

HEBREWS 12:22

You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem.

*Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



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Pastor

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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.

Rectory
(860) 529-2533

Fax
(860) 721-6595

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(860) 529-6765
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www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST

5:00pm—Francis L. Kinney

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

8:30am—Albert & Germaine Bernard

10:30am—Margaret Bogardus

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

9:00am—Deceased members of the
DuPont & Parys Families

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

9:00am— Thomas White and the
Deceased members of the White Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

9:00am—Celina Martin

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

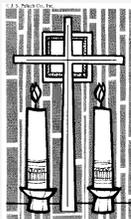
5:00pm— Virginia Nesta and Deceased
members of the DeRose Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

8:30am—Millie & Charlie Christadore

10:30am—Antonietta & Salvatore
Santilli and Armida Pace

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 9/2/2019–9/8/2019 in
memory of Darius Tylki.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from 9/2/2019—
9/8/2019 in Thanksgiving to St. Valentine.



Rectory closed Monday, Sept., 2nd in honor of Labor Day. Emergency calls only please. Thank you!



CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION PARISH PICNIC:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7TH, 2019

after 5pm Mass....6-8:30PM,

Father Crawford Hall

To promote community in the parish this event is hosted by the Incarnation Men's Association. We will have a traditional picnic menu, dessert, & entertainment. To supplement the meal, salads will be provided by women of the parish. The traditional picnic menu will be served from 6:15—7:15pm. Dessert will be served at 7:30pm. The cost for the picnic is \$10 per adult & \$25 per family (children under 12). Tickets will be sold at the door the night of the event only. (No prior reservations required). Hope to see you on Sat., September 7th after 5pm mass!

Find Your Greatness

We are excited to announce that Dynamic Catholic and Dr. Allen Hunt are coming to The Church of the Incarnation with the event *Find Your Greatness!* Dynamic Catholic events are not just about feeling. They are about doing. They don't just give you something to think about. They give you a plan. They help you make your life work better. Together with Christ the King Parish in Wethersfield and St. Josephine Bakhita Parish in Rocky Hill, we are so excited to bring this life-changing event to our community on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Tickets will be available on DynamicCatholic.com starting September 12th. And for that weekend only, you can purchase tickets for an Early Bird Special rate of \$19.00. This is a 25% discount-mark your calendar to take advantage of this limited time offer. **This is an event you do not want to miss! We can't wait to find your greatness! We will also have our first weekend sale of tickets in our Church in February.** Date to be announced. The discount will apply to that weekend only.

The Second collection next weekend will be the monthly collection.

There is a "Project Baby Love" collection next weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are greatly appreciated! Thank you.

Employment Support Group: If you or someone you know is in need of employment please call Ken at (860) 729-5960.



Dear Families,



**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
PROCESS FOR INCARNATION PARISH:**

All families who have students enrolled in Faith Formation classes at Incarnation Parish will be sent a link to register online this week from Filomena Marinelli or Gina Burby. New students can reach Filomena at lightthewayincarnation@gmail.com or Gina at Gina10272@aol.com to receive this link. This is a soft launch of our new 2019-2020 online faith formation REGISTRATION process for **families only** at this time.

Also, we are in need of catechists and facilitators. Please see the needs on our site in previous bulletins. Please search your hearts and pray for guidance in answering this call. Our children are the Lord's precious ones and they need to be nurtured in the faith. We live in a challenging **world and our faith must lead us all to know, love and serve the Lord.** All new volunteers are required to have a background check as directed by the Archdiocese and are required to attend one time workshop entitled Protecting God's Children.

Please call (860) 529-6765 as I now have my own extension and message. **Thank you and let us hold one another in prayer. Filomena Marinelli, Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation.**



Confirmation 2019: Our present 10th graders are continuing their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, November 17th at 2:00pm. Our next gathering will be Sunday, September 29th from 3:00-6:00pm. We look forward to this time together as we prepare to open our hearts to receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Middle School Faith Formation:

Our Middle School Faith Formation communities will begin in October. My welcome letter and calendar is now available on our website. The age of our youth in Middle School is a very wonderful age. I am inviting you to pray about becoming a teacher of the faith. Strong Catholic college students who are living at home or adult women and men who can be positive, spiritual mentors to our youth are welcome to join the team. Please call (860) 529-6765 as I now have my own extension and you can leave me a message. Thank you and God Bless. Gina Burby, Coordinator of Middle School Faith Formation.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:



The Church of the Incarnation Respect Life Ministry team gathered in the Spring. Its mission is to bring awareness to the many issues that pertain to the dignity of human life from the womb to the tomb. Each month a Prayer of the Faithful will be read at each Mass in reference to Respect Life. The same prayer will be read for the entire month at each weekend Mass. The prayer will change monthly.

Psalm 127: 3-4 "Certainly sons are a gift from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons born in one's youth." Loving God thank you for bestowing us with great favor to receive from you the gift of life. With you all things are possible. Let all be unto us according to your will.

Luke 1: 31-38 " Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your Word."



Prayer Corner:**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (Sept. 1)**

O Lord, bless all of your creatures as a sign of Your wondrous love and grant us the grace to respect and care for Your creation.

O Lord, help us to end the suffering of the poor and bring healing to all the corners of the world.

O Lord, help us to use our technological advances to undo the damage done to Your creation and to sustain Your gift of nature.

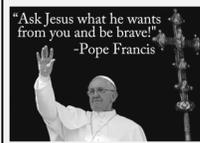
O Lord, as we celebrate Labor Day, may our labors be fruitful, may they reflect your image, and may they benefit the needs of humankind everywhere.

We now make our pledge of commitment:

We come to renew our covenant with God and with one another in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We come as followers of Jesus to commit ourselves anew to one another and to heal injustice and poverty. We come to help protect God's creation and stand together against all threats to life.

We come to discover new beauty every day in God's creation and to listen to the "music of the universe." Help us to remember always that God speaks to us through the beauty of his creation, and enable us to try our best to answer God's call to reverence all that he has created.

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**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 Father Michael Casey,

Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

Vocations Holy Hour: Vocations Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at Incarnation Church every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome as we pray for an increase in priestly vocations, the success of our upcoming Archdiocesan Synod, Pro-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 in Fr. Crawford Hall at 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 and the Church's work.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal: It is not too late to join your fellow parishioners with a pledge/gift to this year's appeal! All pledges can be paid through Dec., 31st 2019 towards this year's appeal. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of countless individuals. Visit the website: www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations, to learn more and make your gift today. All funds contributed are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Knights of Columbus Fr. James J. Gannon Council 4193 Weth., CT....Attention Men:

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. Its core principles are CHARITY, FRATERNITY, UNITY and PATRIOTISM. Membership is limited to Catholic men aged 18 & over. Consider joining! Call Jeff at (860) 965-8036 or Joe at 1-516-459-9489. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month in St. Joseph Hall, below Christ the King Church. We are sponsoring a clothing drive the weekend of September 14 & 15 before & after each Mass. Please participate in this charitable event.

Also, on the last Tuesday of each month if you eat at Bertucci's on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington, 15% of your order will be donated to the Knights. See flyers at entrances of the Church.

HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading — You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel — Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;

Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great...Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

Incarnation Church Membership Tea
Sentimental Journey: The Music of Doris Day

The Incarnation Women's Club annual Membership Tea will be held on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 pm in Father Crawford Hall at the church. Welcome members, friends and guests to an evening of musical memories of Doris Day performed by Patty Carver. Patty is a singer, actress and writer of international credits. She will present a delightful and entertaining tribute to the music of Doris Day. This program is filled with tidbits of trivia and lots of nostalgia. Patty brings her own unique perspective to Doris Day's music. This is an evening to honor Doris Day since her death in May 2019 at the age of 97.



Clothing/Coat Drive: The Wethersfield Knights of Columbus Council 4193 will be having a clothing drive the weekend of September 14th & 15th. Gently used clean clothes & coats will be collected at the west parking lot before and after the 5pm Mass on Sat., Sept., 14th & Sun., Sept., 15th before/after 8:30am & 10:30am Masses. The gently used clothing will be donated to a local recycler for redistribution. Thank you for your support as it will be greatly appreciated by the final recipients!



Wedding Anniversary Mass Celebration Sunday, October 13, 2019. 2:00 PM St. Joseph Cathedral, Hartford, CT..... Last date for registration: Friday, September 20, 2019....Please call Audrey at the rectory to sign up at (860) 529-2533.

Northwest Catholic High School invites prospective students & parents to attend our annual Open House on Sunday, October 20th, 1-3 p.m. Entrance Exam (HSPT) Sat., October 26th at 8 am. Register online: www.northwestcatholic.org/admissions. Walk-ins welcome! Contact: aselig@nwccath.org.

East Catholic High School : Open House this year will be on *Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:45 p.m.* with our Entrance Exams being on *Saturday, November 2nd and Saturday, November 16th at 8:30 a.m.* Call Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext. 6456 or by pre-registering online at www.echs.com.

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