

March 27, 2022



Fourth Sunday
of

Lent

Whoever is in Christ
is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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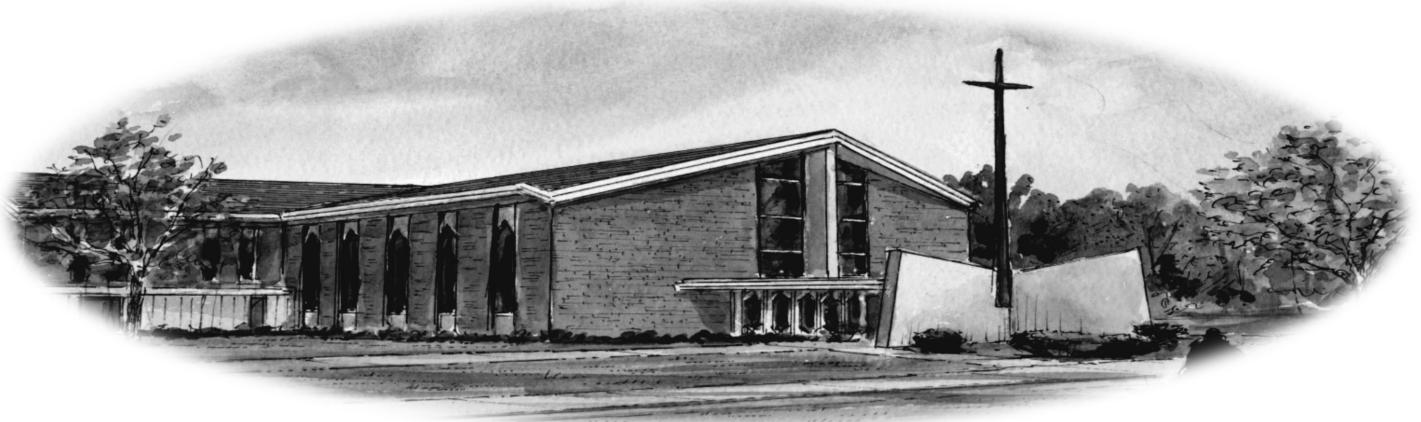
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Mass and Confession Schedule

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 am

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

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm
in Father Crawford Hall

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 and/or

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 26th

5:00pm- Angeline & Joseph Santomenno

Sunday, March 27th

8:30am- Anthony Melillo

10:30am- Mary Anne & Earl Martel

Monday, March 28th

9:00am- Generosa Marinelli

Tuesday, March 29th

9:00am- For all our parishioners

Wednesday, March 30th

9:00am- Gennaro & Mildred Ponzo

Thursday, March 31st

9:00am- Leo & Philomena Forastiere

Friday, April 1st

9:00am- Gino Giansiracusa

Saturday, April 2nd

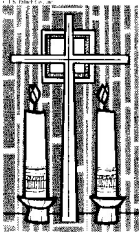
5:00pm- Pasquale Piccolo

Sunday, April 3rd

8:30am- Jane Diana

10:30am- Barry Welch, Leah Tuohy and Thomas Trzaski

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 3/28/2022-4/3/2022 in memory of Santa & James Cobisi and Tina & Frank Tumillo.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 3/28/2022-4/3/2022 in memory of Gino Giansiracusa.

Easter Communion Regulation: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the First Sunday of Lent & Trinity Sunday.

You may return your Easter Flower envelope anytime from now until Easter.

BEYOND BIBLE STUDY: EVERY WED- 7PM, St. Joseph's Hall, Christ the King (Corpus Christi Church.) Email Deacon Michael: mecassella@gmail.com or call (860) 965-2526.

FRIDAY ROSARY ON THE GREEN: Every Friday at 12 noon. Meet on the Green, weather permitting; otherwise in Corpus Christi Church.



The Second Collection this weekend is the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection

The CRS Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and in the U. S. Your support funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants & refugees in need of material/legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political environmental conditions. Thank you!

Annual Snack Drive This Weekend

This weekend, The Social Action Committee is sponsoring the annual snack drive for the Wethersfield Food Bank and St. Martin de Porres at all Masses. Suggested snack items include: cheese and peanut butter crackers, pretzels, popcorn, raisins, pudding cups, Jello cups, fruit cups, snack size bags of cookies, granola bars, and fruit/cereal bars. Items will be collected in the north parking lot of Corpus Christi Church or leave in the vestibule at CTK. Thank you.

On behalf of Fr. Nick, Fr. Zack, Fr. Moran, and the Transition Team, we invite all parishioners to attend an update session of the pending merger of the Church of the Incarnation and Christ the King. You will have the opportunity to hear about updates regarding the merger, meet members of the Transition Team, ask questions, and learn about opportunities to become involved in our parish. This update and discussion session will occur on Monday, March 28th at 7pm, in Fr. Crawford Hall at The Church of the Incarnation. Please join us!

Incarnation Church Women's Club invites all parishioners to its General Meeting Thurs., March 31st at 7pm, Fr. Crawford Hall. The Lenten program will feature a presentation by Sister Maryann Cantlon, Sister of Saint Joseph of Chambery and a retreat team member at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center.

Yankee Stadium Bus Trip

Saturday June 4th Yankees vs Detroit Tigers

Sponsored by Incarnation - Men's Club, Weth., Tix include deluxe bus transportation, stadium seating (Sect.200 level), \$110.00 per ticket. Call Jim Pettit (860) 402-3074 or email: spencer3600@yahoo.com. Bus leaves promptly at 9am from Incarnation side parking lot.



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Lenten Regulations: Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, but have not yet marked their 59th are to fast on Good Friday. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

The Incarnation Men's Club wants YOU! Annual Membership drive is underway. Applications at the entrances. All men are invited to join especially members of Christ the King Parish. Dues—\$10 per year.

CHRIST THE KING MEN'S RETREAT at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford is rescheduled due to the omicron surge to late March/April. Call Brian Freeman (860) 573-5885.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Are you considering making a change in regards to your child's education? Would your student benefit from smaller class size and a nurturing community of educators and families?

Corpus Christi School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host an Open House Tues., April 5th, 6 -7:30PM, Corpus Christi School. Prospective students/families are welcome.

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Focus on the whole child, from academics to spirituality and character

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Holy Week Mass Schedule:

Holy Thursday-7:00pm, April 14th at Corpus Christi Church;

Good Friday-3:00pm, April 15th at Incarnation Church;

Holy Saturday-8:00pm, April 16th at Corpus Christi Church.

Easter Sunday Masses will keep to our existing **Sunday schedule:** 8:30am & 10:30am at Incarnation and 8:00am and 10:15am at Corpus Christi.

Blessing of the Easter Food will be held at **The Church of the Incarnation** on Holy Saturday at 12:15pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Wethersfield Knights of Columbus: Annual Pasta Dinner, Sat., April 2, 6 -8pm, Fr. Crawford Hall, Incarnation Church. Dinner served from 6 to 7pm. Menu includes: ziti, meatballs, fresh dinner rolls, salad/ dessert. Price for this fun night is \$10 per person or \$25 (children 12 & younger) per family. Proceeds from dinner will be used to support Charities supported by local council 4193 of the Knights of Columbus. To reserve/ place an order for takeout ahead of time, call John Ewaski (860) 563-3887. Checks payable to Knights of Columbus 4193 & mail to John Ewaski, 161 Brimfield Avenue, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Lenten Daily Mass Schedules -Area Churches:

The Church of the Incarnation

9am Monday-Friday excluding

Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday

Corpus Christi Church (Christ the King Parish)

7:30am Monday-Saturday

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish,

Rocky Hill

8:30AM Monday & Friday at:

St. Elizabeth Seton Church

8:00AM Tuesday & Thursday at:

St. James Church

No daily Mass on Wednesday

Annunciation Parish

Newington

9:00AM Monday-Friday at **Holy Spirit**

No daily Mass at St. Mary's

SS. Isidore & Maria Parish Glastonbury

7:30AM Monday-Wednesday

12:15PM Friday at **St. Paul's Church**

St. Dunstan's Church

Glastonbury

Monday-Wednesday 8AM

Holy Trinity Church.....Hartford

Monday-Friday

12:05PM No Mass on Wednesdays



PRAYER CORNER

LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—

lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalms — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Friday: First Friday; Abstinence; April Fool's Day

Saturday: St. Francis of Paola; First Saturday

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent....March 27, 2022

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION

OFFERED BY DEACON MICHAEL CASSELLA

FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7PM
(NOT GOOD FRIDAY)

ALTERNATING BETWEEN CORPUS CHRISTI INCARNATION CHURCHES

FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST....CHRIST THE KING

On April 1st, Stations of the Cross at Corpus Christi Church will be Mary's way of the Cross. You will hear the heart of Mary as she walked with her child with the cross to Calvary

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH....INCARNATION

Lenten Confessions at Incarnation Church:

Mondays during Lent from 6:30-7:30pm.

Lenten Confessions at Corpus Christi Church:

Monday mornings at 8:30am -9:30am.

Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi Church),

Wethersfield now has a 5:15pm Mass the 1st Sunday of each month throughout the school year.

Incarnation will not begin accepting 2023 Masses, Sanctuary & Blessed Virgin Mary Candles until further notice.

Check bulletin after Easter for details. Thanks. We still have some 2022 candles available. Call Incarnation rectory to book.

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. Questions? Send email to incarnation.ctk@gmail.com.

WEEKLY FOOD DRIVE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS MAY BE LEFT IN THE BOX IN THE VESTIBULE AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH ANYTIME. SUPPORTS OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK.

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

Spring is the time to finalize the choice of a high school for all the 8th graders. East Catholic continues to accept applications, offers shadow visits, family tours and entrance exams. Please visit our website: www.echs.com or give us a call at 860-649-5336 and learn about the variety of programs available for your student.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal...Incarnation Church

As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services, charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church. 2022 Theme is Stronger Together. Goal: \$135,000.

EVERY MOMENT

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Christ the King Parish will be welcoming The Scally Brothers, who will be performing for us after the 5:15 Mass on May 1st.

**As you can imagine, this is not a small event, and we are in need of some help.
We are in need of 12 volunteers to assist with various tasks.**

If interested in volunteering, contact Spencer Malley at 860-919-6125
or spencer.malley@uconn.edu.

Faith Formation

Pathways Family Gathering is this Sunday from 11:30-12:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. We will be making lunch bags for Kid's Café and the House of Bread.

Grades 7-8: NO Class.....**Grade 9:** Class at Corpus Christi School from 6:30-7:30pm.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is this Sunday, March 27 at 10:30am Mass at Incarnation. All children ages 4-grade 6 are welcome. Children younger than 4 are most welcome accompanied by a parent.

A Lenten Litany

Let my fasting turn me to the needs of others, and not my own hungers.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Let my charity be a sign of your generosity, not an occasion for sinful pride.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Let my prayer make me a witness to your grace, leading me to acts of justice.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Let my sufferings make me one with Christ, who suffered for our salvation.

Let my good deeds not be merely for show, but for helping your kingdom come.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Let my broken relationships be healed in reconciliation, leading me beyond my isolation.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Let my very life be consecrated to your will, as this Lent leads to Easter's new life.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Let my every thought, word, and deed during these Lenten days be a sign of my love for you, and of your love for the world.

Have mercy, O Lord! Amen.

Social Action Committee, Christ the King Parish will collect sandwiches at masses April 2nd & 3rd. Sandwiches will be distributed by ImmaCare in Hartford. If you are new to the collection, here is a guide:

- Any type of bread may be used.
- Two (2) slices of meat (such as ham, bologna, salami) & a slice of cheese per sandwich
- About one pound of meat is needed for a loaf of bread. You can vary the ingredients if you don't have enough of one kind to finish the loaf.
- Please DO NOT put condiments or butter on the bread.
- Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches are also very popular. Sandwiches are individually wrapped, put back in bread wrapper, twist-tied, & placed in the box in the church foyer of Corpus Christi Church.

Something Special for Lent

It's not too late to do something special for Lent to enrich your Lenten journey of prayer, fasting/almsgiving. Using the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting & almsgiving during Lent, we deepen our relationship with Christ. The Lenten Cross program, sponsored by the Social Action Committee, gives you suggestions of how you can carry out these traditional Lenten practices. Cards are available at Corpus Christi and Incarnation for 5 different categories: make a donation (orange cards) to a worthwhile organization, ideas for fasting (yellow), for prayers (green), ideas for children (blue) and good works (pink). You can pick one or more cards and complete the activity during Lent. No need to return cards.

ENCOUNTER THE SACREDNESS OF EACH HUMAN PERSON

"For children to grow and stay healthy, parents in Rwanda learn about preparing balanced meals for them."

This week, we travel to Kigali, Rwanda and learn about Glorioso and her husband Karekezi, who are no strangers to hardship and hard work. Driven by a dream to send their three children to a good school, Glorioso sells vegetables and water in a kiosk and Karekezi sells vegetables at a market. It's a full day's work. They faced many challenges. Their daughter was malnourished, like many other children in their village. Then Glorioso joined Gikuriro, a project funded by the U.S. government and led by Catholic Relief Services to support the Rwandan government's efforts to combat malnutrition. In Gikuriro, Glorioso learned how to prepare balanced meals for her children. She also learned about the importance of good hygiene. She shared these and other skills, like how to grow a kitchen garden, with her husband so they could support their children together. She later joined a CRS-led micro-savings group and learned how loans could help her grow her business and make more money. Now she earns enough to support her family. She and Karekezi can also afford to fulfill their dream of sending their kids to school. Glorioso says because parents in her village have gained knowledge about balanced diets, their children are receiving the food they need to grow. But what she considers truly wonderful is how, by participating in the program, "a woman has been given a voice." Let us reflect on the theme that each person is made by God and therefore each life is sacred and valuable. What is one thing you can do today to treat others with respect? Rice bowls at entrances. **RETURN DONATIONS (in check form) TO THE COLLECTION BASKETS.**

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