

August 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD PROVIDES

Today's Gospel is a sequel to last week's account of Jesus feeding a large crowd with five barley loaves and a few fish. Here, Jesus is challenging the crowd to see in the bread they have eaten a sign of God's generosity in providing for all the blessings in their lives, as well as the blessing of life itself. The first reading, from Exodus, recounts how the escaped Hebrew slaves were fed in the wilderness, first with quail, then with manna. The psalm is a later reflection on the manna as the bread from heaven and a blessing from God. The selection from the letter to the Ephesians sketches the image of putting away the "old self" and putting on the new, emphasizing that a person's life in Christ needs to differ from their previous life, just as the life of a free person differs from that of a slave.

SIGNS AND WONDERS?

Today's Gospel continues into a second day the narrative that had begun the day before when, after crossing the lake to look for Jesus, a large crowd are fed with five barley loaves and two fish. The following day (today's reading), after more lake crossings, the people who had been miraculously fed are again searching for Jesus. However, they do so (as Jesus puts it) "not because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled" (John 6:6).

In John's Gospel, the word "sign" has a distinct meaning. At the wedding at Cana, after telling how Jesus turned water into wine, the Evangelist notes "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs" that "revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him" (John 2:11). For John, signs are not just wonders to behold; they are about the revelation of God and a response of faith in Jesus.

OR MAYBE THE SIGN IS THE WONDER

When the crowd first arrives, Jesus notes that they had not appreciated the sign that he had already given; they are still focused on their physical hunger. When they ask for a sign, "that we may see and believe in you" (John 6:30), they refer to their ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness. Can Jesus top that? Can he give them more bread that will relieve them of their daily worries about going hungry?

Jesus reminds the crowd that it was not Moses who gave the "bread from heaven," but his Father. Further, the Father can give them the true bread from heaven that comes down and gives life to the world. There is a parallel in the Greek between working for food that perishes and doing the works of God, which is believing in Jesus as the one God has sent. This is the sign that the people missed the day before, the sign that Jesus is pointing out to them.

Like the Evangelist, the Church uses the word "sign" for its sacraments. Like the crowd, we are called to see similar "signs" of God's generosity in all the blessings of our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6: 24-35

*The bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world. John 6:33*

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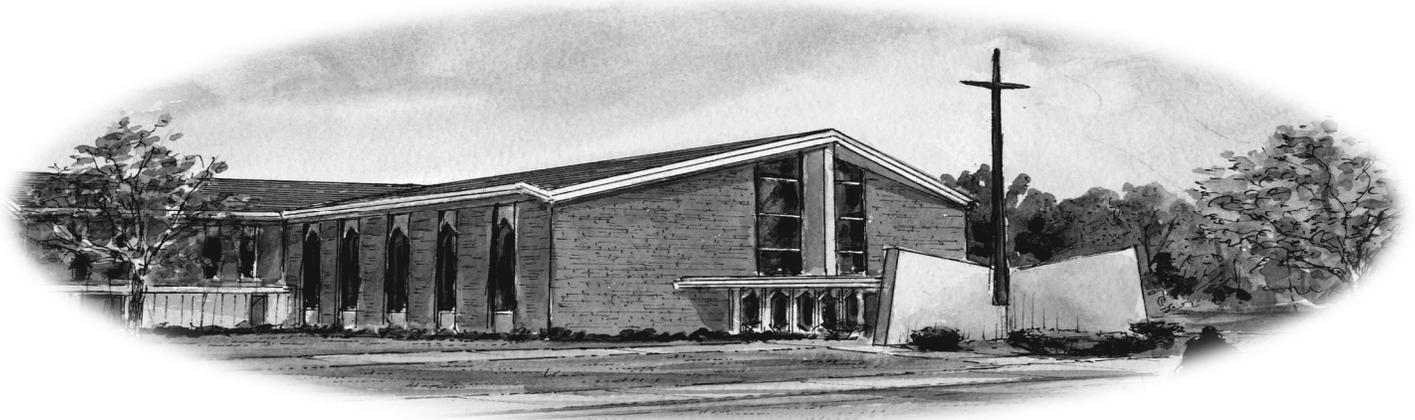
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Mass Schedule

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 31st

5:00pm— Elisa Gulioso

Sunday, August 1st

8:30am— Prospero R. & Mary Jane
DePhillips

10:30am— James Mullarkey

Monday, August 2nd

9:00am— For all our deceased
parishioners & benefactors

Tuesday, August 3rd

9:00am— Alberto D'Antonio

Wednesday, August 4th

9:00am— For all our parishioners

Thursday, August 5th

9:00am— Ludger & Celena Martin

Friday, August 6th

9:00am— Paul, Sophie, Lucille, Sal &
Lucy Miano

Saturday, August 7th

5:00pm— Sally & George D'Esopo

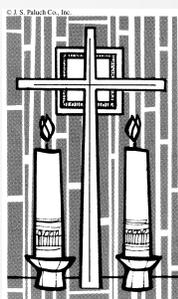
Sunday, August 8th

8:30am— John Discenza

10:30am— Lidia DiCioccio

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 8/2/2021—
8/8/2021 in memory of the
Deceased members of the
Mistretta & Quattrocchi
Families.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will
burn from 8/2/2021—8/8/2021 For All
God's Children.



The **Second collection next weekend**
will be the monthly collection.

Parishioners: For your information:

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!

The Year of Saint Joseph

In December 2020, Pope Francis declared 2020-2021 the Year of Joseph, thus celebrating the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Protector of the Universal Church. Marking the occasion, the Pope issued the apostolic letter "Patris Corde" ("With a Father's Heart") in which he lovingly reflects on St. Joseph as a beloved, caring, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working father, and a father in the shadows. An opportunity to delve into the richness of the Pope's letter will be offered at Christ the King Parish on 8 Wednesdays from September 8th to October 27th. Sessions will be held at 1:30 p.m. (Group 1) and at 7:00 p.m. (Group 2). Please contact Sister Mary Bernard (Shanley) at marybshanley-csj@hotmail.com. (Enter "St. Joseph" as the subject of your e-mail.)

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
BANNERS**

**James Paul Carney &
Camille Ann Gilbert**

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.



Gabriella Marie Seifel



PRAYER CORNER

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling

(Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven

(Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 1, 2021**

Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures
for eternal life. — John 6:27a

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;

St. Peter Julian Eymard

Wednesday: St. John Vianney

Thursday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day; First Friday

Saturday: St. Sixtus II and Companions;

St. Cajetan; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend October 29 - 31, 2021 in Farmington, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.



Archdiocese of Hartford 2021 Marriage Anniversary Celebration Registration Information

On Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 2:00 PM, the annual Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford for married couples who have observed or will be observing 25th, 50th, 60th, and other special wedding anniversaries in 2020 or 2021. While typically only those celebrating special anniversaries in a given year are invited to this celebration, couples who had special anniversaries in 2020 are also invited this year in the hopes of recognizing those who could not be celebrated last year when the pandemic led to the cancellation of this annual Mass. Therefore, all married couples from parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford who are celebrating such anniversaries either in 2020 or 2021 are invited to participate in this liturgy.

Those interested in participating in the Archdiocese of Hartford 2021 Marriage Anniversary Celebration are asked to follow these steps in order to properly register:

1. Using your web browser go to bit.ly/aohmarriage to access the registration form.
 2. On this page, when asked if you are registering as a “Concelebrating Priest” or as a “Married Couple”, please select the appropriate option.
 3. Additional spaces will appear on the page into which you can enter all required information. When submitting your form, please check that all information is correct prior to submission, as the names of couples celebrating anniversaries will be included in the Mass program and information will appear in the program just as it was submitted.
 4. Once all information has been correctly entered and checked, click the Submit button at the bottom of the page to formally register.
 5. A confirmation email will be sent to the email address provided. This is your official confirmation that you have signed up to attend the Archdiocese of Hartford 2021 Marriage Anniversary Celebration.
- Those couples attending the Mass are allowed to bring as many guests as they would like to celebrate with them on that day.
 - Priests are invited to attend the Mass, especially if they have parishioners who are celebrating significant anniversaries at the liturgy.
 - Following registration, additional material will be sent to couples providing them with the information that they will need to know for the Mass.
 - While couples can register up to the date of the ceremony, those who register on or after October 1, 2021, may not have their names included in the Mass program.

If you have any trouble submitting this form, contact your Pastor for assistance or contact Fr. Matthew Gworek in the Office of the Archbishop (fr.gworek@aohct.org | 860-541-6491).



INCARNATION FAITH FORMATION SUMMER PRAYER CORNER

SUMMERTIME PRAYER

Loving God, we ask you for your continued blessings and protection for our family as we enjoy the relaxing days of summer. We thank you for giving us the gift of the summer season with its warm sun and gentle breezes that remind us of your radiance and love. Be present with us as we share special family time together laughing, talking, playing, eating, and praying. Let us remember the importance and gift of family that you have given us as we cherish one another. Let us praise you and your creation in all the beauty that surrounds the season – in the splashing ocean waves, in the warm summer sand, in the lush green grasses and mountains, on the lakes and rivers, in the fresh vegetables and fruits that abound, and in all the wonder of nature that we experience during this time. We thank you and praise you for the gifts of life, family, and your unending graces and love. 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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