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CONTROL YOUR HEARTS,
THE PEACE INTO WHICH
YOU WERE ALSO CALLED IN ONE BODY.

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THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29, 2019

The Church of the Incarnation

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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, DECEMBER 28TH

5:00pm—Tommaso & Maria Maccarone
and Roger & Gisele Cyr

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

8:30am—Nicholas Russo
10:30am—Anthony W. Melillo

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

9:00am— David Dolge

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

9:00am— Deceased members of the
Women's Club & Men's Club

NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

5:30pm—For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2020

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

NEW YEAR'S DAY MORNING MASSES

9:00am—For all our parishioners

11:00am—For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2020

9:00am— John Biancamano

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2020

9:00am— For all our parishioners

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 2020

5:00pm—Frederick Christie

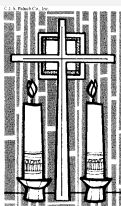
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2020

8:30am— Joan Stuer

10:30am— Donna Esposito Hughes

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
from 12/30/2019–1/5/2020 in memory
of Nicholas & Mary Champ.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from 12/30/2019—
1/5/2020 in memory of James Sanders.



Thank you to all who have supported our 2019 Annual Collection. Donations will be gratefully received through 2019. Since the collection began on the first wk. of October, we have received \$98,100 towards our goal of \$100,000. There are envelopes at all the entrances.

The white poinsettia plants displayed at our stained glass windows during the Christmas season are in memory of our deceased parishioners & benefactors.

“Project Baby Love” collection next weekend, January 4th & 5th. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Thanks for your generosity.

Angel Tree: On behalf of the many recipients of the generous gifts of the Angel Tree, we say Thank You!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: December Prayer
Isaiah 9:5 "For a Child is born to us: upon His shoulder dominion rests. They name Him Wonder-Counselor-God Hero-Father- Forever, Prince of Peace."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life."

Loving God, You are the Word made flesh. Let us choose to live by Your counsel, so that all may see Jesus living in us.

We offer congratulations to the newly nominated executive board of the Incarnation Men's Club:

President: Joseph Agiato
Vice President: Jeff Lojko
Secretary: Mike White
Treasurer: John Ewaski

We will be accepting Masses, Sanctuary & Blessed Virgin Mary Candles for 2021 on Monday, Jan., 6, 2020 at 10am and not prior to that date. Please keep in mind that our church has a large number of parishioners who remember their loved ones with Masses/Candles and we ask that you limit your Masses to (2) per household. Thank you, Fr. Moran.

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 22, & 23, 2019. Join us at our parish **Men's Retreat at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center**, West Hartford, CT. This year's theme is: **OUR DEEPEST LONGING!** Need an alternate weekend or to register online, visit: www.holyfamilyretreat.org. Any questions about the retreat? Call John Ewaski at (860) 306-0509 or Bill Carroll at (860) 604-6793. **Ladies:** Women's Retreat dates are also available, please visit the web site.

FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K-6)

Class Schedule information is also on our website at:
www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

**Class Schedule:**

All Grades are in recess for Christmas and will resume classes beginning the week of January 5, 2020.

Grade 2 meets on Saturday, January 4 from 8:30-9:45 a.m.

All Classes Meet in Father Crawford Hall.

AMAZING OUTPOURING FOR KIDS' CAFÉ COLLECTION:

It is with a joy-filled heart that we THANK ALL our most generous Faith Formation families from Grades K-8 for contributing to our Kids' Café goodie bags and hat/mitten/sock collection in December. We filled more than 900 goodie bags and donated over 450 hats, gloves, and socks for the children who attend Kids' Café each day.

Program Director Tom Porell commented and thanked Incarnation Church parishioners for their abundant donations at Christmas and throughout the year. He said that although the children receive a hot meal every day after school, the treats and snacks are always such a special addition for the children. "These donations will create many happy faces," he added.

God Bless You All! May the birth of the Infant Child bring you peace and reign in your homes and hearts throughout the year!

**CLW CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY:**

A special THANK YOU to all the children who participated in our beautiful Nativity play!

What a wonderful way to bring the First Christmas story to life! Thank you to Director and 2nd Grade Catechist Vanessa Crowley for making it so special along with 4th Grade Catechists Trisha Pesce and Aleeta Jeamel for their assistance.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Our next CLW will take place on Sunday, January 12 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. In particular, we invite ALL GRADE 2 STUDENTS to attend. Let us go forth during this Christmas Season to bring LIGHT and HOPE to a world so hungry for God's message of love, peace and mercy!

**Middle School Faith Formation:**

Tuesday, Jan. 4th for all 7th/8th grade boys & Wed., Jan. 5th for all 7th/8th grade girls from 6:30-8pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Confirmation: Next meeting is Sunday, Jan. 12th from 3-6 pm for all students in Fr. Crawford Hall. We will collect non-perishable food items for Weth. Food Bank. Email was sent with requests.

Happy New Year! Always welcome the new morning with a new spirit, a smile on your face, love in your heart and good thoughts in your mind.

First Graders fill our bags for Kid's Cafe!

House of Bread/Kids' Cafe Director Tom Porell & Volunteers help carry in over 900 treat bags and 450 hats, gloves, and socks donated by our Grades K-8 Faith Formation families! Norman, long-time Kid's Cafe volunteer, cook and organizer, prepares 60 lbs of pasta and meat to feed the more than 500 children who attend Kids' Cafe daily in Hartford.



PSALM PRAYER*"We lift our hearts to the Lord."***Psalm 128**

The "fear" that the psalmist addresses in today's response is a holy reverence, the respect and awe owed to God. When we approach God with this attitude, we acknowledge that God is supreme over all. We recognize the infinite power, majesty and goodness of God, as well as our place in creation: adopted children of a loving Father.

True fear of the Lord promotes a spiritual life. One who reveres God strives to avoid sin and has profound reverence in the presence of the Eucharist. This is one who recognizes fear of God as a gift of the Spirit and lives by its fruits: charity, joy, peace, patience, faithfulness, kindness, generosity, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

Fear of the Lord is true love of God. As we consider our own attitude toward this gift of the Spirit and foundation of wisdom, we might want to ask ourselves: do we love God out of fear or, rather, do we fear God out of love? Which one would you prefer to guide your life in Christ?

A Happy, Holy and Healthy New Year to all from Fr. Moran and the parish staff!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION...VIGIL MASS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 5:30PM. MASSES ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020 WILL BE AT 9AM & 11AM.

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

Vocations Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated at Incarnation Church every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome as we pray for an increase in priestly vocations, the success of our upcoming Archdiocesan Synod, Affirming 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, Fr. Crawford Hall, 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 & the Church's work.

Knights of Columbus Fr. James J. Gannon Council 4193 Weth., CT... See flyers at exits. **Fundraiser.....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.



**AIDEN JAMES CARLSEN
AUSTIN JOSEPH MOLYNEAUX**

Kids' Cafe Christmas Tree overflowing with hats, gloves, socks!



SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

Wednesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace; New Year's Day

Thursday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Friday

Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday

The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 29, 2019

**Over all [other virtues] put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.**

— Colossians 3:14



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SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)**December 29**

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.

WINTER WILD

It was winter wild

While the Heav'n-born child

All meanly wrapt in the rude manger lies.

—John Milton, On the Morning of Christ's Nativity

NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton

Please notify the rectory if you have a loved one who is terminally ill before it becomes an urgent matter. Father Moran prefers to offer the Sacrament of the Sick while your loved one is still able to understand the Sacrament clearly.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Hosted by the Wethersfield Parade Committee SATURDAY, January 18, 2020 6 to 11 pm, Wethersfield Community Center.....\$35 p.p., BYOB Dancing to the Billy Egan Band...
Honoring: Kerri O'Brien Abronzino & Alana DiMarco. For tickets contact John Magel at: jmagel1947@gmail.com or (203) 215 -6640.