SEE, I AM DOING SOMETHING NEW! NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH, DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT? IN THE DESERT I MAKE A WAY, IN THE WASTELAND, RIVERS.

ISAIAH 43:19

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 3, 2022

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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



Saturday, April 2nd 5:00pm-Pasquale Piccolo Sunday, April 3rd 8:30am- Jane Diana 10:30am-Barry Welch, Leah Tuohy and Thomas Trzaski Monday, April 4th 9:00am—For all our deceased parishioners & benefactors **Tuesday, April 5th** 9:00am-Rose Ann Szczerba Wednesday, April 6th 9:00am– Joseph E. Ware Thursday, April 7th 9:00am-For all our parishioners Friday, April 8th 9:00am- Charlotte Gregoire Saturday, April 9th 5:00pm— Maria LaRosa Sunday, April 10th 8:30am-Pasqualino D'Appollonio & Patricia "Patty" D'Appollonio Glass 10:30am-Silvio Antolini and Agata, Gino & Salvatore Colantonio

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 4/4/2022-4/10/2022 in memory of the Deceased members of the Perna & Calleri Families & Salvatore Trocchia.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 4/4/2022-4/10/2022 in

memory of Deceased members of the Heinimann,

Gurgigno, Torrance & Saharek Families. 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.

Christ the King PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Meets the first & third Thursday, 1pm in St. Joseph Hall, Corpus Christi Church. Contact Mary Scott mlvscott33@yahoo.com.



Second collection next wkd. is the monthly collection.

Thank you to all who donated to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection. Thanks to all who donated to the Annual Snack Drive.

Incarnation Women's Club Cooking Team will cook this Monday, April 4th from 1-3pm.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday: Blessed palms will be distributed at all masses.



Prayer for Ukraine

God of infinite mercy and goodness, with grateful hearts we pray to you today for Peace. You offer us your peace continually (Jn.14:27) and constantly remind us that peacemakers are blessed, "for they shall be called children of God" (Mt.5:9). May your voice resound in the hearts of all, as you call us to follow the path of reconciliation and peace, and to be merciful as vou are merciful.

We pray to you for the people of the Ukraine who are experiencing conflicts and deaths. Bless the leaders with wisdom, vision and perseverance needed to build together a world of justice and solidarity, and to break down walls of hostility and division.

To you we entrust all families and pray that they may never yield to discouragement and despair, but become heralds of new hope to one another in this challenging time.

May you continue to inspire all of us to oneness of heart and mind, to work generously for the common good, to respect the dignity of every person and the fundamental rights which have their origin in the image and likeness of God impressed upon every human being.

Grant eternal rest to the dead and quick recovery to the wounded, we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen!

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.

Yankee Stadium Bus Trip

Saturday, June 4th.....Yankees vs Detroit Tigers Sponsored by The Church of The Incarnation - Men's Club, Wethersfield. Tickets include deluxe bus transportation, stadium seating (Section 200 level) All for only \$ 110.00 per ticket. Call Jim Pettit for reservations at (860) 402-3074 or email: spencer3600@yahoo.com — Bus leaves at promptly at 9am from Church of The Incarnation side lot.



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 ABSTINENCE 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 a date in 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.

Why choose Corpus Christi School?

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

Students are performing in the top tier of standardized testing

Outstanding curriculum supplemented with recent **STEM** initiatives

Wide variety of extracurricular activities for all grade levels

Flexible Preschool program provides a supportive environment for 3 and 4 year-old students

Come witness the Corpus Christi School differ-

ence!! Tours will be available & faculty, students & parents will be on hand to answer ?'s. The school encompasses PreK3 through 8th grade. For information, visit website-corpuschristischoolct.org or call the school office at 860-529-5487.

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.

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

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PRAYER CORNER

SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST

Jesus knew that the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been

accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14. Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130. Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11. Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings were used on Sunday) Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56 Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent Monday: St. Isidore Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle Friday: Abstinence

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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:

How do I follow the example of Jesus in loving others?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION OFFERED BY DEACON MICHAEL CASSELLA FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH AT INCARNATION CHURCH, 7PM

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.

<u>Christ the King Parish</u> (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.

Pastor's Corner - April 3, 2022

I write this having just returned from the Update Meeting regarding the merging of our parishes. We had well over a hundred people, from both parishes, who came out on a frigid evening, in spite of the UConn Women playing for the Final 4 at the same time! (Quite the sacrifice, I know – but it IS Lent, after all, and they were kind enough to send it into double overtime so we could watch an exciting ending!)

First and foremost, a sincere and heart-felt 'thank you' to the entire Transition Team for pulling this off, for bringing us to this point, and for leading us into a bright new future. Their enthusiasm and dedication is second to none.

Second, while there were some dissenting views expressed, I fully understand how hard it is to be asked to be open to new possibilities and new ways of looking at things. Some of the parishioners from Christ the King gave personal testimonies that were quite moving of their emotions as their church/parish, in some cases was closed and sold, and in some cases was leased to other Catholics. They spoke of having numerous priests assigned to their parish in a relatively short span of time. But despite much instability, how they have found a spiritual home at Christ the King because of our underlying goal – doing the work of the Lord as we journey to eternal life. I fully believe that joining together as a town-wide parish family will only intensify what has been formed because of the special charisms of the people of Incarnation Parish.

We have seen that happening already in several areas – faith formation which works together for the good of all of our children; finance and building/grounds committees who have put together detailed plans to address physical needs of both campuses on a one, three, and five year plan; and liturgy committee that has been formed with members of both parishes to coordinate liturgies, and especially the coming holy days.

The Pastoral Planning Committee also announced several dates for events to be held in the coming months. Look for details in your bulletin soon.

Also announced was the proposed new Mass schedule to begin next January – 2023.

There will only be two priests, and current weekend attendance can fit into one Mass per weekend at each church. But we intend to have two weekend Masses on each campus, times to be announced following the Transition Team's meeting next Monday. There will also be only one daily Mass in town beginning next January – 2023. That schedule likewise will be announced after our next meeting.

And finally, in order for our new parish to grow into the best parish possible, we need for every parishioner to take an active role in **your** parish. Get updates from the bulletin and website. Join a committee. Bring someone back to church with you. If everyone brought just one person back to church with them, we'd have twice as many parishioners instantly!

Above all, know that this is the Lord's Church. It was the Lord who started this church by asking 12 fishermen to follow him. He entrusted this work to them and it has survived through the centuries – reassuring us beyond a doubt that if we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us, we can and will be successful in continuing the mission of those 12 fishermen right here in Wethersfield CT!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Christ the King Parish will be welcoming The Scally Brothers, who will perform 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.

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Faith Formation

Middle School and High School: 5:15 pm Mass at Corpus Christi Church on Sunday, April 3rd.



The Social Action Committee at Christ the King Parish is collecting sandwiches at masses this weekend, April 2nd & 3rd.

The next collection will be May 7th & 8th. The sandwiches are distributed by ImmaCare in Hartford to people who don't frequent shelters. If you are new to the sandwich 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 the bread wrapper, twist-tied, and placed in the box in the church foyer.

Easter Food Collection

Many more people in Wethersfield and the Hartford area are food insecure and struggling financially since the pandemic began. Food pantries, including the Town of Wethersfield's pantry, have seen a rise in people coming to them. CTK, including Religious Ed and Corpus Christi School, will continue its annual tradition of collecting nonperishable food items for Easter. The parish collection will be Palm Sunday weekend, April 9th & 10th. The school and Religious Ed have already started collecting.

We are asking for basic staples for an Easter meal, such as hams, rice, bags of potatoes, bars of cheese, crackers, canned vegetables, soups, tuna, and Easter candy or cookies. If you would prefer to donate money, please place the donation in an envelope marked "Easter Meal" and place it in the altar basket or mail it to the rectory. Please bring all donations to CTK (vestibule) by 11 am on Sunday, April 10th. The food will go to the following food pantries: St. Augustine Church, Sacred Heart/Maria Reina de la Paz, St. Martin de Porres Catholic Worker House and the Town of Wethersfield. We thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

Lenten Giving Crosses Program

Using the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, we deepen our relationship with Christ. The Lenten Crosses program, sponsored by the Social Action Committee, will give you suggestions of how you can carry out these traditional Lenten practices. This is the last weekend that cards are available on the ledges at Corpus Christi and at the entrances for Incarnation. These cards offer activities for you to complete during Lent, including prayer (green cards), fasting (yellow), children's ideas (blue), good works (pink) and make a donation (orange cards) to a number of different organizations. The cards do not need to be returned. Thanks very much for your participation in this program!! God Bless and Happy Easter!

ENCOUNTER HOW WE CAN EMPTY OURSELVES FOR OTHERS

"Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." — Philippians 2:7-8

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, one of the most significant moments of the Church year. During this week, we journey with Christ from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his final meal with his closest friends and ultimately to his death on the cross.

As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, we call to mind the countless men, women and children who even today carry heavy crosses: crosses of hunger, of homelessness, of a lack of resources or security. In these brothers and sisters we encounter Christ, as he walks that long road to Calvary. In these encounters, it's important not to forget an essential pillar of Lenten spirituality— almsgiving—which allows us to help those who are most in need.

This final week of Lent is also a time to reflect on those words of Saint Paul to the Philippians. Jesus emptied himself for us; how might we empty ourselves for others? Our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving have prepared us to wrestle with this question. We must always remember that Holy Week gives way to Easter—the fast turns into a feast. God wins the day. As we prepare to celebrate Easter with joy, it is our responsibility as members of God's one human family to share that joy with everyone, near & far PLEASE RETURN DONATIONS (in check form) TO THE ALTAR BASKET (AT FOOT OF Lenten Cross at Corpus Christi) OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKETS AT EITHER CHURCH DURING ANY MASS. Return by Sunday after Easter or before.

What is a parish?

"A parish...It is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: It gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in the good works and brotherly (sisterly) love." *Catechism of the Catholic Church* How do we become God's presence in the world? One way is to become a part of the Social Action Committee. If you interested, please call Nancy Kiely at 860-989-5548 or email: nkiely80331@cox.net.



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