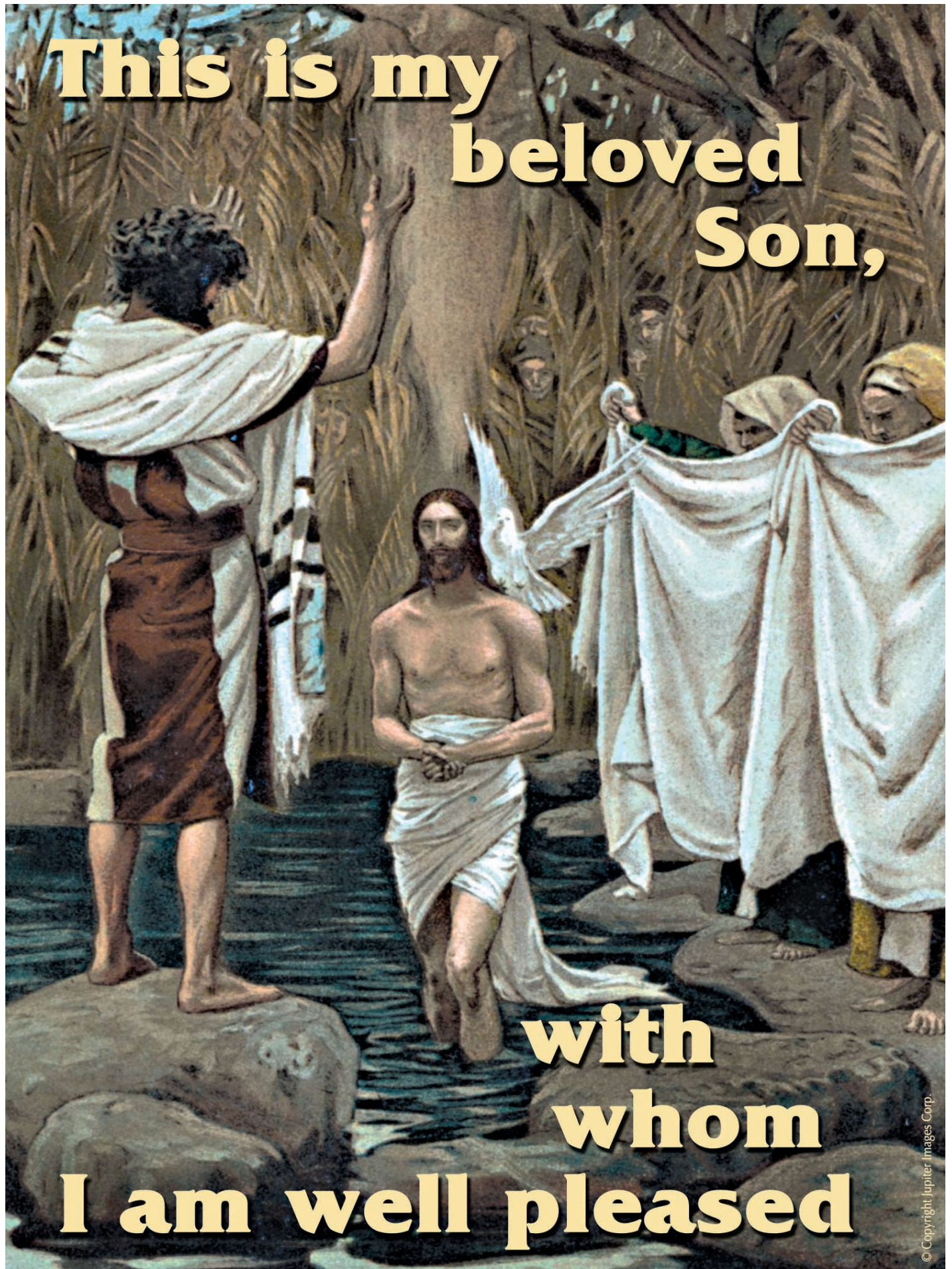


**This is my
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The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



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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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(860) 529-2533

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

5:00pm— George & Sally D'Esopo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8:30am—Joan Stuer

10:30am—Gildo Alberto Colasacco

MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH

9:00am— Joanne & Fred Lepore

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

9:00am— John L., Angela D., Leonard J. Sr. and Bernadette D'Onofrio

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH

9:00am— Sarah Ann Marie Privitera and Myles Connolly Sr., & Carmelo Privitera

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH

9:00am— James LeGeyt

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH

5:00pm—Paul D. Console

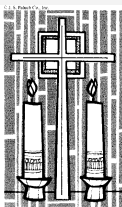
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH

8:30am— Frank, Vincenza &

Silvia Bulanti

10:30am—Frank Mandile

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 1/13/2020–1/19/2020 in memory of Antonio Arnone and the deceased members of the Abbatemarco Family.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 1/13/2020—1/19/2020 in memory of Flora Salvatore.



The second collection this wknd. is the monthly.

Men's Club: Wednesday, January 15th at 7pm, rectory meeting room.

House of Bread: There will be a collection next weekend, January 18th & 19th. Coffee & sugar are requested. Kindly place your bagged items in the bins at the Chapel entrance only. Thank you!

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

Rediscovering the Saints by Matthew Kelly will be available for parishioners to pick up in Fr. Crawford Hall and at all exits of the Church the weekend of January 15/16.

Please feel free to take one or maybe a few to pass along to family or friends as part of our spirit of reaching out to others in faith.

Our Dynamic Catholic planning team from Incarnation, Christ the King & Saint Josephine Bakhita parishes will gather on Sat., January 18, 2020 at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. We are beginning to "rev" up our energy as we prepare for the great event "Find Your Greatness" on June 13, 2020 with Dr. Allen Hunt. The discounted tickets will be on sale in each Church after all Masses the weekend of March 7th and 8th. The sale price will be \$19.00 on that weekend only. Otherwise, the regular price tickets (\$25.00) are always available by going to our website www.thechurchoftheincarnation and clicking on to the Find Your Greatness event. Let us all pray for the success of this life changing event.

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



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FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K-6)

Class Schedule information is also on our website at:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

**Class Schedule:**

Grade 1 & Little Lambs: Saturday, January 11 from 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Grade 4: Thursday, January 16 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Grade 6: Tuesday, January 21 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grade 3: Wednesday, January 22 from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Grade 5: Wednesday, January 22 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grade 2: Saturday, January 25 from 8:30-9:45 a.m.

All Classes Meet in Father Crawford Hall.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

There are **NO** classes the weekend of January 18 and 19 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

ELEMENTARY RETREATS:

The Grade 5 Retreat originally scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 11 has been postponed to Saturday, February 8 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The Grade 1 Retreat will be held on January 25 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. **All students must attend their scheduled retreat dates.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

CLW will take place this Sunday, January 12 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Our Presider is Maggie Seaver. This week, all **GRADE 2** students are asked to attend along with all of our parish children ages 4-Grade 6.

Confirmation:

Our next meeting will be held today, **January 12th** from 3-6 pm for all students in Fr. Crawford Hall. We will be collecting non-perishable food for the Wethersfield Food bank. An email will be sent home with items most needed.

Middle School Faith Formation:

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, **January 14th** for all 7th/8th grade boys and Wednesday, **January 15th** for all 7th/8th grade girls from 6:30-8 pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Youth Ministry:

Does managing a full schedule of homework, studying, and school activities sometimes feel overwhelming? Are you feeling stressed about finishing college applications and choosing the right path for yourself? Could you use some time to unwind, destress and relax a bit? You are not alone!!

Join us this **Sunday, January 12th from 6:30-8:00pm** as we share strategies for coping with a typical teenage schedule. And what about stressed spelled backwards....desserts! We'll have some of them too! **Join us and bring a friend!**



Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, Open Houses Come visit the school on Sunday, January 26th, 11am – 12:30pm or Tuesday eve., January 28th, 6 – 7:30pm. Corpus Christi students benefit from smaller class sizes and personalized instruction as evidenced by their recent successes. Students scored almost 4 **GRADE LEVELS ABOVE** their current grade in the Language Arts/Reading portion of their recent standardized tests. The school encompasses Pre K - 8th grade. Visit our website corpuschristischoolct.org or call (860) 529-5487.

Corpus Christi School is having their 22nd annual "All You Need Is Love" Fundraising Gala and Auction on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. All are invited for a fun night out with open bar, delicious three course meal & an exciting silent & live auction. Invite your friends/family and come celebrate with us! Please visit our website <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487 to purchase tickets. Thank you!

PSALM PRAYER

"We lift our hearts to the Lord."

**Psalm 29**

Subtitled "God's Majesty in the Storm," this psalm refers to the voice of the Lord seven times. This number symbolizes completion or perfection. The Lord's voice imitates the sound of thunder and power. It is to the Lord alone that we ascribe dominion and glory. And we do so infinitely.

A second theme emerges in this psalm. The storm imagery is interrupted with *our* response, one that speaks of calm: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.* It is the Lord's reassurance that throughout the storms of our own challenges the Lord will offer us safety and security. And he will do so infinitely.

On this Solemnity of the Lord's Baptism, the Entrance Antiphon also captures the "thunder" of God's voice. The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. As one commentary has pointed out regarding the psalm, the Word Made Flesh has been given "voice" by his Father.

We join with the psalmist today in celebrating the majesty of God, the assurance of a peace that only God can give and the gift of the Father's Son in whom God is well pleased.

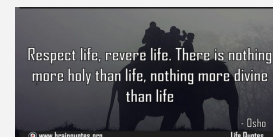
Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, & religious! If you want to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as a priest/religious, call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

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.

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

The Baptism of the Lord.....January 12, 2020

A voice came from the heavens, saying,

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

— Matthew 3:17

SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367) January 13

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary

Friday: St. Anthony

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

East Catholic High School: In response to popular demand we are pleased to offer another Entrance Exam on *Thursday, January 23rd, 8:30 a.m.* Pre-registration for the exam is not required, but is appreciated. You may reserve your spot by calling our Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext. 6456 or by pre-registering online at www.echs.com

Xavier Open House on Jan. 30th from 6-7:30 p.m. We are looking to give students who are in seventh grade a head start on the admission process and pick up a few more applications from eighth graders who may just be hearing about Xavier and the possibilities that await them here. Come see what Xavier offers and have some one-on-one time with teachers and coaches. Get a feel for why current students and graduates routinely say Xavier changed their lives and that their teachers and coaches truly cared, always willing to spend extra time with them.

Wethersfield UNICO Macaroni Dinner

Save the Date: Wethersfield UNICO's 41st Annual World Famous Macaroni Dinner will be held on **Sunday, February 9th from 11:30am—4pm** at the Wethersfield Community Center, Greenfield Street. **Snow Date is Sunday, February 16th.** Please come and join UNICO, your family and friends for a delicious dinner of pasta with home made sauce and meatballs, garlic bread and more. This is UNICO's primary fundraiser for all the charitable activities that are done year round, including our College Scholarships for residents of Wethersfield and Rocky Hill. For info. about our scholarship program and an application please visit our web site at: www.WethersfieldUnico.org.