

# The Church of the Incarnation

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50th Anniversary Jubilee  
Founding of The Church of the Incarnation Parish  
1963 - 2013

## 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.

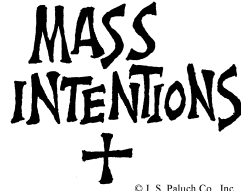
You may also visit our website for printable forms at:  
[www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

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

**SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 5TH**

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



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH**

8:00 am-Deceased parishioners &  
benefactors  
9:30am-John Carpino  
11:00am—Salvatore Tarascio

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH**

9:00am- Deceased members of the Sulick &  
Yaconiello Family and Christopher

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH**

9:00am- Desneige Lamore

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH**

9:00am—Sal & Dolores Brunetti

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH**

9:00am—For all our parishioners

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH**

9:00am-Giuseppe & Carolina Ficocelli

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH**

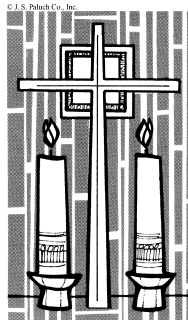
5:00pm - George & Sally D'Esopo

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH**

8:00am- Paul DiMascio  
9:30 am-Flora Colasacco  
11:00am—Rose Airo Mangiafico

**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 1/7/2013–1/13/2013  
in memory of Desneige Lamore.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from  
1/7/2013-1/13/2013 in memory  
of John Carpino.



**PRAYER FOR THE CELEBRATION  
OF OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
JUBILEE 1963 -2013**

*Heavenly Father, Your grace has enabled  
the Church of the Incarnation to be built  
on a strong foundation of faith and  
Christian life these last 50 years.  
May our parish be strengthened through  
the treasure and talents of its members,  
the wisdom that our Holy Spirit inspires  
in our leaders, and the simple gifts of  
those who continue to reach out to  
members in need.*

*May families be joined in greater love  
and unity.*

*May youth find inspiration in models of  
faith.*

*May single members find solidarity with  
one another.*

*May the wisdom and grace of our aged  
members guide us in faith.*

*Gracious God, may we celebrate each  
day as your gift, each Eucharist as your  
promise of salvation,  
and each encounter with one another as  
your love poured out upon us.*

*We make our prayer  
through Christ, our Lord.*

*Amen*

**The Women's Club cooking team** will cook  
on January 7th, 1-3pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on January  
9th from 9-30-10:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.  
**Prayer for Healing** will meet on January 10th  
from 9:30-10:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.



**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 .

**There is a "Project Baby Love" collection this weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Items donated this weekend will benefit St. Gerard's Center.**

**Reconciliation Parent Meeting** on Monday, January 7th at 6:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Faith Formation:** Grade 8 will meet on January 8th and Grade 7 will meet on January 9th. **Classes in grades Pre-K through 6 will meet on Saturday, January 12th at 9am at Emerson-Williams.** Parish Family Home communities will meet at designated times.

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

**The second collection next weekend** will be the monthly collection.

**Thank you for your response to our Annual Collection.** We have collected \$99,800 and are very grateful. Goal 100,000. There are envelopes at the entrances. All donations are still gratefully accepted.

**A Family Perspective....**

**Epiphany of the Lord:**

**After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way". What in your family needs to be done "another way"? Do you**

**need another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there is always "another way".**



**We welcome next weekend, Mr. Arragon Perrone, a former Wethersfield resident, graduate of Corpus Christi School, East Catholic High School and The University of Connecticut. He is a Campus Missionary with FOCUS (The Fellowship of Catholic University Students.) He will speak after all Masses the weekend of January 12th & 13th in Fr. Crawford Hall. His talk will last approximately 30 minutes and he will speak to us about his experiences mentoring college students.**

**Fourth & Fifth grade boys & girls interested in becoming Altar Servers at Incarnation are invited to meet with Fr. Moran at 11am on Saturday, February 2nd in the Church. The meeting will last one hour and will be the first of four consecutive sessions that will prepare those interested in serving at our Eucharistic celebrations.**



A Weekly Bible Study

### **Epiphany of the Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Jewel-toned Christmas cards depict kings in their finery, bearing opulent gifts and paying homage to one like their own, a newborn king. It is easy to get caught up in the splendor of these beautiful images. But we must journey more deeply into these readings today to extract a profound message of God's revelation.

Having traveled about 800 miles, tradition tells us, the magi were foreigners, presumably from Persia. Guided by the light, these wise men came from a distant land to pay homage to the Christ Child. In beholding this child they recognized him as one who would bring light and hope to *all nations*. Isaiah, writing about 400 years before the Epiphany event, already speaks of the shining light of the Lord's glory that will enable "nations to walk by its light and kings by its shining radiance." The hearts of those who encounter the light will "throb and overflow" at what they see. These foreigners – the first Gentiles to receive the revelation – realize that this child is a sign for *all nations*. This is a reality that does not sit well with the Hebrew people, the first custodians of God's revelation, who thought they had exclusive possession of God and thus of the Messiah. There will, in fact, be many conflicts over this very notion, as the Gospels unfold.

But while this child is paid homage as to royalty, there is also an ominous tone in the gifts the Magi present. Is there something of a foreshadowing of this child's true mission? Gold given in recognition of his kingship, as well as divinity. Frankincense, the aromatic offering symbolizing his priestly nature. Myrrh, the anointing oil, perhaps prefiguring his passion and death.

We reflect this week on the child made manifest, adored by the wise men, the LORD, the long-awaited one who will come to save *all nations*. Wise ones *still* seek him.

### **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.

**Fr. Moran wishes to thank all parishioners** for the cards, prayers, good wishes, and gifts for Christmas and New Years. Fr Moran is most grateful to all who work during the year in any capacity from Parish Council members to the youngest Altar Server to make our parish function with such devotion. Thank you to all who helped prepare and decorate the Church so beautifully for Christmas, to all who donated to the special flower collection, and to all choir members/musicians who helped to make our Christmas Masses so moving. Happy, Holy, and Healthy New Year!



**BAPTISM**

**COOPER ROBERT SULLIVAN**

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](http://www.stgerardcenter.org). **Our first collection is this weekend.**

**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.

**The Magi brought gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gifts do you have to give? Is God calling you to be a priest, brother or sister? If so call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail at: [vocations@stseminary.org](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org).**



**The East Catholic High School make-up entrance exam** will be held on Saturday, January 12th. Call (860) 649-5336.

**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.

Thank you to the Bell Choir members of Yvette Garvey, Jan Skiff and Judy Carbone for the moment of silence for the Sandy Hook children.

**FINDING GOD**

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,  
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;  
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;

National Migration Week

Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

**THE WAY TO HEAVEN**

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.

—John Henry Newman