God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

— Psalm 47:6

The Church of the Incarnation

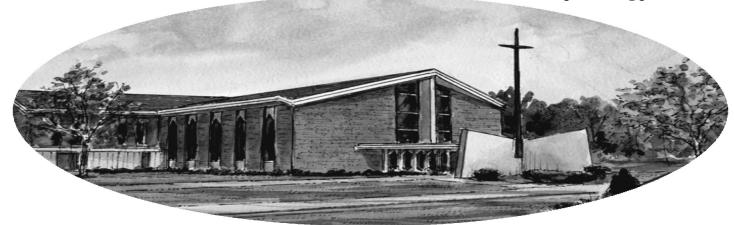
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Mass and Confession Schedule

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 after 10:30am Mass.

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

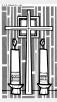


MassVSchedule

Saturday, May 28th 5:00pm-Flora Colasacco Sunday, May 29th 8:30am–Special Intention for Judy Dorsey 10:30am–Concetta & Salvatore Gionfriddo

Monday, May 30th 9:00am—Josephine Witkowsky Tuesday, May 31st 9:00am– For all our parishioners Wednesday, June 1st 9:00am– Raphael J. Vignone & John A. Vignone Jr. Thursday, June 2nd 9:00am- Joseph & Bronia Dudzik Friday, June 3rd 9:00am - Vera & Skip Siegel Saturday, June 4th 5:00pm- Deceased members of the Robinson & **Montanile Families** Sunday, June 5th 8:30am- Prospero R. & Mary Jane DePhillips 10:30am-Josephine & Raymond McMullen, Delia, John K., & John J., Frank & Dr. James O'Brien

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> will burn from 5/30/2022–6/5/2022 in memory of Leonard J. Sr., & Bernadette D'Onofrio.



<u>The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle</u> will burn from 5/30/2022—6/5/2022 in memory of Gianpietro Iacobucci.

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

Church of the Incarnation & Christ the King PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs., 1pm, Fr. Crawford Hall, Incarnation Church. As weather gets warmer, meetings will be on Broad Street Green. Email Mary Scott: mlvscott33@yahoo.com.

Peace be with you. The Lord gives us his Easter peace. Share that peace with someone who needs it. To share the Peace of Christ with His people as a priest, deacon, brother or sister call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, (860) 761-7457, vocations@aohct.org or visit the web: www.hartfordpriest.com.



Archdiocese of Hartford Decree of Merging the following parishes;

Incarnation and Christ the King in Wethersfield, CT. On June 1st, 2022, the parishes of Incarnation & Christ the King in Wethersfield will merge to form a new parish to be known as Christ the King Parish, in accordance with canons 121 & 515 §2 of the Code of Canon. On April 26th, 2022, Archbishop Leonard P. Blair issued a decree effecting the merger of the two parishes in Wethersfield, CT. The decree was read at all Masses May 7th & 8th, 2022 and posted at Incarnation Church, Christ the King Parish and Sacred Heart Church. It is also available on the Archdiocese of Hartford website, under the News/Public notices section, [https:// archdioceseofhartford.org/public-notices/].

Canonical recourse may be made within the peremptory time limit of ten (10) days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (c. 1734 §2).

<u>The Second Collection this weekend</u> is the Catholic Communication Campaign.

The Incarnation rectory office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in honor of Memorial Day. May God bless all those who fought to protect our freedom!

The Feast of Pentecost: On Saturday, June 4th at the 5pm Mass & Sunday, June 5th at the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses at Incarnation, members of our faith community will offer the petitions of the Universal Prayer in their ethnic language representing the Spirit's Gift of Tongues. We invite parishioners from Christ the King and Incarnation to offer one of the petitions in their ethnic language. Please email Audrey at ahsaharek@cox.net to volunteer.

PARISH PICNIC: We are looking forward to our picnic following 10:30am Mass on Sunday, June 5th at Incarnation Church. The picnic is free & all are welcome but we ask that you let us know how many are coming by signing the sheets as you exit the church this weekend. You may call Incarnation (860) 529-2533 to sign up as well or to volunteer to help with the event. Thanks and hope to see you there!

<u>We are searching for volunteers</u> to help water our lovely <u>outdoor</u> gardens. You will be assigned a specific section. Call Tony Colasacco at (860) 836-3064.

<u>Thank you to the Incarnation Women's Club</u> for making a \$100.00 donation for flowers for First Communion.

Building a new Parish from Incarnation & Christ the <u>King.....</u>Q: Where can I find updated merger information? A: The Transition Team has a Communication Committee. They are sharing info. via the bulletin, websites, Facebook, (facebook.com/ChristtheKingCT), email, announcements at Mass. Questions? Send email to incarnation.ctk@gmail.com.

Wise Judgement

"Wise judgement is the ability to make decisions according to a well-formed conscience and the willingness to carry out decisions" Anonymous. "When everything is at risk, good judgement, not haste, makes the difference between life and death. Panic is the enemy" Greg Iles.

Once a lion was found trapped in a cage and he was hungry. A holy man, who happened to pass by the way, took pity on the poor animal and opened the door of the cage and let him out. Instead of thanking him, the ungrateful lion pounced on the poor man with intention of eating him alive. The man tried to free himself from the big lion, but he was no match for the animal. Now the holy man was crying for help.

An old fox happened to pass by, but seeing a dangerous hostage standoff, he pretended to continue his onward journey as if he was in a hurry to go somewhere, although, his intention was to teach a lesson to the irrational lion and save the innocent man. Both the lion and the man asked the fox to be a fair judge to resolve the situation. The fox reluctantly agreed and asked both of them to explain how the conflict started. Each one gave his version. After hearing their stories came the moment of truth. Before pronouncing the final verdict, the fox asked the lion to show him once again how he was seen inside the cage, seated or standing. The lion foolishly agreed and entered the cage once again. That was the moment the fox was waiting for. He casually approached it, under the pretext of inspecting the condition of the cage, gently closed the door and locked it from the outside. All along the lion thought it was a mock trial. But no it wasn't! Seriously, the fox was on a man-saving mission!

The holy man thanked the fox for his fair judgement. The fox whispered in his ears "quit being an idiot" and walked away. The lion's life became more miserable than before.

We have all heard about the wise judgement of King Solomon, how one woman (not the real mother) wanted the child to be cut into two, and the other woman (the real mother of the child) spared the life by letting go, to save the life of the innocent baby. Solomon, in his God-given wisdom, discerned the true feeling of the true mother and passed the right judgement.

Unfortunately, today we hear about the rou over the "Roe vs Wade"

"Make no judgements where you have no compassion"

"Problems may only be avoided by exercising good judgement. Good judgement may only be gained by experiencing life's problems" Jim Stovell

"Making good judgements when one has complete data, facts and knowledge is not leadership-it is book keeping" Dee Hock

Wethersfield Hunger Action Team (HAT)

The Social Action Committee is fortunate to have one member, Maria Alfonso, who participates in Wethersfield HAT. Hunger Action Teams, part of Foodshare, are coalitions that bring people from various communities together to develop local solutions to hunger. Their mission is to develop and implement local solutions to empower our neighbors to be food secure. This is done by leveraging local resources and developing relationships to raise awareness about hunger, connecting services to make it easier for people to get help, and launching new initiatives that strengthen each community's capacity to meet local needs. This comprehensive solution to hunger requires seeking out new avenues of collaboration to create the greatest possible impact. HAT members include individuals struggling with hunger, nonprofit organizations, town government, the faith community, local businesses, food donors & concerned individuals. On a recent Facebook post, Wethersfield HAT thanked the members of Christ the King Church for their participation in

the Dazzling Dozen food drive for the month of May, which our parish has participated in since the program's inception in 2018. Representing Christ the King, Mary Jane Densmore said "Our church has a basic commitment to help those in the margins. We believe that hunger should never be an issue in our country or in our town."

The Wethersfield Hunger Action Team is in need of more volunteers to serve on the committee. If interested contact Wethersfield HAT on Facebook or the Community Network Builders for all of HAT, Sarah Hill at 860-286-9999.

Blessing Bags for Homeless: We are assembling blessing bags for the homeless in June. These bags will be distributed to many shelters in the greater Hartford area helping those in need during the summer months. Here is a link to purchase the needed items on Amazon. https://www.amazon.com/hz/ wishlist/ls/35FBZ8PQW7UJT?ref_=wl_share -Help is needed for homeless bags!!! Do you have an hour to spare on June 1st at 1pm? If so, please join us in St. Joseph's Hall (basement of Corpus Christi) to assemble 400+ bags for the homeless. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated! Any questions, call Mary Jane Densmore at 860-965-9690. Thanks!

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

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



PRAYER CORNER

SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterword to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time com-

panions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11). Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47). Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23. Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Monday: Memorial Day Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday: St. Justin Thursday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Friday Saturday: First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31: Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25 Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Ascension of the Lord At the Mass during the Day Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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. The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council, James J Gannon #4193 is always looking for Catholic men to join Knights of Columbus. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, you can go to KofC.org/joinus and enter your information and enter our council number 4193 to start the process. For information call Jeff Lojko at 860-965-8036.

AOH June Food Drive: The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 is sponsoring a Food Drive on Sunday, June 12 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!

<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.

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

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

Due to the merger of Incarnation & Christ the King Parish details are still being worked out and we will not begin accepting 2023 Masses, Sanctuary & Blessed Virgin Mary Candles until August of 2022. Incarnation Church still has some 2022 candles available. Christ the King Parish has some 2022 candles/Masses available. Call either parish to book.

Pastor's Corner - May 29, 2022

Happy Memorial Day! Together we give thanks for the lives of all those who paid the 'ultimate price' for our freedom, for our rights, for all that we enjoy in this great land of ours! While it is indeed the official 'start of summer', make sure take some time in the midst of the picnics and family gatherings



to say a prayer of thanks for our service men and women who died in the line of duty protecting and defending us and our democracy. And let us pray for those they have left behind as well, asking the Risen Lord to bless and console them.

Happy 7th week of Easter as well! So much has happened since Easter Sunday that we kind of forget the fact that it is indeed still Easter. And having gathered on Thursday to celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus (most of the country celebrates that today – but for some unknown reason we here in the northeast, Pennsylvania, and Nebraska have not moved it to today!?), we now use these ten days to pray in a more intense way for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit which come upon His Church at Pentecost!

We will conclude our Easter celebration next Sunday with that celebration of Pentecost. It commemorates the birthday of the Church, the day on which Jesus sent the Paraclete – the Helper – to assist his disciples in carrying out his mission and proclaiming the Good News to all the ends of the earth!

As we have renewed our Baptismal Promises at Mass every day during Easter, we have been reminded that we are Jesus' disciples in the world today, and that we too have been commissioned by Jesus to bring the Good News into every part of **our** world.

In God's great Wisdom and Timing, this will also be the very first weekend of our new merged Parish of Christ the King! And so we pray in a very special way that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will fill each of **our** hearts and minds, strengthening **us** to go forth and build His Church here in Wethersfield. Jesus has not abandoned or orphaned us. He **has** sent **us** his Holy Spirit to lead **us** and guide **us** in all things – IF we let him!

Together let us pray: Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of us, your faithful! Kindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, and we **shall** be re-created. And You **shall** renew the face of the earth!

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 you 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!

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ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-6): Online registration begins soon for 2022/23. MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL Grades(7-9)-Classes complete.

Drive By House of Bread Collection Sunday, June 5th, 8–11am outside Fr. Crawford Hall. Coffee/sugar needed.

Social Action Committee News

Caring for creation by recycling our resources (Part 1)

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* 'calls us to renew our gratitude and care for the earth, our common (and amazing) home. Caring for God's creation includes caring for our stuff, when it's no longer useable. <u>Here are some pointers for curbside recycling:</u> <u>Plastic bags & other plastic film</u>: Keep it out of the blue bin! (At recycling plants, those plastic bags will get wrapped around processing equipment rollers and jam them up. Clearing the jams is time-intensive & dangerous for plant workers.

Instead, just put your recyclables directly into the blue bin – skip the bag. For clean plastic bags that can't be used anymore, drop them off at your local supermarket or other participating retailer (e.g., Stop & Shop, Big Y, Target, Kohl's).

Styrofoam: Ditto – keep it out of the blue bin. (It also wreaks havoc at the recycling plant.) Put it in the trash.

For more blue bin basics, the Town of Wethersfield has a handy guide (wethersfieldct.gov – search for Recycling). The guide also applies for most nearby cities and towns. Watch for more handy tips in future bulletins.

The Justice Prayer

Come, O Holy Spirit! Come, open us to the wonder, beauty, and dignity of the diversity found in each culture, in each face, and in each experience we have of the other among us. Come, fill us with generosity

as we are challenged to let go and allow others to share with us

the goods and beauty of earth.

Come, heal the divisions that keep us from seeing the face of Christ in all men, women, and children.

Come, free us to stand with and for those

who must leave their own lands in order to find work, security, and welcome in a new land, one that has enough to share. Come, bring us understanding, inspiration, wisdom, and the courage needed to embrace change and stay on the journey.

Come, O Holy Spirit, show us the way. Amen

(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops • Justice for Immigrants Campaign)

Sandwich Collection June 4th & 5th

The monthly sandwich collection for ImmaCare, Inc's Outreach Program is next wkd., June 4/5. There is a great need for sandwiches throughout the summer months. Thanks to everyone who makes sandwiches. We give special thanks to the higher grades at Corpus Christi School, who continue to make 300+ sandwiches each month. The following is the guide on how to make them:

• Any type of bread may be used.

Mental Health Awareness

• 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, & placed in box in church foyer at Christ the King.

Tips from our friends at <u>Keep the Promise</u>, who advocate to improve our mental health systems, because awareness is not enough! romise receives funding from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

ealth conditions face oppression and discrimination by our economic, medical, legal, and other

iental health conditions are dismissed because of their diagnoses. Don't dismiss what they have to

treated, not believed, or forcibly treated, it is reasonable for them to be upset. These emotions are not symptoms, and not reason to dismiss people with mental illness.



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