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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross * September 14, 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, September 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

John 3:13-17

As today's first reading tells us of Moses raising the bronze serpent in the desert for those to be cured, Jesus says, too, that the Son of Man should be lifted up for all to see so the world might be saved and he who believes in him might enjoy eternal life.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13 – St. John Chrysostom

8:30am Rita Caltabiano r/b Mary Sorbello

5:00pm Terry Pacers r/b Mr & Mrs. Steven Corcoran

Sunday, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30am John & Craig Forsman r/b Wife & Mother

9:30am Rita Caltabiano r/b Joan Sorbello

Billy Killian r/b dad Bill

Patricia McSorley r/b McSorley Family

Linda Falcone r/b Ron Ketty Family

Rosa Picardi r/b Jennifer Otten

11:30am Michael & Catherine Rodano r/b Geraci Family

Monday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 8:30am Louis Cacciola (10th Anniversary)

Catherine Cacciola

Tuesday, September 16 – Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

7:00am Nick Aguino r/b Janet & Family

8:30am Teresa & Bill Hagan r/b Marie McGuirl

Wednesday, September 17 – St. Robert Bellamine

7:00am For the Intentions of Athena r/b Schultz Family 8:30am Stella Pettinelli r/b McGowan Family

Thursday, September 18

7:00am Frank & Mary Cristaudo r/b daughter Lucy 8:30am Linda LaRubbio r/b husband Frank

Friday, September 19 – St. Januarius

7:00am Jackie Trakimas r/b Rose Dougherty 8:30am Florian Montoya r/b Claudette Mirigliani

Saturday, September 20

Sts. Andrew Kim & Paul Chong-Ha-sang

8:30am Thomas & Elizabeth Maloney

r/b Parcells Family

5:00pm William & Rita Dunbar r/b daughter Linda & son Bill

Sunday, September 21

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Marie Randazzo r/b Chris Bellace

9:30am Joseph Gehousky r/b Knights of Columbus

11:30am Catherine Wolfe r/b her Husband & Family

Paul, Shane & Johanna Heipp

r/b B. Petrellis & Family

Emily Maglione r/b Maria Cody

Ray Hays r/b Jenkins Family

Florence Kempista r/b Annette Zambrano

Peter Colonna r/b sons Nick & Frank

Readings for the Week

 Monday, September 15
 1 Tm 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

 Tuesday, September 16
 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

 Wednesday, September 17
 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

 Thursday, September 18
 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

 Friday, September 19
 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

 Saturday, September 20
 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

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 - Numbers 21:4b-9

With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!" In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live." Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 - Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Reading 2 - Philippians 2:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel - John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group meetings will start on September 16 at 3:30PM in the Conference Room at the Parish Offices. Please ring the bell to enter.

This group consists of adults from the community who are going through grief due to the loss of a loved one. Join us to help find hope and healing during your grief! For more information, please call Rita 856-693-2932.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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

Noelle Elisabeth Vance

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

Marino Family

"a time to be married..."

Kelly Flanigan and Sean Lenahan

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

Sam Amaradio, Bernadette Andrews, George Austin, Edward Boyd, Joseph Brickley, Rita Bruno, Charli Burke, Christine Cassell, Colleen, Krista Collings, Bob D'Alessio, Roxanne Day, Robert Deegan, Alberta & Tony DiFabio, Lucyna Dinces, Mirenda Donnian, Rich Donofrio, Kristine Ebright, Ellie & Les Edwards, Barbara Facchine, Agnes Flood, Anna Forsman, Keith & Linda Franchetti, Marylou Furfari, Gerwatoski, Jay Gigante, John Gilmore, Dave Griffith, 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, Karen Rucci, Ivey Caruso Rupert, Denise Sacco, Marguerite Sadler, Caterina Saya, Santi Saya, Loretta Scardino, Nicholas Simeo, Sr., Linda Sesko, Eda Shannon, Jason Shipman, Frank Smith, 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 Wotypka, Lois Wunsch, Maria Wyzykowski, Catherine Zabrodski, Francesco Zarzycki, caregivers, all others in need of our prayers.

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

Carmela Cuce

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes begin this Tuesday and Wednesday. Please keep our PREP children and their families in your prayers.

Sunday, September 21 is Catechetical Sunday. All PREP teachers are invited to the 9:30 AM Mass where their ministry will be acknowledged and they will receive a special blessing.

STEWARDSHIP REPAYMENT

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

-JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus come to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. This core message is the basis for the **Stewardship** of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

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.



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BEREAVEMENT GROUP

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SENIOR STRETCH

Senior stretch classes will begin on Monday, September 15 at 11:00 AM with Chair Stretch. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday classes will be at 9:15 AM. A great way to stay in shape and socialize. You can register prior to class on the 15th starting at 10:30AM. Cost for the Fall Session is \$35.00. All are welcome and on Tuesdays and Thursdays to stay and mingle with our Prime Timers!!

KNIGHTS KNEWS

September Hoagie Sale – Sunday, September 21 after all morning Masses. Primo hoagies are \$9.00 each or three for \$25.00.

K of C #6364 members will be conducting the annual Disability Drive, collecting donations outside of church after Masses the weekend of Sept. 26-27. The proceeds benefit Hollydale School, the Larc School and New Jersey Special Olympics. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Comedian Gordon Douglas will light up the Kernan Center with laughter on Saturday, October 4. Doors open at 6:00 PM beginning with a spaghetti dinner. Show starts at 7:15 PM.

The cost is \$30.00 for adults/\$15.00 for children 12 and under. The proceeds will benefit the Incarnation food pantry and local Knights of Columbus charities.

ANNUAL BLUE MASS

Join the Diocese of Camden in honoring Law Enforcement and First Responders at Mass on September 29 at 10:30 AM. Our Lady of Hope, 701 Little Gloucester Rd. Blackwood, NJ



Save the Date

The Food Truck Festival is back on Friday, October 3 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM!! This year's Food Trucks are Carolina Blue, Dominic's Tavern, Just Fork It and Mister Softee. There will be games for the kids, live music, good food - so don't cook, bring the family and enjoy a night out!

VILLA MARIA BY THE SEA RETREAT CENTER CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

Wednesday, October 29 - from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM Cost is \$65.00

Presented by Carolyn Rebalsky, RN, MSN (retired)

This day is perfect for anyone who is serving as a caregiver for a loved one whether living with or apart from the patient, managing their care at home or in healthcare settings, or assisting a primary caretaker. This workshop will focus on self-care, offering practical strategies for your own well-being and balance. You will also gain insight into forgiving yourself through the tough aspects of caregiving like placing a loved one in a skilled facility and losing control of your emotions. Take this day to care for yourself so that you can continue to care for others. Mass and lunch are included.

For more information or to register please visit www.VMbytheSea.com.

CELEBRATE THE LOVE YOU'VE BUILT

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass and reception for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60, 70 or more years of marriage in 2025 will be on November 16.

Join us on Sunday, November 16 at St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Parish, 591 New Jersey Ave, Absecon. Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 PM followed by a light reception in the parish hall.

To reserve your place please call Incarnation Parish Office at 856-468-1314 by October 25.



DIOCESE OF CAMDEN Office of the Diaconate



INFORMATION MEETING



You are cordially invited to attend an information meeting.

Do You Have the Gifts To Serve Christ as a Deacon?

Are you between the ages of 30 and 55?

Do you see in yourself the gifts needed for helping others?

Are you drawn to pray and listen to the Word of God?

Do you participate actively in Church ministry?

If you can answer these questions with a confident YES!

perhaps you should learn more about the deacon ministry in the Catholic Church. Tuesday, Sep<mark>te</mark>mber 16, 2025

St. Joseph Center

133 N. 3rd Street

Hammonton

7:00 pm

to

8:30 pm

"The vocation of the permanent deacon is a great gift of God to the Church"

Pope Saint John Paul II

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:

Contact: Linda Decosta - 856.583.2858 - linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org

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