

Jesus endured the cross,
despising its shame,
and has taken his seat
at the right of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
AUGUST 18, 2019

The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



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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.

Rectory
(860) 529-2533

Fax
(860) 721-6595

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(860) 529-6765
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www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

5:00pm—Frank Mandile

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

8:30am—Deceased members of the
White, Brassard & Joyce Families

10:30am—Dorothy & Nancy St. Pierre

MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH

9:00am—Joan Stuer

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

9:00am—Peter Quatrocelli

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21ST

9:00am—David Dolge

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND

9:00am—For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD

9:00am—Elvira Hughes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH

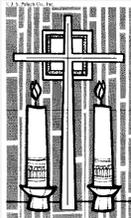
5:00pm—Bette Boyle & Wency Lobo
and Jim & Betty Boyle

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH

8:30am—Maria & Joseph Orsini & the
deceased members of the Nicotera &
Orsini Families

10:30am—Patrick & Concetta Carlone

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 8/19/2019–8/25/2019
in memory of Hellmuth
Heinimann & the deceased
members of the Heinimann,
Gurgigno, Saharek & Torrance
Families.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from 8/19/2019—
8/25/2019 in memory of Elvira Hughes.



House of Bread collection this wkd. Coffee & sugar are requested as well as powdered lemonade drinks mixes for the summer months.

Employment Support Group: If you or someone you know is in need of employment please call Ken Mendoza for an appt. at (860) 729-5960.

Incarnation Men's Club: Meeting will be held on Wed., August 21st at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

New phone system: The Church of the Incarnation will soon have a new phone system in place. Each staff member will have his/her own extension to leave a message with. It will be installed within the next two or three weeks.



CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION PARISH PICNIC:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7TH, 2019

after 5pm Mass....6-8:30PM,
Father Crawford Hall

To promote community in the parish this event is hosted by the Incarnation Men's Association. We will have a traditional picnic menu, dessert, & entertainment. To supplement the meal, salads will be provided by women of the parish. The traditional picnic menu will be served from 6:15—7:15pm. Dessert will be served at 7:30pm. The cost for the picnic is \$10 per adult & \$25 per family (children under 12). Tickets will be sold at the door the night of the event only. (No prior reservations required). We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 7th after the 5pm mass!



Now is the time to enroll in Catholic Biblical School! Classes begin after Labor Day: Tuesday evenings in Hamden, Thursday evenings in Southington, Saturday mornings in Bloomfield. Call the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis (OEEC): catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org ~ 860-242-5573 for more detailed information.



**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 (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.

Building a Middle School Faith Formation

Team: Now that August is here, it is time to consider the call to join the Middle School Faith Formation team. It is so important for our young people to be led by faith-filled men & women, especially as they enter into the teenage years. Please call the education office at (860) 529-6765 for more information. Thank you.



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.

Psalm 139:13-14

"You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know."

Loving God, thank you for endowing us with unique gifts. Let us be your ambassadors and walk as beacons of your light.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts* but the same Spirit, there are different forms of service but the same Lord, there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

(*There are nine gifts: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, tongues, interpretation of tongues, discernment of spirits.) What gifts are within me that I am called to raise up?



We are now in Phase Two for our Dynamic Catholic Event, "Find Your Greatness"

which will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 9-1pm at The Church of the Incarnation. Dr. Allen Hunt will lead the Event. The event will take place in the main Church. I am very pleased to tell you that Christ the King Parish in Wethersfield and St. Josephine Bakhita Parish in Rocky Hill will be co-hosting this wonderful event with us. Please go to dynamiccatholic.com and go to events and click on: **Find Your Greatness** to get a glimpse of what this event is about. You will also find information on the site about Dr. Allen Hunt. Blessings to all.

Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate.

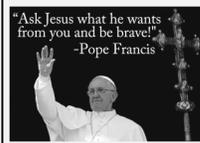
PRAYER CORNER



A Blessing for Our Parish

Almighty and ever-living God, you have blessed our parish with inspiring liturgy, strong leadership, and faith-filled activities. Continue to nourish us with these blessings as we look to our future life and growth. Grant to Fr. Moran and all our parish leadership the wisdom to continue to make this community strong in faith and vibrant in its works. Let us pray that new members would enrich our parish, that young men and women would hear the Lord's call to serve and that all members would be strengthened in holiness and Christian living.

May our families be joined in greater love and unity; may youth find inspiration in models of faith; may single members find solidarity with one another; and may the wisdom and grace of our aged members guide us in faith. Heavenly Father, as we look to the years ahead, may we continue to be uplifted by our parish liturgies, enriched by our parish activities and supported by our parish members in our need. May our members be generous in the time, treasure and talent they continue to offer for the building up of our parish. Sustain our parish community for many years to come and help us to appreciate the firm foundation upon which it is built.



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 priestly vocations, the success of our upcoming Archdiocesan Synod, Pro-Life and reparation for the sin of clerical sexual abuse.

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.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal: It is not too late to join your fellow parishioners with a pledge/gift to this year's appeal! All pledges can be paid through Dec., 31st 2019 towards this year's appeal. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of countless individuals. Visit the website: www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations, to learn more and make your gift today. All funds contributed are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Knights of Columbus Fr. James J. Gannon Council 4193 Weth., CT....Attention Men:

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. Its core principles are CHARITY, FRATERNITY, UNITY and PATRIOTISM. Membership is limited to Catholic men aged 18 & over. Consider joining! Call Jeff at (860) 965-8036 or Joe at 1-516-459-9489. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month in St. Joseph Hall, below Christ the King Church. We are sponsoring a clothing drive the weekend of September 14 & 15 before & after each Mass. Please participate in this charitable event. Also, on the last Tuesday of each month if you eat at Bertucci's on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington, 15% of your order will be donated to the Knights. See flyers at entrances of the Church.

LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalms — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

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— *Hebrews 12:2*

We have Low Gluten Hosts reserved for our parishioners who need them. A Minister of Holy Communion is assigned at each mass to distribute these hosts to those who require them. Please let the priest know prior to Mass of your request.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John Eudes

Tuesday: St. Bernard

Wednesday: St. Pius X

Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Rose of Lima

Saturday: St. Bartholomew

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

“The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person’s incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person’s life, or the obligation to protect and care for it.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities“ Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

If your marriage has become troubled, stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. We provide tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. The program is offered locally three times a year. Upcoming weekends are Sept. 27-29, 2019; and January 17-19, 2020. For info., call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, or email cherylandsteve@cox.net, or visit our website www.helpourmarriage.com.