myers, Frank Nowak, Nicole P., William Papernek, Lee Peters, Patricia Peterson, Giovanni Poloney, Helen Powell, Rose Quigley, Janet Rainier, Teri Reed, Joan Reilly, Mary Reilly, George Rein, Angie & Pete Richman, Patti Roberts, Jim Roche, Karen Rucci, Denise Sacco, Marguerite Sadler, Caterina & Santi Saya, Loretta Scardino, Nicholas Simeo, Sr., Linda Sesko, Eda Shannon, Jason Shipman, Frank Smith, Chris Stalker, Nick Stansbury, Janie Talemal, Jason Tallarida, Ernie Tolentino, Evelyne & Tom Tull, Lou Underwood, Rosemarie Villari, William Walsh, Justin Weaver, John Werner, Nancy Taylor-Williams, Dianne Williamson, Richard Wilson, Theresa Woods, Lois Worthington, Lori Wotypka, Lois Wunsch, Maria Wyzykowski, Catherine Zabrodski, Francesco Zarzycki, Jacqueline Zellner, their caregivers, all others in need of our prayers.

“...a time to die...”

Thomas Smith

STEWARDSHIP SERVANTS

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” ISAIAH 49:5

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different Stewardship! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

Stewardship Report

January 6 through 12 - \$20,967.30

FORGOT YOUR ENVELOPES?

If you forgot your envelopes, are new to the parish or are visiting the parish and would like to make a donation. You can do so here. **Be sure to select one-time gift – as recurring is default.**



2025 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2025 are now available. If you require one, please contact the parish office at 856-468-1314. We can email or mail your copy, or you can pick it up in person. As always, we thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Eyes and Ears of Jesus

We are the eyes and ears of Jesus on earth today. It is our duty to be watching and listening to people around us, recognizing when they have needs for care. If you find someone with a need, listen and care. If you find the need is something greater than you can meet, tell the person about our Stephen Ministry program. If you would like to talk to a Stephen Leader or to request a Stephen Minister, please call 856-468-5536.



THANKS FOR YOUR RECIPES!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who shared their recipes for our church cookbook. Your generosity and creativity are helping us to create something truly special for our church family! Please keep an eye out for an upcoming taste testing and cookbook signing event coming soon! - *The Incarnation Charitable Works Leadership Ministry*

BASKETBALL FREE THROW COMPETITION

The Knights of Columbus Council 6364 will sponsor a basketball free throw competition from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 24 in the Kernan Center. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. No cost to enter, and first place in each age group will receive a regulation NBA basketball. For questions and information, please contact Andrew Stetser at (856) 981-7324 or email andyjstetser@gmail.com.

MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON TRIP **Friday, January 23, 2026**

“LIFE IS A GIFT” is this year’s March for Life theme. The theme speaks for itself and our prayerful fight continues to be to protect one of the most precious gifts our Lord has given us, LIFE. We cannot stop showing our support until we establish a culture of life in this great country. Please join our five area Knights Councils as we again host a pilgrimage to Washington DC. Details of the trip are as follows: Mass: 7:00 AM – Bus Departure from Incarnation: 7:45 PM – Arrive in Washington at approximately 11:00 AM (bus includes a bathroom). Light refreshments will be served about mid-way to Washington - Washington drop off area: Near 7th & Independence. We will collect for driver’s tip. To reserve a seat: contact Bob LaPalomento at 856-994-3476 or Incarnation parish office at 856-468-1314. Donation appreciated: \$20.00 per adult to help offset cost. Please leave your donation at parish office along with name for each person participating and cell phone number. Make checks payable to Incarnation Council #6364, Inc.

Please find it in your heart to participate so we can one day celebrate ALL life.

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SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

The Separated and Divorced Ministry of Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish is starting their Winter/Spring Session on Wednesday, January 28 at 6:30 PM. Meetings are held every other Wednesday at Our Lady of Lourdes Mercy Hall, 500 Greentree Rd, Glassboro. This ministry provides support, comfort and spiritual guidance to those dealing with separation and divorce. We invite everyone who is going through, or has recently gone through these difficult situations to join us, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, please contact us at divorce.separated.ministry@gmail.com.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Join us as we consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family and model of humble faith. Through prayer and reflection, we entrust our families, work, and parish to his powerful intercession, asking for guidance, protection, and fidelity to God’s will. We will start Sunday, February 15 and end on Thursday, March 19 at the 8:30 AM Mass. We will be following Fr. Don Calloway’s Consecration to St. Joseph. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office at 856-468-1314 or email Dcn. Phil at pcurran@incarnation-church.org.

K OF C SCHOLARSHIPS

Incarnation Council #6364 is offering high school scholarships and college scholarships. To be considered, the 8th grade student must be a member of Incarnation Parish or St. Margaret’s School and plan to attend a Catholic high school. The 12th grade student must be a member of Incarnation Parish and plan to attend a 2 or 4 year accredited college. The scholarship intends to recognize the student that best represents the Knights of Columbus virtue of charity in the form of active ministry and academic accomplishments will also be considered.

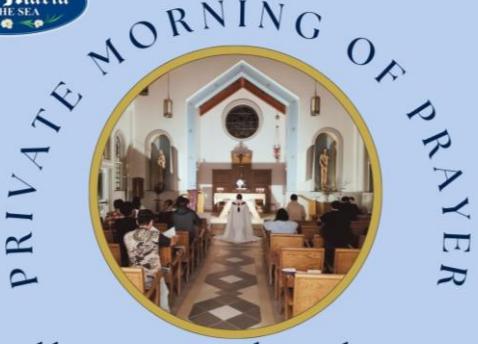
An application can be found on the parish website – <https://www.incarnation-church.org/knights-of-columbus>. Paper applications may be picked up at the parish office. Completed applications must be submitted along with a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor at student’s school, an essay (essay requirements are on the last page of the application) along with a certification from one of your parish priests.

Completed applications are due by February 20. They may be emailed to davezyc@comcast.net or mailed to the address found on the application cover letter.

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DID YOU KNOW? In the Catholic church, the season of Ordinary Time consists of 33 or 34 weeks and is divided into two parts. *The Roman Missal – Third Edition* instructs that Ordinary Time “begins on the Monday following the Sunday after January 6 and continues until the beginning of Lent; it begins again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent.” Although Ordinary Time takes place in two parts, it is still considered a single season.

GCHS CENTENNIAL JUBILEE

This year marks Gloucester Catholic's Centennial Jubilee, a milestone that reflects one hundred years of faith, tradition, and the strong spirit of community that has shaped generations of Rams. Please join us this spring as we gather to honor our past, celebrate our present, and continue the proud story of Gloucester Catholic. Once A Ram, Always A Ram!

GCHS Centennial Jubilee
March 22, 2026, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM
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