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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time * September 28, 2025 We come together as a Christian community to minister the Gospel of Christ

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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 28 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells of a rich man who feasted daily, while a beggar named Lazarus went hungry outside his gates. When both men died, Lazarus was taken to Abraham, but the rich man was in torment. When he begged for mercy, Abraham reminded him that Lazarus had lived in torment, while the rich man lived in selfish luxury. The man then asked if Lazarus could be sent to his brothers to warn them. But Abraham said if they had not heeded Moses or the prophets, they would ignore even the warning of one risen from the dead.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27 – St. Vincent dePaul

8:30am Ann Marie Zimmerman r/b her Father 5:00pm In Thanksgiving r/b St. Vincent dePaul Society

Sunday, September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Linda Falcone r/b Robert & Irene Binz
9:30am Donald Fanelle Sr. r/b Louise Houwen
Peter Worthington r/b Paul & Patty Kelly
Kathleen Magnotta r/b Kevin & Luanne Corcoran
Peter Worthington r/b Friends of Rose Dougherty
For the Intentions of Grace Romeo
r/b Agnes & Helen
Nancy McLauglin r/b Michael & Barbara O'Leary

Monday, September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 8:30am Ginny Daniels r/b Meg & Dave Stever

Tuesday, September 30 – St. Jerome

7:00am Richard White r/b Sandy Tursi 8:30am John D. Rastelli Jr. r/b Rastelli Family

11:30am Judy Signiski r/b Nora & Peter Traum

Wednesday, October 1-St. Therese of the Child Jesus

7:00am Vincent Bruno r/b daughter Carol Ann 8:30am Dominic Ruggeri r/b Ed & Mariann Porreca

Thursday, October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00am Richard White r/b Maria Cardella 8:30am Caterina Aversa r/b Anthony & Catherine

Friday, October 3

7:00am Ginny & Jack Worthington r/b their Children 8:30am Wolfgang Licht r/b Wife & Family

Saturday, October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi

8:30am Joseph Ranalli r/b Nick & Frank Colonna 5:00pm Arthur & Gertrude Toner r/b daughter Anne Kollar

Sunday, October 5

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Deborah Romano r/b sisters Betty & Brenda 9:30am Ron Raffa r/b Trish Raffa

11:30am James Rogers r/b Children & Grandchildren Sam Nastasi r/b Angie, Wayne & Justin Stauffer Rita Caltabiano r/b Joe & Jen Stickler George Ballinger r/b Barbara Ballinger Richard White r/b Anne Abbruzzese Vincent Minniti, Sr. r/b Carl & Irene Minniti

Readings for the Week

Monday, September 29 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Jn 1:47-51 Tuesday, September 30 Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday, October 1 Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday, October 2 Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday, October 3

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 4

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

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,

Reading 1 - Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph! Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 - Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reading 2 - 1 Timothy 6:11-16

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

Gospel - Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. 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.

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..."

Liliana Marie Reese

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

Wood Family, Duffy/Guico Family

"a time to be married..."

Kelly Flanigan and Sean Lenahan Ray Sciahetano and Angela Cruz

...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, Ellie & Les Edwards, Francis Ferry, Agnes Flood, Anna Forsman, Marylou Furfari, Gerwatoski, Jay Gigante, John Gilmore, Dave Griffith, Michael Groody, Donovan & John Gura, John & Joseph Hart, Kathy Heisinger, Karol Hennessey, 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, 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 Sava, Santi Sava, 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, Kathy Voelmle, William Walsh, John Werner, Mary White, Nancy Taylor-Williams, Dianne Williamson, Richard Wilson, Theresa Woods, Lois Worthington, Lori Wotypka, Lois Wunsch, Maria Wyzykowski, Catherine Zabrodski, Francesco Zarzycki, their caregivers, all others in need of our prayers.

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

Paul James Leonhardt (brother of Dave Leonhardt)



WE ARE ALMOST THERE!!

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to the SJ Catholic Ministry Appeal – to date we are \$4,800.00 away from our goal of \$196,800.00. When we reach our goal we will receive \$19,680.00. These funds are used to help those in need through our parish pantry and the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish. Your ongoing support enables us to minister to our parishioners and the greater community.

September 16 through September 22 - \$19,826.30

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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Encourage One Another...

In 1 Thessalonians 5 Paul writes, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up. . . Encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone." God has called us all to build up and encourage one another. For those who are experiencing a really difficult time, our **Stephen Ministers** can provide the special encouragement, care, and support they need until they are past the crisis. If you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, please call 856-468-5536.



Bishop Joseph A. Williams has called Michael C. Drees and Douglas R. Stetser to the Order of Deacon. The Church rejoices in the commitment to ministry which Michael and Douglas have made, and we announce it to you with great joy! The ordination is to take place at 10:30AM on October 4 at St. Agnes Church, Our Lady of Hope Parish, Blackwood.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Due to the Diaconate Ordination this year's Blessing of the Animals will be a week late – see below.

Bring your pets, large and small, in a cage or on a leash to our Annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 11 at 9:15 AM – at the Mary Grotto.

JOSEPH HOUSE

REMINDER — Casseroles and products will be delivered to the Joseph House this Monday, October 6. Any questions please contact Jerry at 856-579-7004 or jerbotemple@comcast.net. Thank you for your continued support!



JOIN US!!

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!

While you are here on Friday evening please stop in the church for First Friday Holy Hour. The church will be open from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM - come an spend some quiet time with the Lord.

KNIGHTS' KNEWS

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.



Save The Date

Saturday, November 15, 2025



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LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Our scripture passage for this Sunday comes from the Gospel of Luke 16:19-31. It is the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. In this parable, Luke continues his teaching on discipleship and the right use of material possessions. It is a striking message in which Jesus points out the difference between what human beings value and what God values.

The second part of the parable has to do with the different situations the Rich Man and Lazarus experience in the afterlife. More important insights are offered for our consideration, and it is necessary to study this passage carefully so as to not miss the subtle lessons it contains. First, note how the Rich Man is only concerned for himself and his own family. He still considers Lazarus as no more than a servant to bring him water and to be the messenger for his brothers. He also reveals that he knows Lazarus by name yet did not help him as he lay at his gate each day. Thus, the Rich Man cannot claim ignorance of Lazarus or his need; he had incriminated himself by every statement and attitude revealed in the afterlife. The Rich Man was seeking mercy for himself even after refusing to show mercy to others. The Rich Man also is absorbed in self-concern rather than acknowledging his sin against charity and asking forgiveness. The implication of the parable is this; had the Rich Man shown mercy, then mercy would have been shown to him. In short, the teaching for us is that we should not deny to others what we ourselves are seeking from God. That is a powerful message! The heart that is open to give is also open to receive; the heart that is closed to give has closed itself off from receiving as well.

Think about it: What do I pray for (mercy, forgiveness, love, blessing)? What opportunities do I have to give to others what I myself am asking from God?



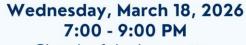


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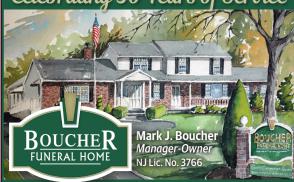
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