

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021



THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

MARK 6:30, 31

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COMPASSION

If we were to use one word to describe the scriptures for today, it would be “compassion.” In Jeremiah, God rails against those who have scattered the sheep, and vows to “gather the remnant” personally. We also hear the prophecy about the coming Messiah. In Ephesians, Christ is breaking down the walls of division between peoples and drawing them to be reconciled with God in peace. In Mark, Jesus calls the tired disciples away to rest and have some “me time,” but even then the crowds persisted. Jesus saw their spiritual hunger and neediness and was “moved with pity.” All three situations involve looking beyond one’s own agenda to see the needs of others and respond. God models how to empathize with others. May we continue to learn to be kinder, gentler, and more caring for each other.

TIME FOR A TEAM MEETING

In last week’s Gospel, Jesus sent the apostles out two by two. Today we see him bringing them back together, reporting “all they had done and taught.” A lot has happened between then and now and in this time the disciples experienced many things. They would have grown in their ministry and their ability to heal and preach, but they probably also ran into frustrating times and encountered their limitations as human beings. If human nature prevailed, their partners were driving them nuts! So now after all this sharing, Jesus called for some balance in their lives. It was time to come away and rest. Between family and friends and social media, many of us have lost this ability to “be by ourselves” as we have become accustomed to filling every day and every moment with distractions. Perhaps one of the gifts and challenges of “sheltering in place” these last months is that we celebrated moments of joy and hope and peace but were also forced to listen to and name those voices of anger, loneliness, and fear.

WELL-LAID PLANS

It is important to have balance in our lives, and Jesus was indeed trying to teach this to the Apostles, but when they got to their intended place of repose, they encountered so many people Jesus was filled with compassion. No doubt he went about feeding them spiritually and physically; it would have been important for him to be hospitable. But at some point in time, I’m guessing that he still pulled the apostles aside and told them “Okay, people are settled now, so let’s leave all the excitement, delegate the job to somebody else, and find some peace and quiet.” None of us is any good at our prayer, our ministries, our lives, unless we take the time to find the quiet and go back to replenish our own wells. There is no way we can give to others unless we do. That is why we return to church each week, to rest and be nourished and renewed. And none of us is so important that we can’t take time away to take care of ourselves. So be gentle with yourself and with others this week.

TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1–6
Psalm 23:1–3, 3–4, 5, 6
Ephesians 2:13–18
Mark 6:30–34

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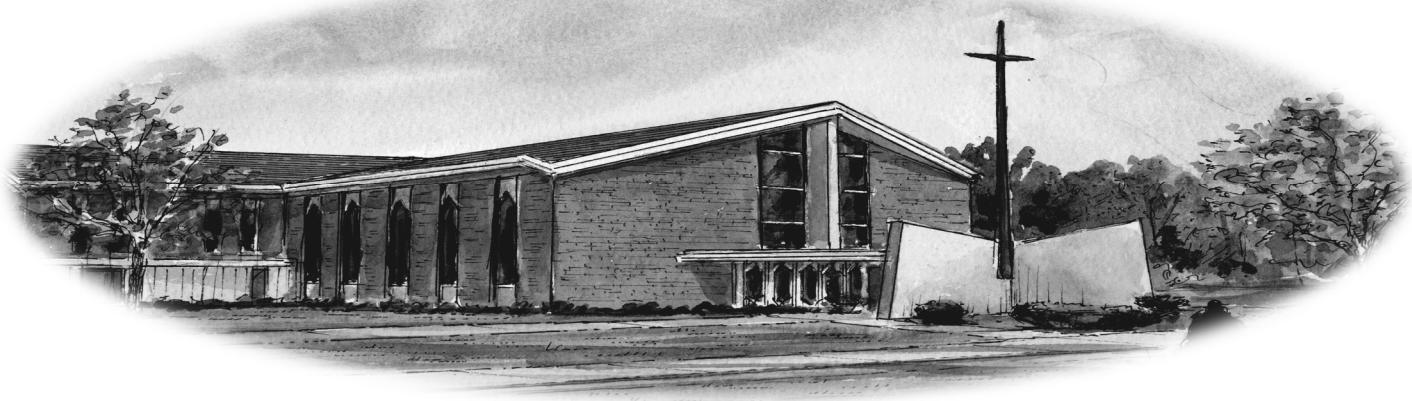
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Mass Schedule

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, July 17th

5:00pm— Joan Stuer

Sunday, July 18th

8:30am— Olga Spera

10:30am— Kathleen & Theodore Valentine

Monday, July 19th

9:00am— Mark Campitello

Tuesday, July 20th

9:00am— Frank Shubat

Wednesday, July 21st

9:00am— Anthony Diana

Thursday, July 22nd

9:00am— Tiberio & Armida Pace

Friday, July 23rd

9:00am— For all our parishioners

Saturday, July 24th

5:00pm— Ray & Grace DeLuca

Sunday, July 25th

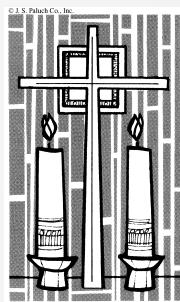
8:30am— Vincenza Bulanti

10:30am— Anna & Harold Bannon

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Anthony Diana.



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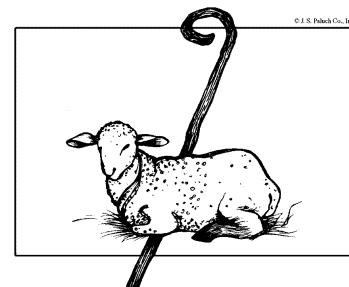
memory of Armida & Tiberio Pace.

The Second Collection this weekend is The Mission Co-op Collection. Due to the COVID Virus we will not have a visiting missionary priest, but still ask for your support of missionaries throughout the world. Thank you.

For your information:

Please pay close attention!!!

In order to comply with the new regulations from our church envelope company, we ask parishioners to refrain from cutting, taping, stapling or putting any stickers on their envelopes. This makes it much more difficult for the machines to process our church envelopes. Thank you so much!



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Behold, the days are coming,
says the LORD, when I will raise up
a righteous shoot to David.

— Jeremiah 23:5a

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 collection stay tuned for dates.

Our “Project Baby Love” collections will not take place until further notice.

We thank our generous parishioners who have supported this Ministry over the years! A very special thank you to Diana Hamel who began this initiative in our parish. Thank you to all those who delivered the diapers & wipes and to Greg and Cynthia Calegari for their continued support!

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.



WEDDING BANNS

**Michael DePercio
&
Salena Scata**

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 wish to remain unvaccinated should continue to wear masks, with particular attention given to the safety of young/unvaccinated children.

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.

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.



AISLIIN DAVINA DAY



PRAYER CORNER

THE DAYS ARE COMING

Separation, isolation, and hostility are terrible things. We are, sadly, too familiar with all of them in our modern life, whether we look at world events or events in our own neighborhoods and families. All three readings today refer to these same sad human conditions.

The prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds. But “the days are coming,” he assures us (Jeremiah 23:5), when a new shepherd, a just king, will come. We meet that king in the second reading and the Gospel. Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Ephesians that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus, who has brought us together through his blood. In Mark’s Gospel we see Jesus himself, looking with pity on those searching for him as if they were sheep without a shepherd.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Apollinaris
Wednesday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Thursday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Friday:	St. Bridget
Saturday:	St. Sharbel Makhlūf

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23 -28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15 -18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

FEAST OF FAITH: The Prayer Over the Offerings..... In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the “secret” prayer. It was “secret” not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: . . . per omnia saecula saeculorum. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Offerings is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.



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HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aoht.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct

Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:

State Department of Children and Families Care-line 1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 - 59 should be reported to the:

Connecticut Department of Developmental Services -AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities.....1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly....1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.



INCARNATION FAITH FORMATION SUMMER PRAYER CORNER

A Prayer For Your Family Vacation:

Dear Lord, Please bless this time of family vacation. Help our family to get along, to enjoy one another. Maybe toss a couple of those idyllic imagined scenes into our path? May we be able to see the wonder You instill within the chaos of our days – whether we vacation near or far away from home. On this day that's somehow outside of our routine, help us to embrace our family, this time of vacation, and the ordinary yet extraordinary gifts You've given. Open our eyes to see that although this vacation will end, the memories of it will remain and give us the strength to make them sweet. Pour some of that strength into our very being and bring us through to the end of vacation with a thankful heart and unceasing praise. Amen!

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/times for planned events. For questions, call Anne McAloon, club president at, (860) 529-5358.

East Catholic High School : Hope everyone is enjoying the summer vacation. Although the start of the school year is almost two months away, its time to spring into action if you are thinking about attending East Catholic High School. We are open throughout the summer Mon. - Thurs. 8 am - 2:30 pm and continuing with accepting applications for incoming freshmen, as well as transfer students. Please check us out on www.echs.com and do not hesitate to contact Admissions at 860-649-5336, ext., 6238 or 6456.

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 August 27!

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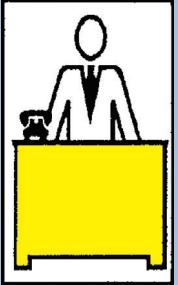
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