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"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord."

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Luke 19:38

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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 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 Monday, April 11th 9:00am—Joan Stuer **Tuesday, April 12th** 9:00am- Carlino Dondero Wednesday, April 13th 9am–Margaret & Megan Alfano & Gregg Secor HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH 7:00pm- The Mass of the Lord's Supper at Corpus Christi Church **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH** 3:00pm - The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Communion at Incarnation Church **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH** 8:00pm-Easter Vigil, this includes the Mass of Easter at Corpus Christi Church **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH** 8:30am-Michael & Marion Dellafera at Incarnation Church 10:30am-Ernie Andreoli Sr. & The Deceased members of Andreoli Family -Incarnation Church

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 4/11/2022–4/17/2022 in memory of George Beers.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 4/11/2022—4/17/2022 in memory of Margaret Leonard.

Blessing of the Easter Food will be held at The Church of the Incarnation on Holy Saturday at 12:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

BEYOND BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAYS - 7PM, St. Joseph's Hall, Christ the King, Corpus Christi Church Deacon Michael, mecassella@gmail.com. 860-965-2526. **FRIDAY ROSARY ON THE GREEN:** Every Friday 12 noon. Meet on the Green, weather permitting; otherwise in Corpus Christi Church.

<u>Christ the King PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY</u>: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thurs., 1pm, St. Joseph Hall, Corpus Christi Church. Mary Scott: mlvscott33@yahoo.com.



Second collection this wkd. is the monthly collection.

<u>This Sunday is Palm Sunday:</u> <u>Blessed palms will be distributed at all masses.</u>

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Lenten Confessions at Incarnation Church: Monday, April 11th, 6:30-7:30pm. Lenten Confessions at Corpus Christi Church: Mon., April 11th from 8:30am –9:30am. Holy Week Confessions at Incarnation Church: Holy Saturday from 11-12noon

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday: Consider full participation in the beautiful liturgies.

(<u>Holy Thursday</u>) 4/14, The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm, with Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to follow at Corpus Christi Church.

(<u>Good Friday</u>) 4/15, The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Communion at 3pm at Incarnation Church.

(<u>Holy Saturday</u>) 4/16, (Easter Vigil) 8pm, This includes the Mass of Easter at Corpus Christi Church. (<u>Easter Sunday</u>) 4/17, Masses will be held at 8:30am & 10:30am at Incarnation Church and 8am and 10:15am at Corpus Christi Church.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. This Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the church in the Holy Land.

The second collection next weekend will be a special Easter Second Collection. Envelopes for that second collection can be found in this week's bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.



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 difference!! Tours will be available & faculty,

students & parents will be on hand to answer ?'s. The school encompasses PreK3 through 8th grade. Visit our website, corpuschristischoolct.org or call the school office at 860-529-5487.

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 Holy Trinity Church.....Hartford Monday-Friday

12:05PM No Mass on Wednesdays

Things you can do to Help our Planet: April 22nd is Earth Day. Global warming is a known fact and is increasing. There are many simple things that can be done to help save our earth. The following are some things you can do to help decrease the effects of global climate change: turn off lights, all appliances, and the computer when not in use; take a bus, ride a bike, or walk instead of driving a car; talk to your family and friends about global warming; plant trees to help reduce greenhouse gases because they absorb carbon dioxide from the air; recycle as much as you can; buy products and appliances that are energy star rated; buy recyclable products instead of non-recyclable ones because it usually takes less energy to make recycled products than to make new ones; use solar energy; use less plastic and paper products; don't print out receipts at the ATM, gas station, etc.; don't keep the water running when you brush your teeth, etc. All of these things will help save our planet from the growing effects of global climate change that is human induced.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Christ the King Parish will be welcoming The Scally Brothers, who will perform for us after 5:15pm Mass on May 1st. We are in need of help. We are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks. If interested in volunteering, contact Spencer Malley at 860-919-6125, or spencer.malley@uconn.edu. Thank you!



PRAYER CORNER

THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S LOVE

From the proclamation of the Gospel at the beginning of the liturgy, we know that today is different, not only because we hear two Gospel passages, or because we hold palms and move in procession. Today begins Holy Week, a time set apart, a week in which to listen, pray, reflect, and take to heart the truth of Christ's

passion, crucifixion, death, and ultimately, resurrection. It takes a week, and a lifetime, to truly hear the message of Christ's love. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus willingly sacrificed himself, so we must hear the story again and again. Let this week be for us a new moment of faith in which we, together with the criminal who was crucified with Christ, cry out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God

filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11). Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Monday: Monday of Holy Week Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence; Income Tax Day; Passover begins Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 - 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 10, 2022 The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. — Isaiah 50:7a

Thank you so much for your thoughtful donations to Bunnies for Hunnies. The Bunnies were delivered to Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Boston Children's, Saint Francis Hospital NICU, and numerous shelters in surrounding communities. Your support provided comfort and smiles for so many children! The Vass Family

<u>Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi Church)</u>,

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 fur-

ther 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.

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.

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.

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. Page Six

Pastor's Corner - April 10, 2022

"At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.'... Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

As we enter into this most holy week and reflect on the intense sufferings of Jesus, I found these words of Nadia Bolz-Weber, a Lutheran pastor, to be insightful and meaningful and challenging as we walk with Jesus through Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

"Never once have I stopped being afraid just because someone said that.

I AM afraid. . . .

So maybe our hope for becoming unafraid is found in . . . the part where Jesus calls Herod a fox and then refers to himself as a mother hen.

A mother hen.

Maybe that beautiful image of God could mean something important for us: and by us I mean we fragile, vulnerable human beings who face very real danger. I can't bear to say that this scripture is a description of what behaviors and attitudes you could imitate if you want to be a good, not-afraid person. But neither can I tell you that the Mother Hen thing means that God will protect you from Herod or that God is going to keep bad things from happening to you. Because honestly, nothing actually keeps danger from being dangerous.

A mother hen cannot actually keep a determined fox from killing her chicks. So where does that leave us? I mean, if danger is real, and a hen can't actually keep their chicks out of danger, then what good is this image of God as Mother Hen if faith in her can't make us safe?

Well, today I started to think that maybe it's not *safety* that keeps us from being afraid. Maybe it's *love*.

Which means that a Mother Hen of a God doesn't keep foxes from being dangerous . . . a Mother Hen of a God keeps foxes from being what determines how we experience the unbelievably beautiful gift of being alive.

God the Mother Hen gathers all of her downy feathered, vulnerable little ones under God's protective wings so that we know where we belong, because it is there that we find warmth and shelter.

But Faith in God does not bring you safety.

The fox still exists.

Danger still exists.

And by that I mean, danger is not optional, but fear is.

Because maybe the opposite of fear isn't bravery. Maybe the opposite of fear is love. So in the response to our own Herods, in response to the very real dangers of this world we have an invitation as people of faith: which is to respond by loving."

Faith Formation

Congratulations to our 46 children who received **<u>First Reconciliation</u>** on April 2nd at Incarnation Church. <u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> is this Sunday at the 10:30am Mass at Incarnation. Maura Buyak will preside.



<u>A Very BIG Thank you</u>...to all who contributed to the snack drive. St. Martin de Porres House & Wethersfield Food Bank were so grateful for all the snacks received. We are so blessed to have such generous parishioners! <u>Easter Food Collection</u>

Social Action Committee's annual Easter Food Collection **is this weekend** to provide Easter meal items/restock food pantries. This is a total parish effort with the Religious ED program/Corpus Christi School having already collected certain food items. Social Action Committee is asking for hams & basic staples, rice, bags of potatoes, bars of cheese, crackers, canned vegetables, soups, tuna, & Easter candy/cookies. Any of these will be gratefully appreciated. If you would prefer to donate money, please place the donation in an envelope marked "Easter Meal" & place in altar basket or mail to CTK's rectory. Please bring donations to the vestibule of CTK by 11am Sun., April 10th. Food will go to St. Augustine Church, Sacred Heart/Maria Reina de la Paz, St. Martin de Porres Catholic Worker House & Town of Weth. **Thank you to all who donated to the Social Action Committee sandwich collection at Christ the King Parish last** weekend. Next collection is 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 a 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 very popular....Sandwiches are individually wrapped, put back in bread wrapper, twist-tied, & placed in box in church foyer.

Social Action Committee Meeting: Tues., April 19th - 7 pm, St. Joseph's Hall at Corpus Christi Church. Join us, as help is always needed. If you are unable to attend the meeting & wish to get involved, please call Nancy Kiely, committee chair at 860-989-5548 (cell), 860-721-0197 (home), or email nkiely80331@cox.net . We are most grateful to parishioners, Corpus Christi School & Religious Education, who so generously support our Social Action projects. There are two approaches in modern Christian tradition on how to respond to suffering of peoples: works of mercy and social action. When we see people hurting, our instinct is to help, such as how people come together as a community during natural disasters. We perform works of mercy by directly helping others. The corporal works of mercy are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick, shelter the homeless, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. By following the works of mercy, we will become the persons God meant us to be. But we must also continually work for justice to help find solutions to the social problems that cause people to be homeless.

Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is a world-wide public health issue, which violates the sanctity, dignity, & fundamental rights of the human person, one of our principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Anyone can become a victim regardless of sex, age, race, citizenship status, socioeconomic level or educational achievement. Pope Francis described human trafficking or modern-day slavery as "a scourge that wounds the dignity of our weakest brothers & sisters." The Holy Father appeals to each of us "to open our eyes, to see the misery of those who are completely deprived of their dignity/freedom, and to hear their cry for help & help them". What can you do? Become a Partner or Mentor through the Care & Support Program, a joint effort by The Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM) & The Underground. This is a great thing for families with teenage children to do, or for any adult. 4 of us from the Social Action Committee have signed up to be a Partner. As a partner, you may be asked to send encouragement notes/holiday cards to your mentee, provide a holiday gift or food items & to pray for the mentee. The OCSJM is keeping a list of available partners, including individuals or groups of individuals. To become a partner call Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, Lynn Campbell, Director, lynn.campbell@aohct.org or 860-242-5573. Lynn will contact The Underground & you will be assigned a victim of human trafficking who is on their journey towards independent living.

ENCOUNTER HOW WE ARE ALL SISTERS AND BROTHERS

During Lent, we traveled to Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda, where families are doing some pretty amazing things. Let's review what we learned: We all have dreams. What we do to achieve those dreams makes a difference in our lives & the lives of those we love. Raúl and Lilian in Guatemala achieved their dream of starting a business. Now they hope to grow that business so others can benefit. Noornobi in Bangladesh wanted to help his family succeed. Now his niece & nephew can attend school and work towards their dreams. Gloriose and her husband in Rwanda wanted their children to attend a good school. Now they earn enough money to make that happen. Many children around the world are malnourished, so their parents/communities are going the extra mile to make sure they get better. Sometimes it takes hard work and a desire to learn new things to succeed. On this Holy week there's still plenty of time to continue the three pillars of prayer, fasting & almsgiving to grow with God and our sisters & brothers around the world. We have to practice these pillars regularly—even when it's not Lent. Let us reflect on the theme. As part of God's family, we are all sisters and brothers, no matter where we live. How can we show love and care for our sisters and brothers around the world? *RETURN DONATIONS (in check form) TO ALTAR BASKET (AT FOOT OF Lenten Cross at Corpus Christi) OR COLLECTION BASKETS AT EITHER CHURCH DURING MASS. Please return by 4/16& 17. Thank you and God Bless!*





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