

The Church of the Incarnation

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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,
SEPTEMBER 15TH**

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

8:00 am-Bob Fields
9:30am-Matteo Pugliese
11:00am—Reverend John J. Crawford and
Thomas Crawford

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

9:00am— Wladyslawa & John Skrzyniarz

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

9:00am— Paolino Scata & Deceased members
of the Amenta Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

9:00am—Deacon Fred Rispoli

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

9:00am- Rose, Mary, Joseph & John Stefano

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

5:00pm - Mass of Thanksgiving, 65th
Wedding Anniversary for Joseph & Lucy
Amato

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

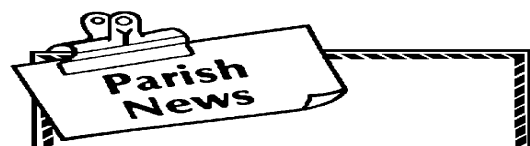
8:00am- Lillian Vasquez
9:30 am- Flora Colasacco
11:00am— Millie Christadore

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
from 9/17/2012– 9/23/2012 in memory of
Pietro & Viola Mattioli.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from 9/17/2012—
9/23/2012 in memory of Marion DellaFera.



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**Thank you to all who donated to the
collection for the Social & Youth Services.**

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. You are encour-
aged to attend so as to start your healing
process. Call Noranne at (860) 529-6765.

Employment Support Group mtg. Tues.,
Sept. 18th at 9:30am, Fr. Crawford Hall..

The Incarnation Women's Club will hold
their **Membership Tea** this Thurs, 9/20 at
7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. All Women's
Club General Meetings will now be at 7pm.

**The Second collection next weekend will
be for the Catholic Elementary Schools.**

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

**There will be Parish Council
meeting on Sunday, October
14th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford
Hall.**

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



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**Take
up
your
cross**

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Faith Formation begins at Emerson-Williams at 9am next Sat., Sept. 22nd.

Parents of parish family home communities will be notified by their catechists as to the day and times of their sessions. All changes MUST come through the faith formation office. No faith formation applications will be accepted on the first day of class. Thank you.

There will no offering of afternoon classes for 7th or 8th grade this year. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin Sunday 9/23 at the 9:30am Mass.

As we begin our new season of Faith Formation, we ask our loving Lord to bless all catechists, children & families on this Catechetical Sunday.

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

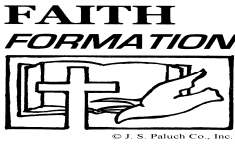
The process of preparing for Confirmation begins in 7th and 8th grades and culminates in the fall of 10th grade.

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 is now ready to launch a new vision for our youth entering 9th grade. Letters will be going out to all Confirmation 2013 candidates in mid October.

I invite you to pray about becoming a spiritual mentor for our Confirmation Community.

I am seeking 6 more mentors to walk with a group of 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 Mon., 9/17 at 7:30pm & Bell Rehearsal Wed., 9/9 at 6pm both in Choir Loft. New members welcome. See Mrs. Niver in the Choir Loft after Mass.



The Incarnation Men's Association Annual Membership Renewal has begun. Letters were mailed. Dues is \$10.00. New members always welcome call Mike White at (860) 667-2099.

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. Incarnation will participate again this year by saying the rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Wednesday mornings after 9am daily mass. Everyone is welcome to join us and in addition there will be prayer vigils, adoration and special Masses during this time. Go to prolifeministry.org.

Defending Our Religious Liberty.....As stated on the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), beware of the claims, especially by partisans, that bishops are partisan. Bishops have formed their position opposing the federal healthcare mandate based on principles-in this case, religious liberty for all and for the life and dignity of every human person. They did not base their decision on polls, personalities or political parties. Please call your Congressional Representatives and U. S. Senators to express your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate. Please visit www.archdioceseofhartford.org.

The Archdiocese of Hartford is participating in a national movement, Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children. Launched by The National Center on Addiction & Substance Abuse at Columbia University in 2001. This program reminds parents that what your kids really want at the dinner table is YOU! Sample prayer flyers at entrances.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2012**

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.
— *Isaiah 50:7*



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There is a House of Bread collection next weekend. Coffee & sugar are requested.

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 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. Entrance exam for eighth graders is on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 8 a.m. at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam advised. Call (860) 649-5336 x456.

Stewardship Message: In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

BAPTISMS



**BENJAMIN
MICHAEL
RAYMOND**

The Lord God opens our ears that we may hear. Lord, what are you asking of me? How do you want me to serve you? 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.

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.

Xavier High School Open House for 6th, 7th & 8th grade young men and their parents is on Sunday, October 21st, from 1-4pm at the school. **Entrance exam** Nov. 17th 8am at the school. Call (860) 364-7735, ext. 702.

WEDDING BANNERS



**ROBERT
TULISANO
&
MELISSA
CAPPELLUCCI**

**PETER KORTA &
RACHEL KROSTOSKI**

**MARK ROSSI &
JENNIE CROWLEY**

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50
 Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
 Monday: St. Robert Bellarmine;
 Wednesday: St. Januarius
 Thursday: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegön and Paul Chöng Ha-sang and Companions
 Friday: St. Matthew
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Autumn begins

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although New Year's Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd in. In the background is God's call to consider our schedules, the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord's Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonders of God's creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord's Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, and not a day of rest. The Lord's Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday's ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.

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