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Jesus said,
“Whoever drinks the water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in them
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:14

MARCH 15
2020

THIRD Sunday
OF Lent

The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



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Pastor

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Faith Formation Secretary
Rectory Office Assistant

Mrs. Theodora Niver
Director of Music
Vanessa Crowley.....Lorissa Heath
Rosanne Sweeney Gowdy.....Andrew Russo
Heather Picard.....Gianna Bielenda
Cantors

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, MARCH 14TH

5:00pm— Pasquale Piccolo

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

8:30am—Luigi Lucci

10:30am—Sebastian & Mary Bianca

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH

9:00am—Sandra Guglielmi

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH

9:00am— Jean O'Keefe

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

9:00am—Rose & John Stavola

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

9:00am— Angeline Vignone & Josephine Vignone

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

9:00am- Lilian Klinger

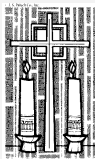
5:00pm—Christina Console

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:30am— Alberto D'Antonio Family

10:30am—Anthony W. Melillo

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 3/16/2020–3/22/2020 in memory of John L. D'Onofrio.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 3/16/2020—3/22/2020 in memory of Anthony W. Melillo.

You may return your Easter flower envelope anytime from now until Easter. Thank you!



Find Your Greatness: The discount sale weekend was a huge success and we thank all parishioners who supported this wonderful event. In total 117 tickets were sold at Incarnation and a total, including our amount, of all tickets sold in our team parishes is 212. This is wonderful!! I personally wish to thank our incredible team from all churches who gave over 100% this entire weekend. You may also buy tickets at the regular price \$25.00 by going online to Dynamiccatholic.com. On the weekend of April 18th & 19th, each church will sell tickets for the regular price after all Masses in Fr. Crawford Hall. **"Every ticket sold represents a soul who is investing in their relationship with Christ - that's pretty incredible!"** Dynamic Catholic Blessings and Peace, Noranne Wamester, Pastoral Associate and our Find Your Greatness Team.

Annual **St. Patrick's Dinner**, Mon, 3/16th, Fr. Crawford Hall, Doors open at 6pm Thanks to all who will join us!

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

Men's Club will meet on Wed., March 18th at 7pm in the rectory meeting room.

There will be a House of Bread collection next weekend. Coffee & sugar are requested. Thank you!

The Second collection next weekend will benefit Catholic Relief Services.

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 Church of the Incarnation awards two scholarships annually for parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools. Application deadline: 4/1. Call Noranne 529-6765.

Parish Communion Supper

Thursday, May 7th...Mass at 6pm...Incarnation Church
Dinner at 7pm Fr. Crawford Hall....Dinner Menu:
Garden Salad, Pasta Marinara, Chicken Francaise,
Stuffed Filet of Sole.....Vegetable Medley, Roasted Potatoes.
Dessert, Coffee & Tea

The Women's Club invites the men and women of the parish and friends to the Communion Supper. We are honored to have as our guest speaker for the evening the well known priest, Fr. Thomas Hoar, SSE, Ph.D., President of St. Edmund's Retreat at Enders Island, Mystic, CT. His timely talk will be, "Called to be Dynamic Disciples and Ambassadors of Hope." Cost \$29.00 p.p. Call Judi Farinella for reservations, 860-563-0083. Checks payable to Church of the Incarnation. Place your check in an envelope labeled Communion Supper either in the collection baskets at mass or by mail to the church at 544 Prospect Street, Weth., CT. Reservation deadline: 4/29. Include contact phone number/names you wish to sit with.



FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K-6)

Class Schedule information is also on our website at:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Class Schedule:

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

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

Grade 3: Wednesday, March 18 from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Grade 5: Wednesday, March 18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grade 1 and Little Lambs: Saturday, March 21 from 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Grade 4: Thursday, March 19 from 6:00-7:30 p.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:

Second meeting for the First Holy Communion Planning Committee is on Saturday, March 14 from 10-11:00 am Fr. Crawford Hall.



FIRST RECONCILIATION:

First Reconciliation for our Grade 2 students will take place on Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 p.m. Students and parents are to meet in the hall no later than 9:45 a.m. Siblings are encouraged to attend as well as extended family. We are looking forward to a very blessed day!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Sunday, March 22 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Our Presiders are Maura Buyak & Sarah Sisson. All GRADE 1 students are asked to attend along with all of our parish children ages 4-Grade 6.



PASSION PLAY:

We are very excited to announce that our 5th and 6th grade elementary Faith Formation students will be presenting a narrated version of the Passion Play at CLW on Palm Sunday, April 5. In addition, the children will re-enact the Passion Play again for all parishioners immediately following the Palm Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the hall followed by refreshments.

The narration is approximately 20 minutes. Please plan to come and witness our children as they depict the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord!

Youth Ministry: All high school aged kids are welcome to join us for our next gathering **this Sunday, March 15th** from 6:30-8pm in Father Crawford Hall. We would love to have you join us!

Middle School Faith Formation: Our next meeting will be held this Tuesday, **March 24th** for all 7th/8th grade boys and Wednesday, **March 25th** 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 & Wethersfield Food Bank.



Third graders paint "blessing cups" during their retreat in preparation for First Holy Communion



PSALM PRAYER*"We lift our hearts to the Lord."***Psalm 95**

We come in song and in jubilation, ready to offer our hymn of praise. It is easy for us – and for the Israelites of old – to express a joyful oblation to God. However, in the midst of our jubilant spirit, the psalmist reminds us of a call to obedience: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.* It is no accident that the invitation to praise God and heed his voice has become the opening prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayerbook of the Catholic Church.

Psalm 95, although brief in its expression, is the subject of a lengthier commentary in the Letter to the Hebrews (3:7-4:11). The author of this Letter urges the reader to remain faithful to the Lord's call and to heed that voice daily: "Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil and unfaithful heart, so as to forsake the living God. Encourage one another daily while it is still today, so that none of you may grow hardened by the deceit of sin."

It is *today* that we hold before us to accept or reject the voice of God. It is *today* that invites us to renew our commitment to harden not our hearts. We may not have a tomorrow to remain faithful to our call.

Third Sunday of Lent.....March 15, 2020

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.
— *Romans 5:8*

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.

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! First bus is full! Call or email to reserve!

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 is Confession Day in the Archdiocese of Hartford:**

Incarnation will offer confessions on Lenten Mondays from 6:30-7pm. 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**.

Happy St. Joseph and St. Patrick's Day!

THIRST

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Patrick
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Friday: Abstinence

We have Low Gluten Hosts for parishioners who need them. Please let the priest know prior to Mass of your request.

Rice Bowls are available at the entrances. CRS Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities.

SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**March 19**

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.

"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, 9am-1pm. for 5th, 6th & 7th grade girls: Girls participate in 2 activities of their choice followed by lunch in the commons. Day concludes with closing comments/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/Vocal. Mercy High School, 1740 Randolph Rd. Middletown, 06457 Register online – www.mercyhigh.com

East Catholic High School Entrance Exam: Saturday, March 28, 8:30- 12:00 pm; parents welcome to stay for info. session while students take exam. Plan on staying to meet administrators, take mini-tours, & have questions answered.

2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal: Extra letters are at all 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. 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.