

The Church of the Incarnation

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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,
DECEMBER 29TH**

5pm-Tommaso Maccarone

SUNDAY, DEC. 30TH

8:00 am-David Dolge

9:30am-Anthony W. Melillo

11:00am—Angelina Nowik

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

9:00am– Deceased members of the Men’s
Association and Women’s Club

VIGIL MASS FOR HOLY DAY

5:30pm - Jack Saharek

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00am– For all our parishioners

11:00am-Marge Courneen

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

9:00am—Francis Lepore, Rose Bottoni &
Joseph Rizzo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3RD

9:00am—Mary & Nicholas Champ

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4TH

9:00am-For all our parishioners

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH

5:00pm - Mary & Nicholas Champ & The
deceased members of the Champ & Fanelli
Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH

8:00am-Deceased parishioners & benefactors

9:30 am-John Carpino

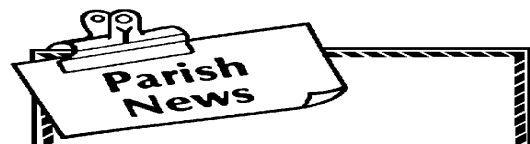
11:00am–Salvatore Tarascio

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 12/31/2012–1/6/2012
in memory of the deceased
members of the Vignone,
Munoz & Pedemonti Families.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
12/31/2012-1/6/2012 in memory
of Patrick & Dorothy Rose.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**
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**NEW YEAR'S
SCHEDULE
OF MASSES:**

Mary, Mother of God



Monday, December 31st we will have a
Vigil Mass for the Holy Day at 5:30pm.
Tuesday, January 1, 2013 is the Feast of
The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother
of God, A Holy Day of Obligation...
Masses will be held at 9:00am & 11:00am

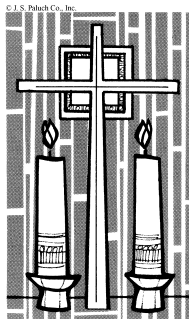
The rectory will be closed on Tuesday,
January 1st, New Year's Day
Emergency calls only....
**Best Wishes to all for a
Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year!!**

Friday is the First Friday in January.....
Mass will be held at 9:00 am and Vocations
Holy Hour will be held from 9:30-10:30am
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

“Project Baby Love” collection next wk.,
January 5th & 6th...Disposable diapers &
wipes are requested. Items to benefit St.
Gerard’s Center for Life. Thank you!

**The 2014 Mass Book is not yet available
for Mass Bookings until further notice.**
Thank you for understanding.

Fr. Moran wishes to thank all parishioners
for their kindness, cards, prayers and
Christmas wishes. Thank you and God’s
Blessing upon you and yours!

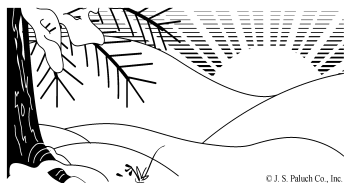




Faith Formation classes in grades Pre-K through 6 will meet on Saturday, January 5th at 9am at Emerson-Williams. Parish Family Home communities will meet at designated times. Happy New Year!

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held on Sunday, January 6th at the 9:30am Mass. Presiders will be Deb Lessard and Karen Susi. We welcome our guest Catechists Lukas & Kylie Pearson and Kathi Stickley and their classes. Please join us for fellowship after Mass in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Thank you for your response to our Annual Collection. We have collected \$98,800 and are very grateful. Goal 100,000. There are envelopes at the entrances. All donations are still gratefully accepted.



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2012**

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a



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A Family Perspective....
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph -

Today's gospel reminds us God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design the salvation of the world began in a family. Family was the best God the Creator could do for his Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

For your information.... We are trying to close out our books for the year 2012. If you booked a 2012 Mass, and wish to make a Mass offering, please do so. Thank you!

We welcome to The Church of the Incarnation the weekend of January 12th & 13th, Mr. Arragon Perrone, who is a former Wethersfield resident, graduate of Corpus Christi School, East Catholic High School and a 2012 graduate of The University of Connecticut. He is a **Campus Missionary with FOCUS (The Fellowship of Catholic University Students.)** He will be speaking at Incarnation after all of the Masses the weekend of January 12th & 13th in Fr. Crawford Hall. His talk will last approximately 30 minutes. He will be speaking to us about his experiences leading Bible Studies, mentoring college students and is hoping to find support for his mission. We hope you will join him in his ministry!



A Weekly Bible Study

Feast of the Holy Family Luke 2:41-52

Little is known or recorded about the childhood of Jesus. Today we have a glimpse into this otherwise unknown early life.

Like all devout Jews of the time, the Holy Family made their annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem to celebrate the great festival of Passover - a seemingly ordinary scenario repeated numerous times among Jewish households. At the conclusion of the festivities, suddenly there is anxiety and confusion as the child Jesus, is apparently “lost” for three days. He is later discovered in the temple conversing with the teachers. When questioned by Mary, Jesus simply asserts that “I must be in my Father’s house.” His response reveals to them his divine nature - and his divine mission.

Throughout the Gospels, Passover, Jerusalem and the temple will figure prominently in the life of Jesus. This day, at the tender age of twelve, he recognizes where he is, where his mission will begin – and end. He will begin that fateful journey to Jerusalem to complete the will of the Father. And is it not the *children* who will one day cry out “Hosanna” as he passes in their midst (Matthew 21:15). Today Jesus embraces that mission. The “three days” will already begin to foreshadow the mystery of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

The parents of Jesus are relieved. They will return home and Jesus will continue to be the obedient son. There is now, however, a different reality in their lives. Mary, seeking to understand and accept the mission of her son, will begin to tuck these events into her heart as she watches her son embrace the will of the Father, as she journeys with him to Jerusalem. *O Mary, may we walk with you as you witness the journey of your Son to Jerusalem. May we learn to treasure these mysteries in our hearts, as you did, and to learn of your Son through our prayer and study of these sacred mysteries.*

50th Anniversary of the Founding of our Parish, The Church of the Incarnation, 1963-2013:

Committee work and the planning of events is in place to celebrate our 50th Jubilee Year. In addition to our collection of photographs, relative to church history and events, the Commemorative Book Committee would be pleased to receive any photos that our parishioners may have to add to our collection for publication. If you wish to share your photos, please write your name, address, and phone number on the back of each photograph so they may be returned to you. You may leave your envelope of photographs in the sacristy for Toni Munoz, Coordinator of the Jubilee Celebration. Thank you.

Invitation to Join – Knights of Columbus in Wethersfield, CT
We are men of faith and men of action. If you’d like to be part of the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization, with over 1.85 million members, whose principal work involves helping others in need, we’d like to invite you to join us. Call Mike Klinger at 860-874-2292.

We thank all of our generous parishioners who donate to our "Project Baby Love" collections by donating disposable diapers & wipes the first weekend of each month. We will now be donating to The St. Gerard Center for Life, a Catholic Crisis Pregnancy Center in Hartford, CT. The mission and purpose of this center is to assist women in making life-affirming decisions through ongoing love, support and service. Since every life is unique and precious, St. Gerard's is dedicated to providing material, spiritual, medical, psychological and legal resources to mothers who are having difficulty and are tempted to have recourse to abortion. The center vows to defend, protect, foster and promote the sanctity of life in word and deed, from womb to tomb. St. Gerard Center for Life has been saving human lives and assisting women since 2005. Within its first five years of operation, over 360 babies lives were saved from abortion. Today, St. Gerard Center for Life offers ultrasound services for women to choose their unborn baby's life at 22 Maple Avenue in Hartford. They also help women make better choices in the future by offering their "Keeping Hearts Pure" chastity classes. Dr. Theresa Krankowski, is the director and is always looking for volunteers, call (860) 548-9500. They also have requests for Enfamil Baby Formula with iron (yellow can.) They have a need for toddler clothing sizes 2T-6T. They accept gently used & new clothing. Learn more at: www.stgerardcenter.org. First collection will be January 5th & 6th.

The Archdiocese of Hartford is sponsoring a Year of Faith Pilgrimage to Italy led by Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, D.D. from May 20th-29th, 2013. Please see flyers available at the entrances.

Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world. For information concerning a vocation to priesthood or religious, call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail at: vocations@stseminary.org.



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The East Catholic High School make-up entrance exam for all 8th grade students who missed the December date will be held on Saturday, January 12th, 2013. Call (860) 649-5336 for info.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Movie Night at Incarnation Church on: Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 PM in Fr. Crawford Hall. The movie will be "For Greater Glory: The True Story of Cristiada". This movie tells the epic tale of Mexico's heroic struggle for religious freedom in a little-known conflict called the Cristero War. In the 1920's, many Catholics in Mexico fought to protect their religious freedom which the Mexican government was taking from them at that time: not allowing public Masses to be said, persecuting and killing priests, etc. The Mexican people rose up and took back their freedom as Catholics, and won. Today, in America, the HHS Mandate is threatening our religious freedom as Catholics as well. Please join us in viewing "For Greater Glory", with refreshments, and a free-will offering to St. Gerard Catholic Crisis Pregnancy Center for Life in Hartford, CT, following the movie.

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) *or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.*

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) *or Psalm 128.*

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) *or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].*

Gospel — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I: New Year’s Eve

Tuesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day

Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday

Saturday: St. John Neumann; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today’s feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life’s journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!