

# The Church of the Incarnation

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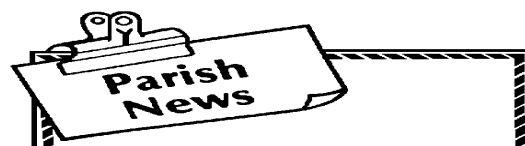
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**Website address:** [www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 8TH**  
5pm- Helen, Anna & Jacob  
Kutyla

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**  
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**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 this weekend after all the masses in Fr. Crawford Hall.** Requested items are: shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, toilet paper, Kleenex and small laundry detergent bottles. Please return your items in bags.

**The Second collection this weekend is the monthly collection.**

We pray today for all of our Grandparents both living and deceased. We thank them for their wisdom, kindness and love!



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**The Women's Club cooking team will cook this Monday, September 10th from 1-3pm in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, September 12th from 9:30-10:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**The Prayer for Healing Ministry will meet on Thursday September 13th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please join us!**

**New Day**, our bereavement support group for all those who have lost a loved one through death will begin on Monday, September 17th at 1pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Call Noranne for information at (860) 529-6765.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

8:00 am-John Goggin

9:30am-Anthony DiCicco Sr.

11:00am—Carmelo & Michelina Reale

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

9:00am— For all our parishioners

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH**

9:00am— Dolores & Sal Brunetti

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**

9:00am—Giuseppina Matarazzo

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**

9:00am—Margaret, James Sr. & James Jr.

Parisi

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**

9:00am- Antoinetta & Salvatore Santilli

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**

5:00pm - Gaetano, Mary & the deceased members of the D'Ambrosio Family

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**

8:00am-Bob Fields

9:30 am-Matteo Pugliese

11:00am—Reverend John J. Crawford and Thomas Crawford

**The Sanctuary Candle** will burn from 9/10/2012– 9/16/2012 in Michael & Theresa Raffalo.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Candle** will burn from 9/10/2012—9/16/2012 in memory of Salvatore Mistretta.



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**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 meeting for all Faith Formation Catechists both parish family home and Emerson Williams will be held next Saturday, September 15th at 9am in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

Here is the breakdown: Those teaching grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 will meet from 9-10am, and grade 2 parish family home and Emerson Williams will meet at 10:15am.

**Faith Formation will begin at Emerson-Williams at 9am on Saturday, September 22nd.**

**Letters and calendars will be arriving this week. They are on our website.**

**Parents of parish family home communities will be notified after September 15th**

by their catechists as to the day and times of their sessions. All changes MUST come through the faith formation office.

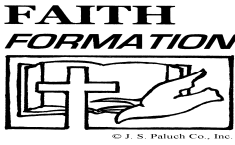
### **A Vision for Confirmation 2013**

“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 6 more 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) 529-6765 for info.



**There is a need for Middle school catechists.** Grade 8 meets every other Tues. evening beginning at the end of September. We have 42 students in grade 8. Gr. 7 meets on Wed. evenings every other week beginning at the end of September. There are 64 students in grade 7. The middle school

Faith formation program is gender based, We have a need for 2 men college age and up to teach grade 7 and 3 women college age to teach grade 8. 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. Call the Faith Formation Office at (860) 529-6765.

**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 Incarnation Men's Association Annual Membership Renewal Campaign has begun.**

Letters were mailed to all members. Dues for the 2012-2013 year remains at \$10.00. New members are always welcome to join, call Mike White at (860) 667-2099.

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 9, 2012**

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world  
to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5



**The Archdiocese of Hartford is participating in the 40 Days for Life campaign from:** Sept. 28th - Nov. 6th. Our community is part of this largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. *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 to end abortion!

**We received a lovely note from The Catholic Mission Aid Society thanking our parish for the generous response to the 2012 Mission Co-Op Appeal.** Incarnation parish donated \$4,416 to assist missionary priests throughout the world who help meet the needs of the poor.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty.....**It is critically important that Catholics, who comprise one-quarter of the population of the U. S. make their voices heard so that Catholic organizations and individuals do not suffer under the federal healthcare mandate, which will restrict our religious freedom as well as the religious freedom of others. To force them to choose between violating their consciences and forgoing their healthcare is unconscionable. Please call your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate. Please visit [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org).

**There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive held in Fr. Crawford Hall on Friday September 28th from 1:30-6:15pm.**

**FALL MUM SALE ... Order Deadline:** Wednesday, Sept., 26th.\*\* Plants will be available for pick-up on 9/28. Order forms at exits. To benefit charitable works. Call Michele Kalousdian at (860) 563-0860.

**The Incarnation Women's Club will hold their Membership Tea on Thursday, September 20th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Please note that all Women's Club General Meetings will now take place at 7pm.**

**The Incarnation Women's Club Annual Membership Renewal Campaign has begun.** Letters were mailed. Dues for the 2012-2013 year remains at \$5.00. New members are welcome to join, call Judi Farinella at (860) 563-0083 or Kirsten Sheehan at (860) 529-3671. There are extra letters at entrances.

**East Catholic High School Open House on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 6:45**

**p.m.** The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 8 a.m. at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Call (860) 649-5336 x456 for more information!

## BAPTISMS



**NOLAN DRAPER  
PRICE**

**Jesus groans to the heavens, begging God for our openness. Let his prayer of "Ephphatha!" echo in the stillness of your heart. Pray for the gift of openness for yourself, and for those you know whom God may be calling to priesthood or religious life. If you think you are being called, call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail at: vocations@stseminary.org.**

**All are invited to the Archbishop Mansell's Columbus Day Breakfast on October 5th at 7:30am at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. Call Shirley at (860) 761-7499.**

Proceeds provide scholarship grants to students attending Catholic Elementary Schools in the New Haven area.

**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.

## WEDDING BANNERS



**ROBERT TULISANO  
&  
MELISSA  
CAPPELLUCCI**

## THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *epiphatha*, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *epiphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual.

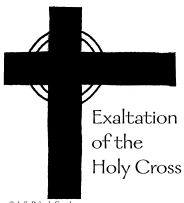
## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

**Psalms** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Turning the calendar page to September marks a new beginning in the lives of many who live by the academic year. Traditionally the start of the school year in the United States, this month can bring to mind the many calendars by which we live. There are fiscal years, academic years, television seasons, sports seasons—the list seems endless. Added to all of these is, of course, the liturgical year.

A Christian of the first century or so would have been hard-pressed to understand what we mean by a feast day or holy day. That person would have understood Sunday as the primary feast day, and Easter as the primary Sunday. It was only over time that the Church began to set aside particular days and seasons to commemorate certain events or highlight selected mysteries of the faith. What has evolved over the centuries is a "map" of our faith, written on the days and seasons of the year. Some have observed that one will absorb all the major teachings of the Church in the course of a single year of Sundays if one is attentive. What a wonderful way to get Christianity "into our bones!" And best of all, there are no grades!

## EDUCATION

The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means of an education.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

## THOUGHTS

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

—Marcus Aurelius

