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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2026

Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

Our worship is according to *The Book of Common Prayer*. The 11:00 a.m. service is a celebration of Holy Eucharist on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month, as well as major feast days. The second and fourth Sundays generally offer a service of Morning Prayer. Both Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer follow “Rite I” in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

This leaflet contains everything you will need to participate actively. Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)*, found in your pew, and those preceded with **S** are pieces of service music located at the front of *The Hymnal 1982*.

PRELUDE

RECTOR’S GREETINGS

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

INTROIT

Ave Maria

Franck

Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Maria, gratia plena
Maria, gratia plena
Ave, ave dominus
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu in mulieribus
Et benedictus
Et benedictus fructus ventris
Ventris tuae, Jesus
Ave Maria
Ave Maria
Mater Dei
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus
Ora pro nobis
Ora, ora pro nobis
peccatoribus
Nunc et in hora mortis
Et in hora mortis nostrae
Et in hora mortis nostrae

Et in hora mortis nostrae
Ave Maria
Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Hail Mary
Mother of God
Pray for us sinners
Now and at the hour of our death Hail Mary,
full of grace
The Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Hail Mary
Mother of God
Pray for us sinners
Now and at the hour of our death

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *sung by all*

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Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *All sit.*

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God

called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

ANTIPHON

Make known the deeds of the Lord a - mong the peo -

ples. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face. **ANTIPHON**
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham. **ANTIPHON**
- 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah! **ANTIPHON**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who

weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 439 *All stand.*

Wondrous Love

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

NICENE CREED *All stand and face the high altar.*

All **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; through him all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for

the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *All sit or kneel.*

Deacon Because our lives are joined forever in Christ, we unite our voices in prayer.

Leader For the whole body of Christ and all who bear his holy name, that we may serve him with glad and generous hearts and proclaim the Gospel in word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader For a new birth of peace on earth among all nations, that those who govern and lead may know truth and practice integrity, and that all peoples may grow together in one accord. Lord, in your mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader For us and all the people of this land, that we may have grace to carry the torch of freedom and maintain our liberties with righteousness, dignity, and humility. Lord, in your mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially victims of war, those forced to flee their native countries because of persecution and violence, those imprisoned unjustly, those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now in silence or aloud.

The people may add their own names in silence or aloud.

Leader Lord, in your mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader For the faithful departed and all who have died, especially Dolly Parton, and those we name now in silence or aloud.

The people may add their own names in silence or aloud.

Leader Lord, in your mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who visit our parish, that they may see and know the Good News of God in Christ in this holy place and in its people, and find hospitality and welcome in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silent reflection is kept.

***All* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the Glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon

and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

The Ushers receive the collection from the congregation. We invite your offering for the support of the Church's mission in the world, and in thanksgiving for all that God has provided. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit churchoftheincarnation.org/donate, text "Madison209" to 73256, or scan the QR code below. Thank you for your generosity.



SOLO

Is Not His Word Like a Fire, Elijah, op. 70

Mendelssohn

Is not His word like a fire? And like a hammer that breaketh the rock into pieces? For God is angry with the wicked every day; and if the wicked turn not, the

Lord will whet His sword; and He hath bent His bow, and made it ready! Is not His word like a fire? And like a hammer that breaketh the rock into pieces?

DOXOLOGY *sung by all, standing*

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks

to thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS *sung by all*

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *All sit or kneel.*

Prayer Book, p. 341

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him.... By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI *sung by all*

S 165

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Holy Eucharist is the meal that has traditionally nourished the baptized in their life of faith. You may take the bread in your hands and then take a sip of wine from the chalice, guiding the chalice bearer's hand to bring the chalice to your lips. Or you may intinct (dip the wafer into the wine). If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, simply fold your arms across your chest. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, fold your hands downward.

LEVAS HYMN 228

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our**

Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 675 *All stand.*

Bourbon

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the postlude. Visitors are invited to pick up a welcome bag at the back of the church.

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, *Rector*
The Ven. Denise LaVetty, *Archdeacon*
The Rev. Canon George W. Brandt, *Honorary Assistant Priest*
The Rev. J. Gregory Morgan, *Honorary Assistant Priest*
Dr. Thomas M. Reefer, *Director of Music*
Wesley Chinn, *Assistant Director of Music*
Romy John Abraham, *Seminarian*
Dr. Uche Akwuba II, *Master of Ceremonies*
Oseloka Chira, *Head Usher*
John Robert Motato, *Sexton*
Robert Chipantiza and Emil Ramirez, *Assistant Sextons*

Linda Gossett, *Altar Guild*
Oseloka Chira and Hunter Grist, *Ushers*
Romy John Abraham and Stephen Ju, *Lay Readers*
Romy John Abraham, *Chalice Bearer*
Daphne Escobar, *Door Greeter at the Parish House*
Grace and Simon Yung, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Dolly Parton.

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser at adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org. The following Sunday is available: September 20. The requested contribution is \$100.

Your prayers are requested for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Tom, Leonor, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Joan, Nadia, Padmini, Juliana, Jennifer,

Marcey, Marika, Susan, Ruth, Stephanie, Lorelei, Brian, Bryce, Jaquelyn, Jane, Joseph, Josephine, the Shagdar Family, Ann, Julie, Jeanne, Patrick, Dianne, Dawn, Bartley, Mary, Natalia, Megan, Eduardo, Mike, Maria, Edwin, Henry, Gilberto, William, Peter, Granville, Andrew, Dee, Pamela, Corinne, Bill, Annette, Kathy, Carmela, Savannah Rose, Alair, Wendy, Deirdre, Donovan, Ellen, Jane, Lillian, Bruno, Tim, Augie, Ana, Sixto, Sandy, Lee, Sue, Mary, Michael, Danielle, Doris, Michell, Susan, Pam, Heidi, Monica, Luis, James, Robert, Rick, Allen, Barbara, Leslie, Treasure, Marisa, Ana, John, Emily, Jake, Sam, Cooper, Laurie, Larry, Julian, Barbara, Butch, the Russo/Maxwell Families, Santos, John, Katie, Claudia, Sabrina, Monika, Diane, Barbara, Lisa, Noelle, Nick, Jon, Retta and Barbara.

To add a name to the prayer list, call the church or email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser.

The Church of the Incarnation, grounded in living faith and inspired by the beauty of our landmark building, seeks to engage the community through vibrant and varied worship, loving and practical service to others, and intellectual exploration, with a warm and open Christian welcome in the heart of New York City.

If you wish to learn more about our parish community and/or receive our weekly e-minder with spiritual reflections, upcoming events, and church news, please fill out the yellow "Connect Card" in your pew and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Incarnation's program year runs from mid-September through early June. This means that our Sunday morning Bible Study, Children's classes, and certain other ministries go on hiatus for the summer, including our Thursday evening service of Candlelight Communion. The Incarnation Choir also takes a break, and we enjoy individual soloists at the principal Sunday service. The 2026-2027 program year will start up on Homecoming Sunday, the first Sunday after Labor Day.

On the mind of Vestry Member Barbara Clark...

Saint Paul, the Greatest Ancient Writer: Part 1

In 1986, the great literary critic Harold Bloom wrote an article published on the front page of *The New York Times Book Review* entitled “Freud, the Greatest Modern Writer.” In it, Bloom makes a very strong case for Freud’s literary genius, and no matter what you think of Freud—or Bloom—it’s hard to dispute Bloom’s assertion that “all of Freud’s copious writing is intensely metaphorical, very little of it is verifiable, and much of it is devoted to what cannot be described.”

Hmm. Does that remind you of anyone?

Saint Paul’s epistles are also intensely metaphorical, almost entirely unverifiable, and devoted to what cannot be described. That’s why for the last thirty years I’ve been desperate to read from the epistles during the service of holy eucharist whenever it’s my turn to serve at the altar or during morning prayer as a reader. Sure, the Old Testament is great, but those epistles—sometimes their language can only be untangled by reading them out loud. I’m a sucker for complexity and abstraction and lengthy sentences anyway.

Consider the following passage from Romans 8, which appeared in our lectionary on July 19.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. . . . Now, hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

Whew—we’ve got it all there: metaphor (the creation as a woman giving birth), lack of verifiability (the creation will be set free), and devotion to the indescribable (the unseen). We’ve also got abstraction: Creation was subjected to . . . “futility”? The “freedom of the glory of the children of God”? What’s that? Yet Paul plows ahead—he can’t let a sentence end without making sure he’s driven the point home by using as many examples and qualifications and digressions as necessary—as if to say, “Pay attention! Stay with me! I insist!”

There’s another assertion Bloom makes about Freud that strikes me as true of Paul: “He is a powerful rhetorician, a subtle ironist. . . . His general theory of the mind not only has the speculative force of a great metaphysician, like Plato, but it also has the personal moral urgency of the greatest of essayists, Montaigne, and an astonishingly Shakespearean eloquence as well.”

This beauty from Philippians 4 proves that point:

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Do we need any more reasons to crown Paul the greatest ancient writer? He wrote from the heart, as it occurred to him, channeling every passion he had through his pen. The pure poetry of his work demands that we listen.

Barbara

20s30s BAKE SALE PREP AND DINNER

Thursday, September 10, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to the Parish House to

help make **lemonade and granola bars** for the Agape Fund Bake Sale. (See below.) Followed by dinner and fellowship.

Our young adults are also needed to work the lemonade stand at the Bake Sale that Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Can you sign up for an hour shift?

RSVP to Seminarian Romy John Abraham at ra3300@utsnyc.edu for September 10 and/or September 12! (Please include any dietary restrictions if you're coming to dinner.)

AGAPE FUND BAKE SALE

Saturday, September 12, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars to pop by a bake sale happening on Madison Avenue outside of Incarnation! All proceeds will benefit the Agape Fund – a new initiative designed to provide direct financial support to Incarnation's outreach partners, including Moravian Open Door, Hour Children, the Osborne Association, and others.

In addition to purchasing home-baked goodies, you can participate by volunteering:

- **Sign up to bake cupcakes, cookies, brownies, cakes, pies... whatever's in your repertoire**
- **Sign up to set up or clean up**
- **Sign up to greet customers and sell goodies**
- **Post about the sale on social media**

For more information or to volunteer, speak with Lenore Ritter at Coffee Hour or email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser.

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

Sunday, September 13, 10:00 to 10:40 a.m. Join us in the Parish House for the first Bible Study of the program year. The Rev. Greg Morgan begins a three-part series on *The Parables of Jesus: An In-Depth Look*. Hope to see you there!

HOMEcoming SUNDAY!

Our 2026-2027 program year begins with **Homecoming Sunday, September 13**. Homecoming marks the return of the Incarnation Choir, Sunday Bible Study, Candlelight Communion, children's ministries, and various other fellowship and formation offerings.

We will celebrate with a bagpiper and welcome new members at the 11:00 a.m. service! If you are interested in becoming a member of Incarnation, please contact the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser at adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org.

The 11:00 a.m. service will also include Blessing of the Backpacks for children.

Followed by an extra festive Coffee Hour with a variety of bagels and spreads, fruit, and mimosas!

Please note:

- Candlelight Communion will resume Thursday, September 17.
- Sunday School for children will resume Sunday, September 20.

CHRITMAS FAIR DONATIONS

The slow days of summer are a perfect time for cleaning out closets and decluttering your home. Remember that we accept donations for the Christmas Fair year-round! Bring your gently used housewares and other saleable items to the Parish House. **(Please note we cannot accept clothing.)**

You can also donate or solicit an item for the silent auction. Examples include gift certificates to local restaurants, tickets to shows and sporting events, pieces of silver, jewelry, and items for gift baskets (nice wines, fancy mustards, gourmet coffee, etc.). Speak to parishioners Laurie Mygatt and Monica Culoso if you have any questions.

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