

JESUS CAME AND STOOD IN THEIR MIDST AND SAID TO THEM, "PEACE BE WITH YOU."

JOHN 20:19

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 24, 2022

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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, April 23rd

5:00pm- Gerry Mendoza and Joseph & Amelia Massed

Sunday, April 24th

8:30am— Christopher Barnoski and Charlie & Millie Christadore
10:30am—Philomena Discenza

Monday, April 25th

9:00am—For all our parishioners

Tuesday, April 26th

9:00am-Frank Carlino

Wednesday, April 27th

9:00am-Olivia Scacca DeRosa

Thursday, April 28th

9:00am- Delfino Moco

Friday, April 29th

9:00am - Mary C. Finn

Saturday, April 30th

5:00pm—Beth Phillips Kempf & the Deceased members of the Burgie & Phillips Families

Sunday, May 1st

8:30am- Frank & Anna Dicenza

10:30am-Peter LaCava

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 4/25/2022–5/1/2022 in memory of William Wright.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will

burn from 4/25/2022—5/1/2022 in memory of the Deceased members of the Carlino & Daley Families.

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 Broad Street Green, weather permitting; otherwise in Corpus Christi Church.

Christ the King PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Meets the 1st & 3rd Thurs., 1pm, St. Joseph Hall, Corpus Christi Church. Mary Scott: mlvscott33@yahoo.com.



<u>Transition Team News</u>: Please join us for a Meet & Greet Coffee Hour this Sunday, April 24th after 10:30am mass in Fr. Crawford Hall at Incarnation Church. Refreshments/continental breakfast will be served. We want to hear from you! Transition Team email: incarnation.ctk@gmail.com.

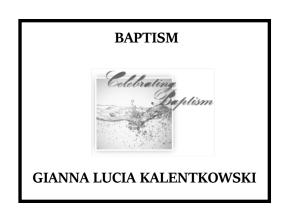
Thank you to all who were so generous with your Easter Gifts, Food, Easter Flower

Envelopes and the Easter Collections. We are truly blessed with such kind parishioners!

Women's Club General Meeting

Thursday, April 28th, 2pm - Fr. Crawford Hall Caryn Davis is a journalist and award-winning photographer whose images and articles have appeared in publications worldwide. She will present a program featuring her new book *Connecticut Waters: Celebrating Our Coastline and Waterways.* The book is a tribute to Connecticut's maritime roots, both past and present. The book takes readers on a nautical journey exploring the many ways Nutmeggers use our lakes, rivers, sounds and shores for industry, education and recreation. Through her first hand stories and antidotes, Caryn will showcase how these waterways have defined our culture and shaped our heritage as a state. Members, friends and guests are welcome.

There will be a drive by House of Bread collection next Sunday, May 1st from 8am—11am outside of Fr. Crawford Hall sponsored by our Faith Formation Classes. Coffee & sugar requested. Thank you!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Christ the King Parish will be welcoming The Scally Brothers, who will perform Christian music 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. Contact Spencer Malley at 860-919-6125, or spencer.malley@uconn.edu. Thanks!

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. 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?

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<u>Easter Communion Regulation</u>: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.

AOH April Food Drive

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 is sponsoring a Food Drive on Sunday, April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Collection will take place at Christ the King in the parking lot that is between the church and the middle school. This drive is part of the regular parish food collection. We will be there after the 10:15 a.m. Mass for anyone that wants to donate. The food will be given to the pantry at Saint Augustine Church in Hartford. Please bring non-perishable items with canned meats and soup in the greatest need in addition to pinto and pink beans. We are also looking to collect cooking oils, spices and condiments. Thanks to all for your generosity!

We have <u>Low Gluten</u> Hosts for parishioners who need them. Please let the priest know prior to Mass of your request.

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.

<u>PAY OF EDUCATION: For Parish Pro-Life</u>
<u>Representatives and Advocates</u>: Saturday, April 30th - 9am-3pm at St. Gregory the Great CCD Center, 1043 Stafford Avenue, Bristol, CT. Call (860) 589-2295 for details.



PRAYER CORNER

DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feast-

ing, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter; or Sunday of Divine Mercy;

Monday: St. Mark

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day
Thursday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de
Montfort; Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Friday: St. Catherine of Siena; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Pius V

Second Sunday of Easter

(or Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 24, 2022

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.

Revelation 1:18a

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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.

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.

<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.

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 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.

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Pastor's Corner - April 24, 2022

Happy Easter, everyone.

What, you ask? Did you forget that Easter was <u>last</u> Sunday?

Of course not. It's just that Easter lasts for **FIFTY** days – that's how huge it is for us Christians. Each day is just as celebratory as any of the others. So, 'Happy Easter', everyone. Keep wishing each other a 'Happy Easter' throughout this most joyous season! I write this having just presided at the Easter Vigil. I wanted to express the overwhelming joy that fills my heart at what transpired throughout the Sacred Triduum – how so many people came together from both of our parishes to worship our Lord and God, to give Him thanks for His unending love for us.

So many people stepped forward to share their gifts and talents to help make these foundational days of our faith life so meaningful.

Thank you to the Liturgy Committee who began planning months ago, for those who decorated the churches for the three very different liturgies, for the young people who came to serve the liturgies, for the lectors who **proclaimed** (not just read) the Word for us, for the music ministry, and for the staff of both parishes who worked for weeks to get things just right. All of your work is greatly appreciated, and we are blessed to have you assisting in our parishes.

Today we celebrate 'Doubting Thomas Sunday', a name given to him because of just one comment he made. We really don't know why Thomas was not present that first time Jesus appeared. We <u>do</u> know the other disciples had barricaded themselves in that upper room because of fear — which seems to me to be far worse than doubting. Thomas when he recognized the Risen Jesus, very quickly professed his belief in him.

My prayer for our merging communities is that, having celebrated the joys of Easter, we may be like Thomas – Resurrection people, and coming together give witness to all the world that Jesus **IS** Lord, and allow him to lead us through this life to the Father's Kingdom of true and

lasting peace.



Mass and Meet & Greet with St. Augustine's Church in Hartford...On Sunday, May 1st, Father Walsh & parishioners from St. Augustine's Church, Hartford will attend the 10:15am Mass at Corpus Christi Church & join us for a meet & greet with coffee afterwards. Our parish has been donating food 1-2 times a month to St. Augustine's food pantry in Hartford & the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) has been collecting food/other items for them on a monthly basis. The Social Action Committee decided last year that we wanted to further develop our relationship with St. Augustine's, beyond just giving food & to help break down cultural/racial barriers. Last October, 14 of us from Christ the King attended their 9 am Mass & a meet & greet afterwards. Enjoy the picture of our groups together. Join us May 1st to welcome them to our parish!

Faith Formation Elementary Faith Formation

There will be a Pflaum/Pathways Family Gathering this weekend, Sunday, April 24th, following the social after Mass. We will be talking about the rosary and doing a craft together.



Middle School/High School Faith Formation

Classes for 7/8th grade will be help this weekend from 6-7pm at Corpus Christi School. Class for 9th grade will be held this weekend from 6:30-7:30pm at Corpus Christi School.

Social Action Committee News

Thank you for Easter Food........On behalf of all the people whose Easter was enriched by the VERY GENEROUS food and monetary contributions of Christ the King parishioners, Corpus Christi School and Religious ED, the Social Action Committee extends a heartfelt thank you!!! The school and Religious Ed donated a tremendous amount of nonperishable food. With all of the donations, we were able to distribute about 50 bags of groceries to EACH of the 4 charities: The Town of Wethersfield's Food Pantry, St. Augustine's Food Pantry, Sacred Heart's (Maria Reina de la Paz parish) Food Pantry, and St. Martin de Porres, The Catholic Worker House in Hartford. The picture below shows some of the donations. They were all extremely grateful!! Many thanks to the member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who picked up and delivered the food to St. Augustine's!! St. Martin de Porres also picked up and we delivered the rest of the food to the town and Sacred Heart. A generous \$370 was collected from parishioners, which will be divided amongst the 4 charities. We are very grateful!!

ImmaCare Shelter Sandwiches

The Social Action Committee at Christ the King Parish is collecting sandwiches at masses the wkd. of 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
- Approx. 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, & placed in church foyer box. We are grateful to the Middle School students at Corpus Christi School who have been making over 300 sandwiches each month!!!

What can you do about Human Trafficking?

Here are some ideas of things that you can do to help combat human trafficking, a public health crisis happening in our communities and world wide: Educate yourselves, your children and the community about human trafficking and internet safety. Awareness is critically important to eradicate this.

Advocate for laws that protect children, not their buyers or traffickers. It's time to hold the traffickers and buyers accountable for the harm they are doing. Learn about the Trafficking in Persons Council (TIP), who works with victims of sexual and domestic violence and immigrants and refugees to address behavioral health needs and social justice and human rights. https://ctcwcs.com/trafficking-in-persons-council

Protect- if you see something, say something. Know what your children are doing and where they are. Traffickers thrive on knowing that no one is looking for their victims. Know who your children are interacting with on social media and online. The National Human Trafficking Information and Referral Hotline is: 1-888-373-7888; Text 233733. To report child this abuse or any neglect to the Department of Children and Families (DCF), call 1-800-842-2288. (TDD: 1-800-624-5518) Become a Partner or Mentor through the Care and Support Program, a joint effort by The Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM) and The Underground. This would be a great thing for families with teenage children to do, or for other adults. Four 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 and/or holiday cards to your mentee, provide a holiday gift or food items, and to pray for the mentee. The OCSJM is keeping a list of available partners, including individuals or groups of individuals. To become a partner please contact the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, Lynn Campbell, Director at lynn.campbell@aohct.org or call her at 860-242-5573. Lynn will contact The Underground and you will be assigned a victim of human trafficking who is on their journey towards independent living.

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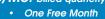
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