

Church of the Incarnation

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The Most Holy Trinity * May 31, 2026

We come together as a Christian community to minister the Gospel of Christ

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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 31 ~ Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

John 3:16-18

In this beautiful passage, Jesus tells Nicodemus that God loved his people so much that he “gave his only son.” Jesus reveals to Nicodemus that anyone who believes in him will not die but will enjoy life with him for all eternity.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 30

8:30am Linda LaRubbio r/b husband, Frank
5:00pm Thomas and Irene Kollar
r/b daughter-in-law Anne
James Hill r/b John Fiocco
Rosalia Perez r/b Yvette Karbiwnyk
Nancy Bartoshesky-Lynch r/b Carl and Irene Minniti
Tom and Lisa Hengel r/b Guy and Kassy Varquez
John T. Moerman, Sr. r/b Karen and Joe Mullen

Sunday, May 31 – The Most Holy Trinity

7:30am Marco Parisano r/b Flo Curley and family
9:30am Sara Ann Urbani r/b her children
Robert Schmid r/b Cathy Mertz
William Beecher r/b Fran and Joanne West
Jam Mengel r/b Betty Blessing
Joseph DiPietro r/b Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Cocoran
Andy Wrublaskey r/b John and Chris Retkovis
11:30am George and Carmella Morrison
r/b Linda and Michael Cobb

Monday, June 1 – St. Justin, Martyr

8:30am Mary Cristaudo r/b Lucy

Tuesday, June 2

8:30am Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

Wednesday, June 3

8:30am Charlie McCullen r/b Family

Thursday, June 4

8:30am John Ober r/b Lucy

Friday, June 5 – St. Boniface

8:30am Mildred Davis r/b Pat Davis

Saturday, June 6

8:30am Sonny Vigilante r/b wife, Joanne and family
5:00pm Tina Daily r/b daughter, Christina

Sunday, June 7 – Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

7:30am Joseph Schiavo r/b Ed and Dottie McKeeney
Eleanor Ross r/b Melody Laranjeira
Phil Bellace r/b Chris Bellace
Harry Covely r/b Baptism Bib Ministry
Sr. Patrice Valez, SC r/b Rebok Family
Thomas J. Connelly r/b Linda and Bill Hand
9:30am Katie Esposito r/b mom, Eileen
11:30am Luciano Galiano r/b Tom and Angela Roth

Readings for the Week

Monday, June 1	2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday, June 2	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday, June 3	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday, June 4	2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
Friday, June 5	2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday, June 6	2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44

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.

First Reading – Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai
as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.
Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there
and proclaimed his name, "LORD."
Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God,
slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."
Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship.
Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company.
This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins,
and receive us as your own."

Responsorial Psalm - Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers and sisters, rejoice.
Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace,
and the God of love and peace will be with you.
Greet one another with a holy kiss.
All the holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel – John 3:16-18

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.
Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Nicene Creed – 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.

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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...”

“...a time to be married...”

...a time to be healed...”

Ann Marie Agar, Sam Amaradio, George Austin, Kevon Baldwin, Verna Bisconte, Rita Bruno, Colleen, Krista Collings, Jerrolyn Covely, Bob D’Alessio, Robert Deegan, Ang DelGrande, Michael DiBernardo, Susan DiCicco, Alberta DiFabio, Barbara & Stephen DiTullio, Michael Donahue, Rich Donofrio, Rose Dougherty, Ellie & Les Edwards, Thomas Fenerty, Francis Ferry, Agnes Flood, David Freundlich, Marylou and Terry Furfari, Linda Gerwatoski, John Gilmore, Margaret Giordano, Patricia Griggs, 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, Patricia Manning, Anthony and Biago Marciante, Michelle Marhefka, Barbara Marker, Elwood Martz III, Maryellen McAteer, Dorothy McKeever, Barbara & Ira McManus, Anne McMenamin, Christina McNasby, Jack & Tim McSorley, Hannah McStay, Timothy Malloy, Jennifer Morgan, Katie Mutek, Peter Myers, Frank Nowak, Nicole P., William Pappernek, Giovanni Poloney, Rose Quigley, Barbara Ragonese, Janet Rainier, Joan Reilly, Mary Reilly, George Rein, Angie & Pete Richman, Patti Roberts, Jim Roche, Karen Rucci, Jason Russell, Denise Sacco, Marguerite Sadler, Caterina & Santi Saya, Loretta Scardino, Mark Serock, Linda Sesko, Nicholas Simeo, Sr., Eda Shannon, Jason Shipman, Chris Stalker, Nick Stansbury, Renee Steele, Dot Stronski, Janie Talemal, Jason Tallarida, Ernie Tolentino, Tom Tull, Rosemarie Villari, William Walsh, Justin Weaver, John Werner, Nancy Taylor-Williams, Dianne Williamson, Richard Wilson, Theresa Woods, Lois Worthington, Lori Wotypka, Lois Wunsch, Maria Wyzykowski, Francesco Zarzycki, Jacqueline Zellner, their caregivers, all others in need of our prayers.

“...a time to die...”

All the Holy Souls in Purgatory



STEWARDS LOVE

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...”

-John 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray in stewardship for a grateful and generous heart.

Stewardship Report

May 19 through May 25: \$14,891.05

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

Who Will Know?

“Who will know about my problem if I talk to a Stephen Minister?” Many people ask this question. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. No one will find out what you discuss with your Stephen Minister. If you have a burden you need to share, perhaps a Stephen Minister can help. To talk to a Stephen Leader, please call 856-468-5536.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS

As usual, there will be no 7 a.m. daily Masses throughout the summer. Our regular schedule will resume on September 14th.

Going on vacation this summer? You can search for Masses anytime, anywhere in the world by visiting www.MassTimes.org.

SUMMER PREP TEACHERS STILL NEEDED

Help pass on our Catholic faith to the next generation. We are seeking catechists to teach PREP classes this summer. There are three sessions available: June 22-26; July 6-10; and July 20-24. All classes are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. No experience necessary! To volunteer, call Abbie at the PREP Office: 856-468-1314.

JOSEPH'S HOUSE DELIVERY

Donations will be sent to Joseph's House in Camden next week. The freezer will be located in front of the Kernan Center at Incarnation Church from 9 a.m. Sunday, May 31, through 9 a.m. Monday, June 1. Please place only food items in the freezer. All other donations or products may be left beside the freezer and should be clearly labeled "Joseph House." Since we have many ministries at Incarnation, labeling items properly will help ensure donations do not get mixed up with those for another ministry. Thank you for your generosity!

JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY

Christina McNasby, parishioner and star altar server, is scheduled to receive a new kidney in early June! Please join us in praying the rosary for her intentions and health on Monday, June 1 at 3:00 p.m. in church. If you are unable to join us please offer a rosary from home.

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, June 5, is First Friday. Come and spend time with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament with a Holy Hour from 7 to 8 p.m.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

We will honor the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ next weekend with a whole parish Eucharistic procession following the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 6. We will process from church to the Mantua Municipal Building at 401 Main St. Those who cannot walk with us are welcome to stay and pray at church. Bring the entire family for this beautiful witness to our faith.

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DIVINE DELI

On the last Sunday of every month, we'll be transforming the Kernan Center into our Divine Deli. Join us on Sunday, May 31 from 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. to make sandwiches for the poor and the homeless of Camden.

Fun for all ages at our Divine Deli:

- * Sandwich Prep
- * Packaging & Labeling
- * Bag and Place-mat Décor & Note Writing

We have also added slots for providing snacks, fresh fruit, and cases of bottled water, since these are also vitally needed to feed the hungry.

Can't make it to our Divine Deli? No problem! We are still accepting pre-made sandwiches and pre-made casseroles! While our volunteers are crafting the perfect sandwich inside the Kernan Center, enjoy the perks of curbside drop off right outside.

LAST BREAKFAST BEFORE SUMMER!

Incarnation Council 6364, Inc. will host its monthly breakfast on Sunday, June 7. It's the last breakfast until September. Breakfast will include Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Omelets, Bacon, Sausage and much more. Price is \$8 for Adults and \$4 for children 12-and-under. Breakfast is served from 8:30 am to 11:00. Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Council 6364 charities.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Join our next Bible Study, The Prophets. The prophets of Israel were not simply fortune-tellers — they were passionate voices calling God's people back to covenant fidelity. This acclaimed Ascension Press study takes us deep into the Old Testament prophetic books, showing how Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the minor prophets all point forward to Jesus Christ.

Over ten engaging sessions, we will discover that the prophets' words are not mere history — they speak with startling freshness into our own lives, our parish, and our world today. The study begins Monday, June 15 at 7 p.m. in the Kernan Center. To sign up, please call the office at 856.468.1314 or email [Deacon Phil Curran, pcurran@incarnation-church.org](mailto:pcurran@incarnation-church.org)

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PARISH POTLUCK DINNER

We're having a potluck dinner to celebrate the release of the new parish cookbook! Bring your cookbook dish or something else to share following the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 20.

Watch the Friday Flocknote next week for sign up!

FR. ANTHONY MANUPELLA MARKS 50 YEARS

Fr. Anthony Manupella would like to extend his heartfelt thanks to all for their fervent prayers to Almighty God, who has allowed him to return home in good health. Father Anthony will celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood and retirement with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, 1421 New Road, Northfield.

SEVEN SISTERS: PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

The Seven Sisters Apostolate invites all women to join them for a Mass celebrating the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11 at St. Simon Stock Parish, 178 White Horse Pike, Berlin. The Seven Sisters Commitment Prayer and refreshments will follow Mass. Come to learn more about this ministry of prayer for priests.

Please RSVP by sending email to SevenSistersCamden@gmail.com.

LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Our Scripture passage for this Sunday comes from the Gospel of John 3:16-18. The Trinity is the revelation of God's identity as three persons in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This passage tells us that the Father so loved the world that He "sent" His only Son. Later, we are told that the Father "gave" the Son to the world. Thus, God is known through His loving actions of giving and sending. These are statements of God's great generosity. The Father sends the Son; the Son later sends the Spirit when He sends the disciples to continue His mission. The Father also gives the Son to the world when Jesus, the eternal Word of God, takes flesh and is born in time. Then Jesus gives His life on the cross and continues to give His life for us in the Eucharist. John's Gospel is full of statements that tell us how God "sends" and "gives." We believe that we are made in God's image and likeness; therefore, in order for us to truly be ourselves, we have to become active agents in God's great cascade of love by not only receiving God's generosity but by allowing God's generosity to flow through us to others. When we become a conduit rather than just a container of God's generous life and love, then we become active participants in the divine life of the Father and the Son. The Father loves the Son; the Son loves the Father and us; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to allow us to receive that love and to return that love so that we can enter into that life-giving relationship. (Rom 5:5).

Think about it: God is known through His actions. What have I come to know about God through His action in my life or the lives of others?

Saint 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.



Gloucester Catholic Rams are hosting a basketball camp for players going into Grades 4 to 9 this year.

Week 1: Monday 7/13 to Thursday 7/16 (Boys)

Week 2: Monday 7/20 to Thursday 7/23 (Boys & Girls)

Cost is \$150 per week (or \$265 for both). Space is limited, so early registration is highly encouraged. For registration information, contact coach Brandon Dougherty at brandondougherty5@yahoo.com.



POLAND WITH FATHER INFANTI THIS FALL

Join our friend Fr. Anthony Infanti and follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II with a pilgrimage to Poland from Sept. 29 to Oct. 10. Price includes flight from Newark, 10 nights in centrally located hotels, English-speaking tour guides, a spiritual guide, daily Mass, some meals, beer and wine and much more. Package is \$5,150 for double occupancy – additional \$990 supplement for singles. For more information and to reserve your spot, visit www.81tours.com/franthony or call 856-563-4696.



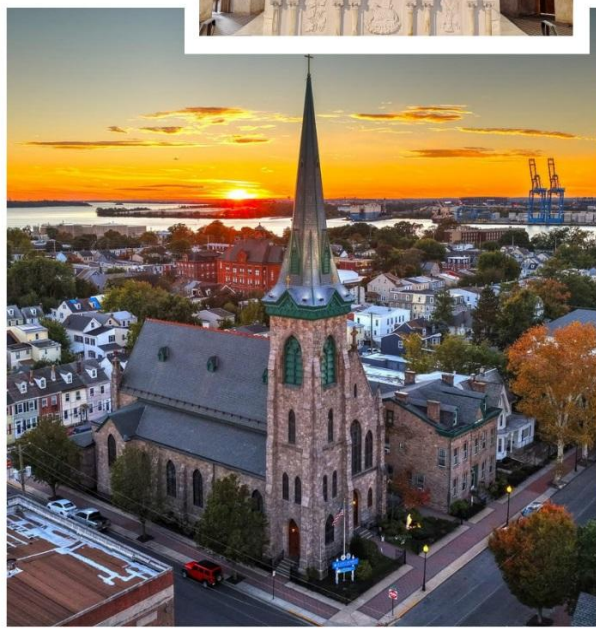
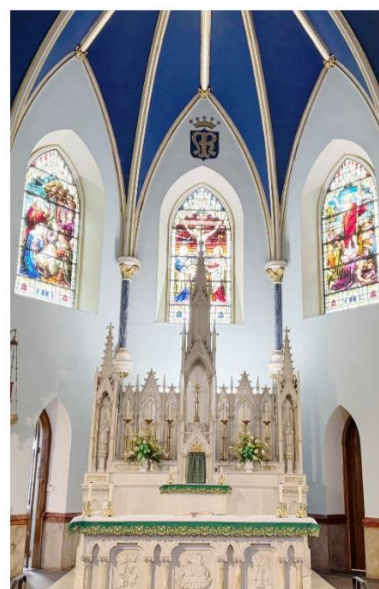
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**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

Holy Mass and Eucharistic Procession

Join us at **Saint Mary's Church**

The oldest Church in the Diocese of Camden
as we Commemorate the National
Eucharistic Pilgrimage with

- ◆ **Holy Mass**
- ◆ **Consecration of the United States of
America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
by Bishop Joseph Williams**
- ◆ **Eucharistic Procession**
- ◆ **Benediction**



Friday,
June 12



More Information
and Directions

Mass at 7:00 PM

Procession at 7:45 PM

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Gloucester City, New Jersey



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7:30pm

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Rev. Stephen J. Rapposelli, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Paulinus of Nola

St. Paulinus came from a wealthy Roman family, was a well-educated, renowned lawyer, and married into Spanish nobility. Everything changed with the death of his newborn son. St. Paulinus asked for Baptism then he and his wife sold their property and moved to Nola, Italy, where they devoted themselves to austerity and charitable works. St. Paulinus (by popular demand) became Bishop of Nola, governing wisely and generously. He died in 431, leaving behind many treatises, letters, and poems.

The love of the Sacred Heart

"The tender heart of God thought upon [you], loved [you], and procured for [you] a thousand means of salvation, as though there had been no other soul in the world... As the sun shines upon one place of the earth and enlightens it no less than if it shined on no other, so too has our Lord thought of and cared for all his dear children, as though his attention were wholly and entirely focused upon each of them." St. Francis de Sales

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatian 2:20).

The Beatitudes: Christ's vision for the human heart

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus revealed the attitudes, priorities, and way of loving that shaped His life. These became the Beatitudes: interior dispositions that open our hearts to His grace. As we cooperate with that grace, our hearts are transformed to become more like His.

Poor in spirit: The poor in spirit recognize that heavenly treasures — peace, grace, love, friendship, and eternal life — matter far more than worldly success or possessions.

Mourning: Rather than distracting ourselves from pain, loneliness, or disappointment, we bring our wounded hearts honestly to God. Healing begins when we allow Him to comfort us.

Meek: Meekness is not weakness, but strength rooted in self-control and trust in God. When our security rests in God, we are less ruled by fear, anger, or the need to control everything around us.

Hungry and thirsty for righteousness: This is a deep longing to live in

friendship with God and to grow in holiness each day.

Merciful: God loves us with tender, generous, and selfless love, and He calls us to extend that same mercy to others.

Pure in heart: Purity of heart means

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another" (Colossians 3:12)

valuing what is true, holy, and good, while striving to live with sincerity and integrity.

Peacemaking: Peacemakers bring calm, clarity, and reconciliation to difficult situations. True peace comes when God is placed first.

Willing to suffer for Christ: Following Christ will sometimes bring opposition. Yet Jesus promises that those who persevere with courage and trust *"will have a great reward in heaven"* (Matthew 5:12).

Why Do Catholics Do That? Why does the Church need cardinals?

Cardinals are part of the governing structure of the Church and are best known for electing a new Pope during a conclave. They are bishops specially chosen — or "created" — by the Pope for this important role. Traditionally, cardinals were selected only from the clergy of Rome. Today, because the Church is worldwide, cardinals are

chosen from dioceses across the globe. To preserve their historic connection to Rome, each cardinal is still assigned a titular Roman church. Cardinals wear scarlet vestments, including the red skullcap and biretta, symbolizing their willingness to defend and spread the Faith, even to the shedding of their blood.

Hope changes everything

Hope helps us desire Heaven and trust in God’s promises. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that hope “responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man” (CCC, 1818). It strengthens us to persevere through difficulties and keeps our hearts fixed on God. Here are three ways to renew and strengthen hope:

Shift your focus: Do not allow past regrets, future fears, or present worries to dominate your thoughts. Read the daily Gospel before the news. When you catch yourself worrying or dwelling on negativity, intentionally redirect your mind toward God’s promises. Keep encouraging Scripture verses

— such as Romans 8:37 — visible on your phone, mirror, or coffee maker as reminders of hope throughout the day.

Fight temptation with the opposite virtue: In the spiritual life, virtues overcome vices. Counter doubt with acts of faith, complaints with gratitude, and comparison with encouragement and appreciation for others.

Become a source of hope: Build others up rather than focusing on faults. Frequently ask, “What can I do to improve this situation?” Christian hope is not blind optimism, but confidence in Christ, the One who is “Faithful and True” (Revelation 19:11).

from Scripture

Matthew 10:37-42, The priorities of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, Jesus speaks clearly about the demands of discipleship. At its heart is the question of priorities. For the early Christians, following Christ often meant risking imprisonment, persecution, or even death. To belong to Jesus required complete trust and surrender because only God is worthy of first place in our hearts and lives.

Faithful Catholic life still carries challenges today. Much of what Christ and His Church ask of us runs counter to the values of secular culture. Even apart from worldly pressures, each of us carries personal crosses —

struggles, sacrifices, disappointments, and suffering. Yet Jesus never asks us to carry them alone. He invites us to follow Him and to walk beside Him through them.

The good news is that Jesus has already gone before us — from suffering to glory, from death to eternal life, and from sorrow to joy. Because of Him, our crosses are no longer meaningless. With His grace, we can choose each day to remain faithful, keep His commandments, and abide in His love. One day, in Heaven, we will see clearly that every sacrifice made for Christ was worth it.

Q & A Why do we honor & Mary’s Immaculate Heart?

In the month of June, the Church honors the Immaculate Heart of Mary because of her unique relationship with Jesus and her faithful cooperation in God’s plan of salvation.

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord” (Luke 1:38). At the Annunciation, Mary freely consented to become the Mother of God’s Son. From the moment “the Word became flesh” (John 1:14) in her womb, her Immaculate Heart was united completely to the Heart of Jesus in love, trust, and obedience.

“A sword will pierce your own soul” (Luke 2:35). Although Mary was free from sin, she was not spared suffering. Simeon’s prophecy points to the deep sorrow she endured as she accompanied Jesus through His Passion and crucifixion. Mary teaches us how to trust God even in suffering and uncertainty.

“My Immaculate Heart will triumph.” These words, associated with Our Lady of Fatima, echo God’s promise of victory over evil. As Mother and Queen, Mary shares uniquely in her Son’s triumph. When we, too, say “yes” to God’s grace, Christ’s victory becomes our own.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 4 – St. Francis Caracciolo (1608). St. Francis was born in the Abruzzo region in Italy. He went on to found the Clerics Regular Minor with Venerable John Augustine Adorno. The Order was approved in 1588, and St. Francis became its superior for life.

June 7 – Solemnity of Corpus Christi. On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus’ Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

June 12 – Solemnity of the Sacred

Heart (1856). St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus, who urged her to spread public devotion to the Sacred Heart. The image of Jesus’ Heart, pierced and enthroned in unquenchable flames, reminds us of His intense and eternal love for us.

June 15 – St. Germain of Pibrac (1601). Born to poor parents near Pibrac, France, St. Germaine had a deformed hand, suffered from sores on her neck, and was sickly from neglect and abuse. Despite her sufferings, she found comfort in God’s presence. She was generous with the poor despite her own poverty. She forgave her stepmother who badly mistreated her. She is the patroness of abuse victims, people with disabilities, and shepherdesses.

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