

**Ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door
will be opened to you.**

LUKE 11:9

**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

JULY 28, 2019

The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



Rev. James M. Moran
Pastor

Mrs. Noranne Wamester
Pastoral Associate
Director of Faith Formation

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Mrs. Filomena Marinelli
Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation Gr. K-6

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Coordinator of Middle School
Faith Formation Gr. 7-12
Youth Minister

Mrs. Marguerite Devitt
Faith Formation Secretary
Rectory Office Assistant

Mrs. Theodora Niver
Director of Music

Vanessa Crowley.....Lorissa Heath
Rosanne Sweeney Gowdy.....Andrew Russo
Heather Picard.....Gianna Bielenda
Cantors

Marguerite Heinimann
Rectory Assistant

Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15p.m.
Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Daily Mass: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 a.m.
Recitation of the Rosary before
9:00 a.m. daily Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

By previous appointment by calling the rectory.
Sundays at 12:30 p.m.
Celebrated in the Baptistry
of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Weddings

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

New Parishioners and Faith Formation Registration

The Church of the Incarnation
welcomes new parishioners.
All forms are available at the
main entrance of the church.

Please mail or place in the collection basket.
You may also visit our website for printable forms at:
www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH

5:00pm—Elisa Gulioso

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH

8:30am—Deceased members of the
Camilliere & DiSilvestro Families

10:30am—Anna & Harold Bannon, Sr.

MONDAY, JULY 29TH

9:00am— Fred & Joanne Lepore

TUESDAY, JULY 30TH

9:00am— Salvatore & Antonino Tarascio

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST

9:00am— Angela Canneto

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND

9:00am— Barbara Riccio

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

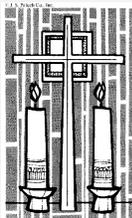
5:00pm—Sally & George D'Esopo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

8:30am—Lidia DiCioccio

10:30am—Raymond Kelley

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 7/29/2019–8/4/2019 in memory of Fred & Joanne Lepore.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 7/29/2019—8/4/2019 in memory of Lidia DiCioccio.



The Lector Ministry of The Church of the Incarnation invites juniors/seniors in high school or college students who are commuting from home to consider becoming a lector. It is a beautiful ministry and training is given to prepare one to proclaim God's Holy Word at Mass on the weekend. If you feel called to this ministry, please call Noranne Wamester at (860)529-6765 for more detailed information.

Mission Co-Op Appeal:

Next weekend August 3rd & 4th we will welcome The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette Bishop Donald Pelletier to our parish who will speak at all the masses about his mission work. Bishop Donald has served in Madagascar for over 50 years.

Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. *"They went forth and preached everywhere"* (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life – beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, *"Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people,"* echo Jesus' Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission orientated. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and the Philippines. With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual & financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor.

"Project Baby Love" collection will be held next weekend, August 3rd & 4th. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. There is a great need for sizes three and four diapers only please. **Baby** wipes are also needed. Thank you.



New On-line Faith Formation Registration

We are so very excited to announce that registration for our 2019-2020 Faith Formation classes will soon be available online! We are currently working on setting up the process. Shortly, you will be able to register and pay for classes online for this fall. We will keep you updated regarding the kick-off day. Thank you for your patience as we prepare for this enhancement to our program!

Little Lambs

The Elementary Faith Formation program is currently looking for one to two Catechists who would like to teach our optional Little Lambs Kindergarten program on Saturday mornings. The program would begin in October and meet every other week through the Spring.

Grade 1 New Students

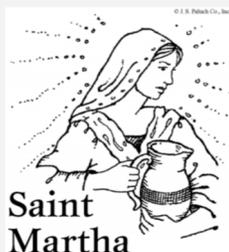
All families with children entering **Grade 1** in the fall or are new to our parish are asked to call the Office of Faith Formation regarding registration for their children in our Faith Formation classes that will begin this fall.

Catechists Needed

We are in need of two lead Catechists for **Grades 1, 3 and 5** for the new school year. As a lead catechist, you are responsible for lesson planning and instruction with the help of facilitators working in small groups. **Grade 1** meets every other week on Saturday mornings from 8:30-9:45 a.m. **Grade 3** meets on alternating Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:15 p.m. and **Grade 5** meets the same day from 6:30-8pm.

Please call the Office of Faith Formation at (860) 529-6765 or email:

lightthewayincarnation@gmail.com" if you are interested in the Little Lambs program, need to register a new student for Faith Formation, or would like to volunteer as a Catechist.



RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

The Church of the Incarnation Respect Life Ministry team gathered in the Spring. Its mission is to bring awareness to the many issues that pertain to the dignity of human

life from the womb to the tomb. Each month a Prayer of the Faithful will be read at each Mass in reference to Respect Life. The same prayer will be read for the entire month at each weekend Mass. The prayer will change monthly.

We pray from Scripture: Jeremiah 1: verse 5: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you." Loving God, you are the Potter and we are the clay. Bless the work of your hand. Let us marvel at your creation. Mold each of us into your perfect will and lead us to your path of hope. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Isaiah 64:8

"Yet, O Lord you are our Father; we are the clay and you are our potter. We are all the work of your hand."

"Saint Teresa of Calcutta"

I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things."

A Dynamic Catholic Event is coming in 2020!!

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish has been chosen to host an EVENT in the Spring of 2020. Our confirmed date is Saturday, June 13th, 2020 from 9am—1pm in the main church. More details will follow. We are most pleased to tell you that

Dr. Allen Hunt will lead the EVENT entitled:

Find Your Greatness.

Very few parishes are selected to host this life changing experience. **The co-hosting parishes for this great event are Christ the King in Wethersfield and St. Josephine Bakhita in Rocky Hill.** This is exciting! Gratefully, Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate

BAPTISM

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PRAYER CORNER

Prayer During Difficult Economic Times

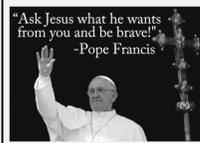


Gracious God, we know that your love is infinite and that you care about all areas of our life. For those of us who face economic insecurity, help us to trust that all of our security is in you. Keep us mindful that you always have and always will provide for our needs. Apart from you we can do nothing.

Merciful God, we ask that you give our leaders and legislators wisdom and prudence to guide our nation. May their efforts – and ours – protect the poor and all those who are struggling during difficult times. Allow those who must struggle daily to alleviate their economic hardships the hope and perseverance they need in their efforts. Give them opportunities to find the resources they need to live with dignity. Allow the unemployed and underemployed to find meaningful work and a just wage. Encourage those who have enough to share essential resources with those who lack the necessities of life, and to do so with humble, grateful and loving hearts.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, & religious!

If you want to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as a priest/religious, call Father Michael Casey,

Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

Vocations Holy Hour: Vocations Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at Incarnation Church every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome as we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life and offer Pro-Life prayers.

Prayer For Peace: Incarnation Church 30 minutes prior to 9am Daily Mass.

Come, O Holy Spirit, & Renew the Face of the Earth! Legion of Mary mtg. every Monday at 9:45am in Fr. Crawford Hall at Incarnation Church. The object of the Legion of Mary is the Glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work.

Join The Wethersfield Knights of Columbus for Dinner at Bertucci's restaurant in Newington. Flyer/coupon at church exits. Enjoy a family meal & help raise money for Knights charities.

What an inspiring and uplifting weekend our teenagers had at the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference! "I may not be perfect but Jesus was willing to die for me!" The theme this year is Belong. 1 John 3:1 "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God."



ASKING FOR HELP

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.

— *Colossians 2:12*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Martha
Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus
Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

