

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Jesus rebuked
the wind, and said
to the sea,
"Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased
and there was
great calm.

M A R K 4 : 3 9



WHO IS THIS?

Though we re-enter Ordinary Time already knowing that Jesus is the Son of God (see the centurion's words at the end of the Palm Sunday Passion reading from Mark's Gospel), the long succession of Sundays confronts us again with the question that each Christian community, each individual Christian faces continually throughout life: "Who is this?" (Mark 4:41), and prompts an "examination of conscience" regarding the practical consequences of our response. This year's Gospel readings from Mark suggest that we find our answer in the cross and in the Eucharist. Today's stark challenge of Jesus' call to discipleship is, thankfully, balanced by the comfort we can take in relating—perhaps only too well—to the disciples' fears. Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, don't we all, from time to time during our lives' "ordinary time," experience Jesus' "real absence"?

SEA AND WIND

As always in Ordinary Time, today's Old Testament sets the stage for the Gospel. God, who in Jesus will "rebuke the wind" and "command the sea to be still" (Mark 4:39), "addresses Job out of the storm" (Job 38:1), speaking to the turmoil in Job's heart, calling to mind the primal chaos of creation's untamed sea, reminding Job that God's mighty word then was enough to command order and bring forth life. In today's Gospel, the disciples' fear, even near despair, takes center stage. Are any of us strangers to such emotions? Squall-force winds buffet their boat, waves break over it, and Jesus might as well not be there. Mark's account is especially grim. Alone among the evangelists, he tells us that Jesus is in the stern, the very back of the boat, not just asleep—sound asleep! Only Mark adds the detail, "on a cushion" (4:38).

AWAKEN CHRIST

Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, haven't we all, from time to time, experienced Jesus' "real absence"? This personal application should comfort us, as it has generations of disciples before us. Though the "boat" is, primarily, a symbol of the Church, never forsaken by Christ, carried safely across time's stormy waters, Saint Augustine preaching on this very Gospel sixteen hundred years ago noted that, since each of us is a temple of God, each one's heart is a sailing boat. Consider any temptation, says Augustine, as "the wind, the surging of the sea," and do what the disciples did: wake up Christ, "the sleeper in your heart," by recalling his words and commands. Then be like the wind and the sea: "The sea obeys him, the wind is still." Whenever emotions make our hearts turbulent, whenever Christ seems absent or at least asleep, "let us not despair but awaken Christ, so that we may sail in quiet waters, and reach at last our heavenly homeland."

TODAY'S READINGS

Job 38:1, 8–11
Psalm 107:23–26, 28–31
2 Corinthians 5:14–17
Mark 4:35–41

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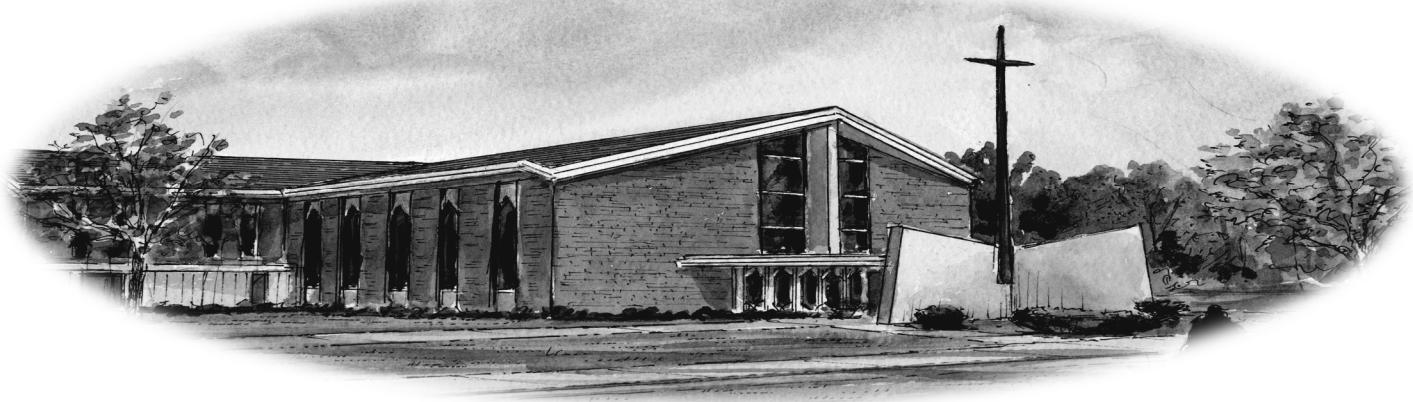
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Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm

in Father Crawford Hall

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Daily Mass: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 am

Recitation of the Rosary for Peace before

9:00 am daily Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

By previous appointment by calling the rectory.

Sundays at 12:30 pm

Weddings

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

New Parishioners - Faith Formation Registration

The Church of the Incarnation
welcomes new parishioners.

Forms are available at the
main entrance of the church.

Please mail or drop off at the rectory.

You may also visit our website for printable forms at:
www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Rectory Hours

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 19th

5:00pm— Salvatore & Concetta Gionfriddo

Sunday, June 20th

8:30am— Deceased members of the Loura, Santos & Gaspar Families
10:30am— James Sanders

Monday, June 21st

9:00am— For all our parishioners

Tuesday, June 22nd

9:00am— Robert Kasprow

Wednesday, June 23rd

9:00am— Rita Ann Sulick

Thursday, June 24th

9:00am— Sarah Ann Marie Privitera, Myles Sr., & Tina Connolly, Carmelo Privitera

Friday, June 25th

9:00am— Achille D'Aprile

Saturday, June 26th

5:00pm— Alice Franconi & Deceased members of the Franconi Family

Sunday, June 27th

8:30am— Marjorie & Martin Courneen & Robert Courneen

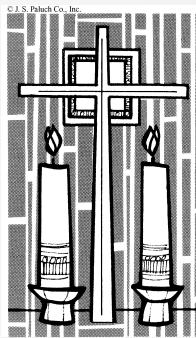
10:30am— Donato Gaetani

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 6/21/2021—6/27/2021 in memory of Giovanna D'Antonio.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 6/21/2021—6/27/2021 in memory of James Sanders.



The second collection next weekend will be the Peter's Pence collection for our Holy Father.

The Incarnation Men's Club will meet in Fr. Crawford Hall on Wed., June 23rd at 7pm.

We have some remaining 2022 MEMORIAL MASSES/SANCUARY/ BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CANDLES AVAILABLE. To reserve a mass for a loved one or friend call the rectory at (860) 529-2533. Our weekday Mass offering is \$10 & our weekend offering is \$20. Our Candle offering is \$10.00.

Incarnation WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE:

The Women's Club will resume General Meetings in October. The Cooking Teams will also start up again in October. The Funeral Honor Guard returned in mid-June, using a modified format. The membership mailing will be sent out in early September. It will contain information about club activities for the remainder of the year, including dates and times for planned events. For questions, call Anne McAloon, club president, at (860) 529-5358.

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-6)

Thank you very much to Joanne Bresnahan for her hard work creating such a beautiful First Communion banner!!

A wonderful display of time, talent and treasure!

Congratulations to our 21 second graders who made their First Reconciliation on May 1st as well as our 26 third grade First Holy Communicants who received Jesus for the first time on May 8 & May 22. God Bless them as they begin a new and deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ! **Congratulations** also to our fourth grade faith formation students who received First Holy Communion on May 15 & May 23 respectively: Olivia Rubbo, Sam Golino, Jack Martin, and John Staron. Thanks to all families for your cooperation this year as we learned about our Faith online. Have a great summer!



House of Bread Collection:

Sponsored by our 2021 Confirmation Class of the Church of the Incarnation. Thank you to our Faith Formation volunteers, families and Incarnation Parishioners for your donations of coffee, tea & sugar. Thank you for your generosity to the homeless in Hartford who are provided meals from The House of Bread. There will be another summer collection stay tuned for dates.

FEAST OF FAITH The Collection:

A Privilege

As the altar is prepared for the celebration of the Eucharist, the collection is taken up. In the early church, this part of the Mass must have been something to behold, as the people suddenly began to move, bringing forward to the deacons and priests freshly-baked bread and fine wine. Then, after the Eucharistic Prayer, that same community came forward again in the Communion procession, and they received back the very gifts they had given, now transformed into something infinitely more precious than bread and wine: the very Body and Blood of Christ.

Beginning around the eleventh century, it became the custom for people to present money instead of bread and wine, and the procession of the faithful gradually disappeared (it survives in the liturgy of Holy Thursday). But the meaning is the same. We continue to bring the fruit of our labors and to offer them freely to God. And God continues to transform them into Christ. It is through our generous sharing of time, talent, and treasure that our parishes can preach the gospel, reach out to the sick and the imprisoned, and celebrate the sacraments.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 20, 2021

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.
— 2 Corinthians 5:17





PRAYER CORNER

THE WIND AND THE SEA

Living along the shores of Lake Superior—the “big lake,” as the locals call it—you can often hear the advice, “Respect the lake; don’t take it for granted.” People who know Lake Superior respect its power and watch out for its many moods. Sunken ships and boats crushed into kindling are testimonies to what the lake can do.

The readings of this Sunday evoke our memories of the lake, of the mighty Mississippi River, or of the ocean itself. Who but God can control these mighty waters and set limits to their advance? The lake described in today’s Gospel was a body of water subject to sudden storms and churned into dangerous waves by terrible winds.

But these mighty agents are subject to God. The sailor and the fisher all respect the water. Even more, they respect the awesome power of the Maker of wind and sea.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (Job 38:1, 8-11).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting (Psalm 107).

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

Gospel — Who is this whom even wind and sea obey? (Mark 4:35-41).

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father’s Day; World Refugee Day; Summer begins

Monday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Tuesday: St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

Thursday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

ARCHDIOCESAN DISPENSATION

UPDATE: Archbishop Blair lifted the dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as of May 22/23rd. Effective Wednesday, June 9, 2021, for those who are vaccinated, wearing masks will now be optional while at Mass, at other liturgies, and at any outdoor events held at our churches. Those who remain unvaccinated should continue to wear masks, with particular attention given to the safety of young/unvaccinated children.

F.Y.I: We have a CINTAS Professional First Aid Cabinet available if an injury occurs to a parishioner during Mass. Please alert an usher to notify the Sacristan of the injury. We have a disabled restroom in the west corner of Fr. Crawford Hall.



Joseph Parisi III

Saying Thank You:...

It is with deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all in our faith community who assisted with implementing COVID-19 protocols provided to us by the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Early in our journey, under the direction of Teddie Niver Director of Music Ministry, our cantors prepared a series of sacred music interludes posted on our parish website. Their endeavor was a means of connecting our parish family with church when we were unable to be together in parish worship. Their generous spirit lifted ours and for that we say thank you.

Marco Pace and those who assisted him, Mike Stefano and Chris Roth provided expertise with maintaining our website, with updates on safety protocols, directives, the cantor music program and the taping of our safety procedures. Their taping of the Celebration of the Eucharist gave opportunity for homebound parishioners to participate in weekly Mass.

Sexton, Phil Pasternak, constructed safe pathways under the direction of the Archdiocese to help us navigate safely through our liturgies.

Our Faith Formation coordinators, Filomena Marinelli and Gina Burby along with director Noranne Wamester developed website programs enabling our families and young people to continue their religious education and prepare for sacraments online. Filomena and Gina constructed Prayer Centers for our families to use at home strengthening the bond between home and church.

Pastoral Associate and Bereavement Minister, Noranne Wamester, developed guidelines for Masses of Christian Burial for Funeral Directors. Working together with the focus to serve grieving families, each respectively, included protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of all while at funeral Masses.

Pastoral Assistant Audrey Saharek, Rectory Staff Assistant Margie Devitt, and Rectory Assistant Marguerite Heinimann prepared information for our parish website. Fielding this information was vital to those who would communicate it to the parish at-large.

Sacristan Toni Munoz, served as our spokesperson who communicated protocols to parishioners at the daily and weekend Masses.

We thank our guides—volunteers—who faithfully came to Masses each week to ensure comfort and safety to those who attended Mass.

We thank all of our parishioners. Your continued cooperation with all protocols and directives has always been very much appreciated. Fr. Moran thanks all parishioners for their continued financial support enabling us to sustain our parish during this very difficult time.

We ask God's blessing for us all now and in the days ahead.

Please notify the rectory if you have a loved one who is terminally ill before it becomes an urgent matter. Father Moran prefers to offer the Sacrament of the Sick while your loved one is still able to understand the Sacrament clearly.

Attention all parents/guardians: During Mass we request that children would always be accompanied to the restrooms by a parent or adult.



**WEDDING
BANNS**

**JAMES LESSARD &
LEAH KELLY**



The Church of the Incarnation Garden Ministry

The Church of the Incarnation has been blessed through the years to have Bob & Priscilla Quinn coordinate our beautiful campus gardens. They were assisted by many wonderful parishioners in maintaining our lovely gardens. Bob sadly passed away on

March 19th of this year. He was a wonderful servant of the Lord. His dear wife Priscilla expressed her appreciation to all who served in this ministry and now she will step down in the leadership role. We are so appreciative of their service to the garden ministry. Tony Colasacco and Mary Alfano have graciously stepped up to take the lead. Priscilla, Tony, Mary and Noranne met together to discuss what the gardens needed at this time. Tony and Mary worked for days to renew the gardens removing the plants/flowers that were past their time and replanted new plants and flowers to beautify our entrances. They also planted flowers in the pots at the Narthex entrances. Your work is so appreciated. Please notice the beauty of the gardens as you enter the Church. A team of helpers continue serving in this ministry. More volunteers are always welcome.

Mary's Grotto and Walkway: We are so grateful to Michael Stefano for his wonderful work in maintaining Our Blessed Mother's Grotto and the walkway on the Chapel side. It is indeed a sacred place to reflect and pray to Our Lady. Queen of Peace. The Butterfly Garden will be renewed shortly and has been beautifully mulched. We are in need of families from our elementary Faith Formation Program and our Confirmation Program to care for the garden for a two week time period. This special garden was designed in memory of our lost children. It is a very special tribute to our children. Please email Gina Burby, Filomena Marinelli or call Noranne Wamester (860) 529-6765 if you are called to serve. Gratefully, Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate

Please join us Thursday, June 24, 7:00pm, St. Joseph Hall, Corpus Christi Church, Weth., for an evening with Sister Maryann Cantlon, a biblical scholar and retreat team member at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. She is a dynamic speaker.

Calling all local artists: Would you like to publicly showcase your fine art free of charge? Please submit your work for consideration for the first Sts. Isidore and Maria Parish juried fine art exhibit, "Oasis of Beauty," this Fall. The exhibit will feature a variety of mediums, including paintings, photography, sculpture and mixed media. Send a photo of your artwork with your name, plus the title, description and size of your piece (s) to: tammy@isidoreandmaria.org by Friday August 27!

BEST WISHES TO ALL GRADUATES!!

We offer special thanks to our Graduating Senior Altar Servers!

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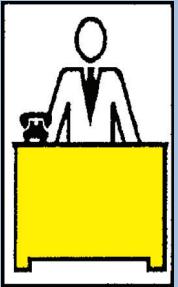
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