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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 29TH

5:00pm— Mass for A Special Intention

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

8:30am—Mario Salvatore

10:30am—Carola Susanin

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

9:00am— Faith O'Keefe

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

9:00am—Antonio & Rosa Chiulli,
Virginia Berardino, Donato & Raffaele
Truilli & Nino Chiulli

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

9:00am—Richard Tavani

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

9:00am—Salvatrice & Sebastiano Auteri

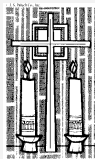
5:00pm—Emilia Gaetani

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:30am— Gildo Alberto Colasacco

10:30am—Helen & Nashan Kalousdian

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from
3/2/2020–3/8/2020 in memory of
Deceased members of the Mistretta and
Quattrocchi Families.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 3/2/2020—3/8/2020 in
memory of Salvatore Trocchia & the deceased
members of the Calleri & Perna Families.



**Fourth & fifth grade boys & girls interested in
becoming Altar Servers at Incarnation are
invited to meet with Fr. Moran at 11am on
Saturday, March 7th in the Church.** This meet-

ing will last one hour and is the second of two that will
prepare those interested in serving at our Eucharistic cele-
brations. If interested call Audrey at (860) 529-2533.



Our Dynamic Catholic planning team from Incarnation, Christ the King, Saint Josephine Bakhita and St. Elizabeth Seton parishes 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 March 7/8. Sale price will be \$19 that wkd. only. **TICKETS WILL BE SOLD IN FR. CRAWFORD HALL ONLY..... BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND.** Otherwise, regular price tickets (\$25) are always available by going to our website:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation, click on to Find Your Greatness event. 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. 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. Reservations must be paid in advance. Checks payable to: Church of the Incarnation & mailed to the rectory 544 Prospect Street, Weth., CT. Flyers at exits.

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.

The Second collection next weekend will be the monthly collection. Thank you!

Employment Support Group: Call Ken (860) 729-5960.

There will be a "Project Baby Love" collection next weekend, March 7th & 8th. PLEASE NOTE: There is a great need for SIZES 4 & 5 DIAPERS ONLY. Thank you for your kindness and sincere generosity! We request that you would please leave your items in the trunks located in the Chapel entrance. Thank you!



FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K-6)

Class Schedule information is also on our website at:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com



Class Schedule:

Grade 2: Saturday, Feb., 29, 8:30-9:45 a.m.

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

Grade 6: Tuesday, March 3, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grade 5: Wednesday, March 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grade 1 and Little Lambs: Saturday, March 7 from 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Grade 4: Thursday, March 12, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

All Classes Meet in Father Crawford Hall.

ELEMENTARY RETREATS:

The Grade 3 First Holy Communion Retreat will take place on Saturday, February 29 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

The Grade 6 Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 21 from 1:00-3:15 p.m.

All students must attend their scheduled retreat dates.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The second meeting for the First Holy Communion Planning Committee will take place on Sat. March 14 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Fr. Crawford Hall.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The next CLW will take place on Sunday, March 8 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Our Presiders are Maggie Seaver and Sarah Sisson. All GRADE 4 students are asked to attend along with all of our parish children ages 4-Grade 6.



Middle School Faith Formation: Next meeting will be held Tuesday, **March 10th** for all 7th/8th grade boys and Wed., **March 11th** for all 7th/8th grade girls from 6:30-8 pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Confirmation:

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

Please watch your email for details and sign-ups for the Soup Supper. All candidates are required to participate. All families are encouraged to attend. **All are invited!** It's a wonderful opportunity to bring our parishioners together to share a simple meal while raising awareness about hunger in our town, state, and world. **Free Admission!** Cash donations accepted in support of House of Bread & Weth., Food Bank.



Grade 4 Students participated in their Retreat last Saturday entitled, "Be Still and Know That I Am God." Included in their retreat was "Be Still" rock painting and a first hand look at and explanation of Vessels and Vestments by Sacristan Toni Munoz. The Retreat was led by East Catholic Peer Ministry Students under the direction of Patrick McLaughlin who is also one of the school's Religious Education instructors. The children were exposed to meditation, reflection, prayer/ journaling. Fr. Moran joined the group for closing prayers.



PSALM PRAYER

Psalm 103



We sing of God's gracious mercy in this psalm. Verse 8 portrays one of the most heartfelt images of God: *Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.* This is indeed a lesson for all of us who so desperately fail in carrying over these gifts to our neighbor.

The psalmist introduces today's response by reminding us that we need to bless God's holy name with *all* our being. All that we are and all that we do should give honor and glory to God.

Continuing the beautiful images of God's mercy, the psalmist tells us that this mercy extends to the ends of the earth, that it is limitless: *As far as the east is from the west.* God is not only a compassionate and kind Being, He *crowns* us with these gifts. We are thus specially chosen by God, in a sense "anointed" to do his work.

Our response ends on a note of paternal care, inviting us never to forget that God is the compassionate Father. And, continuing with the psalm itself we are drawn yet again into this beautiful image of God's mercy: *From everlasting to everlasting is the kindness of the Lord.* It is a picture of the Father's love and mercy that will never fail us. This is a wonderful image to imprint upon our hearts as we begin the Lenten season this week.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: March Prayer

Job:12 12-13

"So with old age is wisdom and with length of days understanding. With him are wisdom and might; his are counsel and understanding."

Loving God, Thank you for blessing us with long life. Let us abide in you to receive the gifts you have for us....the gifts of counsel, wisdom and understanding.

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.

"During this Lent,
let us all ask the Lord:
Make our hearts like yours."

-Pope Francis

**Mondays during Lent will be Confession Day in the Archdiocese of Hartford.**

The Church of the Incarnation will offer confessions on Lenten Mondays from 6:30-7:00pm. Our regular confession schedule continues on Saturdays from 3:30-4:15pm.

Lenten Mass Schedule: During Lent daily mass will be celebrated at The Church of the Incarnation at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday.

Lenten Regulations: Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, but have not yet marked their 59th are to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Easter Communion Regulation: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.

For your information, **Christ the King Parish** will celebrate daily mass during Lent at 7:30am and 12:10pm at **Corpus Christi Church**. Stations of the Cross will take place on all Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm at **Corpus Christi Church**.

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalms — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955)**March 3**

Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a "gift on loan" to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order. When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, "My child, why not become a missionary yourself?" Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized "Mother Drexel," praising her "excellent example of practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel
Wednesday: St. Casimir
Friday: World Day of Prayer; Abstinence; First Friday
Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

Yankee Stadium Bus Trip**Sunday June 7th, vs Tampa Bay**

Sponsored by The Men's Club, Church of The Incarnation . Tickets include deluxe bus transportation, game ticket, beverage on the bus and a food voucher at the stadium for a hot dog and beverage all for only \$99.00. Call Jim Pettit (860) 402-3074 or

email – spencer3600@yahoo.com for details. Bus leaves from The Church of The Incarnation (544 Prospect Street, Weth.,) promptly at 9am..... Parking available, Incarnation Church parking lot. Join us for a fun time!

East Catholic High School Entrance Exam: Saturday, March 28 from 8:30- 12:00 pm; parents are welcome to stay for an information session while their students take the exam. Plan on staying to meet administrators, take mini-tours with student ambassadors, and have questions answered.

2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal: This weekend is kick-off weekend. You will soon receive a letter seeking your support from Archbishop Blair. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities, not only in the spiritual realm but also by serving others with charitable/ outreach services. For the fourth year in a row, in 2019, the A.A.A. Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 225 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties. All funds contribute to the A.A.A. are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature at:

<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>
Appeal funds are never used for legal fees/settlements. A brief AAA video will be shown at all masses this weekend.

Do you have three hours for Life? On April 15th, Connecticut will hold its first March for Life at the State Capitol grounds, to stand for our religious freedom and defend Life at all its stages. This even will bring people from all faiths together in common purpose and we need you to be part of it. The march begins at 11:15 a.m. with the rally to follow at noon on the Northside of the state Capitol. Legislators will be present and this is your chance to be heard. To learn more, go to CTMarchforLife.org, or Text: CTM4L to 58632.

WEDDING BANNES

**DAVID ST. JEAN &
AMANDA HILDEBRAND**

**JUAN FRANCISCO VILCHEZ GARCIA
& AMY ROSE LASHER**