

THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES
AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS
OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

MATTHEW 2:11



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020

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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, JANUARY 4TH

5:00pm— Frederick Christie

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH

8:30am—Joan Stuer

10:30am—Donna Esposito Hughes

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH

9:00am— For all deceased parishioners
& benefactors

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH

9:00am— Rose Tedeschi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH

9:00am— Wladyslawa Skrzyniarz &
Edward Skrzyniarz

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH

9:00am— Sal & Dolores Brunetti

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

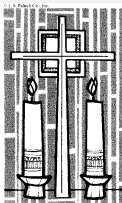
5:00pm—George & Sally D'Esopo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8:30am— Joan Stuer

10:30am— Gildo Alberto Colasacco

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 1/6/2020–1/12/2020 in
memory of Michael Fallon.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
1/6/2020—1/12/2020 in memory of
Gerald N. Sciarra, Selma W. Sciarra,
James P. Ridolfo Jr. & Angelo Tomasso Jr.

Handbells: We are pleased to announce
that our Handbell plaque honoring and me-
morializing our loved ones is now displayed
in the Chapel entrance of our church.



On behalf of the Finance Council and myself
I am very grateful to all who so generously
donated to our 2019 Annual Collection. We have
exceeded our goal with a total of: \$113,377.00. May
God continue to bless our parish. Fr. Moran

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

We will be accepting Masses, Sanctuary &
Blessed Virgin Mary Candles for 2021 on Mon-
day, 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.

Incarnation Women’s Club Cooking Team:
Mon., January 6th, 1-3, kitchen Fr. Crawford Hall.
Employment Support Group: Seeking employ-
ment? Call Ken Mendoza at (860) 729-5960.
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wednesday, January 8th
at 9:30 am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Second collection next wk. will be the monthly.

Incarnation Parish Council meeting Sunday,
January 19th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Fr. Moran wishes to thank all parishioners for the
cards, prayers, good wishes, and gifts for Christmas and
New Years. Fr Moran is most grateful to **ALL** who work
during the year in any capacity from Parish Council
members to the youngest Altar Server to make our parish
function with such devotion. Thank you to all who
helped prepare and decorate the Church so beautifully
for Christmas, to all who donated to the special flower
collection, and to all choir members/musicians who
helped to make our Christmas Masses so moving.

Thank You Our parish would like to
thank our parishioner Mrs.
Rebecca Sanders for her
donation of our beautiful
hand crafted new Baby Jesus which
was used this year in our Faith For-
mation Christmas Nativity Play.



FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K-6)

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

**Class Schedule:**

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

Grade 6: Tuesday, January 7 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grade 3: Wednesday, January 8 from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Grade 5: Wednesday, January 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grade 1 & Little Lambs: Saturday, January 11 from 8:30-9:45 a.m. **All Classes Meet in Fr. Crawford Hall.**



CLW CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY: A special THANK YOU to all children who participated in our beautiful Nativity play! What a wonderful way to bring the First Christmas story to life! Thank you to Director/2nd Gr. Catechist Vanessa Crowley for making it so special and 4th Grade Catechists Trisha Pesce & Aleeta Jeamel, facilitators/parents for their assistance.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sunday, January 12 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Presiders are Maggie Seaver and Sarah Sisson. 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 14th for all 7th/8th grade boys & Wed., Jan. 15th 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.

CLW CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY:

"Joseph and Luke Cieri place baby Jesus in the creche on Christmas Eve Morning alongside their mother Lorena and Grandmother Ivana while Father Moran says a blessing."



Our CLW Children's Nativity Play was enjoyed by all!



PSALM PRAYER

"We lift our hearts to the Lord."

Psalm 72

All readings today mark the Epiphany, the presentation of the Infant Christ to the nations.

The psalmist celebrates this manifestation as the powers of the world pay homage to the powerless Babe. The kings representing the four corners of the earth acknowledge the one whose Kingdom will be of another world, one built on peace and justice, not on conflict and conquest. They are the Magi whose outward journey will become an inward quest to find the Wise One.

Perhaps the last of these four selected verses is the most significant one. This King honored today will recognize those in his domain that kingdoms down through the ages have marginalized and trampled: the poor, the afflicted, the oppressed and the lowly. These "powerless" ones will find a new hope and a new home in the Kingdom of God. As the Infant Christ ushers in a new age, the powers of the world will tremble before Him. *Lord, all the nations on earth will adore you.*

May your Kingdom come.



**MICHAEL THOMAS KARANDA
BAILEY JEAN DRISCOLL
GRACE ABIGAIL BELEK**

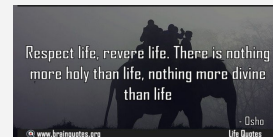
Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, & religious! If you want to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as a priest/religious, call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

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.



RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
January Prayer

Leviticus 19:32 "Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the old and revere your God. I am the Lord."

Loving God, grant us the compassion to act honorably towards our elders. Let us cherish and follow their teachings and wisdom in our lives.

At the beginning of this new year, our Respect Life ministry will focus on the gift of the elderly through Scripture and prayer. What a grace it is to be in the company of one who has grown in wisdom, age and grace! What a grace it is to care for an elderly loved one who is in need of our love and compassion! What a grace to know that there are wonderful people whose life is a life of caregiving. Let us ponder the life of Sarah in the Old Testament and know that one is never too old to give birth to hope in the world.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

Monday: St. André Bessette

Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)**January 4**

Though her liturgical designation is "Religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!" — Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today. —Anonymous

HEROD AND THE EPIPHANY

*Why impious Herod, vainly fear
That Christ the Savior cometh here?
He takes no earthly realms away
Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.
—Crudelis Herodes Deum, Tr. by J. M. Neale*