

The Church of the Incarnation

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Wethersfield, CT 06109



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Pastor

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Lorissa Heath
Rosanne Sweeney Gowdy
Andrew Russo
Heather Picard Bonney
Cantors

Toni Munoz
Sacristan

Maggie Seaver
Youth Minister

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

**HOLY SATURDAY,
MARCH 30TH**

8:00pm -For all our
parishioners

**EASTER SUNDAY,
MARCH 31ST**

8:00 am- Sylvester Grosso

9:30am- Deceased members of the Andreoli
Family

11:00am - John, Josephine, Michael & Jean
Mele

MONDAY, APRIL 1ST

9:00am- Francis L. Lepore

TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND

9:00am- Sarah Ann Marie Privitera, Myles
Connolly Sr. and Mark Rioux

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD

9:00am- For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH

9:00am- Stanley Kuzik

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

9:00am-Domenica Elisa Heinimann Torrance

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

5:00pm- Deceased members of the Hickey
& Shea Families

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

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

9:30 am-Francesco & Raffaella Filippa

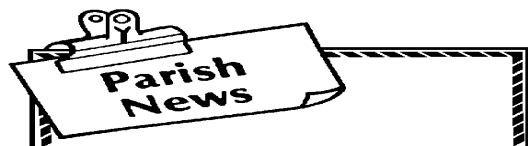
11:00am-Deceased members of the Beaupre
Family

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 4/1/2013-4/7/2013 in
memory of John & Melina
Blesso.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
4/1/2013-4/7/2013 for the living
and deceased members of the
Heinimann & Gurgigno Families.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**
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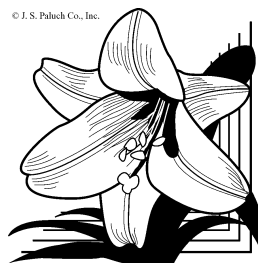
**Alleluia!
Christ
is
risen!**

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An Easter Prayer...God our
Father, by raising Christ your
Son you conquered the power
of death and opened for us the
way to eternal life. Let our
celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives by the
Spirit that is within us. Grant
this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever
and ever. Amen.

**A JOYOUS EASTER TO
ALL FROM FR. MORAN &
THE STAFF AT
THE CHURCH OF THE
INCARNATION!
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA
CHRIST IS RISEN!**



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**There is one collection for our parish on
Easter.**

Employment Support Group Tuesday,
April 2nd, 9:30-10:30am, Fr. Crawford Hall.

Women's Club Executive Board Mtg.

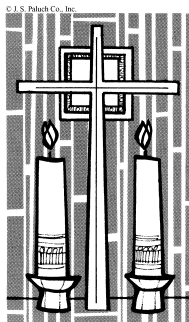
Thurs., April 4th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Friday is the First Friday in April. 9am Mass
& Vocations Holy Hour at 9:30am in Chapel.

Incarnation C.Y.O. Basketball:

Mass: We invite all of our Incarnation
C.Y.O. Basketball Teams & their families to
attend the 11am Mass on Sun., April 7th.
Please sit in reserved seats in the front pews.

**Banquet: Monday, April 8th at 6pm in Fr.
Crawford Hall.** Parents are invited to bring
a bottle of soda/water or a dessert. Please re-
turn all clean uniforms in a bag labeled with
your child's name and team. See you there!



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Faith Formation: Last session on Tuesday for Grade 8 and last session on Wednesday for Grade 7. Saturday will be the final session for Grades pre-K-6 at Emerson-Williams.

The Faith Formation Communities will celebrate their **Annual Faith Fair next week-end** after all Masses - April 6th & 7th. We invite all parishioners to come to Father Crawford Hall and celebrate the works of the children and teens. Their works also highlight symbolic reminders of the 50th anniversary of The Church of the Incarnation.

The Kid's Cafe Ministry will host a Bake Sale after all Masses next wk. April 6 & 7, both in the Narthex and Father Crawford Hall. We are most grateful for your support in the past and know that your continued support of this ministry is a true blessing to the children.

We are most grateful to Filomena Marinelli, Noranne Wamester, Cindy Amoddio, June Morrin and Jessica Darby for the Palm Sunday reflection. Thank you to the Amoddio & Morrin Families for hosting the refreshments. It was a wonderful scene to see so many children attend (over 90) CLW. Let us continually embrace the Word of God and the gift of the Eucharist as we gather as a community of believers at Mass each week.

Registration for Faith Formation will be mailed after April 8th. If you wish to register a new student and the child has not been baptized at The Church of the Incarnation, a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate must accompany the registration form in order for the registration to be processed. Gr. 9 students (Sept. 2013) will receive an invitation in Oct. for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Teen Prayer Corner

This feature highlights the ministries of our Confirmation Candidates. Candidates are invited to write a prayer about their Christian Service Experience. God bless our teens. They do so many things that reflect the Good News of Jesus Christ.

“Dear God: Please help me to find my true calling in life” Amen

YOUTH MINISTRY will begin in our parish on SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH FROM 6:30-8PM IN FR. CRAWFORD HALL. This ministry is for HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH IN GRADES 9-12. Flyers are at all entrances.

We received a lovely thank you note from Sisters Maureen & Theresa of The House of Bread for the donation of \$3,444 from The Soup Supper.

Incarnation Catholic High School Scholarship Applications are available to parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools. Call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765. Deadline to submit is April 1st.

Wethersfield Knights of Columbus - Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Corpus Christi School Sat., April 20th, 4:30-7:30PM. St. Joseph's Hall, (Basement of Church) in Wethersfield. \$25.00/per family, & \$10.00/per adult. Tickets on sale at the door that evening by cash/check or tickets can be purchased in advance from K of C members. All are welcome!

A Weekly Bible Study**Solemnity of the
Lord's Resurrection****John 20:1-9 Gospel of Easter Morning**

With hearts like empty tombs three disillusioned disciples struggle to understand the events of Good Friday. It will take a series of post-resurrection appearances of the glorified Christ for this trio to grasp the reality: He is Risen!

Did the evangelist John deliberately bring these particular three disciples together on this Easter morning?

The first to witness at the empty tomb is Mary of Magdala. She had experienced a powerful healing at the hands of Jesus. Becoming a disciple and companion of Jesus, her presence at the foot of the cross symbolized a forgiven humanity.

Summoned by Mary to the tomb is Simon Peter. He would waiver in faith as he followed Christ but his post-resurrection declaration of love would resonate in the hearts of all believers. His commission to "feed my sheep" would become cornerstone of the church's mission.

The first disciple to actually *enter* the tomb is referred to simply as the "beloved disciple." There is an enigmatic quality about this person whom the evangelist never names. Perhaps this is John's way of telling us that his loving, personal relationship with Jesus enabled him to go into the tomb and "upon seeing, believe."

On this Easter morning, three disciples are *drawn to the empty tomb*. Love has embraced forgiveness and faith in search of Jesus. Their own emptiness will go away as they encounter the Risen Lord and begin to understand the everlasting life that emerged from the darkness of the empty tomb. This Easter day the promise and hope of eternity has been realized for all believers. Alleluia!

Easter Blessings!

A sincere thank you to all of the kind parishioners who volunteered their time to clean, dust and polish our beautiful church as we prepared our worship space for the glory of Eastertime.

The 2014 Mass Book will be available for Mass and Candle bookings beginning on Wednesday, April 3rd at 10 am. We kindly ask parishioners to be considerate of others when booking multiple masses. **Beginning in January 2014, our Sunday Mass schedule will be revised. Sunday masses will be celebrated at 8:30am and 10:30am only.** Our vigil mass will remain at 5pm on Saturday. The Incarnation Parish Council came to this decision based on a number of factors. We appreciate the cooperation of all of our parishioners in this regard. Thank you!

The 2013 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are continued. **The Men's Assoc. STEAK NIGHT will be held on Wednesday, May 15th. Call Bill Carroll at (860) 667-4947 by May 14th.**

Church of the Incarnation Men's Association Annual Baseball Trip: Sat., May 18th - Yankees Stadium, New York City: New York Yankees vs. Toronto Blue Jays. 1:05pm Game. *Bus departs church lot 9am. \$85 p.p. includes game ticket, food, beverages, movie & raffle. Call Tony (860) 836-3064 or Bill Carroll (860) 604-6793. Checks payable to Incarnation Church & mail to: Tony Colasacco, 151 Cider Brook Dr., Weth., CT 06109. Reserve early!*

The Incarnation Women's Club will sponsor an elegant event: *A Catered Luncheon Fashion Show by Soft Surroundings on* Sat. April 20, 2013 at 11:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. Pink flyers are at the entrances. Call Jo LaCava at (860)563-7001 to reserve by 4/1.

50TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE GOLF EVENT & DINNER TUESDAY, MAY 21ST, INDIAN HILL COUNTRY CLUB:

Join us for a wonderful day of fun in celebration of our Church's 50th Anniversary. The entry donation is \$150 per golfer which includes: 18 holes of golf (scramble format) with cart, lunch and buffet dinner. Spouses and non-golfers are invited for dinner and raffle at \$40 per person. Want to be a **Corporate and Family Tee-Sponsor?** Call Jeff McBride at (860) 985-5099. To register see flyers at church entrances or visit the Spotlight section on our website at: www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com.

All proceeds to benefit the establishment of a Grotto Honoring the Blessed Mother in commemoration of the 50th Jubilee Anniversary **RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED:** Do you have a business, craft or hobby and would like to donate an item or service for our Raffle at the Golf Event? We are looking for everything and anything that can be used in the raffle. (I.e. gift cards/certificates, electronic items, quilts, gift baskets and business services) Call: Cathy Beers at (860)563-2949, cathycraigbeers@yahoo.com or Lisa Stefano at 860-563-1227, Lstefano17@cox.net.

Invitation to Join the Wethersfield Knights of Columbus: We will be recruiting new Members at all the masses April 13th & 14th. Call Mike Klinger at (860) 874-2292.

The Lord has risen; It is true! Through our baptism, he calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the good news as priests, deacons, brothers, or sisters. If you are being called to serve, call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail at: vocations@stseminary.org.



Project Baby Love collection next wk. Disposable diapers & wipes requested. St. Gerard recently has a great need for clothing for toddler boys & girls ages 2-8, blankets, sheets & towels of any size. Please leave items in a labeled bag in Fr. Crawford Hall. Thank you!

Parish Communion Supper

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 - Father Crawford Hall
6:00 p.m. Mass, 7:00 p.m. Dinner, \$23.00 per person
Guest Speaker: Maria Maynard, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Hartford.

Buffet Dinner Menu Includes

Garden Salad, Pasta Marinara, Chicken Francaise, Roast Sirloin of Beef, Baked Scrod, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, Dessert and Coffee and Tea. **For reservations call Paula** (860) 563-9506. Checks payable to The Church of the Incarnation & mail to Paula Melillo, 17 West Ledge Drive, Weth., CT 06109. All men and women of the parish & friends welcome!

Thank you to all of our parishioners who returned their Easter Flower envelope.



WEDDING BANNERS

**DIMITAR NAYDENOV &
LUCIANA RUZZIER**

EASTER ENERGY

On Easter morning when the disciples saw the evidence of the Resurrection, they did not at first grasp it. John reports that “they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” We, on the other hand, have both scripture and church tradition to teach us. Jesus Christ’s resurrection is at the core of our Christian faith.

All of today’s readings tell us how compelling this event was for the first Christians. There is great energy in all the readings. Peter preaches with authority and conviction. Paul calls for Christians to change their lives. In the Gospel reading we see Peter and John in a footrace to reach Jesus’ tomb and see with their own eyes the evidence that they still could not understand or completely believe.

How can some of this Easter energy be restored to us today? Do we let the astonishing news of the Resurrection touch us now? Does it call us to action? To deeper faith? To conversion? What new life will be reborn in us and our parish community this Easter morning?

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

1 Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts on heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or* **2 Second Reading** Christ our Passover is sacrificed therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture’s favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature’s perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring’s rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ’s tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ “Easter in us.”

Easter Communion Regulation: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the 1st Sunday of Lent & Trinity Sunday.

HomeFront Day: Saturday, May 4th. Sponsored by the Office of Urban Affairs of the Archdiocese & Americares. Parishes all over the state accept a project to repair and fix up the home of a needy family. Workers with a variety of skills as well as unskilled workers needed. Must be at least 16 years of age, but young people ages 14-16 may work with a signed release from their parents, & supervision. Call Pat McGovern at (860)563-7773. Sponsored by Sacred Heart, Corpus Christi & Incarnation Churches.