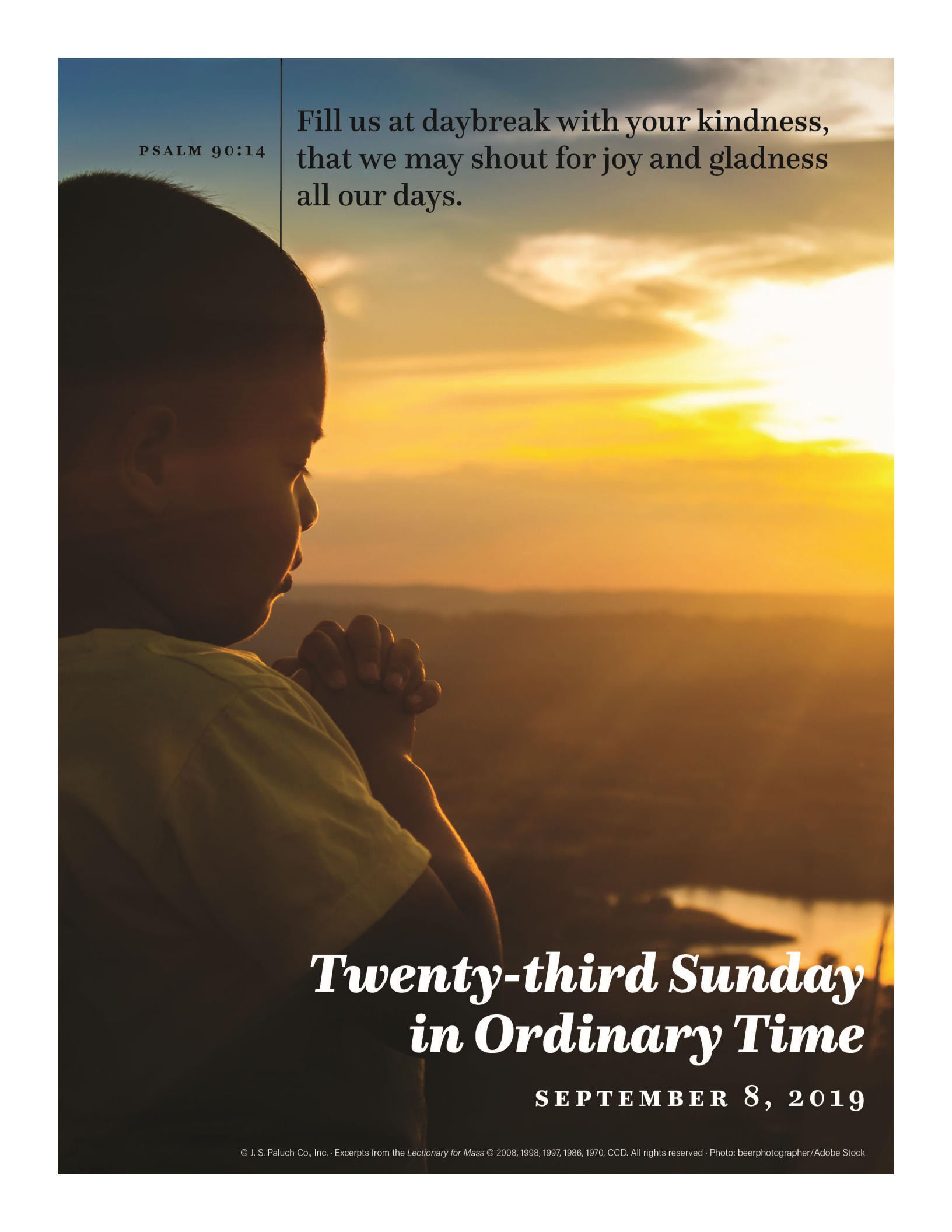




PSALM 90:14

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***Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time***

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



Rev. James M. Moran
Pastor

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Director of Faith Formation

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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, SEPTEMBER 7TH

5:00pm—Virginia Nesta and Deceased members of the DeRose Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

8:30am—Millie & Charlie Christadore

10:30am—Antonietta & Salvatore Santilli and Armida Pace

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

9:00am—Joseph Lombardo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

9:00am—Vincent Diana

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

9:00am— Joseph Edward Ware Jr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

9:00am— Dolores & Sal Brunetti

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

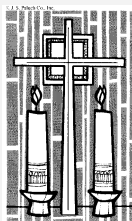
5:00pm— Deceased members of the Santos, Gaspar & Loura Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

8:30am—Reverend John J. Crawford & Tom & Charlotte Crawford

10:30am—Matteo Pugliese

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 9/9/2019–9/15/2019 in memory of John & Angela D'Onofrio.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 9/9/2019—9/15/2019 in memory of Vincent Diana.



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 sold at the door the night of the event only. Join us! (No prior reservations required). Hope to see you on Sat., September 7th after 5pm mass!

The Second collection this weekend is the monthly collection.

There is a "Project Baby Love" collection this weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are greatly appreciated! Thank you.

The Women's Club cooking team will meet this Monday, September 9th from 1-3pm in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Wednesday, September 11th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Find Your Greatness

We are excited to announce that Dynamic Catholic and Dr. Allen Hunt are coming to The Church of the Incarnation with the event *Find Your Greatness!* Dynamic Catholic events are not just about feeling. They are about doing. They don't just give you something to think about. They give you a plan. They help you make your life work better. Together with Christ the King Parish in Wethersfield and St. Josephine Bakhita Parish in Rocky Hill, we are so excited to bring this life-changing event to our community on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Tickets will be available on DynamicCatholic.com starting September 12th. And for that weekend only, you can purchase tickets for an Early Bird Special rate of \$19.00. This is a 25% discount-mark your calendar to take advantage of this limited time offer. **This is an event you do not want to miss! We can't wait to find your greatness! We will also have our first weekend sale of tickets in our Church in February.** Date to be announced. The discount will apply to that weekend only.

We received a thank you note from Fr. Vargo from The Catholic Mission Aid Society, the Propagation of the Faith for our generous offering of \$5,014.00 in support of the missions. Thank you again!



Dear Families,



**ONLINE FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION IS HERE!**

All families who have students enrolled in Faith Formation classes at Incarnation Parish were sent a link to register online last week from Filomena Marinelli or Gina Burby. New students can reach Filomena at lightthewayincarnation@gmail.com or Gina at Gina10272@aol.com to receive this link. Registration deadline is September 10th. Please kindly adhere to this deadline.

Also, we are in need of catechists and facilitators. Specific needs are: Grades K (Little Lambs)....1, 3 & 5 Catechists. Please search your hearts and pray for guidance in answering this call. Our children are the Lord's precious ones and they need to be nurtured in the faith. We live in a challenging world and our faith must lead us all to know, love and serve the Lord. All new volunteers are required to have a background check as directed by the Archdiocese & are required to attend a one time workshop entitled "Protecting God's Children."

Please call (860) 529-6765 if interested in teaching as the Faith Formation Office now has separate voice mail & extensions to leave messages. **Thank you and let us hold one another in prayer.**
Filomena Marinelli, Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation.



Confirmation 2019: Our present 10th graders are continuing their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, November 17th at 2:00pm. Our next gathering will be Sunday, September 29th from 3:00-6:00pm. We look forward to this time together as we prepare to open our hearts to receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Middle School Faith Formation:

Our Middle School Faith Formation communities will begin in October. My welcome letter and calendar is now available on our website. The age of our youth in Middle School is a very wonderful age. I am inviting you to pray about becoming a teacher of the faith. Strong Catholic college students who are living at home or adult women and men who can be positive, spiritual mentors to our youth are welcome to join the team. Please call (860) 529-6765 as I now have my own extension and you can leave me a message. Thank you and God Bless. Gina Burby, Coordinator of Middle School Faith Formation. For your information: Confirmation registration will take place at a later date.

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 127: 3-4 "Certainly sons are a gift from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons born in one's youth." Loving God thank you for bestowing us with great favor to receive from you the gift of life. With you all things are possible. Let all be unto us according to your will.

Luke 1: 31-38 "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your Word."

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Prayer Corner:
In Celebration of
Grandparents' Day



A prayer to be said at home with family members gathered; a leader and reader to be chosen.

Leader: Blessed be God, who is faithful through all generations.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health.

Reader: Let us listen to the words of Psalm 128:

Behold, thus is the one blessed who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

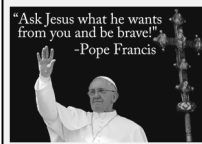
Leader: Lord God almighty, bless all grandparents with long life, happiness, and health.

May their wisdom guide us and their love sustain us. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Adapted from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers



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.

POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalms 90— In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 23RD Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day

Monday: St. Peter Claver

Wednesday: Patriot Day...Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary.....Friday: St. John Chrysostom

Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

The Women's Club annual membership drive is underway. Renewal notices were mailed to existing members last week. If you did not receive one, copies of the form are available at the entrances to the Church. You can also renew at the Membership Tea on September 19 at 7 PM in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Incarnation Church Membership Tea
Sentimental Journey: The Music of Doris Day

The Incarnation Women's Club annual Membership Tea will be held on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 pm in Father Crawford Hall at the church. Welcome members, friends and guests to an evening of musical memories of Doris Day performed by Patty Carver. Patty is a singer, actress and writer of international credits. She will present a delightful and entertaining tribute to the music of Doris Day. This program is filled with tidbits of trivia and lots of nostalgia. Patty brings her own unique perspective to Doris Day's music. This is an evening to honor Doris Day since her death in May 2019 at the age of 97.

Clothing/Coat Drive: The Wethersfield Knights of Columbus Council 4193 will be having a clothing drive the weekend of September 14th & 15th. Gently used clean clothes & coats will be collected at the west parking lot before and after the 5pm Mass on Sat., Sept., 14th & Sun., Sept., 15th before/after 8:30am & 10:30am Masses. The gently used clothing will be donated to a local recycler for redistribution. Thank you for your support as it will be greatly appreciated by the final recipients!

Wedding Anniversary Mass Celebration Sunday, October 13, 2019. 2:00 PM St. Joseph Cathedral, Hartford, CT..... Last date for registration: Friday, September 20, 2019....Please call Audrey at the rectory to sign up at (860) 529-2533.

Northwest Catholic High School invites prospective Students/parents to our annual Open House on Sunday, October 20th, 1-3 p.m. Entrance Exam Sat., October 26th at 8 am. Register online: www.northwestcatholic.org/admissions. Walk-ins welcome! Contact: aselig@nwcath.org.

East Catholic High School : Open House is *Tues., October 22nd at 6:45 p.m.* and Entrance Exams are *Sat., November 2nd & Sat., November 16th at 8:30 a.m.* Call 860-649-5336 ext. 6456 or by pre-registering online at www.echs.com.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION: If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend November 8 - 10, 2019 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women & men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The weekend fee is \$175.00 for meals, private room & all retreat materials. Scholarships available for financial assis. Call Marie 203-631-9030 or www.rachelsvineyard.org