

# The Church of the Incarnation

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Rev. James M. Moran  
**Pastor**

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**Faith Formation Secretary**

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Lorissa Heath  
Rosanne Sweeney Gowdy  
Andrew Russo  
Heather Picard Bonney  
**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](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Rectory**  
(860) 529-2533

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(860) 721-6595

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**Website address:** [www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

**SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 25TH**

5pm- George & Sally  
D'Esopo

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH**

8:00 am-Thomas Sullivan  
9:30am-Cosimo, Jennie & Joseph Rizzo  
11:00am—Maurice Bottum

**MONDAY, AUGUST 27TH**

9:00am— Maria Orsini and the deceased  
members of the Orsini & Nicotera Families

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 28TH**

9:00am— Deceased members of the  
Bartosiak Family

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29TH**

9:00am—For all our parishioners

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 30TH**

9:00am—Anthony Volpe

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 31ST**

9:00am- Giovanni & Carmela Ficocelli

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST**

5:00pm - Anna Maria Pedemonti

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND**

8:00am- For all our deceased parishioners &  
benefactors

9:30 am-Eleanor Kelly

11:00am—Kevin Vaughan

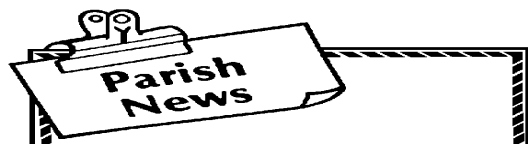
**The Sanctuary Candle** will burn  
from 8/27/2012– 9/2/2012 in  
memory of Daniel R. Abbate.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Candle** will burn from  
8/27/2012—9/2/2012 in  
memory of Judith Skinner Curcio &  
Robert John Skinner.

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**  
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**The Men's Association is sponsoring the  
Incarnation Parish Family Picnic this  
Sunday, August 26th, from 1 - 4 p.m.**

Come enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, cheese-  
burgers and grilled onions & peppers. An ar-  
ray 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 of-  
fered. Tickets on sale at the door only. \$5.00  
p.p. and \$15.00 per family. See you there!

**Dear Parishioners:** As you probably have  
noticed, I have not said mass or preached  
over the last several months as I had previ-  
ously. I have experienced some unsteadiness  
on my feet. Also my voice, never strong, has  
become somewhat weaker. For these reasons  
I can't be as helpful to Fr. Moran or to you as  
I might have been, and think it best to reduce  
my visits to Incarnation. I hope to be able to  
be with you from time to time. I want to  
thank all of you for your hospitality, example  
of your faith, and your kindness to me. Please  
note that you will remain in my prayers. I ask  
your prayers for all priests. **God Bless You  
All, Fr. Fanelli.** My address is 467 Bloom-  
field Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002.



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**“Project Baby Love” collection next wkd.**  
Disposable diapers & wipes needed. See  
thank you note on Narthex bulletin board.



**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.

**Faith formation is in need of (2) 6th grade catechists to serve at Emerson-Williams.** 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. Call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765.

**The Faith Formation Office will be closed and will reopen on September 4th.**

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades and culminates in the fall of 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**I invite 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 11am 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 2pm. 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 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. Call Noranne Wamester at (860)529-6765.

**The optional Kindergarten Faith Formation program “Little Lambs” begins the last Saturday in October at Emerson-Williams.** Call Noranne at (860) 529-2533 for info.

**There is a need for Middle school catechists.**

Grade 8 meets every other Tues. evening beginning at the end of September. There are 43 students. Gr. 7 meets on Wed. evenings every other week beginning at the end of September. We have 42 students. The middle school Faith formation program is gender based, therefore I need both men and women to serve on the teams. The communities are very small. It is a wonderful program and is very well received by the students. Please pray about joining our team of believers. The mailing for the families will go out after Labor Day. Call the Faith Formation Office to volunteer at (860) 529-2533.



**Church of the Incarnation Choir Information:** Choir rehearsal will begin on Mon., September 10th at 7:30pm and Bell Rehearsal will begin on Wed., September 12th at 6pm both in the Choir Loft. New members welcome. See Mrs. Niver in the Choir Loft after any Mass to join.

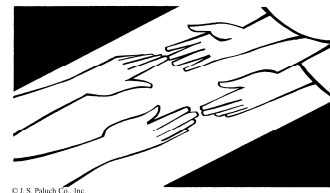
**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at Incarnation on Tuesday, October 30th at 7pm with a Mass. Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will preside.**

**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.

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 26, 2012**

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.  
— *Joshua 24:15b*



**BAPTISMS**

**DECLAN JAMES  
CATTANACH**



**The Social Action Committee of The Church of the Incarnation is sponsoring a collection of personal items for the Town of Wethersfield Social & Youth Services the weekend of September 8th & 9th after all the masses.** Requested items are shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, toilet paper, Kleenex and laundry detergent (small bottles). Please return your items to Fr. Crawford Hall in bags. Thank you kindly in advance for helping those less fortunate in our community!

**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.



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**Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life. There is no where else to go, follow Jesus, come what may. To follow Jesus by serving as a priest or religious, call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail him at: [vocations@stseminary.org](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org), or visit the web at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://www.vocationshartford.org).**

**Corpus Christi Women's Club** invites you to New York City for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Thursday, December 6th. \$110.00 p.p. includes round trip transportation and ticket to the 2pm show. Flyers in the Narthex. This bus trip is not a fundraiser. The Women's Club bus trips are meant to build community.

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

## WEDDINGS



**JAMES  
SKLADNOWSKI  
&  
KYLIE PARSONS**

## DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, “Not to decide is to decide.” This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation’s involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won’t be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God’s word: Take the risk. Decide!

## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — It was the LORD, our God, who protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

**Second Reading** — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26  
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mk 6:17-29  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51  
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30  
 Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Eucharist was never meant to be only “comfort food,” something that makes us feel warm and satisfied. It is to be bread for the journey, nourishment for the task that God has set for our community and for each one of us. Thus it is not surprising to see some walk away in today’s Gospel, for they understood that recognizing Jesus as the bread of life is a commitment to changing one’s life.

St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate this week, once observed that in celebrating the Eucharist we become what we receive, the Body of Christ. As we conclude the series of reflections in John’s Gospel on Jesus as the bread of life, it is appropriate to think about the role that the Eucharist plays in our lives and in our parish. It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished and renew our commitment in faith to serve the Lord. How does the parish social ministry carry out that mandate? How do you carry it out in your own life? Is it related in any way to the celebration of the Eucharist? How does celebrating Mass Sunday after Sunday make a difference in your life and in the world?