Pentecost SUNDAY

June 5, 2022

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There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

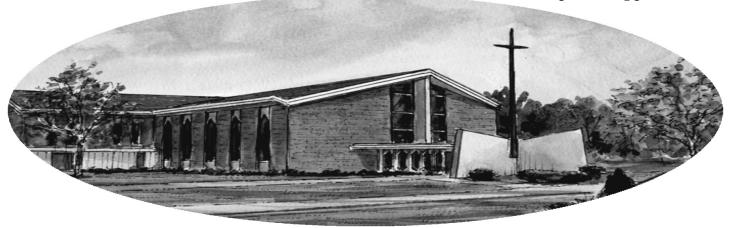
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Mass and Confession Schedule

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

Mass\Schedule

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

Monday, June 6th

9:00am—For all our deceased parishioners & benefactors

Tuesday, June 7th

9:00am- Deceased members of the Sabatini Family

Wednesday, June 8th

9:00am - For all our parishioners

Thursday, June 9th

9:00am– Cornelio & Ida Battaini and James & Rita Doyle

Friday, June 10th

9:00am - Angela & Angelo Nicotera and the deceased members of the Orsini & Nicotera Family

Saturday, June 11th

5:00pm— Alice Franconi & the deceased members of the Franconi Family

Sunday, June 12th

8:30am – Edna Levesque 10:30am – Luigi Lucci

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 6/6/2022–6/12/2022 in memory of Phyllis Baker.

<u>The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle</u> will burn from 6/6/2022—6/12/2022 in memory of George Beers.

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, on the 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://

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).

archdioceseofhartford.org/public-notices/].

The Feast of Pentecost: This 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.

<u>PARISH PICNIC</u>: We look forward to our picnic following 10:30am Mass this Sunday, June 5th at Incarnation Church.

<u>The Women's Club cooking team</u> will cook from 1-3pm this Monday, June 6th in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Men's Club will meet this Wednesday, June 8th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. We welcome parishioners!

The Second Collection next weekend will be the monthly collection.

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

Building a new Parish from Incarnation & Christ the King......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.

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

With the end of the current school year fast approaching, many families start visualizing the next step in their student's life. We see that in an increased number of inquiries. We would like to assure all the prospective families that we do have rolling admissions and we do accept students to all grade levels. For more information, visit our website: echs.com.

Love God's creatures!!

"Be kind to everything that lives. Live compassion"

Buddhist Teaching

The children never stop surprising us in many ways. On a rainy day I found our parish school children gently picking up earth worms that were out on the playground to bring them to a safer place. I was happy to see them showing great respect to those wriggling creatures that are considered as the "friends of farmers". Yes, they are, because they loosen the soil and make the ploughing a lot easier.

As a missionary in Argentina in 1991, I worked in rural areas where people have respect for animals and birds. Even the wild pigeons and parrots nestle freely inside their ranchos. They take care and protect them with love. On a hot summer day, I was having lunch with the school kids of the village, when a group of poachers came to that place for entrapping the most beautiful and exotic 'red-headed Cardenales'. The school teacher, along with the children and some elders prevented them from capturing those birds. It's a pleasure to watch the birds gather in large numbers during lunch time to feed on breadcrumbs the kids provide them.

On another occasion, in India, a ruthless hunter shot and wounded a crow just for sport. Once again, I could witness the love and kindness of the little school kids who tried to revive the mortally wounded crow but in vain. "The human animal is not the only being on earth who possesses the ability to express love and emotion" "Our goal is not just an environment of clean air and water and scenic beauty. The objective is an environment of decency, quality and mutual respect for all other human beings and all other living creatures".

Garylord Nelson

Illegal poaching has caused the disappearance of many species of birds and animals and has caused ecological imbalance. Some of the animals such as the Bengal tigers are on the verge of extinction. Only through a combined effort can these beautiful animal species be saved. "Respect all living things, and never take what you cannot give back, or destroy what you cannot create".

Byrant McGill

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men"

St. Francis of Assisi

See next column.....

To many people, 'biodiversity' is almost synonymous with the word 'nature', and 'nature' brings to mind steamy forests and big creatures that dwell there. Fair enough. But biodiversity is much more than that, for it encompasses not only the diversity of species, but also diversity within the species"

Gary Fowler.

"Avoiding harm to all creatures, is true knowledge. All else is ignorance"

"Having a soft heart in a cruel world is not a weakness. It's courage" Anonymous Author. "Animals have no voice. They can't ask for help. They can't ask for freedom. They can't ask for protection. Humanity must be their voice"

A.D. Williams.

God has created animals and birds with a purpose. They too reveal the glory of God. We have the obligation to protect them and maintain the ecological balance of our blue planet which is Home for all creatures to live in harmony.

Fr. Zack

Blessing Bags for Homeless: We are assembling blessing bags for the homeless this month. 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 -

Questions, call Mary Jane Densmore at 860-965-9690.

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

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



BAPTISM LILIANA ROSA SELM



PRAYER CORNER

THE SPIRIT'S ACTIVE POWER

The mystery of the Trinity refers to one God in three persons. We frequently acknowledge Jesus as "the second person of the Trinity," but referring also to the Spirit as a "person" comes less naturally. In religious art, the Holy Spirit often appears as a dove or, as in today's reading from the Acts of the

Apostles, tongues of fire. Much rarer are images of the Spirit as a "person" in recognizable human form. Today's readings do not settle the issue of how to picture the Spirit, but they certainly give shape to the Spirit's active power in the world and in each human heart. In Acts, the Spirit enables people to speak and understand a variety of languages. Paul's letter to the Corinthians praises the Spirit for all kinds of spiritual gifts, services, and "workings." Finally, in John's Gospel, Jesus calls the Spirit our Advocate and our divine teacher.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or Romans 8:8-17.

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or John 14:15-16, 23b-26.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: I Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;

Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10;

Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5;

Jn 16:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church;

Tenth Week in Ordinary Time Thursday: St. Ephrem Saturday: St. Barnabas

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Pentecost Sunday

At the Mass during the Day
O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth

across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
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 next 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.

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.

You are cordially invited to a Gala Dinner/Dance

to support the Senior Priests & Religious Brothers of the SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE HOLY APOSTLES...Join us for apps, open bar, sit-down dinner, dancing/silent auction. Live Music by Steven Maglio and His Band "A Night of Sinatra Music" FRI., JUNE 17th—6-11PM, ST. CLEMENTS CASTLE PORTLAND, CT....Tickets \$175 per person...website: https://msa-usa.org Contact Marie Fischetti at 860-930-1404.

Pastor's Corner – June 5, 2022

Pastor's Corner

As we enter into Ordinary Time once again in our liturgical year, it is important to remember that the process of living out our baptismal promises is a life-long process, and does not end just because Easter has concluded. Jesus sent us the Paraclete, the Helper, the Holy Spirit to enable us to continue to build his Kingdom.

Fr. Richard Rohr shares the view of Brian McLaren (author, speaker, theologian) who invites us to heed the words of the prophet Micah:

"O human being, this is what God desires for you. That you do justice. That you love kindness. That you walk humbly in the presence of your God.

"Micah", he says, "turns a religious question into a human question.

Christians very much like to call Jesus the 'Son of God'. Jesus preferred to call himself the 'Son of Man'. There are many layers of meaning to the term. But the simplest and most obvious is this: a son of humanity is a human being. If you want to put a finer point on it, 'son of' means 'the essence of' or perhaps, 'a new generation of'.

"Jesus is saying that he represents the essence of humanity, a new generation of humanity, a new kind of human being. In this light, his constant invitation, 'follow me', means 'imitate me' and 'join me on my journey toward a new way of being human'.

"In that light, I hope you will aspire to be a humble human being – religiously.

"I hope you will desire to be a kind human being, because, that person you call your enemy - that person is part of your family, part of your species, part of your story, part of your kind.

"And in addition to being a humble and kind human being, I hope you will aspire to being a just human being. Don't seek power over others to control or exploit them or harm them. Instead, use whatever power that comes your way for the common good, so that all people everywhere can share equal justice and equal dignity. Seek justice. Love justice. Do justice. Be a just human being - religiously.

"When I say religiously, I mean intentionally, seeking out practices that promote justice, kindness, and humility. And I mean collaboratively, joining or building communities or networks that promote those practices."

As we begin our first week as the new Christ the King Parish, my prayer for all of us is that we will come together to do just that here in Wethersfield – joining together to do the work of Jesus, meeting the needs of all those around us, knowing we are all brothers and sisters walking the exact same journey.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-6): Online registration available 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 2)

As Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* reminds us, God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. God charges us to be are stewards of this gift. That means learning to recognize and move beyond the "throwaway culture" that has grown into our daily lives. Last week's bulletin notice covered curbside recycling; this notice will cover some less frequent but common stewardship challenges.

<u>Old computers, TVs, and other electronics</u>: Bring these to the Town of Wethersfield transfer station on Marsh Street (hours: M-F 9:00-2:45, Sat. 8:00-3:45).

Paint (oil or latex): Two nearby retailers (Ring's End and Sherwin Williams) take old paint (oil or latex) in cans. No spray cans, or leaking, unlabeled or empty containers.

<u>Furniture:</u> Many options here: Ends2Meet (https://www.facebook.com/Ends2meet/) is a terrific local volunteer group that picks up and distributes good-condition furniture to local people in need. The Salvation Army store on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington takes donations of good-condition furniture, and also has a pick-up service for furniture and other items (https://satruck.org/schedule-pickup). The Goodwill store on Main Street in Glastonbury also takes furniture donations. (The Goodwill store in Rocky Hill no longer does, due to limited store space.)

Got an oddball item? Check out "What Do I Do With" page on state Dept. of Environmental Protection website.

Sandwich Collection June 4th & 5th

The monthly sandwich collection for ImmaCare, Inc's Outreach Program is this weekend, June 4th & 5th. There is a great need for sandwiches throughout the summer months. Thank you very much 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.
- 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 at Christ the King.

Christ The King Social Action Committee, is organizing a collection on June 18th & 19th. Please consider making a monetary donation to benefit the Hawkwing Organization. Rochelle Ripley, has worked with love and passion for the Hawkwing organization for many years. It all started with a promise she made to her grandmother to help Native Americans. Hawkwing is a nonprofit organization and their main effort is to help the Lakota Indian tribe on the Cheyenne River Sioux, in South Dakota. They have a high suicide rate in this reservation and are rampant in poverty with high struggles for survival due to unemployment and other aspects of low income and life events. Hawkwing, provides help and support through the grace and aide of our community. Hawkwing, has helped this reservation over many years with food/medical attention as well as education, housing, recreation center and other services. Envelopes will be at Church entrances. For information contact: Ellie Ellegard - (860) 830-1126. Please make checks payable to the Christ the King Social Action Committee and mark the envelope "Hawkwing." To mail donations to the rectory please send to: 84 Somerset St. Wethersfield, CT 06109. Thank you!

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