

NOW, MASTER,
YOU MAY LET YOUR SERVANT GO IN PEACE,
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD,
FOR MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION.

LUKE 2:29-30



THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 2, 2020

The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



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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, 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

9:00am—For all our deceased parishioners & benefactors

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

9:00am—Andrea & Carlo Scacca

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

9:00am— Rita Ware

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

9:00am—Raffaele Truilli & Antonio Chiulli and Nino & Gina Chiulli

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

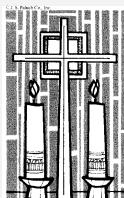
5:00pm— Deceased members of the John R. Skinner Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

8:30am— Giuseppe & Antonio Caruso
10:30am—Joseph Massed

The Sanctuary Candle will burn

from 2/3/2020—2/9/2020 in memory of the Deceased members of the Bailardo Family.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 2/3/2020—

2/9/2020 in memory of the Deceased members of the Stephanie Critch Family.

Rice Bowls will 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 supporting Haiti/Iraq/Nicaragua/ and other needy countries!



"Project Baby Love" collection this wkd. Disposable diapers/wipes requested. Please leave your donations in bags in the bins located at the Chapel entrance only.

Incarnation Women's Club will cook this Monday, February 3rd from 1-3pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Employment Support Group: If you or someone you know is in need of a job, call Ken Mendoza at (860) 729-5960.

Second collection next wkd. will be the monthly collection.

"Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast recalls the day when Jesus was presented in the temple and thus, Jesus, the Light of the World, was presented to his faithful people and revealed to all nations.

We begin Mass today with a Solemn Entrance of the Blessing of the Candles. This Procession with the priest accompanied by his ministers and a representative group of the faithful, will honor Jesus as our Savior; Christ Our Light Who sheds light upon us and offers salvation to the world.

The candles blessed this morning will be used throughout the year for liturgy celebration. **Blessed candles will be used today at the end of all the Masses for the blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise.** This blessing is a sign of thanks for the gift of breathing, speech and taste.

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. Discounted tickets will be on sale in each Church after all Masses next wkd. March 7/8. Sale price will be \$19 that wkd. only. Otherwise, regular price tickets (\$25) are always available by going to our website:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation and click on to Find Your Greatness event. We pray for the success of this life changing event. **BEST LENT EVER** It is not too early to sign up for Best Lent Ever. You will receive a daily video reflection from Dynamic Catholic which promises to be an inspirational and prayerful way to experience the Holy season of Lent. Just go to Dynamic Catholic.com and sign up.

"Don't give up chocolate for Lent. Lent is not about what you give up, it's about who you become. Who will you become?" Join Matthew Kelly & the Dynamic Catholic team through an incredible Lenten journey beginning Ash Wed., February 26th. This is a free daily reflection.

Annual St. Patrick's Dinner...

Monday, March 16,

Fr. Crawford Hall, 6:30pm..\$15 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 are at all entrances.





FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K-6)

Class Schedule information is
also on our website at:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com



Class Schedule:

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

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

Grade 3: Wednesday, Feb., 5, 5-6:15pm.

Grade 5: Wednesday, Feb., 5th, 6:30-8p.m.

Grade 2: Saturday, Feb., 8th, 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Grade 4: Thursday, Feb., 13th, 6-7:30 pm.

All Classes Meet in Father Crawford Hall.

ELEMENTARY RETREATS:

Grade 2 First Reconciliation Retreat is

Saturday, February 1st, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Grade 5 Retreat, Saturday, February 8, 1-3pm

All students must attend their scheduled retreats!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MTG:

All Grade 3 parents are invited on Mon., February 3rd, 7-8 p.m. Fr. Crawford Hall.
At least one parent MUST be present.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

This Sunday, February 9 at 10:30am Mass. Our Presiders: Aleeta Jeamel & Mary/John Breton. All GRADE 3 students are asked to attend along with our parish children ages 4-Grade 6.



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.

Youth Ministry: This Sunday, February 2nd,

10:15am- 1pm. 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/favorite super bowl snacks!! All high schoolers are invited!

First Graders learn about Baptism and have their dolls/stuffed animals "baptized" at their Retreat on Jan. 25.



First Graders make prayer booklets during their retreat.



PSALM PRAYER

Psalm 24: Today's psalm is relatively brief and often used throughout the liturgical year.



During the Advent season we examined several verses. Today we take note of the remaining lines chosen for today's feast.

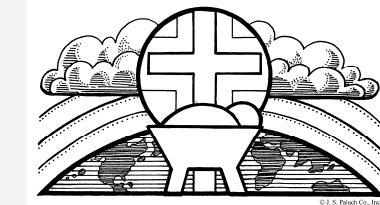
As we celebrate the Feast of Jesus's Presentation in the temple, we join with the procession of Israelites making their way to this sacred place to welcome their king. We witness the power and majesty of God as the gates and ancient portals are *commanded* to rise and let the king make his entrance. He is the king of glory, lauded as one who is over and above all the rest. It is he, our King, who will take a prominent place of victory in the temple. But more importantly, this Sovereign One will himself *become* the great temple of glory who will be "raised up in three days."

Our King of Glory is the Lord of hosts, the psalmist declares. As such he is surrounded by and paid eternal homage to by the angels. He is lauded by all of creation and will take his place at the right hand of the Father.

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.

SAINT AGATHA (died 251) February 5th

"Of noble birth and great beauty," so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman's offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means "good," goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.



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@aoht.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 Tpk. Newington,** 15% of your order donated to the Knights.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: **February Prayer**



Isaiah 46:4

Even to your old age I am he, even when your hair is gray I will carry you; I have done this, and I will lift you up, I will carry you to safety.

Loving God, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. Thank you for remaining in us and with us all the days of our lives. Amen.

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

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord; Candle Blessing; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday; Groundhog Day

Monday: 4TH Week Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
 Wednesday: St. Agatha
 Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary

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.**

Women's Club General Meeting

Lenten Spiritual Program "Love Beyond Measure"

Thursday, March 26th, 7pm Fr. Crawford Hall
 How often do we take time to really reflect on the amazing power of God's love? A love that is all-encompassing, gentle, merciful and challenging. Sheri Dursin, a writer, speaker & experienced retreat presenter will guide us through reflections on Christ and the Prodigal Son and lead us to an understanding on how deeply and individually we are loved by our Divine Creator. Parishioners, friends and guests are welcome.

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.

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 Sunday, May 31st, 2020, mass beginning at 3pm at The Toyota Oakdale Theatre, 95 S. Turnpike Rd, Wallingford, CT 06492....Details to follow. Contact Paula Melillo or Bob Hamel, our Parish Synod Representatives for info. If you have questions call Audrey at the rectory at (860) 529-2533.