## Church of the Incarnation

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time \* August 17, 2025
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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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, August 17 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Luke 12:49-53

Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.

#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, August 16 – St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30am Catherine Slowicki r/b Tom & Diane Bonagura 5:00pm Joe Toner r/b sister. Anne Toner

#### Sunday, August 17

#### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Marie F. Bowers r/b husband Harry
9:30am Agapito Magnaye r/b Arlene Magnaye
Jack McGeehan r/b his Wife & Daughters
Fr. Paul Harte r/b Sharyn Minor
Geraldine Medalla r/b Zeny Manzano
Emma Moffei r/b Tom & Pati Gaffney
Marie 'Mimi' Keeley r/b Kathleen & Bill Dougherty
11:30am Margaret Mary Addario
r/b Carriage Hill Neighbors

#### Monday, August 18

8:30am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Domenico Ruggeri (1st Anniversary) r/b Doe Family

#### Tuesday, August 19 – St. John Eudes

8:30am Joseph Gaffney r/b his Family

## Wednesday, August 20 – St. Bernard

8:30am Craig Forsman r/b his Mother

#### Thursday, August 21 – St. Pius X

8:30am Doris & Lloyd Kramer r/b Robert & Laurie Kramer

#### Friday, August 22

#### The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Rose Silenzio r/b Anthony & Catherine

#### Saturday, August 23 – St. Rose of Lima

8:30am Caterina Aversa r/b Anthony & Catherine 5:00pm Joe Toner & Annie Conaghan r/b sister Anne

#### Sunday, August 24

#### **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Alfred Tomarchio r/b daughter JoAnn
9:30am Delia Galiano r/b Roth Family
11:30am Ed Green r/b Christina McNasby
Jane Killian r/b husband Bill & Family
Dr. George Bonner r/b Mom & Dad
Anna Lanzalotti r/b Debbie Gudonis

Harry & Andie Intenzo r/b Nick & Anita Intenzo Giuseppe & Maria Vaccarella r/b Joseph & Natalie

#### Readings for the Week

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

Wednesday, August 20

Thursday, August 21

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 21

Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 22

By 1:1-2-6-14b, 16-22; M

Friday, August 22 Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40 Saturday, August 23 Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

## 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 - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

#### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Lord, come to my aid!

#### Reading 2 - Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

#### **Gospel - Luke 12:49-53**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her mother-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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.

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

**Ecclesiastes 3:1** 

"...a time to be born..."

Gianna Marie Gargiulo

"...a time to welcome..."

Franchi Family

"a time to be married..."

...a time to be healed..."

Sam Amaradio, Bernadette Andrews, George Austin, Joyce Bailey, Chase Bell, Edward Boyd, Joseph Brickley, Rita Bruno, Charli Burke, Christine Cassell, Colleen, Bob D'Alessio, Roxanne Day, Robert Deegan, Alberta & Tony DiFabio, Lucyna Dinces, Mirenda Donnian, Rich Donofrio, Kristine Ebright, Ellie & Les Edwards, Barbara Facchine, Anna Forsman, Keith & Linda Franchetti, Marylou Furfari, Linda Gerwatoski, John Gilmore, Michael Groody, Ben Groves, Donovan & John Gura, Kathy Heisinger, Karol Hennessey, Carol Iannotti, Jason, Adalynne Johnson, Susan Kane, Karen, Carol Taylor-Kearney, Caroline Keenan, Marilyn Angelotti-Kelly, Fred Krumm, Steffanie Lerch, Judy Longo, Joe Lumpkin, Richard Maloumian, Richard Marcantonio, Michelle Marhefka, Barbara Marker, Elwood Martz III, Dorothy McKeever, Anne McMenamin, Barbara & Ira McManus, Christina McNasby, Tim McSorley, Hannah McStay, Joan Morlachetta, Katie Mutek, Peter Myers, Frank Nowak, Lorene Newman, Nicole P., William Pappernek, Lee Peters, Giovanni Poloney, Helen Powell, Rose Quigley, Janet Rainier, Teri Reed, Joan Reilly, Mary Reilly, George Rein, Pete Richman, Patti Roberts, Jim Roche, Ivey Caruso Rupert, Marguerite Sadler, Caterina Saya, Santi Saya, Loretta Scardino, Nicholas Simeo, Sr., Linda Sesko, Eda Shannon, Jason Shipman, Frank Smith, Dominic Spano, Chris Stalker, Nick Stansbury, Janie Talemal, Jason Tallarida, Evelyne & Tom Tull, Lou Underwood, Rosemarie Villari, Kathy Voelmle, Darlene & John Voll, William Walsh, John Werner, Shannon Whyte, Nancy Taylor-Williams, Dianne Williamson, Richard Wilson, Theresa Woods, Lois Worthington, Lori Lois Wunsch, Maria Wotypka, Wyzykowski, Catherine Zabrodski, Francesco Zarzycki, caregivers, all others in need of our prayers.

"...a time to die..."

Anthony Battaglia



IN MEMORY OF

The altar flowers are in memory of Rose Link requested by the Fogerty Family.

#### STEWARDSHIP TRUTH

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

-LUKE 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance through **Stewardship** for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

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#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ~ WE NEED YOU!

Fall PREP is coming quickly and we are in the planning stages. Classes are 1 hour and 15 minutes. We still need catechists in the following sessions/grades:

Tuesdays 4:15, grades 6 Tuesdays 5:45, grades 2,3,5 Wednesdays 4:15, grades 1,8 Wednesdays 5:45, grades 3,4,5,6,8

OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for Children), helping students catch up in grades 3-6 who have missed some PREP years. Some may be preparing for sacraments.

All catechists must be cleared through the diocese to work with children. The process is simple. It involves being fingerprinted for a background check and attending an in-person *Virtus Protecting God's Children* session.

If you are interested or have any questions, feel free to contact the PREP office at 856-468-7566.

#### INCARNATION BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

We need YOU! The Bereavement Ministry is looking for additional volunteers. Training will be provided. This ministry meets with the families who have lost a loved one and are planning the funeral. The bereavement minister assists with choosing the readings and music for the Funeral Mass. The minister is also present at the Funeral Mass to ensure all runs smoothly. If you are interested in this ministry or would like additional information, please contact Rita Hale at 856-693-2932.

#### HELP NEEDED: ADULT SERVERS FOR FUNERALS

- -Setup for the funeral Mass according to a checklist -Interact with funeral directors regarding their need for materials for the funeral
- -Help unfamiliar funeral directors with our worship space and funeral practice
- -Working with the priest, deacon and funeral planning ministry to make the funeral run smoothly
- -Serve the funeral as an altar server for the Mass
- -Aid with sprinkling of casket at the end of Mass, removal of burial pall, Book of the Gospels and Crucifix
- -Return all items used for the funeral to their proper place
- -Primarily would serve alone or with other adults If you are interested, please call the parish office at 856-468-1314.



#### KNIGHTS KNEWS

The best deal in town returns September 7 as Incarnation Council #6364 brings back breakfast to the Kernan Center. Adults are \$8.00, children under 12 are \$4.00. Bacon, sausage, eggs, omelets, pancakes, coffee, juice and more. Join Knights of Columbus from 8:30-11:00AM.

Hoagie season is back and the first hoagie sale sponsored by Incarnation Knights of Columbus is Sunday morning, September 21 outside of church. Delicious turkey, Italian and American Primos hoagies are \$9 apiece, three for \$25 and proceeds benefit the charitable programs of your local Knights.



# INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? CATHOLIC, BUT NEED TO COMPLETE SACRAMENTS? CATHOLIC AND WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE FAITH?

Prayerfully consider joining our OCIA Program. OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, will begin on Sunday, September 7. Interested inquirers seeking to enter the Catholic faith, should attend the 9:30 AM Mass and the first session will follow immediately after Mass. The meeting will take place in the Kernan Center's Father Salerno room and end at about 11:45 AM. This will be the same process for each week, Mass followed by meeting.

#### LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

In Sunday's Gospel (Luke 12:49-53), Jesus is reminding us that, as disciples, we are called to follow our Lord's own example and experience. That is why Jesus says that He has a baptism to undergo and that He is anxious until it is accomplished. The baptism that Jesus speaks of will occur in His passion and death when He is washed in suffering and the shedding of His blood, and our Lord has made it clear that disciples will be called to follow him in picking up their cross if they are to be faithful. Our baptism derives its meaning from the baptism of which Jesus speaks and is an immersion into our Lord's Death and Resurrection so that we live no longer for ourselves but for Christ. This connection between faith, baptism, and sharing in the cross of Jesus reminds us that sacrifice is essential to discipleship. Certainly, the apostles experienced persecution, rejection, and hatred from many people of their time because of their commitment to Jesus. It is important to remember in these moments that the Church is not founded on human relationships but on our relationship with Jesus Christ and that there will always be tension in our lives when we try to please others and God at the same time. Sometimes we will have to choose who is of greatest priority. Rather than being surprised when these moments come, we should expect them and see them as necessary opportunities for purification and deepened faith. This passage is a sobering reminder that faith and baptism are a serious commitment that will encompass every aspect of our lives. If we try to contain, restrict, or tame the gift of faith we risk extinguishing the fire of God's word within us. Jesus wants us to be washed in His own passion and commitment to the Father's will that marked His life.

**Think about it:** When have I found myself in the difficult situation of having to decide whether I act to please God or to please others and what has helped me act in a faithful and courageous way?

#### PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray for all in our armed forces, especially:

Francis M. Duras, Greg Giordano, Dane Kozlosky, James Tingle, Johnny McGowan, Vincent McManus, Vincent W. Abruzzese, Mitchell Luckman, John Robinson, Sean Owens, Matthew Cottrell, David Nahas, Michael Nahas, Colin Wexler, Liam Wahl, Ty Thuston, Brian Guzzetti, Leonard Puggi, Daniel Golden, Brett Govern, Ryan Lisle, Devin Kozlosky, Cory Carpenter, Christopher Hansen, Luke Wordelmann, Ryan Gilroy, Tyler L. Novak, Danielle Davis, Jesse Nester, Adam Stetser, Joseph Vaccarella, Matthew Murphy, Sara Huber

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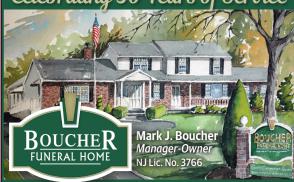
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