



YOUR LIGHT MUST SHINE BEFORE OTHERS,
THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS
AND GLORIFY YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

MATTHEW 5:16

FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



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Marguerite Heinimann
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, FEBRUARY 8TH

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

8:30am—Giuseppe & Antonio Caruso

10:30am—Joseph Massed

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

9:00am— In Thanksgiving to Our Lady
of Lourdes & St. Anthony

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

9:00am—Welcome DiCicco

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

9:00am— Anthony & Gladys Gaspic

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

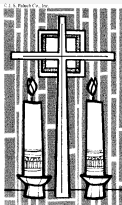
5:00pm—Marino Mattioli

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

8:30am— Deceased members of the
Clark & Masajada Family

10:30am—Christopher Barnoski &
Charlie & Millie Christadore

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
from 2/10/2020–2/16/2020 in memory
of Leonard J. Sr., & Bernadette
D'Onofrio.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from 2/10/2020—
2/16/2020 in memory of Deceased members of
the Clark & Masajada 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!



Second collection this wkld. is the monthly collection.

Thank you! On behalf of our Catholic secondary school students and the Provost for Education, Evangelization & Catechesis, Sr. Mary Grace Walsh ASCJ, Ph.D. we would like to express sincere thanks to all those who participated in the 2020 High School Collection. We deeply appreciate your support of Catholic high schools as they pursue their mission of education and evangelization.

Church of the Incarnation Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather this Wednesday, February 12th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. Thank you to all members and to those who create these lovely shawls at home as well!

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 the weekend of March 7/8. Sale price will be \$19 that wkld. 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 DynamicCatholic.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.



As we celebrate World Marriage Day we offer this prayer:

Let us Pray for All Married Couples!

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K-6)

Class Schedule information is also on our website at:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com



Please Note:

No classes are being held the weekend of Feb. 15 and 16 due to the Winter Vacation Break.

Class Schedule:

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

Grade 4: Thursday, February 13 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Grade 3: Wednesday, February 19 from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Grade 5 & 6: Wednesday, February 19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Please note this is a combined class due to the Winter Vacation break).

Grade 1 and Little Lambs: Saturday, February 22 from 8:30-9:45 a.m.

All Classes Meet in Father Crawford Hall.

ELEMENTARY RETREATS:

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

The Grade 4 Retreat will take place on Saturday, February 22 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

All students must attend their scheduled retreat dates.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

CLW will take place this Sunday, Feb., 9 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Our Presiders are Aleeta Jeamel and Mary/John Breton. All GRADE 3 students are asked to attend along with all of our parish children ages 4-Grade 6. Join us for refreshments after Mass!

Middle School Faith Formation:

Our next gathering will be Tuesday, February 11th for all 7th/8th grade boys & Wednesday, February 12th for all 7th/8th grade girls from 6:30-8 pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Confirmation:

Our next gathering will be today, Sunday, February 9th for all boys from 3-6 pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.



Please be sure to look for an email regarding the Soup Supper on March 28th after mass.



Our Confirmation candidates will host a Soup Supper on Saturday, March 28th directly following the 5 pm Mass.

All are invited to attend! This is really a wonderful opportunity to bring our parishioners together to share a simple meal while raising awareness about hunger in our town, state, and world. Thank you!

Free Admission! Cash donations accepted in support of House of Bread and Wethersfield Food Bank.



Youth Ministry: "His love never fails!" Join us this Sunday, February 9th from 6:30 -8pm for Faith, Food, & Fun!! All High schoolers are invited to attend!

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.

Cell Phones: We request that all cell phones are turned off during Mass. Thank you very much for understanding!

If you have reserved a Mass for a loved one, please let the ushers know prior to Mass if you intend to bring up the gifts. Please follow the Cross Bearer down the aisle before communion. Thank you.

PSALM PRAYER**Psalm 112**

The ancient Israelites believed that the man who faithfully observed the Law and was solicitous of his neighbor would be rewarded with prosperity and posterity. The psalmist reiterates that the Law was not a burden imposed from without but a power to transform the heart. To obey was to experience God's mercy and enjoy happiness. Furthermore, to obey was to extend that mercy to one's neighbor.

The light referred to in the first line of our response is the life of Christ shining through the righteous one, enabling him to be "gracious and merciful and just." With a heart transformed, the goodness of the just man overflows to others. He is enlightened as well as empowered by Christ to bring light to those in darkness. He stands firm in the Lord, never fearing, always trusting.

May all of our efforts to be people of mercy and compassion begin with the light of Christ that shines into our hearts and out through our being to others.

**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.

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.

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.

Church of the Incarnation Men's Retreat:

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT.

FEBRUARY 21, 22, & 23, 2020. 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.

GOD'S CALL

The person who has been “saved,” who has “heard the good news of salvation,” still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today’s readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

The outline begins with Isaiah: “Share your bread . . . shelter the oppressed . . . clothe the naked” (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the “weakness and fear” of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God’s light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don’t save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God’s presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalms — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (c. 1869-1947)

Feb. 8th....“Save Darfur!” That cry echoes around the world and in the heart of the Church, where a child of Darfur is one of our newest saints: Josephine (her baptismal name) Bakhita (“Lucky One,” the slave-traders’ nickname). Kidnapped at nine, sold in Sudan’s slave-markets, flogged daily till covered with scars, Bakhita was finally bought by Italians and taken to Italy. There Bakhita discovered a “Master” who had himself been flogged to redeem her from slavery! “I am truly loved,” she thought, “and awaited by this Love.” Baptized, she often kissed the baptismal font, exclaiming, “Here I became a daughter of God!” For fifty years as a Daughter of Charity, Bakhita provided cheerful hospitality to all who knocked at the convent door. In her final illness, she relived slavery’s horror: “Please, loosen these chains,” she begged the nurse. “They are so heavy!” Her last words were: “Our Lady! Our Lady!” John Paul II canonized her in the Jubilee Year 2000, praising God for leading her “from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter/the Bride of Christ.”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 5th Sun. Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

Monday: St. Scholastica

Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick

Wednesday: Lincoln’s Birthday

Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; St. Valentine’s Day

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Archdiocese of Hartford Synod Information:

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.

Wethersfield UNICO Macaroni Dinner

Wethersfield UNICO’s 41st Annual World Famous Macaroni Dinner will be held this **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.**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time...February 9, 2020

Light shines through the darkness for the upright.

— Psalm 112:4