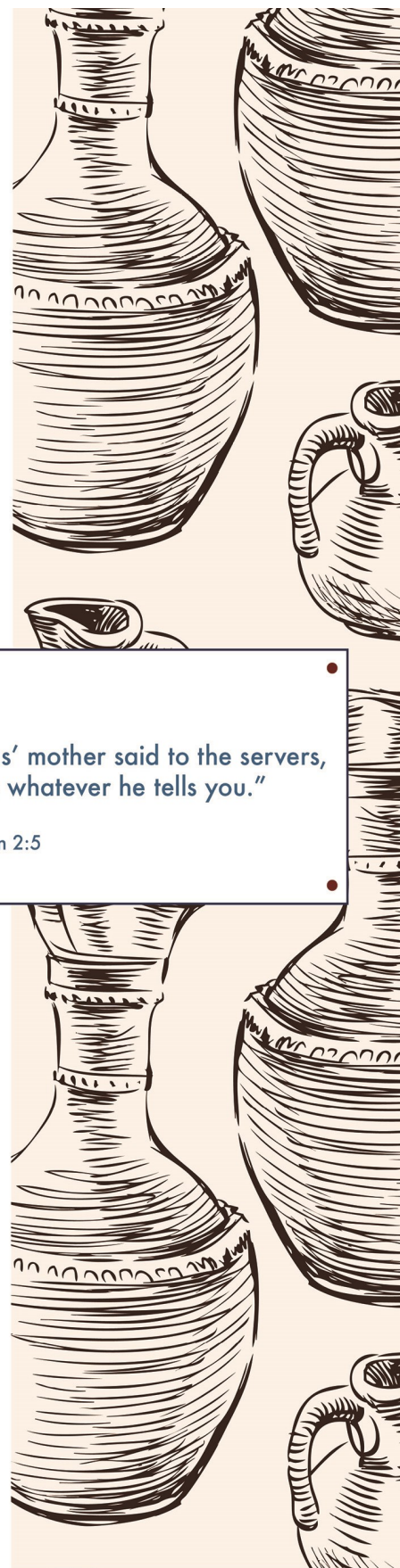


January 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus' mother said to the servers,
"Do whatever he tells you."

~ John 2:5

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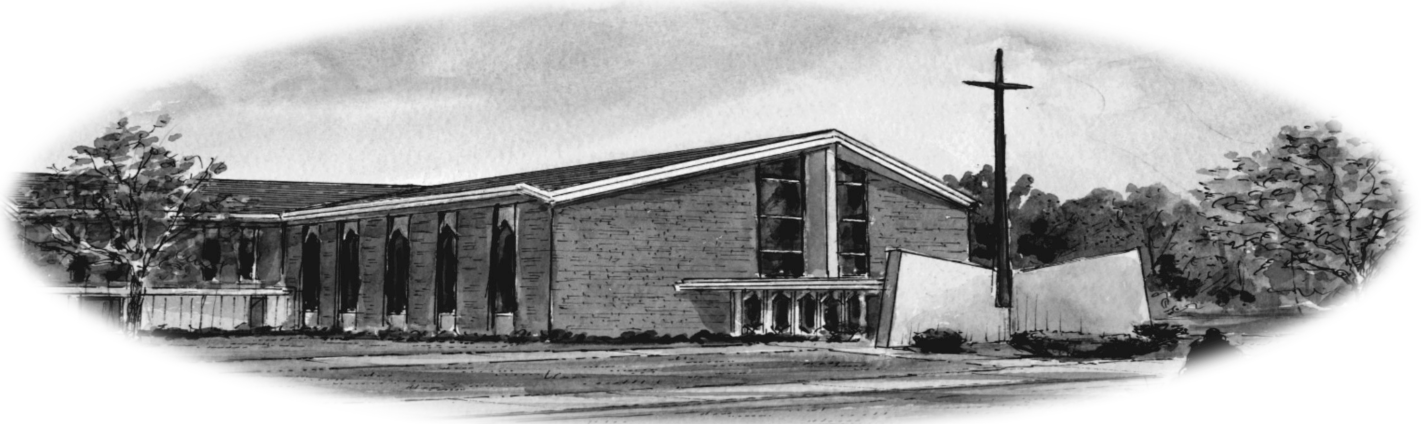
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Vanessa Crowley.....Lorissa Heath
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Heather Picard

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Rectory Assistant

Marguerite Heinimann

Mass Schedule

Confessions: 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:
prior to 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 Parishioner Religious Education 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

MassSchedule

Saturday, January 15th

5:00pm- Paul D. Console

Sunday, January 16th

8:30am- Rita, Robert & Christopher Sulick

10:30am- Lidia DiCioccio

Monday, January 17th

9:00am- Tiberio & Armida Pace

Tuesday, January 18th

9:00am- For all our parishioners

Wednesday, January 19th

9:00am- Gildo Alberto & Maria Elena Colasacco

Thursday, January 20th

9:00am- Deceased members of the Zurowski Family

Friday, January 21st

9:00am- Deceased members of the Williams/ Verkele Families and Isole/Sardi Families

Saturday, January 22nd

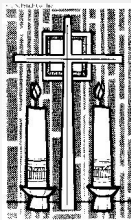
5:00pm- Frank Mandile

Sunday, January 23rd

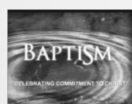
8:30am- Frank, Vincenza & Silvia Bulanti

10:30am- MaryAnne & Earl Martel

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 1/17/2022-1/23/2022 in memory of the deceased members of the Mistretta Family.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 1/17/2022-1/23/2022 in memory of Edward Riconda.



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Thank you for all of your generous donations to our 2021 Annual Collection. We have reached our Goal of \$100,000.

Our Second collection next weekend will benefit our Diocesan Catholic High Schools. Our Catholic schools provide over 100,000 hours of student led community service. Our students are taught to respect, love and care for others as they prepare for leadership in the church and society.

We will not begin accepting 2023 Masses, Sanctuary & Blessed Virgin Mary Candles until further notice. Please check the bulletin after Easter for details. Thank you for understanding. We still have some 2022 masses & candles. Please call Incarnation rectory to book.

If you are leaving Wethersfield for the winter, please notify the rectory so that we can place your envelopes on inactive. When you return, kindly call & we will re-activate.

We welcome Fr. Zacharias Pushpanathan to our parishes of Christ the King and Incarnation. Born in India, Father Zach was ordained in India on January 14, 1981 (Happy 41st anniversary, Father). He ministered for ten years in India before going to Argentina for 13 years as pastor. In 2003, he came to the Archdiocese of Hartford. Here he has served in St. Margaret in Waterbury, St. Augustine in Hartford, St. Mary in New Britain, St. Anne/Immaculate Conception in Hartford, St. Francis in South Windsor, St. Peter in Torrington, Prison Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul in East Haven, and St. Mary Magdalene in Oakville. **Welcome Fr. Zach!**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.
— 1saiah 62:2

FAQS:

Building a new Parish from Incarnation and Christ the King

Q: Where can I find updated merger information?

A: The Transition Team has a Communication Committee. They will be sharing information via the bulletin, the websites, Facebook, (facebook.com/ChristtheKingCT), email, and announcements at Mass. If you have questions, send email to incarnation.ctk@gmail.com.

Dear Fr. Nick:

Incarnation Parish Family welcomes you as our new pastor. Please be assured of our commitment to join you in building a strong faith filled community here in Wethersfield. We appreciate your outreach to us through your messaging filled with words of encouragement and dedication. Let us pray confidently for one another! God bless you and God bless us, one and all.



“After many years of devoted service to the Christ The King Social Action Committee Food Drive, Catherine Curran and her husband have decided to take a well deserved break. We are now in need of a food deliverer for the 3rd weekend of the month to the Wethersfield Food Bank. Please call MJ Densmore if you’re able to serve this worthy cause (860)529-9928.”

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 is sponsoring a Food Drive this Sunday, January 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Christ the King (parking lot that is between the church and middle school.) This drive is part of the regular parish food collection. We will be available after 10:15 a.m., Mass on 1/16 for anyone who wishes to donate. All food will be donated to the St. Augustine Church Food Pantry in Hartford. Please donate non-perishable food items. Canned meats, soups, pinto & pink beans are of greatest need. Also requested is cooking oil, spices & condiments. The need for donations is high in the winter.

The ABCs of Annulment” Saturday, January 22nd, 10AM-Noon, Church Hall of St. Margaret Church, 24 Academy Street, Madison. Open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration required. Call Br. Larry at (475) 221-8464 or email brolarlus300@gmail.com.

Care bags for the homeless: Thank you to all who have donated thus far to this project. Because of your generosity we have created 400 bags that were distributed during the Christmas season. We continue with this needy project especially during the colder months.

These bags contain food, water, socks, hats and gloves. We continue to need your help. The next assembly of bags will be January 30 by the religious education students. We have created an Amazon link to make it a little easier for purchases.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3I5TLCG70N9S0?ref_=wl_share

We continue to collect in Corpus Christi Church and accept monetary donations. Checks can be made out to Christ the King Social Action Attention: Homeless Bags. The success of this endeavor is all because of your incredible generosity!

For information call Nora Uricchio: (860) 830-5989 or nuricchio3@gmail.com or Daisy Trahan: daisy.trahan@gmail.com.



PRAYER CORNER

REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wednesday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Thursday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Friday: St. Agnes

Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Almighty ever-living God,
 who govern all things,
 both in heaven and on earth,
 mercifully hear the pleading of your people
 and bestow your peace on our times.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do to help to bring about God's peace?

Beyond Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 7pm

via Zoom. Contact Deacon Michael Cassella for Zoom link - mecassella@gmail.com or call (860) 965-2526.

Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi

Church), Wethersfield has added a 5:15pm Mass the 1st Sunday of each month throughout the school year.

A message from the Archdiocese of Hartford:

Due to a further threat of the spread of COVID-19, the archdiocese is recommending the wearing of masks in church for everyone.

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

East Catholic has rolling admissions, so prospective students have plenty of opportunities to begin the admissions process. Our Entrance Exam is Saturday, January 22nd, 8:30 a.m. To pre-register, please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS.

Pastor's Corner – January 16, 2022

Last Sunday we concluded the Advent-Christmas season of our liturgical calendar, and have entered into what we call 'Ordinary Time'. Ordinary Time, however, is anything but ordinary. It comprises every little thing we fill our days and weeks with, and reminds us that all of those things are indeed sacred.

The St. Andrew Bible Missal says, "Wasted time is not a prized commodity in American society. We are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would want to do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity."

"But the Creator of heaven and earth is described by the scriptures as the original and best of players. Creative activity is playful, and creative people do not feel that what they do is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received. Our thankful response we call worship or eucharist."

"Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on the first day of the week the Lord was raised up and creation came at last to completion."

"What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living."

2022 will certainly not be 'ordinary' for us here in Wethersfield as we look to the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into the future. Our Transition Team is in the process of building the foundation for our new parish to be created from the communities of St. Luke, Sacred Heart, Corpus Christi and Incarnation. We will look at what are our strengths and weaknesses, what opportunities lie before us, and what are the needs of our community and how best can we meet them.

In other words, how is God present and working in our 'ordinary' lives, and how can our 'ordinary' lives – individually and as a community – lead us to the 'extraordinary', eternal life of the Father's Kingdom.



Church of the Incarnation Faith Formation

Middle School Grades 7 & 8: Sunday, 6-7pm at Corpus Christi School, Jan. 23 & 30. **Confirmation Grade 9:** Sunday, 6:30-7:30pm at Corpus Christi School on Jan. 23, and 30.

Family Mass for Middle School & Confirmation Grade 9 students & families will be held the 1st Sunday of each month, Christ the King Church, 5:15pm. Next date: Feb., 6th, 2022. All families are welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word has been cancelled for all of January due to the higher positivity rate. Please see this bulletin for the February schedule. Thank you!

Blessings to all as the world gives birth to a New Year filled with hope, love, joy, and peace that only the infant Jesus can bring. In that same spirit, I would like to thank the Incarnation Parish community, and in particular the faith formation families, for the honor to have served you as a religious education leader and catechist for the past 25 years. I have also had the privilege to serve as coordinator for the beautiful Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) ministry for twenty years, as well as being both a Confirmation mentor and a member of the Faith Formation Advisory Board (FFAB). Previous to that I was the coordinator for Elizabeth Ministry reaching out to families with newborns, expectant mothers, and those experiencing loss through miscarriage.

My greatest reward has been serving the parish community and seeing the fruits of our labors through our many outreaches to organizations like Kids' Cafe, House of Bread, CCMC, Wethersfield Social Services, and St. Luke's Foundation for Haiti knowing we are helping our brothers and sisters in Christ. As St. Mother Teresa said,
"Give your hands to serve and your heart to love."

For me, the greatest gift has been the building of relationships and friendships with our parishioners; especially our families and children. Our Catholic faith is truly a gift from God! I am thankful each and every day for all the blessings and graces the Lord has bestowed on me and our parish family. Through these years, my hope was to share my love and passion for Christ and His Church with others – especially the children. I thank the Holy Spirit who has been my guide and inspiration and I pray for continued discernment to serve the Lord and His Church according to His plan.

I will pray for our entire faith community and ask that we continue to trust the Lord in all matters as He desires to be present in our lives and be in relationship with us. I look forward to a new year filled with renewed hope, confident that God always walks with us as we continue to "light the way" in our faith journey together.

Filomena Marinelli

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