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JANUARY
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*They left their nets and
followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:20

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Church of the Incarnation

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Wethersfield, CT 06109



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Cantors

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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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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

5:00pm— Anthony Gulioso

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH

8:30am—Jennie Cusano

10:30am—Lidia & Quintino DiCioccio

MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH

9:00am—Douglas Campbell

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH

9:00am— Emilia Gaetani, Luigi Gaetani & Donato Gaetani and the Deceased members of the Gaetani Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH

9:00am— Raymond & Vera Zurowski

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST

9:00am— Vincenzo Filippa

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

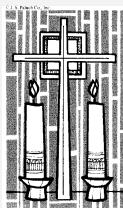
5:00pm—Deceased members of the Martino & Bonaquisto Families & John & Terry Sansone

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

8:30am— James R. Duggan

10:30am— Deceased members of the Brini & Fazio Families

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 1/27/2020–2/2/2020 in memory of Leo DiLeone.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 1/27/2020—2/2/2020 in memory of John Peter Rucci.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2020

Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. - Psalm 27:14



Our second collection this weekend is the Catholic High School Collection. Your investment will yield significant results, since our Catholic high schools offer students exceptional academics, solid faith formation, & a true spirit of service. Thanks for your support during **Catholic Schools Week.**

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis established the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 25-26th**, to be observed as the **“Sunday of the Word of God.”**

The Holy Father’s initiative seeks to continually foster the Church’s love of Sacred Scripture. Archbishop Blair, following the Holy Father’s guidelines is suggesting parishes mark **this Sunday** with a certain solemnity.

Our celebration at Incarnation Parish will include Enthronement of the Bible, homilies that highlight the importance of the proclamation of the Lord, and those that proclaim it in the Liturgy and the importance of Bible Study groups.

At all entrances of the church this weekend, we invite you to take each of the three pamphlets that focuses on the role of the Word of God in prayer and in liturgy. In addition to the pamphlets, a resource on practical approaches to Bible Study is available on the yellow sheet.

May the words of St. Paul guide us in every moment of life: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” Col 3:16

“Project Baby Love” collection next weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. We kindly request that you drop off your donations in bags in the bins located at the Chapel entrance only.

In honor of St. Blaise, we will bless throats next weekend, February 1st & 2nd during all of the Masses. This blessing is a sign of thanks for the gift of breathing, speech and taste.

Rice Bowls will soon be available at the entrances. CRS Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program for families/faith communities. Thank you for your support which helps Haiti, Iraq, Nicaragua/other needy countries.

FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K-6)

Class Schedule information is also on our website at:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Class Schedule:

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

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

Grade 1 and Little Lambs: Saturday, February 1 from 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Grade 6: Tuesday, February 4 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

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

All Classes Meet in Father Crawford Hall.

**ELEMENTARY RETREATS:**

Grade 1 Retreat will be held on January 25 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Grade 2 First Reconciliation Retreat will take place on Saturday, February 1 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Grade 5 Retreat will take place on Saturday, February 8 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

All students must attend their scheduled retreat dates.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETINGS:**

First Reconciliation: All Grade 2 parents will gather Monday, January 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Holy Communion: All Grade 3 parents will gather on Monday, February 3, 7:00-8:00 p.m. **Both meetings will be in Fr. Crawford Hall. At least one parent MUST be present. Thank you for your cooperation.**

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

Sunday, January 26 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Presiders are Anne Camilliere and Trisha Pesce. This week, all GRADE 5 & 6 students are asked to attend along with all of our parish children ages 4-Grade 6.

**Middle School Faith Formation:**

Tuesday, **January 28th** for all 7th/8th grade boys and Wednesday, **January 29th** for all 7th/8th grade girls from 6:30-8 pm in Father Crawford Hall.

Confirmation:

Sunday, **February 2nd** from 12-3 pm for girls in Fr. Crawford Hall. This is a **change in the original time for girls** so families can enjoy Super Bowl Sunday with families/friends. Sunday, **February 9th** for all boys from 3-6 pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you are not receiving emails since some have been found in spam folders please email: gina10272@aol.com. Thanks!

Youth Ministry: Our next gathering will be **Sunday, February 2nd** from 10:15am - 1:00pm. Join us for Super Sunday! We will gather in Fr. Crawford Hall at 10:15, and then attend 10:30 Mass together. After Mass we will have some fun playing some games, as well as learning about the role that FAITH plays in some of the lives of professional football players including some who will be on the field that evening for the Super Bowl. We will conclude with a pizza lunch & some favorite super bowl snacks!! All high schoolers are invited to join us!

SAVE THE DATE: Annual St. Patrick's Dinner...Monday, March 16, 2020...

Fr. Crawford Hall—6:30pm..\$15.00 p. p.

Traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Home-made Irish soda bread, coffee/dessert. A GREAT Raffle! Call your family/friends & reserve a table. Make your reservation by calling Victoria at (860) 563-0860. Reservation deadline: 2/28/2020. All reservations need to be paid for in advance. Checks made payable to: Church of the Incarnation & mailed to the rectory at 544 Prospect Street, Weth., CT 06109.....flyers at entrances.

Our Dynamic Catholic planning team from Incarnation, Christ the King & Saint Josephine Bakhita parishes recently gathered. 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, regular price tickets (\$25.00) are always available by going to our website: www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com and clicking on to the Find Your Greatness event. Let us all pray for the success of this life changing event.

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, National

Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Open Houses on Sun., Jan., 26th, 11am – 12:30pm or Tues., eve., January 28th, 6 – 7:30pm. Corpus Christi students benefit from smaller class sizes and personalized instruction as evidenced by their recent successes. The school encompasses Pre K - 8th grade. Visit website corpuschristischoolct.org or (860) 529-5487.

Corpus Christi School is having their 22nd annual "All You Need Is Love" Fundraising Gala/Auction on Saturday, Feb., 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! Visit our website: <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487 to purchase tickets.

PSALM PRAYER**Psalm 27**

This psalm opens with a statement of absolute trust. It is the kind of acknowledgement that many of us find difficult to make. But as we read more deeply into this psalm, the author shows us the way.

The psalmist has found his strength in prayer. His encounter with the Lord has become his delight. His desire is to remain in the house of the Lord, to gaze upon the beauty of his God and contemplate those attributes. One who has developed an ongoing relationship with the Lord can find the kind of trust and security about which the psalmist speaks.

As he makes his way through the sentiments of this prayer, the psalmist's trust deepens and his prayer turns to us the reader: *"Place your hope in the Lord; be strong and courageous in your heart."* He truly speaks from his own experience.

Psalm 27 has much to teach us about allowing our trust in God to deepen as we grow in faith and as we remain faithful to prayer.
Let us pray to the Lord.

BAPTISM**GIULIANA MARIE CARCIA**

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/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated at Incarnation Church every Tuesday, 9:30-10:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome as we pray for an increase in priestly vocations, the success of our 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, **Fundraiser...last Tuesday each month if you eat at Bertucci's on Berlin Tnpk. Newington,** 15% of your order 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.

"All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are all masterpieces of God's creation, made in His image, destined to live forever and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." Pope Francis.

For your information: We have bathrooms located in the Sacristy, Fr. Crawford Hall and at the Chapel entrance up the stairs by the Choir Loft. Thank you.

Men's Retreat at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT. FEB. **21, 22, & 23, 2019.** Join us at our parish This year's theme is: **OUR DEEPEST LONGING!** Register online: www.holyfamilyretreat.org. Any ?'s Call John Ewaski at (860) 306-0509 or Bill Carroll at (860) 604-6793. Women's Retreat dates are on website.

SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

ST. ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540) January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the Company (*compagnia*) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sunday of the Word of God; Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Angela Merici

Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Friday: St. John Bosco

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Incarnation Church parishioners have the opportunity to experience the presentations of the inspiring speakers who spoke to the delegates of the Synod of the Archdiocese of Hartford. All talks from the delegate meetings and homilies are from Masses held during events from March 31, 2019 through January 5, 2020 are available for viewing. Videos may be viewed on the Synod website, <https://www.growandgo.com>. See Updates or videos. Talks may be viewed on YouTube. During the Synod weekend of October 25-27, 2019, the presenters focused their talks on the four themes of Synod discussions.

The Following speakers are recommended for viewing:

Theme 1: Encountering Christ, Bishop David L. Ricken, Diocese of Green Bay, WI. 10/25/19

Theme 2: Becoming Missionary Disciples, Julianne Stanz, Director of Family Life and Evangelization Mission Team, Diocese of Green Bay, WI. 10/25/19

Theme 3: Sent on Mission, Jack Beers, Dynamic Catholic. 10/26/19

Theme 4: Collaborating in the Local Church, Peter Burak, Director of i.d. 9:16 Intentional Disciples. 10/27/19 Also view Peter Burak's presentation given on June 8, 2019.

Parishioners are invited to attend the closing mass of the Synod on Sunday, May 31st, 2020 with mass beginning at 3pm at The Toyota Oakdale Theatre, 95 S. Turnpike Rd, Wallingford, CT 06492....More info. to follow once details are finalized. Please contact Paula Melillo or Bob Hamel, our Parish Synod Representatives for more information. If you have questions call Audrey at the rectory at (860) 529-2533.

Wethersfield UNICO Macaroni Dinner

Wethersfield UNICO's 41st Annual World Famous Macaroni Dinner will be held on **Sun., February 9th, 11:30am—4pm** at the Wethersfield Community Center, Greenfield Street. **Snow Date: Sunday, Feb., 16th.** Please come 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/Rocky Hill. For scholarship info. and an application visit our **Wethersfield UNICO Facebook Page.**