

The Church of the Incarnation

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Cantors

Toni Munoz
Sacristan

Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:45 - 4:30p.m.
Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 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
Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in the Baptistry of the 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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**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 11TH**
5pm- Frank Mandile

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 12TH**

8:00 am-Joseph & Rosanna DiSanzo
9:30am-Raymond Kelley
11:00am—Tiberio Pace

MONDAY, AUGUST 13TH

9:00am- For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14TH

9:00am- Giovanni Silvestri &
Giustino Mariani

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

**ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9:00am—Rena Wiemert
5:30pm- For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH

9:00am—Tom & Mary Scully

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17TH

9:00am- Walter Napierata

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH

5:00pm - Shirley Graham

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH

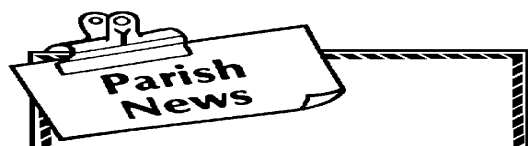
8:00am- Eleanor Mazzarella
9:30 am-Anthony & Emelia Camilliere
11:00am—Dr. John Arcari

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 8/13/2012—
8/19/2012 in memory of
Nicholas Gervascio.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from 8/13/2012—
8/19/2012 in memory of Frank Tamosunas.



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The second collection this weekend is the monthly collection.

Wednesday, August 15th is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 9am and 5:30pm on Wednesday.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

House of Bread collection next weekend. Coffee & sugar are requested, as well as powdered drink mixes.

The Men's Association will sponsor the Incarnation Parish Family Picnic on Sunday, August 26th, from 1 - 4 p.m. Come enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and grilled onions & peppers. An array of summer salads will be provided thanks to the women of Incarnation parish. Pony rides and a moon bounce will be available for the kids. Seating will be outdoors and in the air-conditioned Father Crawford Hall. Around 3:00 p.m. home made desserts, also from the women of the parish, and a make your own ice cream sundae bar will be offered. Tickets will be on sale the day of the event at the door only. Volunteers needed to set up/clean up. Call Audrey at the rectory at 529-2533.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at Incarnation on Tuesday, October 30th at 7pm with a Mass. Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will preside.



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There are still many families that have not registered for Faith Formation for the 2012-2013 season. We must assume that your child/(ren) will not return. Class lists will not include your child's name unless you are registered.

It is not too early to pray about becoming a catechist for our elementary/middle school program. Sharing our faith with our children and teens is indeed a wonderful ministry. Please call Noranne Wamester for information at (860) 529-6765. The Kindergarten program "Little Lambs" begins the last Saturday in October at Emerson-Williams School and is optional.

A Vision for Confirmation 2013

"Since the days of the early church, Christians have realized that the spiritual journey is not meant to be walked alone. We find our way by walking with others who are guided by the same vision. A person who has a sense of direction and who can assist others in learning how to incorporate spiritual practices into daily life is called a mentor. Spiritual mentors can walk with others on the journey whether informally or as a sponsor in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) or for someone preparing for Confirmation. Just as a carpenter or a chef guides an apprentice into the craft, a spiritual mentor can guide others into the way of life known as Catholicism." (Practice Makes Catholic, Moving from a Learned Faith to a Lived Faith. Joe Paprocki)

The process of preparing for Confirmation begins in 7th and 8th grades and culminates in the fall of 10th grade. The Confirmandi are then welcomed into the fuller membership of the Church. The model for this preparation at the Church of the Incarnation has not changed in many years and it is now ready to launch a new vision for our youth entering the 9th grade.

I am inviting you to pray about becoming a spiritual mentor for our Confirmation Community. I am seeking 12 mentors to walk with 7 candidates. We would gather monthly for the 11:00am Mass and then meet in Father Crawford Hall for refreshments. A teaching would follow and each mentor would meet with your seven young people. The session would end at 2:00pm. The twelve disciples and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit inspired the numbers. All mentors will receive a background check and will be required to attend a Virtus training course, as we are in compliance with the Archdiocese of Hartford for the protection of God's children. College age students are welcome, and parishioners of all ages who share this vision and desire to be a mentor are welcome. There will be a period of training before we begin in November. Please pray about this vision and seek the Lord's guidance in answering this call.

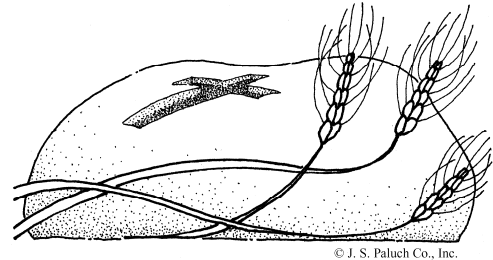
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Defending our Religious LibertyOur American founding fathers -- Madison, Adams, Washington, Hamilton, Franklin, and Jefferson -- saw religious faith as vital to the life of free people, why can't the authors of the federal healthcare mandate see the same thing? If you haven't already, please contact the office of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate. For addresses and phone numbers, please visit www.ctcatholic.org or www.archdioceseofhartford.org.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2012**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— *John 6:51*



**The Archdiocese of Hartford is participating in the
40 Days for Life campaign from:
September 28th - November 6th.**

Our community is part of the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history -- the 40 Days for Life campaign. We are blessed to begin our fourth year in the campaign.

All denominations are welcome to join the prayerful vigil in Hartford. *40 Days for Life* is a focused pro-life effort that consists of:

40 days of **prayer and fasting**

40 days of **peaceful vigil**

40 days of **community outreach**

We are praying that, with God's help, this groundbreaking effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city -- and throughout America.

BAPTISMS



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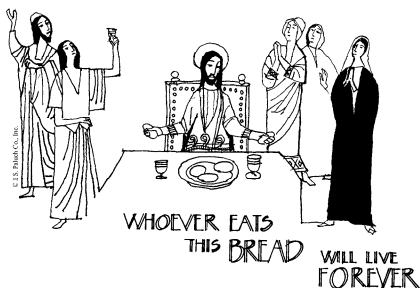
**THOMAS JASON
FORTIN**

**FRANK LOUIS
OVCHAR**

Thank you to our parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Visit www.archdioceseofhartford.org. for more information. There are extra letters at the entrances of the church. Thank you!

The Lay Ministry Program begins on September 5th 2012. There is still time to register. Contact Mary at the Office of Religious Education at (860) 243-9465. Catholic lay men and women over the age of 21 with leadership potential who want to broaden their theological knowledge, train for various ministries, improve their ministerial skills are invited to apply. The candidate is asked to make an 18 month commitment which includes: 2 weekend retreats, evenings of reflection, 1 class night per week and a parish project. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield.

Register today for An Afternoon of Reflection Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, sponsored by The Office of Divine Worship on Sunday, September 9th from 1:30-5pm at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT. Monsignor Gerard Schmitz will be the presenter. Fee is \$10. Call (860) 761-7442 for information.



Jesus is the bread of life. Our world still hungers. Who will feed the multitude? Consider a life of ministry, or encourage others to do so. If you are one who feels called to feed the multitude, Please call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail him at: vocations@stseminary.org, or visit the web at www.vocationshartford.org.

WEDDINGS



**JOHN LOVE
and
CARLA SANCHEZ**

**JOSEPH ANTHONY
RUGGIERI
and
SABRINA MARIA
SANTANGELO**

CIVIL DISCOURSE

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.”

These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same things that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger, and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some “road rage” on the expressway. If we who are partakers of the Body of Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ’s message of peace and reconciliation? The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement!

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus said, “I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:41-51).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wednesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
 Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
 Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
 Wednesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Eid al-Fit’r (Islamic feast of the conclusion of Ramadan) celebrated this week

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The roots of this week’s feast of the Assumption can be traced back at least to the fifth century, when it is noted in the Armenian lectionary. Celebrated in Jerusalem, the feast in honor of the *Theotokos*, the Mother of God, became the principal feast of Mary throughout the Christian world. The place of celebration was at the tomb of Mary in Gethsemane and was therefore known as the “Dormition of Mary.” In some cultures this feast is celebrated today with a resting statue of Mary, much like a wake service of modern times.

The liturgy of this feast provides images of “the place of your rest” in Psalm 132, and reverence for the Ark of the Covenant that held the signs of the Promise. Like that Ark, Mary is for us the ark of the Savior, the one who bore the Son of God. When the doctrine of the Assumption was defined in 1950 the Gospel reading for the feast was changed to include the verses of Mary’s song, the Magnificat. The scripture readings for both the vigil Mass and the Mass of the day speak to us of life after death as well as the path to be followed in order to reach it. The key to this promised immortality is found as we take to heart the words of the vigil’s Gospel, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”

