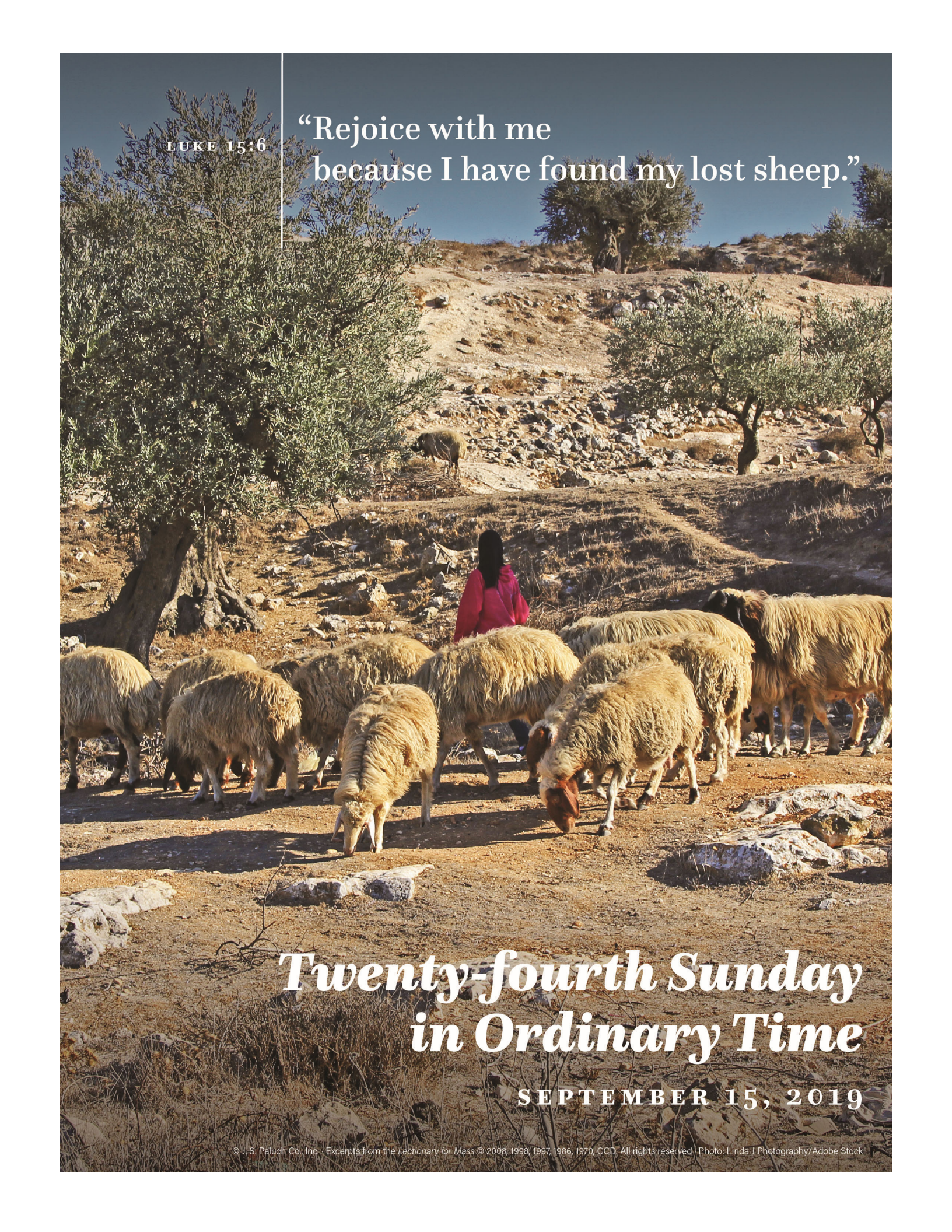




LUKE 15:6

“Rejoice with me
because I have found my lost sheep.”

*Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



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Faith Formation Gr. 7-12
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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

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(860) 721-6595

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(860) 529-6765
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Mass Schedule

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

9:00am—Carmela Privitera

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

9:00am—Deceased members of the Raffalo Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

9:00am—Anthony DiCicco Sr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

9:00am—Vincenzo Messina

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

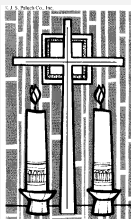
5:00pm—Corinto, Adua & Giancarlo DiGiacomo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

8:30am—Prospero R. DePhillips

10:30am—Flora Colasacco

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 9/16/2019–9/22/2019 in memory of Josephine & Santo Listro.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 9/16/2019—9/22/2019 in memory of Gerald N. Sciarra, Selma W. Sciarra, James P. Ridolfo, Jr., & Angelo Tomasso Jr.



Find Your Greatness

Find Your Greatness Launch Weekend: Tickets can be purchased online from Thursday, September 12, 2019 until Monday, September 16, 2019. This is the early Bird Special. Tickets are on sale at a discounted price of \$19.00 for this time only. Please go to DynamicCatholic.com/Wethersfield to purchase this special offer.

Tickets will continue to be on sale for \$25.00 after September 16th. Our parish will be selling the tickets at the discounted price on a designated weekend in early 2020. Invite family and friends to this life-changing Event!!

Clothing/Coat Drive: The Wethersfield Knights of Columbus Council 4193 is having a clothing drive this weekend Sept., 14th/15th. Gently used clean clothing & coats will be collected at the west parking lot before and after the 5pm Mass on Sept., 14th & Sept., 15th before/after 8:30am & 10:30am Masses. The gently used clothing will be donated to a local recycler for re-distribution.

Employment Support Mtg.: Call Ken (860)729-5960.

Men's Club Mtg: Wed., 9/18, 7pm Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Second Collection next weekend will be the HOPES (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) Collection. The HOPES Collection significantly benefits the Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford by providing schools with individual HOPES grants. Last year's HOPES Grants totaled \$146,000.00 to support many initiatives in the area Catholic schools. Thanks for your support!

Thank you to the **Incarnation Men's Club** for all of their hard work planning the **CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION PARISH PICNIC** last Saturday! Thank you to the women of the parish for the delicious salads as well!

House of Bread collection next weekend. Coffee & sugar are requested. Thank you for your support!

There will be a "Project Baby Love" collection the weekend of October 5th & 6th. Disposable diapers & (BABY wipes only) are greatly appreciated! There is a great need for sizes 2, 3 & 4 diapers only please. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness!

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September 15, 2019

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me. — *Psalms 51:12*



ONLINE FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS HERE!

We are most excited about our new website and online Faith Formation registration feature! We hope you have found our new registration process for Grades K-8 an easy and efficient way to enroll in our program this year! **Registration deadline was September 10.** If you have not done so, please be sure to register **NO LATER THAN September 18th.** A \$10 late fee will apply for late registrants. This new feature is the first of many new enhancements that are being made to our website! We will keep you updated!

Registration for students in Grade 9 preparing for Confirmation will take place in the next few weeks. Grade 9 students will receive information from Gina Burby when the online access is ready and available.

Class Schedules:

Elementary Faith Formation classes will begin on Saturday, September 28th for Grade 1. Schedules for all Grade levels (K-8) were emailed to you. Or, you can access the information on our website at: www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Catechists/Facilitators/Volunteers:

We are still in need of Catechists for Little Lambs, Grade 1, 3, & 5. Please search your hearts and answer the call! Join our team and help us lead our children in the faith! Call Filomena Marinelli at the FF Office at 860-529-6765 or email her: lightthewayincarnation@gmail.com...Please also fill out the ***Volunteer Form*** on our website. There are many opportunities to get involved. Offering your time and talents is one of the best ways to serve the Lord!

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 has a mission 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."

Prayer Corner:**Catechetical Sunday**

May our parish family be blessed with those who respond generously with their time and talents to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists.

May children everywhere find in God's gift of salvation a message of hope, protection, trust and the concern of all humankind for their growth and development.

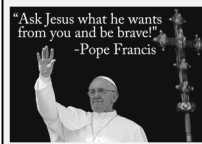
May the parents within our faith community be the first teachers of their children and model Christian living to all children.

May the clergy who shepherd us reach out lovingly to all children in the spirit of Christ who said, "Let the children come to me."

May we all be attentive to the Word at work within us, lifting, affirming, calling forth and challenging, bringing compassion and consolation to others.

May your Holy Spirit enlighten minds and strengthen hearts of all catechists so that they can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the home-bound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.

Father, we lift all catechists to you in thanksgiving and ask that their efforts be blessed with success. Keep them close to you in their lives and bestow on them your gifts of wisdom and understanding as they guide young souls. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord and Teacher. Amen.

**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.

LOST AND FOUND

Welcome to "Lost and Found Sunday"! Just in case being in church makes us proudly consider ourselves especially religious, today's Gospel suggests that we'd be wiser to admit that we're sometimes lost. Then we'll eventually be happily counted among Jesus' "found," because today Jesus focuses on a lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. Jesus does so because the Pharisees and scribes, proudly considering themselves especially religious, "began to complain" that Jesus "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus warns them—and us—to stop judging others. Marvel instead that God's amazing grace has found us! Indeed, we should become Jesus' friends lovingly trying to find others. So Exodus asks, if God "relented in punishment" and pardoned us, shouldn't we forgive fellow sinners graciously? Even Paul admits his "arrogance" as "foremost among sinners." We too, happy at being "mercifully treated," should share with everyone else Jesus' unfailing patience.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "Why should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt?" (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalms — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — The grace of our Lord has been abundant (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven and among the angels when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although New Year's Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God's call to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord's Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God's creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord's Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord's Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday's ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
 Monday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
 Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine
 Thursday: St. Januarius
 Friday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions
 Saturday: St. Matthew

BAPTISMS

**JOSEPHINE GAIL HART
 THOMAS JOSEPH ERICKSON**

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.

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.

Xavier High School Open House for 6th, 7th & 8th grade boys and their families will be held on: Sunday, October 20th from 1-3pm and Thursday, November 7th from 6-7:30pm.

Freshman Entrance Exam will be on Saturday, November 2nd & Saturday, November 16th at 8am. Call (860) 346-7735 for more information.

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.