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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

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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, May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

After Judas left the last supper, Jesus warned the other disciples that he would not be with them much longer. Jesus gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them. He stated that their love for each other would distinguish them as his disciples.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 17

8:30am Joan Casale r/b Joyce Drechen 8:00pm Tina Daily r/b daughter Christina

Sunday, May 18 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am John & Craig Forsman r/b Wife & Mother 9:30am Anthony Furfari r/b wife Mary Lou Cathy Hornibrook r/b her Brothers & Sisters Msgr Thomas Owens r/b brother Joe Maryann DeRicco r/b Carol Retkovis Mario Alonzo r/b St. Vincent dePaul Society 11:30am Joseph & Eileen Ehnow r/b their Daughters

Monday, May 19

7:00am All Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 8:30am Josephine Recupero r/b Remsing Family

Tuesday, May 20 - St. Bernadette of Siena

7:00am Dorothy Fiocco r/b son John 8:30am Terri Gannon r/b Gannon Family

Wednesday, May 21 – St. Christopher Magallanes

7:00am William McKernan r/b daughter Cathy 8:30am Ann Misero r/b Rastelli Family

Thursday, May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia

7:00am Dominick Termini r/b McGowan Family 8:30am William Reilly

Friday, May 23

7:00am Dominick Termini r/b Josephine Termini 8:30am Nancy Petri r/b husband Mark

Saturday, May 24

8:30am Anna Pane Billings r/b John Billings 5:00pm Purgatorial Society

Sunday, May 25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Joe Gehousky r/b Knights of Columbus #6364
9:30am Bronislaw, Maria & Witold Korona
r/b Richard & Anna Sweeney
11:30am Kathleen McMahon r/b Christina McNasby
Monte & Quigley Families r/b Rose Quigley
Michele Smith r/b Brenda Sharkey
Samuel & Catherine Gulotta r/b B. Petrellis & Family
Jane Killian r/b husband Bill

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 19
Tuesday, May 20
Wednesday, May 21
Thursday, May 22
Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Friday, May 23
Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday, May 24
Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

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.

All: 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 - Acts 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 - I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Reading II - Revelation 21:1-5a

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Gospel - John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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.

"You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

-Hebrews 7:17

Fr. Tim Mulranen,
The Incarnation Parish Family congratulates you
on your ordination to the Priesthood!
We rejoice with you on this special day. God bless you always.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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

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

Soucek Family, Lorenzo Family

"a time to be married..."

Michael Klemenz and Ashley Meyers

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

Sam Amaradio, Bernadette Andrews, Chase Atkinson, George Austin, Baby Olivia, Joyce Bailey, Chase Bell, Betty Blessing, Otto Bonaventure, Joseph Brickley, Rita Bruno, Charli Burke, Jennie Cantagallo, Christine Cassell, Colleen, Chad Cowan, Bob D'Alessio, Roxanne Day, Robert & Pat Deegan, Lucyna Dinces, Mirenda Donnian, Rich Donofrio, Kathy Durand, Kristine Ebright, Ellie & Les Edwards, Tammy English, Barbara Facchine, Anna Forsman, Helen Fowler, Keith & Linda Franchetti, Linda Gerwatoski, John Gilmore, Brenda Gordon, Richard Grant, Dave Griffith, Michael Groody, Ben Groves, Donovan & John Gura, Kathy Heisinger, Karol Hennessey, Marie Ianoale, Carol Iannotti, Jason, Adalynne Johnson, Susan Kane, Karen, Carol Taylor-Kearney, Stephen Korotinsky, Fred Krumm, Judy Longo, Joe Lumpkin, Richard Maloumian, Michelle Marhefka, Barbara Marker, Elwood Martz III, Dorothy McKeever, Anne McMenamin, Caroline Keenan, Barbara & Ira McManus, Christina McNasby, Tim McSorley, Hannah McStay, Joan Morlachetta, Katie Mutek, Frank Nowak, Lorene Newman, Cathy Noakes, Nicole P., Anthony & Denise Palestini, William Pappernek, Lee Peters, Giovanni Poloney, Helen Powell, Rose Ouigley, Janet Rainier, Teri Reed, Joan Reilly, Mary Reilly, Patti Roberts, Jim Roche, Marci Rodillosso, Domenic Ruggeri, Ivey Caruso Rupert, Marguerite Sadler, Caterina Saya, Santi Saya, Loretta Scardino, Joe Schiavo, Nicholas Simeo, Sr., Linda Sesko, Jason Shipman, Frank Smith, Dominic Spano, Chris Stalker, 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, Theresa Woods, Lois Worthington, Lori Lois Wunsch, Maria Wyzykowski, Wotypka, Catherine Zabrodski, Francesco Zarzycki, caregivers, all others in need of our prayers.

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

John Kitchin Sr.



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JOYFUL STEWARDSHIP

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

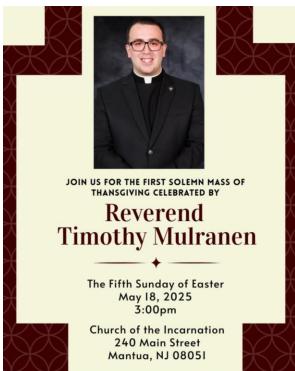
-ACTS 13:52

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, Jesus fills his **Stewards** with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

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All are welcome to attend Fr. Mulranen's first Mass.

HOLY HOUR

Adoration, Holy Hour and Marian devotions will be held on Tuesday May 20 at 7:00 PM in church. Please join the Knights of Columbus Parish Council #6364 and Father Steve for this beautiful service raising our voices together to Our Lady for her intercession. We look forward to seeing you.

PREP NEWS

Summer PREP registration is open. Registration Link is https://www.incarnation-church.org/copy-of-prep. We still need a few good, practicing Catholics who are eager to share their faith with the children in our parish. If this sounds like you, consider that God may be calling you to this ministry. We are still in need of catechists for the following:

July 7-11, grade 6 and July 21-25, grades 7 & 8

Catechists and those who wish to sub, who have not been cleared yet, do need to go through the clearance process for the diocese but it is a simple process. It involves being fingerprinted so we can run a background check and attending an in-person Virtus training, *Protecting God's Children*. Contact the PREP office if you are interested 856-468-7566 or sprevitera@incarnation-church.org.



GLOUCESTER CATHOLIC RAMS BASKETBALL CAMP

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Week 1: Monday 7/14 to Friday 7/18 (Boys)
Week 2: Monday 7/21 to Friday 7/25 (Boys & Girls)
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SJ CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SEEKING SUPPORT STATE BUDGET INCREASES

South Jersey Catholic Schools and the New Jersey Catholic Conference are asking for your help to request increased funding for necessary on-site school nursing services for our Catholic school students as part of budget resolution included in the final version of the Appropriations Act due to the Governor by June 30.

It is easy to show your support! The NJ Catholic Conference has created an action alert through their Voter Voice System that will go directly to your local legislator.

A note will be sent to your local state representative sharing your support for these important budgetary increases. Thank you in advance for your support! Fill out the action alert at https://bit.ly/actionalertnursing and ask your local legislators to sign the upcoming budget resolution to increased funding!

NOAH

The Infant Jesus Parish Women's Club is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see "NOAH" on Saturday, December 6. We will be attending the 11:00 AM show followed by lunch at the Manor Buffet in Lancaster. The cost is \$170 per person. Cost includes the show, lunch and gratuity for bus driver. If you have any questions or to reserve your spot contact Neen Raspa at neenie@comcast.net or 609-230-2929. This tour will fill up fast .. your reservation will only be held with your payment.

LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Our scripture passage for this Sunday comes from the Gospel of John 12:31-32a, 34-35. It is a pivotal passage in John's Gospel in which Jesus gives His "new" commandment to love. It is this commandment that will define Christian disciples as people who embody the love of God present in the world and who bring glory to God through their lives.

When Jesus tells His disciples to love one another He also gives them a definition of what love means. Namely, "as he had loved us" so "we are to love one another." All too often we try to define love on our own terms. When we do so, we tend to love those who are close to us (family and friends), or those who will appreciate our love and reciprocate it, or those whom we find it easy to love. In short, we like to choose the people we love rather than loving the people God places in our lives. The love of Jesus teaches us a different criterion. Jesus loved Judas — and Peter. To Judas he offered a sharing in the Last Supper even though He knew full well that he was about to betray Him. Jesus offered it to Judas anyway. To Peter, Jesus offered encouragement and friendship even though He knew that Peter was about to deny Him. Jesus offered it to Peter anyway. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples to give them an example of how to love: humble service for those who need it and not just for those who appreciate it. In this passage then, Jesus is teaching us both who we are to love (everyone) and how we are to love (complete self-giving in humble service). Our Lord's example has become the way of life for every disciple to follow and reaches perfection on the cross of Calvary. We may be happy to hear the commandment to love so long as we can define what love means but loving as Jesus loved is difficult and challenging.

Think about it: Who do I find it difficult to love? Who finds it difficult to love me?



Monday through Thursday, May 19-22, 2025 – 6:00pm to 10:00pm Friday and Saturday, May 23-24, 2025 – 6:00pm to 11:00pm LIVE Music! Beer Garden – Food – Amusements – and more!! All proceeds benefit St. Margaret's School.

INCARNATION NIGHT at the St. Margaret's Carnival

If you are looking for a fun night out – join other parishioners on Friday, May 23 at the carnival, we'll grab a bite to eat, an adult beverage (for those over 21) and listen to some good music.

We'll be in the beer garden so if you see a familiar face please stop and say HI!!

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.

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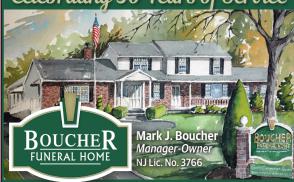
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