

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 25, 2021

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Andrew said to Jesus,
“There is a boy here who has
five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?”

JOHN 6:8-9

GOD FEEDS AND CARES FOR US

Today’s message could be summed up in psalm 145, “The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.” Each reading shows how carefully God feeds and cares for us, in an up-close and personal fashion. Elisha fed the crowd from twenty barley loaves. Jesus blessed a few loaves and thousands were fed. Perhaps this seems far-fetched, but we read stories in the news about chefs taking the leftovers from fancy restaurants and feeding many people in a soup kitchen. As a schoolgirl, one of my favorite stories was “Stone Soup,” the tale of a couple of war-weary soldiers convincing the people of a frightened and starving little country village to bring out their meager supplies and share them to make a marvelous soup to feed the town. The second reading asks us to “Consider well our call.” How do we respond to those in need around us?

MIRACLE OR MAGIC?

It can be easy to just say, “Oh yes, this is the story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when everybody decided to share the bits of food they had.” But how much of it is really about feeding the crowds? “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?’ He said this to test him, because he knew what he was going to do.” It must have been very hard to trust Jesus, especially when the disciples often didn’t understand him. This year has been challenging for us, too, to trust that God will provide, and also challenging for us to ask for help.

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, there is a chapter called “The assignment of impossible tasks.” It says, in essence, that when your superior tells you to do something impossible, it is fine to go talk to them about it, but in the end you may still be asked to do this task. In what situations are we called to trust? When are we asked to act in faith or to do the impossible task?

HOW WILL WE KNOW WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING?

Miracles are seldom as obvious as the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Many years ago, I overheard a family conversation in a restaurant at the end of a long holiday weekend. At the register was one of those collection jars saying, “For just fifty cents a day you can feed a child.” The little girl asked her folks about it and they explained it. She said, “I have money left from my weekend, could I put it in the jar?” The parents said yes and let her go on the adventure for herself. She came back and sat down, and they chatted some more. She said, “If fifty cents feeds a child for a day, then I was able to feed one for three days, because I had \$1.50 left from the weekend.” When we follow this child’s example and go beyond the minimum, when we give all we can, we know we are doing the right thing, and we have understood the test that Jesus posed to Philip so long ago.

TODAY’S READINGS

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

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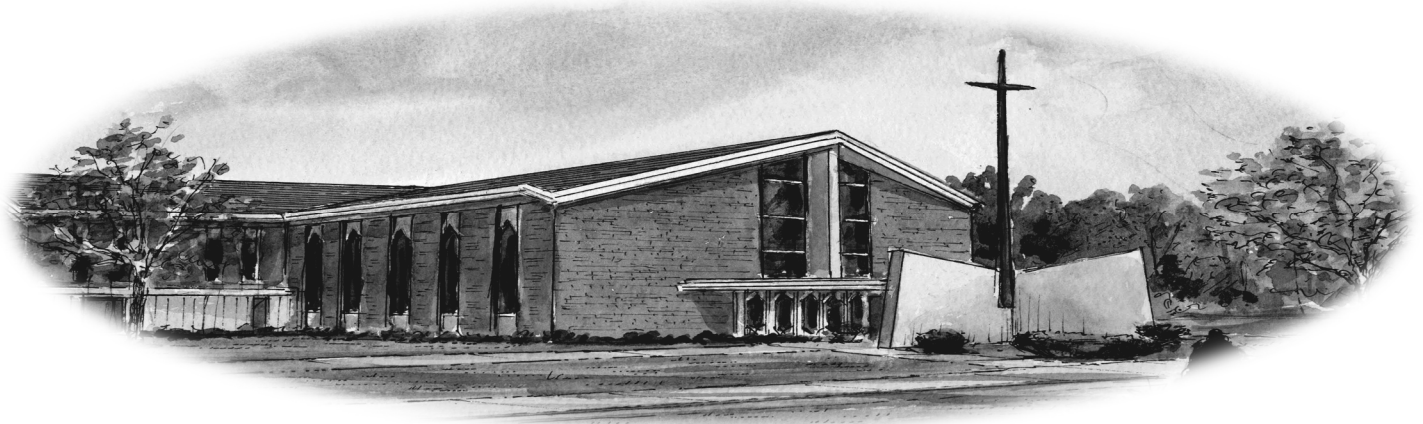
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Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm

in Father Crawford Hall

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Daily Mass: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 am

Recitation of the Rosary for Peace before

9:00 am daily Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

By previous appointment by calling the rectory.

Sundays at 12:30 pm

Weddings

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

New Parishioners - Faith Formation Registration

The Church of the Incarnation

welcomes new parishioners.

Forms are available at the
main entrance of the church.

Please mail or drop off at the rectory.

You may also visit our website for printable forms at:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Rectory Hours

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Mass Schedule



Saturday, July 24th

5:00pm— Ray & Grace DeLuca

Sunday, July 25th

8:30am— Vincenza Bulanti

10:30am— Anna & Harold Bannon

Monday, July 26th

9:00am— Arlete Santos

Tuesday, July 27th

9:00am— For all our parishioners

Wednesday, July 28th

9:00am— Luigi Gaetani

Thursday, July 29th

9:00am— Fred & Joanne Lepore

Friday, July 30th

9:00am— Antonino Valvo

Saturday, July 31st

5:00pm— Elisa Gulioso

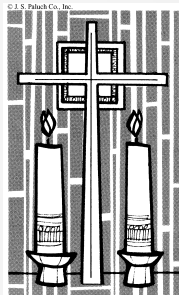
Sunday, August 1st

8:30am— Prospero R. & Mary Jane DePhillips

10:30am— James Mullarkey

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 7/26/2021—8/1/2021 in memory of Terzina & Luigi DellaFiore.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle

will burn from 7/26/2021—8/1/2021 in memory of Albert D'Antonio.

Thank you to all who donated to our Mission Co-op Collection last weekend.

For your information:

Please pay close attention!!!

In order to comply with the new regulations from our church envelope company, we ask parishioners to refrain from cutting, taping, stapling or putting any stickers on their envelopes. This makes it much more difficult for the machines to process our church envelopes. Thank you!



July 30th is International Day Against Human Trafficking

Pray the Rosary:

Friday July 30, 6:30 PM
St. Elizabeth Seton Church
280 Brook St., Rocky Hill

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish invites you to join them in praying the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary for victims, survivors, and perpetrators of Human Trafficking.

Summer House of Bread Collection:

Sponsored by our 2021 Confirmation Class of the Church of the Incarnation. Thank you to our Faith Formation volunteers, families and Incarnation Parishioners for your donations of coffee, tea & sugar. Thank you for your generosity to the homeless in Hartford who are provided meals from The House of Bread. There will be another collection stay tuned for dates.

Our “Project Baby Love” collections will not take place until further notice.

We thank our generous parishioners who have supported this Ministry over the years! A very special thank you to Diana Hamel who began this initiative in our parish. Thank you to all those who delivered the diapers & wipes and to Greg and Cynthia Calegari for their continued support!

We have some remaining 2022 MEMORIAL MASSES/SANCUARY/ BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CANDLES AVAILABLE. To reserve a mass for a loved one or friend call the rectory at (860) 529-2533. Our weekday Mass offering is \$10 & our weekend offering is \$20. Our Candle offering is \$10.00.



**WEDDING
BANNES**

**James Paul Carney &
Camille Ann Gilbert**

ARCHDIOCESAN DISPENSATION

UPDATE: Archbishop Blair lifted the dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as of May 22/23rd. Effective Wednesday, June 9, 2021, for those who are vaccinated, wearing masks will now be optional while at Mass, at other liturgies, and at any outdoor events held at our churches. Those who wish to remain unvaccinated should continue to wear masks, with particular attention given to the safety of young/unvaccinated children.

Please notify the rectory if you have a loved one who is terminally ill before it becomes an urgent matter. Father Moran prefers to offer the Sacrament of the Sick while your loved one is still able to understand the Sacrament clearly.

Attention all parents/guardians: During Mass we request that children would always be accompanied to the restrooms by a parent or adult.

F.Y.I: We have a CINTAS Professional First Aid Cabinet available if an injury occurs to a parishioner during Mass. Please alert an usher to notify the Sacristan of the injury. We have a disabled restroom in the west corner of Fr. Crawford Hall.



**WILLIAM MICHAEL
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PRAYER CORNER

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23;
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt
13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt
14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25,
54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

Monday: Ss. Joachim and Anne

Thursday: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus

Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preface Dialogue

"Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to "eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.



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The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food
in due season.

— Psalm 145:15



Archdiocese of Hartford 2021 Marriage Anniversary Celebration Registration Information

On Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 2:00 PM, the annual Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford for married couples who have observed or will be observing 25th, 50th, 60th, and other special wedding anniversaries in 2020 or 2021. While typically only those celebrating special anniversaries in a given year are invited to this celebration, couples who had special anniversaries in 2020 are also invited this year in the hopes of recognizing those who could not be celebrated last year when the pandemic led to the cancellation of this annual Mass. Therefore, all married couples from parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford who are celebrating such anniversaries either in 2020 or 2021 are invited to participate in this liturgy.

Those interested in participating in the Archdiocese of Hartford 2021 Marriage Anniversary Celebration are asked to follow these steps in order to properly register:

1. Using your web browser go to bit.ly/aohmarriage to access the registration form.
 2. On this page, when asked if you are registering as a “Concelebrating Priest” or as a “Married Couple”, please select the appropriate option.
 3. Additional spaces will appear on the page into which you can enter all required information. When submitting your form, please check that all information is correct prior to submission, as the names of couples celebrating anniversaries will be included in the Mass program and information will appear in the program just as it was submitted.
 4. Once all information has been correctly entered and checked, click the Submit button at the bottom of the page to formally register.
 5. A confirmation email will be sent to the email address provided. This is your official confirmation that you have signed up to attend the Archdiocese of Hartford 2021 Marriage Anniversary Celebration.
- Those couples attending the Mass are allowed to bring as many guests as they would like to celebrate with them on that day.
 - Priests are invited to attend the Mass, especially if they have parishioners who are celebrating significant anniversaries at the liturgy.
 - Following registration, additional material will be sent to couples providing them with the information that they will need to know for the Mass.
 - While couples can register up to the date of the ceremony, those who register on or after October 1, 2021, may not have their names included in the Mass program.

If you have any trouble submitting this form, contact your Pastor for assistance or contact Fr. Matthew Gworek in the Office of the Archbishop (fr.gworek@aohct.org | 860-541-6491).



INCARNATION FAITH FORMATION SUMMER PRAYER CORNER

SUMMERTIME PRAYER

Loving God, we ask you for your continued blessings and protection for our family as we enjoy the relaxing days of summer. We thank you for giving us the gift of the summer season with its warm sun and gentle breezes that remind us of your radiance and love. Be present with us as we share special family time together laughing, talking, playing, eating, and praying. Let us remember the importance and gift of family that you have given us as we cherish one another. Let us praise you and your creation in all the beauty that surrounds the season – in the splashing ocean waves, in the warm summer sand, in the lush green grasses and mountains, on the lakes and rivers, in the fresh vegetables and fruits that abound, and in all the wonder of nature that we experience during this time. We thank you and praise you for the gifts of life, family, and your unending graces and love. Amen.

Incarnation WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE: The Women's Club will resume General Meetings in October. The Cooking Teams will also start up again in October. The Funeral Honor Guard returned in mid-June, using a modified format. The membership mailing will be sent out in early September. It will contain information about club activities for the remainder of the year, including dates/times for planned events. For questions, call Anne McAloon, club president at, (860) 529-5358.

East Catholic High School : Hope everyone is enjoying the summer vacation. Although the start of the school year is almost two months away, its time to spring into action if you are thinking about attending East Catholic High School. We are open throughout the summer Mon. - Thurs. 8 am - 2:30 pm and continuing with accepting applications for incoming freshmen, as well as transfer students. Please check us out on www.echs.com and do not hesitate to contact Admissions at 860-649-5336, ext., 6238 or 6456.

Calling all local artists: Would you like to publicly showcase your fine art free of charge? Please submit your work for consideration for the first Sts. Isidore and Maria Parish juried fine art exhibit, "Oasis of Beauty," this Fall. The exhibit will feature a variety of mediums, including paintings, photography, sculpture and mixed media. Send a photo of your artwork with your name, plus the title, description and size of your piece (s) to: tammy@isidoreandmaria.org by August 27!

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