

Church of the Incarnation

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Fifth Sunday of Lent * March 17, 2024

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 Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.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, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

8:30am Henry Talemal r/b wife Janie
5:00pm William & Rita Dunbar
r/b Linda Dunbar & Bill & Family

Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30am Josephine Tomarchio r/b daughter JoAnn
9:30am Brenda & Billy Williams r/b McCrane Family
In Thanksgiving to Saints prayed to daily
r/b Rose Quigley
Joseph Mroz r/b Louis Bontitatieus
Sheila McPeak r/b Dippy's Ice Cream Crew
Charles Melara r/b Shirley Melara & Family
11:30am Joseph V. Aversa r/b Anthony & Catherine

Monday, March 18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7:00am John Stetser
8:30am Jennifer Martin r/b Nora & Peter Traum

Tuesday, March 19 – St. Joseph

7:00am Carole Grier
8:30am Walter & Teresa Bajorek r/b daughter Helen

Wednesday, March 20

7:00am Carol McKernan & Jackie Hofer
r/b Cathy Pagano
8:30am Grace Furnari, Charles Barbieri, Thomas Puglia,
& David Smith Sr. r/b Rosemarie Puglia

Thursday, March 21

7:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:30am Jack Worthington r/b his Children

Friday, March 22

7:00am Phil Bellace
8:30am Anne Marie Zimmerman r/b her Father

Saturday, March 23 – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30am Bert Crisostomo r/b Mayette Capistrano
5:00pm Joey Malcolm r/b Daily Family

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30am John & Craig Forsman r/b Wife & Mother
9:30am Nick Brandemarti r/b Brandemarti Family
11:30am Joseph G. Zeilman r/b Hollywood Family
Ann Wilbraham r/b Joseph & Patricia Lanzilotta
Maria DiLouis & Daniel Eduave r/b DiLouis Family
Daniel A. Oldt r/b Eric & Marie Simpson
James E. King r/b Sharkey & Hentschel Families

Readings for the Week

Monday, March 18	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday, March 19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Wednesday, March 20	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, March 21	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday, March 22	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday, March 23	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Prayer for Religious Vocations

Priest:

Let us pray for vocations

All:

O God, we earnestly beseech thee 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.

All:

Amen.

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.

Reading I - Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm - 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 - Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Reading II - Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel - Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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.

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN CHALLENGE

Find time this upcoming Monday or Wednesday to visit the Blessed Sacrament, even if only for 10 or 15 minutes. Pray that the parish community has a safe and spiritually fruitful Holy Week.

On Tuesday, March 19 – St. Joseph's Day – pray for all husbands and fathers.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1

“...a time to be born...”

Ava Francesca Decker Caroline Marie Decker
Steven Gramm Raimondo III Cyrus Thompson

“...a time to welcome...”

“a time to be married...”

...a time to be healed...”

Sam Amaradio, Bernadette Andrews, Anjan Amin, Tina, Assante, Chase Atkinson, George Austin, Baby Olivia, Joyce Bailey, Chase Bell, Kelly Bianco, Otto Bonaventure, Diane Brady, Charli Burke, Christine Cassell, Jerrolyn Covely, Bob D'Alessio, Robert Deegan, Michael Donahue, Ann Marie Donofrio, Beth Donofrio, Rich Donofrio, Kristine Ebright, Ellie & Les Edwards, Jack Ewen, Barbara Facchine, Helen Fowler, Keith & Linda Franchetti, Linda Gerwatoski, John Gilmore, Michael Groody, Ben Groves, Donovan & John Gura, Rachel Hall, John R. Hart, Kathy Heisinger, Karol Hennessey, Caelyn Holland, Theresa Hutchinson, Marie Ianoale, Carol Iannotti, Lou Iocona, Jason, Adalynne Johnson, Susan Kane, Karen, Carol Taylor-Kearney, Stephen Korotinsky, Mary Krauss, Brianna & Kylee Lewis, Mary Logan, Joe Lumpkin, Jeff Lyons, Richard Maloumian, Elwood Martz III, Anita & Mark Martin, Susan Mazza, Patricia McAllister, Dorothy McKeever, Barbara & Len McCarron, Ira McManus, Patricia and Tim McSorley, Hannah McStay, Zoe Ann Meenan, Richard Mull, Jennifer Nevius, Frank Nowak, Lorene Newman, Steven Paoline, Lee Peters, Nancy Petri, John Poloney, Helen Powell, Rose Quigley, Janet Rainier, Teri Reed, Joan Reilly, Mary Reilly, Corey Riggio, Patti Roberts, Jim Roche, Marci Rodillo, Domenic Ruggeri, Joanne Ryder, Marguerite Sadler, Caterina Saya, Loretta Scardino, Leonard Scully, Linda Sesko, Jason Shipman, Frank Smith, Terri Smith, Chris Stalker, Doug Stetser, Gina Strohm, Brian Stroup, Jason Tallarida, Barb Tomarchio, Evelyn & Tom Tull, Lou Underwood, Rosemarie Villari, Darlene & John Voll, William Walsh, John Werner, Shannon Whyte, Jean Wiebalk, Saylor Wilgus, Nancy Taylor-Williams, Theresa Woods, Brianna Wool, Lori Wotypka, Lois Wunsch, Maria Wyzykowski, Catherine Zabrodski, Francesco Zarzycki, their caregivers, all others in need of our prayers.

“...a time to die...”

Thomas DiGiambattista
(son-in-law of Barry & Dolly Johnson)
Marie O'Connor (sister-in-law of Anne McMenamin)
Lorraine Laurelli (mother of Vince Laurelli)

SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

This year's theme: **“THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM”** continues our focus on the nation-wide Eucharist Revival and reminds us that “in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself.”

By supporting the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, you are supporting those who comprise the programs and ministries of the Diocese of Camden. These ministries serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the hungry and challenged. When we support the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, we can bring the light of hope to those in the Catholic community of South Jersey. To date our parish has raised over \$62,000.00. Please prayerfully consider making a gift this year toward our goal of \$201,000.00.

STEWARDS GIVE

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.”

- JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't “owners” of anything, we are merely **“Stewards”** of the gifts God have given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

March 5 through March 11 Giving - \$20,587.75

STEPHEN MINISTRY

When You've Reached the End of Your Rope

If you're at the end of your rope, Stephen Ministers can help you tie a knot and hang on. For someone who will listen and help you through this tough time, please call 856-468-5536 to request a Stephen Minister or talk to a Stephen Leader.

IN MEMORY OF

The altar bread and wine are in memory of
Michael & Thomas Flood requested by loving family.

EASTER FLOWERS

Our altar will again be beautifully adorned for Easter. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one, please use the flower envelope found in your Easter mailing.



SUMMER PREP CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Summer PREP Program needs you! Catechists are needed for our Summer sessions:

June 17-21

July 8-12

July 22-26

For grades 1,3,4,5 and 6 from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM
And for Sacrament Preparation grades 2, 7 and 8 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you are interested, please contact the PREP office at 856-468-7566.

SAMARITAN HOSPICE

Local hospice patients need emotional support. Read aloud, listen to music, share stories, or offer your caring presence. Samaritan, a non-profit, is seeking volunteers, especially women, to join in this mission. Training will be provided.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Peter Guzzetti. 856-430-7340 or Linda DiCerto, Volunteer Coordinator, Samaritan at 856-446-6782.

LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

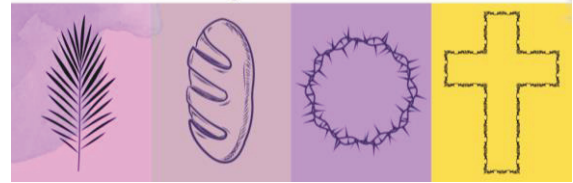
Still need to visit the Easter Bunny. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas #2327 are hosting lunch with the Bunny on Saturday, March 23 at 11:30 AM – Mercy Hall, 500 Greentree Road, Glassboro. Tickets are \$4.00 and available at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish Office. There will also be games, prizes and an Egg Hunt! For more info, please call 856-357-2286.

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!!

We are looking for Prayer Warriors! The Church of Incarnation is looking to start a group of seven people, who are willing to commit one day a week to spend an hour in front of the blessed sacrament, praying for the intentions of those within our parish. Each person will be assigned one day a week. Are you the person that people come to, to ask for prayers? Then maybe the Holy Spirit is calling you to this ministry. What a beautiful way to practice spiritual works of mercy. If you are interested, please call Bernadette at 856-430-1403 to sign up!

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Holy Week



Tuesday, March 26

Chrism Mass – Our Lady of Hope, Blackwood
3:30 PM

Wednesday, March 27

Confessions

4:00PM to 5:00PM and 7:00PM to 8:00PM

Holy Hour for Recovery

7:00 PM

Recovery Stations of the Cross

8:00 PM

Holy Thursday, March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00PM

Adoration – Kernan Center

8:00 PM to Midnight

Good Friday, March 29

Service of the Lord's Passion

3:00PM

Holy Saturday, March 30

Confessions - 10:30AM to 12:00 Noon

Blessing of the Easter Food - 12:15PM

Easter Vigil - 8:00PM

Easter Sunday, March 31

Easter Masses

7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

If you are attending the 11:30 AM Mass on Palm Sunday, please join us at the Kernan Center at 11:20 AM for our Procession to the Church.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 3:30 PM on Tuesday, March 26, at Saint Agnes Church (Our Lady of Hope Parish) in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

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LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Our Scripture passage comes from the Gospel of John 12:20-33. In this Gospel passage, Jesus makes a powerful statement when He says, "Whoever would serve me, must follow me. Where I am, there also will my servant be." It is a strong statement because John's Gospel was written during the age of persecution when many Christians were "following" Jesus in laying down their lives and being martyred for their faith. It's one thing to follow Jesus in His daily teaching of doing good and avoiding evil; it's another thing to face the decision of sacrificially laying down our lives in witness to Him. Sacrifice is always difficult to accept. In those moments of difficulty, it is important to remember that the role of a disciple is to follow Jesus and not to get Jesus to follow us. Sometimes in our prayer we can wonder why "God isn't with us" in particular situations we face. It's interesting how easy it is to pray for "God to be with us" rather than "for us to be with God."

Think about it: When it comes to praying as a disciple, do I pray for the guidance to be where God is leading me, or do I pray for God to accompany me where I want to go?

KNIGHTS KNEWS

Incarnation Knights of Columbus, the St. Vincent dePaul Society and the Disciple Leadership Team will lead adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM, ending with benediction at midnight. The rosary will be said each hour starting at 8:00 PM. Our Catholic faith calls us to daily prayer and worship. The need for prayer concerning the respect for life from conception to natural death continues to be at the forefront. Please contact Dennis Crowley at 610-213-7929, Charlene Stahlek at 609-828-9215 or Frank Colonna at 856-625-4413 for the hour you want to be before our Lord and worship.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives not me but him who sent me."

~Mark 9:37

Incarnation Council #6364 presents legendary comedian and impressionist Joe Conklin – Saturday, April 20 at Kernan Center. Conklin has been a constant in Philadelphia radio for more than 30 years and his stand-up routine is a popular draw across the region. Tickets are \$50.00 and are available at the parish office or by calling Dave at 856-230-0983 or Jeff at 856-371-2642 - also at JoeConklin.com. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Show starts promptly at 8:00 PM. Show benefits Knights of Columbus programs and parishioner and altar server Christina McNasby.

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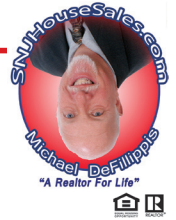
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