

Twenty-sixth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

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September 26, 2021



**Any who give you a cup of water to drink
because you belong to Christ,
amen, I say to you, will surely not lose their reward.**

Mark 9:41

THE FREEDOM OF GOD

Today's readings remind us that God is free: God acts as God wills regardless of what human beings might expect. In the reading from Numbers, God's spirit enters two men, Eldad and Medad, even though they had not been with the others who had received the spirit of God. And in Mark's Gospel, Jesus endorses an unknown exorcist, who did God's work in the name of Jesus but was not officially sanctioned by the disciples. That God's spirit is shared widely does not threaten Moses or Jesus. They celebrate the notion that God's spirit blows where it wills. Moses was shaping the people of Israel, and Jesus similarly was shaping the community of disciples, to encounter a radically free God who doesn't fit their preconceptions. This encounter, when received with humility, widens their vision and deepens their faith. God continues to shape the Church similarly today, to open us up to God's freedom.

LOOK WITHIN

A wrestling match of sorts takes place in this section of Mark's Gospel. Jesus tries mightily to describe what it will mean to be his followers, and the disciples try mightily to avoid the subject. They point to an outsider, and the dangers he poses. Jesus turns the tables and asks his disciples to look within themselves: how are they a danger to Jesus and his work? Jesus uses graphic language, invoking self-amputation, to underscore his point.

Sometimes our most difficult obstacles lie deep within. Like our hands and feet, some attitudes and habits are deeply a part of us, and their removal would be traumatic for us. Yet we know that some beliefs (such as idolatries based on race, wealth, or gender) or behaviors (such as addictions) seriously harm ourselves and many others. We need a prayerful, non-neurotic watchfulness about our inner life. When necessary, we need a fierce resistance to anything that places us or others in danger.

UNITY IN CHRIST

Jesus, in today's Gospel from Mark, says "whoever is not against us is for us." Mark was speaking to his own Christian community. From its beginnings, there were tensions in the Church about who speaks for Jesus. Jesus himself always called for unity of heart and a diversity of expression as a sign of the truth of the Gospel. It is no secret that in Christian history and continuing today, divisions have seriously damaged the message and cause of Christ.

In our own time and place, cultural and political divisions have reduced our ability to solve problems and to live together in a just and peaceful society. Perhaps this is a time for Christians to step up, to remember that our unity in Christ is far deeper than the differences that we perceive. We are called to reach out and listen to each other, to honor each other as members of the Body of Christ. Christians can lead the way, and show everyone watching how it's done.

TODAY'S READINGS

Numbers 11:25–29
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12–13, 14
James 5:1–6
Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

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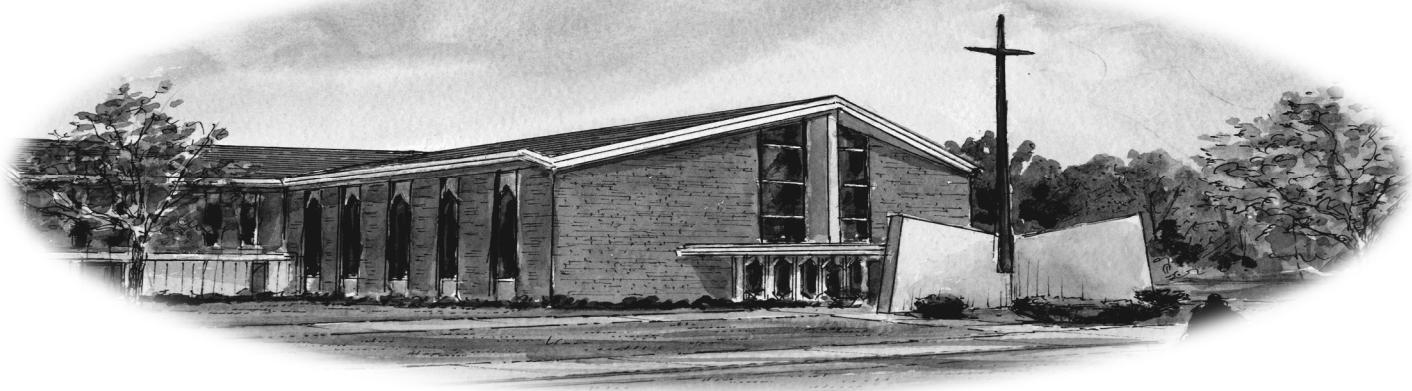
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Mass Schedule

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.

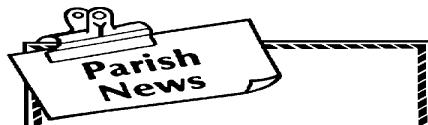
Forms are available at the
main entrance of the church.

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, September 25th

5:00pm—Millie & Charlie Christadore

Sunday, September 26th

8:30am— Flora & Margaret Mahar

10:30am— Bruce & Dorothy Devitt

Monday, September 27th

9:00am— Robert Schnetzler

Tuesday, September 28th

9:00am—Salvatore, Maria Louisa &
Nicola Lucci

Wednesday, September 29th

9:00am— For all our parishioners

Thursday, September 30th

9:00am— John Stefano

Friday, October 1st

9:00am—Mass of Thanksgiving, 50th
Wedding Anniversary for James &
Nancy Violette

Saturday, October 2nd

5:00pm— Sheila Glynn

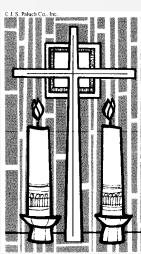
Sunday, October 3rd

8:30am— Olga Spera & Teodoro Spera

10:30am— Margaret & Joe Patriss

The Sanctuary Candle will

burn from 9/27/2021—10/3/2021
in memory of Sheila Glynn.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from

9/27/2021—10/3/2021 in
memory of Agata Colantonio.

The second collection this weekend is the HOPES.....Help Our Parish Elementary Schools Collection which benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants. Last year's grants funded advances in technology, safety & the marketing and promotion of Catholic schools through branding/social media. Please help us provide a culture of faith/academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2021 HOPES Collection this wkd.

Drive-By House of Bread collection this Sunday, September 26th from 8-12pm,
Fr. Crawford Hall. Coffee & sugar requested.
Sponsored by our 2021 Confirmation Class.

Limited Edition of a Commemorative Ornament of the Church of the Incarnation will soon be on sale by the Incarnation Men's Club. The ornaments are \$5.00 each, are shatter resistant and will grace any Christmas tree. They will be available after all Masses in the narthex the month of October.

To our generous parishioners: Due to our participation in the Archdiocesan Forward in Faith Campaign, this year there will be no Annual Collection the first weekend of October. The emphasis this year will be achieving the goals set forth in the Forward in Faith Campaign. Half of all funds raised will help parishes meet their own needs. The remaining funds will help The Hartford Bishops' Foundation carry out the mission of the Catholic Church by meeting the evolving needs of the parish communities.



Dear Brothers & Sisters
in Christ,

As your pastor, I'd like to announce to the parish an archdiocesan-wide campaign entitled "Forward with Faith" which is being conducted by The Hartford Bishops' Foundation. The campaign focuses on strengthening parishes, as well as Archdiocesan schools, and many other Catholic ministries. All parishes benefit from the campaign, and all parishes participate.

Forward with Faith began two years ago, with 84 parishes already having conducted or, are currently in the process of conducting their local parish campaign.

To date over \$30 million has been raised in pledges and gifts, with more than \$7 million being released throughout our archdiocese. Primarily to parishes. You will hear more about Forward with Faith over the coming months. We will post information in our bulletin, the website as well as announcements at Mass.

Future mailings will invite you the opportunity to hear more about the campaign and how it will directly help Church of the Incarnation Parish, as well as grow our Catholic community throughout our archdiocese. For information visit:
www.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org

What is *Forward with Faith*?

Forward with Faith (FWF) is a fundraising campaign to build a vibrant community of faith in the parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. This vision will help to fulfill the mission of our Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford: to be living signs of communion with God and to be his instruments for redemption in the world.

What are the objectives of *Forward with Faith*?

Forward with Faith seeks to raise funds to support:
Vibrant Parishes: Half of all funds raised will help the parishes meet their needs;
Educating to Re-ignite the Faith: by expanding and strengthening learning for students, administrators, teachers, clergy, and the faithful;
Champions in Service: by helping Catholic Charities with better facilities and new programs; and, Innovation and Emerging Opportunities that promote long-lasting change, strengthen our schools and parishes, and meet the evolving needs of the community.

What is The Hartford Bishops' Foundation?

Founded in 2016, The Hartford Bishops' Foundation (HBF) is dedicated to engaging donors in helping the Archdiocese of Hartford carry out the mission of the Catholic Church. The independent Foundation is led by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the Archdiocese's constituencies: parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. Please visit www.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org



BAPTISM

Ryan Joseph Cappellucci

Incarnation Women's Club News:

Membership letters for the 2021-22 program year were mailed out on September 10th to all current club members as well as new Incarnation parishioners. This mailing includes information about upcoming events and the application form for membership. All women of the parish beyond high school age are eligible for full membership, and women from other parishes are eligible for associate membership. If you did not receive a letter, but would like to join, call the Incarnation rectory at (860) 529-2533 and a letter will be mailed to you.

Incarnation Women's Club Cooking Team:

There is a need for leaders for the Women's Club Cooking Team. The responsibilities of a leader are; plan a menu (two or three side dishes for about 40 residents), purchase food, guide a group of 6 to 8 women in preparing the dishes, and deliver the food to St. Elizabeth House in Hartford. Two women may share the responsibility of team leader. I will work closely with each leader to assure success. The cooking sessions are held in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall on the first Monday of each month for ten months. Please call Paula Melillo for info. at (860) 563-9506.



PRAYER CORNER

PROCLAIM THE WONDER OF GOD

The gift of the Spirit is given freely, not according to human expectations, but according to the generosity of God. Joshua wants Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying in the camp, when they were not with the others as the spirit was bestowed on them. Moses, so close to God's mind in the matter, wishes everyone could possess the spirit of God and proclaim it to the nations.

Psalm 19 celebrates the perfection of God's law, and how it brings joy and delight. It is better than the finest gold or the sweetest honey. Moreover, God gives the wisdom of the prophets to everyone, especially the simple and lowly ones, even to children. It is the "little ones" who proclaim the wonder of God to all.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).
Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday

Monday: St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;
St. Wenceslaus

Wednesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Thursday: St. Jerome

Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Friday

Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Sat.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great "Amen," the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church's liturgy. Here, in the context of the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is profoundly eucharistic. When we ask for our "daily bread," we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist. When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood—"so that what is holy may, in fact, be given to those who are holy" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 81).

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all anxiety and distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ's presence, we await his coming in joyful hope.

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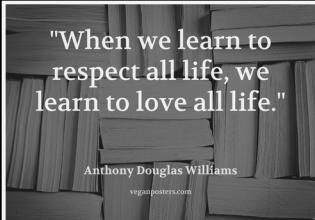
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The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
— Psalm 19:8

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Attention Pro-Lifers!! If you wish to help the endangered Unborn in the most efficacious and easy way possible, please join us to pray the Holy Rosary on the second and/or third Saturdays of each month at Planned Parenthood, 1030 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT at 9am. Parking available in the fast track lot on New Park Avenue around the corner. This year's fall campaign is September 22 through October 31, 2021. Questions? Call Laura Alasso at (860) 416-2129.

Please be in prayer during these days to change hearts and save lives.

PRAYER: Psalm 127:3 139:16 "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. In your book all are written down; my days were shaped before one came to be." Loving Father, I praise you because I am wonderfully made. May I serve you and glorify you all the days you allotted me.

JOIN US! for THE ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS TO BE

celebrated by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford on SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2021 AT 2P.M. at ST. BRIDGET CHURCH, CHESHIRE, CT.

Archbishop Blair will present the St. Gianna Beretta Molla Award which is given to an individual who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the protection of all human life.

A message from the Archdiocese of Hartford: Due to a further threat of the spread of COVID-19, the archdiocese is requiring the wearing of masks in church for everyone.

We have recently restored our lovely statue of The Blessed Virgin Mary. We ask your cooperation in refraining from touching or placing flowers or any items on Mary or on her pedestal. These items often damage the finish on Our Lady. Thank you so much!

Church of the Incarnation Parishioners: For your information: In order to comply with the new regulations from our church envelope company, we ask parishioners to PLEASE 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!

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish in Glastonbury welcomes the community at large to enjoy the Oasis of Beauty fine art show on Sat., Oct. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury. The show features art in various mediums by local artists along with live music provided by the parish music ministry. Wine will be available to anyone age 21 or older, along with a light snacks. Come and enjoy a FREE event designed to soothe and enrich your inner soul. All are invited. Call the parish office at 860-633-9419, or email contact@isidoreandmaria.org.



Church of the Incarnation Faith Formation

Registration for Faith Formation 2021-2022 for grades K-9 is available through October 1st. Note a \$10 late fee applies after September 20th.

Visit our website: www.Thechurchoftheincarnation.com to register.

Please read all information about options & watch the video before registering.

Elementary Grades K-6: Opening Day Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.W.) will take place on Sunday, October 17th at the 10:30am Mass. Material distribution to follow in Fr. Crawford Hall from 11:30-12 noon. If you cannot pick up your items, please send a representative. There will be no make up date to pick up items. Thank you.

Pathways Grades K-6 Parent Training: Tuesday, October 19, Fr. Crawford Hall from 7-8pm.

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies K-6 Parent Training: Wednesday, October 20th from 7-8pm in a Zoom format. Links will be sent via email.

First Pflaum Family Gathering K-6: (Parents & Children) will take place on Sunday, October 24th from 11:30-12:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Please join us for 10:30am mass if you can.

Pathways Seek Family Gathering K-6: Wednesday, October 27, 6-7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Middle School Grades 7 & 8 will meet on Sundays from 6-7pm at Corpus Christi School on the following dates: September 26th, October 17th & October 24th.

Confirmation Grade 9 will meet on Sundays at Corpus Christi School from 6:30-7:30 on the following dates: September 26th, October 17th & October 24th.

A Family Mass for Middle School & Confirmation Grade 9 students & families will take place the first Sunday of every month, Christ the King Church, 5:15pm. First Mass is Sunday, October 3rd.

Confirmation 2021 Grade 10 will meet on the following Sundays in Fr. Crawford Hall, October 3rd from 2-5 pm (retreat make-up), October 17th from 3-5pm, Sunday, October 24th (10:30am Mass with continental breakfast, family student & sponsor), These are all mandatory. **Saturday, October 30th Confirmation will be celebrated at 11am at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford.**

Attention: Please notify the rectory if you have a loved one who is terminally ill before it becomes URGENT. Fr. Moran prefers to offer the Sacrament of the Sick while your loved one is still able to understand the Sacrament clearly.

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

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - Open House is coming up on Thursday, October 28th! Please visit our website, echs.com and learn more about East Catholic. While there, please schedule a family tour – we will be happy to show you around! We invite you to fill out our on-line application. Please call Dorota Debski at 860-649.5336, x 6456.

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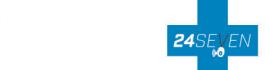
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