

March 8, 2020



Second

Sunday of Lent

From the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5

The Church of the Incarnation

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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, MARCH 7TH

5:00pm— Emilia Gaetani

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:30am—Gildo Alberto Colasacco

10:30am—Helen & Nashan Kalousdian

MONDAY, MARCH 9TH

9:00am—Jean O'Keefe & Faith O'Keefe

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

9:00am—Laurie Drisdelle

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

9:00am—Jean O'Keefe

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

9:00am—Douglas Campbell

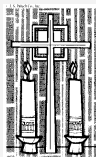
5:00pm—Pasquale Piccolo

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

8:30am— Luigi Lucci

10:30am—Sebastian & Mary Bianca

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 3/9/2020–3/15/2020 in memory of John Halstead & Thomas Reddin.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 3/9/2020—3/15/2020 in memory of Mary Scalia, Ann Scalia & Dominick Scalia.

BAPTISMS

ZANDER JOSEPH GUGLIELMI
LILLIANA JEAN DeNOVELLIS
CRISTIANO NUNZIO VALENTINI



The Second collection this weekend is the monthly collection.

“Project Baby Love” collection this wknd. PLEASE NOTE: There is a great need for SIZES 4 & 5 DIAPERS ONLY. Thanks for your kind generosity! We request that you leave your items in the trunks located in the Chapel entrance. Thank you so much!

Women's Club cooking team will meet this Monday, March 9th from 12-4pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.
Incarnation Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Wednesday, March 11th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Dynamic Catholic Find Your Greatness Discount Sale Weekend

We are so excited to offer discounted tickets for Find Your Greatness this weekend before and after all Masses in Fr. Crawford Hall! Tickets are on sale for \$19.00 for this weekend only. Please make your checks payable to Dynamic Catholic or you may pay with cash. No credit cards please. Join others from our sister Churches in Wethersfield & Rocky Hill on June 13, 2020 from 9am-1pm for this life changing event. Our amazing team is ready to greet you this weekend. Thank you to Mary Breton, Ann Mallin, Lisa Marotta, Trisha Pesce, Michael Stefano, Peggy Walsh, & Janet Zimmerman. Please visit our website at www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com for details. Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate

Best Lent Ever: You are invited to go to Dynamic Catholic.com and sign up for Best Lent Ever if you have not done so already. This is a free daily reflection and is life giving. " Find a quiet place and just sit with God. Close your eyes. Take a few deep breaths. Breathe out all the stress and anxiety. Breathe in God's life-giving oxygen." From Rediscover the Saints by Matthew Kelly.



Annual St. Patrick's Dinner, Monday, March 16th, Fr. Crawford Hall, 6:30pm.. Thanks to everyone who made a reservation! See you on 3/16...doors open at 6pm.

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.



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, March 7 from 8:30-9:45 a.m.

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

Grade 2: Saturday, March 14, 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Grade 6: Tuesday, March 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grade 3: Wednesday, March 18, 5-6:15 p.m.

Grade 5: Wednesday, March 18, 6:30-8p.m.

All Classes Meet in Father Crawford Hall.

ELEMENTARY RETREATS:

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 be on Saturday, March 14 from 10:00-11:00 am in Father Crawford hall.

FIRST RECONCILIATION for our Grade 2 students will take place on Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m.

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: Our next meeting will be held this Tuesday, **March 10th** for all 7th/8th grade boys and Wednesday, **March 11th** for all 7th/8th grade girls from 6:30-8 pm in the Father Crawford Hall.

Confirmation: Our Confirmation candidates will host a Soup Supper on Sat., March 28th directly following 5pm 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 3 students practice songs for First Holy Communion during their Retreat on Sat. Feb. 29.



Grade 4 Retreat — "Be Still" Rock Painting



Bunnies for Hunnies is collecting stuffed bunnies to be donated to The CT. Children's Medical Center, Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, The Prudence Crandall Center, The Friendship Center and other various shelters and hospitals. Bunnies for Hunnies has been providing children in need with stuffed animal bunnies for the past 7 years. Please consider donating a NEW bunny to provide comfort, strength, and smiles for children facing difficult life journeys. If you would like to participate, kindly send in your bunny to the **rectory by March 16th.**

PSALM PRAYER

Psalm 33



Our Lenten practices at times can seem harsh, but in a redemptive way. We are asked to sacrifice, to search our souls, to give more than we sometimes would like. In contrast, today's psalm offers us a glimpse into the gentleness of God's spirit that knocks at the door of our hearts and waits patiently for our reply.

We pray: *Let your mercy be on us.* We imagine ourselves cloaked with the mantle of a caring God, melting our cold hearts and comforting us, calling us beyond ourselves.

We pray: *The eyes of the Lord are upon us.* These are not the searing, judgmental eyes of a demanding God. These are the silent watchful eyes of a God who wants to meet us with a loving gaze as he waits for us to respond. These are the eyes of One who watches our every footstep lest we fall.

We pray: *Our soul waits for the Lord.* We wait for the Lord whom we know will speak to us, will answer us in God's good time and will embrace us, the prodigal children, with unconditional love as we make our way back to him this Lent.

WEDDING BANNS

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

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**.

CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins; International Women's Day

Monday: St. Frances of Rome;

Friday: Abstinence

SAINT FRANCES OF ROME (1384-1440) March 9

Nature and human nature—plagues and wars—turned late medieval Rome into a living hell, particularly for the sick and poor. Frances, by birth and marriage well provided for, was a devoted wife and mother; but like Benedictine Oblates, who to this day “pray and work” while living with their families and working in the world, she joined like-minded laywomen friends in ministering to society's most vulnerable. Frances' charity was not only “hands on” but “in home.” Her palace became a hospital after the plague claimed two of her three children. When her husband's death ended their loving marriage of forty years, Frances joined other widowed Oblates in community. In an interesting link to the United States, our nation's premier religious congregation for women of color, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, in 1833 established bonds of spiritual communion with these Oblates of Saint Frances in Rome. Though Black History Month is past, take a moment to learn about the good work that Mother Lange's spiritual daughters are doing still and consider supporting them as a Lenten project: www.oblatesisters.com.

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!

“**Discover Mercy**” is a morning program offered for girls and their parents to get their first look at Mercy High School by enjoying activities, student performances and informal conversations with Mercy students, parents, administrators and faculty. Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For 5th, 6th & 7th grade girls: Girls participate in 2 activities of their choice followed by lunch in the dining commons. The day concludes with closing comments and a performance in the auditorium. Some of this year's activities: Beginner's Yoga, Chemistry of Tie-Dyeing & Simple DNA, Creative Writing, Mad about Math, French Cuisine, Theater Arts Workshop, Field Hockey Clinic, Card Making, Introduction to Italian, Mini Mock Trial, Musical Dance/Musical Vocal. Mercy High School, 1740 Randolph Rd. Middletown, 06457 Register online – www.mercyhigh.com

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: You should have received a letter seeking your support from Archbishop Blair. There are extra copies at the entrances. 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.

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.