

The Church of the Incarnation

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Wethersfield, CT 06109



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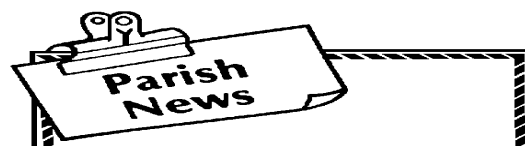
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50th Anniversary Jubilee
Founding of The Church of the Incarnation Parish
1963 - 2013

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH
5:00pm -Deceased members
of the Hickey & Shea
Families

**MASS
INTENTIONS**
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SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH
8:00 am- For all our deceased parishioners &
benefactors
9:30am- Francesco & Raffaella Filippa
11:00am - Deceased members of the Beaupre
Family

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH
9:00am– Mary D’Efemia

TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH
9:00am–Deceased members of the Vaughn
& Augusta Families

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH
9:00am— Edmund & Josephine Guzewicz

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH
9:00am- For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH
9:00am-David Hill

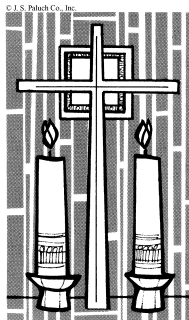
SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH
5:00pm- Felix & Marie Pasternak

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH
8:00am-Deceased members of the Ingenito
Family

9:30 am-Michael & Rose Casparino
11:00am–Frank Bulanti

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 4/8/2013–4/14/2013
in memory of Frank Bulanti.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
4/8/2013-4/14/2013 in memory
of Elizabeth Jean Kempf and
the Deceased members of the Burgie &
Phillips Families.



Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter Collection and to the Easter Flower Collection. Thank you to all who decorated the Church and Sanctuary so beautifully for Easter. Thank you all who contributed in any way to making our Holy Week and Easter celebration so beautiful. **Thanks for filling the Rice Bowls** for Catholic Relief Services.

Project Baby Love collection this 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.

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 return all clean uniforms in a bag labeled with your child’s name and team. See you there!

The **Women’s Club** cooking this Mon., April 8th, 1-3pm, kitchen Fr. Crawford Hall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry this Wed., April 10th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Prayer For Healing, Thurs., April 11th, 9:30am Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please attend.

The Second collection next weekend will be the monthly collection.



Youth Ministry: SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

6:30-8:00pm - We welcome Maggie Seaver as she welcomes our teens!!!! Get ready for an awesome beginning to an awesome ministry. Bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sun. at the 9:30am Mass.

Kids' Cafe says "thank you" to the 1st Grade Faith Formation Community of Filomena & Corinna Marinelli for baking Easter cupcakes for the children who attend Kids' Cafe. With the help of the Kids' Cafe team along with the Beers, Bielenda, Camilliere, Carcia, DiFiore, Mazzarella, and Zaino families, 450 cupcakes were delivered to them on Holy Week. In addition, the 6th Grade Faith Formation Community of Regina Cravero prepared over 150 Easter treat bags for the children! Along with the hot meal prepared for the children at Kids' Cafe every day, they were able to savor a sweet treat thanks to all these communities and families! Let us continually embrace the Word of God and the gift of the Eucharist as we gather as a community of believers at Mass. The beautiful banner that commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Church of the Incarnation was created and made by Joann Bresnahan. It will be placed in the sanctuary to remind us that we are a community of believers celebrating the history and ministries of our faith community. We are grateful to Joann for her efforts creating such a masterpiece!

Registration for Faith Formation will be mailed after April 8th. To register a new student that 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. Faith Formation (Religious Education) formally begins in First Grade. First Communion preparation begins in First Grade. The Pre-K and Kindergarten programs entitled "Little Lambs" begin in October and are optional programs.

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

Thank you to all who attended our InSpired Parenting Session 2 – be assured your presence and faith sharing offers hope to one another. As you carve out time for Him this Easter season, may you find peace and hope in the quiet space. Next session is on Sunday, April 28th ~ Newcomers welcome!

All Faith formation communities are now in recess. We are grateful for another year of witnessing the spiritual and sacramental growth of our children and our teen.

A Weekly Bible Study
2nd Sunday of Easter
Revelation 1:9-19



Over the next six weeks the church will proclaim its second reading from an often misunderstood and misinterpreted book, Revelation. We ask: why at this time, on the heels of Easter, the Church's greatest and most joyous feast?

The key to unlocking the mysteries of the Book of Revelation is The Paschal Triduum (passion, death and resurrection of Christ). This book is essentially one long, complex vision of God's ultimate victory over evil. Let's begin with some background.

The Book of Revelation is an example of "apocalyptic literature." Popular in its day*, this style of writing offered hope to people facing persecution. As the threat of martyrdom loomed large in the first century, John used "coded" messages to communicate religious truths, particularly those of the mystery of salvation. Symbolic images would have been familiar to the original audience. Authoritative teaching couched in a veiled language was meant to foil persecutors while offering messages of consolation to those facing trials.

One of the conventions of apocalyptic writing was the use of the author's "visions." In today's reading, John first establishes his solidarity with those "in distress" as he is exiled to the island of Patmos. While being instructed to write of his visions, he beholds the Son of Man who now comes in glory and who has conquered death forever. One of the first symbols we encounter is "seven," the biblical number suggesting perfection, fullness and completeness. We have begun to unlock the code!

In the next few weeks, let us continue to journey with open minds and hearts through this treasure in Sacred Scripture. As you hear passages proclaimed, dare to move beyond any strange visions, gargoyle-like creatures and apocalyptic realities into the beauty and grandeur of this most profound work.

*First appeared about 200 BC and continued through early years of Christian martyrdom

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) 604-6793 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!*

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 the door.

ABC's of Catholic Relief Services: - CRS/Uganda... A Central African nation facing many challenges. American Catholics reach over 30,000 with life-saving HIV/AIDS medications. Over 600,000 benefit from CRS savings programs. Groups of villagers amass capital and make loans among themselves with mutually agreed upon interest rates.

50TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE GOLF EVENT & DINNER TUESDAY, MAY 21ST, at 11AM - 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

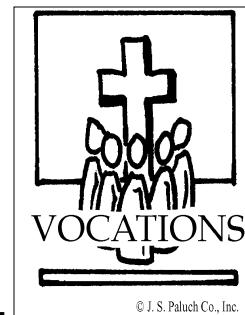
RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED: Do you have a business, craft or hobby and would like to donate an item or service for our Raffle at the Golf Event? We are looking for everything and anything that can be used in the raffle. (I.e. gift cards/certificates, electronic items, quilts, gift baskets and business services) Call: Cathy Beers at (860)563-2949, cathyraigbeers@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.

WEDDING BANNERS

DIMITAR NAYDENOV &
LUCIANA RUZZIER

Thomas believed he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's call to priesthood or religious life? 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.



Parish Communion Supper

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 - Father Crawford Hall 6:00 p.m. Mass, 7:00 p.m.

Dinner, \$23.00 per person

Buffet Dinner Menu Includes:

Garden Salad, Pasta Marinara, Chicken Francise, 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. **Guest Speaker:** Maria Maynard, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Hartford. All men and women of the parish & friends welcome!

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.

DO NOT BE AFRAID

Did you notice? Today is called the “Second Sunday of Easter,” not the “First Sunday after Easter.” Our celebration of Easter is not over. These Sundays of Easter continue to present the mystery of Jesus Christ’s victory.

The readings begin with the “signs and wonders” abounding in those earliest days. Sick people lay in the street, hoping that at least Peter’s “shadow might fall on one or another of them.” Then, in a powerful passage from the book of Revelation, the visionary falls down “as though dead” upon seeing the victorious Christ. But Christ extends a gentle touch: “Do not be afraid . . . once I was dead, but now I am alive forever.”

In the Gospel, that same Christ appears and breathes on the disciples, and gently leads Thomas to believe. This Christ—more powerful than any evil force, victorious over death itself—touches us and whispers, “Do not be afraid.”

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or Divine Mercy)

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord;

Thursday: St. Stanislaus

Saturday: St. Martin I

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or “Sunday in White.” During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed “Quasimodo Sunday,” or “Low Sunday.” In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing “Low” about this Sunday. At a week’s distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord’s presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

—James Field,



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated this weekend. The Wethersfield Observance will be held at Corpus Christi

Church, Silas Deane Highway from 2:30-3:30pm on Sunday, April 7th.