

The Church of the Incarnation

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Cantors

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

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 13TH**

5:00pm - Felix & Marie
Pasternak

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

8:00 am- Deceased members of the Ingenito
Family

9:30am- Michael & Rose Casparino

11:00am - Frank Bulanti

MONDAY, APRIL 15TH

9:00am- John Rossi

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH

9:00am-Rita & Fileno Sabatini

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH

9:00am- Lawrence Skinger & Grandparents

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

9:00am-Giovanni & Ida Ficocelli

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

5:00pm- Giuseppina & Concetto Camilleri &
Pietro & Viola Mattioli

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

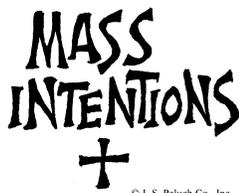
8:00am-Sebastiano Scalora

9:30 am-Deceased members of the
Christadore Family & Christopher
Barnoski

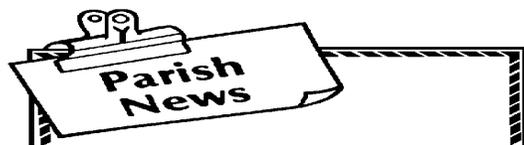
11:00am-Shirley Carrier

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 4/15/2013-4/21/2013
in memory of Nicholas & Mary
Champ.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
4/15/2013-4/21/2013 in memory
of Michael & Theresa Raffalo.



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The Second collection this weekend is the monthly collection.

Employment Support Group meets Tues., April 16th, 9:30-10:30am, Fr. Crawford Hall.

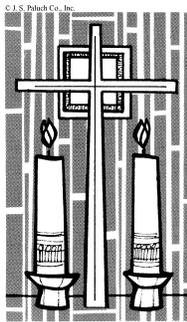
The Men's Club will meet this Wednesday, April 17th at 7pm in the Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Second collection next wkd. will be the Peter's Pence Collection. This benefits the charities supported by the Holy Father.

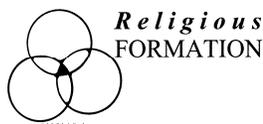
The Saint Joseph Medal of Appreciation: Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will recognize over 200 distinguished parishioners with the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation at a ceremony this Sunday, April 14th at 3pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. The recipients were nominated by their respective pastors for demonstrating Catholic Christian values and for sharing their exceptional talents and service with their parish. We joyfully congratulate Antoinette Munoz, our Sacristan, for the honor of receiving this prestigious award.

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

The Incarnation Women's Club is sponsoring A Catered Luncheon Fashion Show by Soft Surroundings on Sat. April 20, 2013 in Fr. Crawford Hall. It is now sold out. Doors open at 11:30am. Thank you to all patrons and sponsors for their generosity. The Fashion Show Committee.



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Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Presiders will be Mike Stefano & Karen Susi. We welcome Catechists Carol Halstead & Diane Edwards.

The Faith Formation **Faith Fair** was an amazing event. Thank you to all catechists, children & middle school students for your Spirit filled energy. The displays were an truly an affirmation that the seeds of faith continue to be planted at The Church of the Incarnation.

Thanks to all the students who participated in our first night of **Youth Ministry** last Sunday. We encourage and welcome any High School aged students to join us for our next night of fellowship, food, and fun on Sun., April 21st from 6:30-8pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Join us!

The Kid's Cafe **Bake Sale** was a great success raising \$441.00 for the children who are the recipients of Kid's Cafe. Thank you to Cathy Beers, Phyllis DiFiore, Filomena Marinelli and Gina Zaino (chairpersons) for their tireless efforts. Special thanks to our Confirmation Candidates who baked and sold delicious baked goods. We are grateful to our parishioners who support the efforts of Kid's Cafe. **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, Matarazzo, and Zaino families, 450 cupcakes were delivered to them on Holy Week.

InSpired Parenting Session 2 – Sunday, April 28th at 6:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Registrations for Faith Formation were recently mailed. 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.

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.

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 to all those who have generously donated!

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.

A Weekly Bible Study

3rd Sunday of Easter

Revelation 5:11-14

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Revelation is replete not only with symbolism but with numerous allusions and references to the Hebrew Scriptures. As you hear passages proclaimed try to recall similar themes or images you have heard and read in the Old Testament. Revelation is the ultimate expression of God's salvific plan fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Is it any wonder that this powerful book occurs at the end of the Scriptures? It is truly a fitting "last word."

In last week's reading we briefly considered the symbol "seven" noting completion and perfection. Seven occurs again today (did you find its subtle expression?) but it is the Lamb that takes center stage. Used twenty-eight times throughout this book, the Paschal Lamb is central to John's message. JP Love, in the *Layman's Bible Commentary*, notes that only the kingdom of heaven would *dare* to use a helpless, slain lamb as its symbol of might. In first century Rome non-Christians would not have easily identified with the Lamb. Christians, however, would have regarded Jesus as the Paschal Lamb of a new Passover. For them it would have been of utmost symbolic importance.

In today's reading, as the Lamb appears, it is most fitting that all creation (represented by angels, elders and living creatures join together in a "fullness" of praise: power, honor, glory, riches, wisdom, strength, blessing. (Are there not seven acclamations?) Perfect praise is given to the One who sits on the throne (God) and to the Lamb (Christ). It is a recognition of Christ's divinity and triumph over death. This heavenly liturgical gathering offers to first century Christians the hope of victory over their sufferings and to us a promise and foretaste of eternal life.

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.

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.*

"Faith and Family in the New Evangelization: Connecting the Heart of the Church with the Heart of the Home" This evening will explore the realities of marriage, family life and the New Evangelization." Thursday, May 23rd from 7 – 9 p.m. (light refreshments included) at The Archdiocesan Family Life Office, 412 Ridge Road, Hamden. Please join Don and Chris Paglia, Family Life Office Co-Directors, for an inspiring evening open to all married couples to reflect on the call of the married love that is lived out in the everyday realities of family life. Call (203) 230-2460. **Easter Communion Regulation:** Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the 1st Sunday of Lent & Trinity Sunday.

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

TRY CLUB: "Registration Due by

Sunday May 5th" 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 p.p. 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.

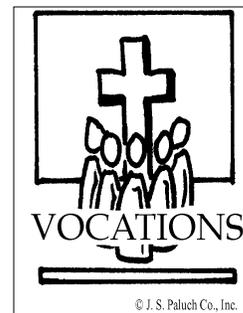
All proceeds to benefit the establishment of a Grotto Honoring the Blessed Mother in commemoration of the 50th Jubilee Anniversary **RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED:** Do you have a business, craft or hobby and would like to donate an item or service for our Raffle at the Golf Event? We are looking for everything 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 this weekend. Call Mike Klinger at (860) 874-2292.

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). Tickets will be sold at the door.

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? If you are considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail at: vocations@stseminary.org.



Incarnation Parish Communion Supper

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Father Crawford Hall

6 p.m. Mass, 7 p.m. Dinner, \$23.00 per person

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 Melillo, (860) 563-9506. Checks payable to The Church of the Incarnation & mail to Paula Melillo, 17 West Ledge Drive, Weth., CT - Guest Speaker will be Incarnation Parishioner Mrs. Maria Maynard, Deputy 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 Sonny Senatro at (860) 563-4185, Audrey Saharek at the rectory at (860) 529-2533 or Pat McGovern at (860)563-7773 to volunteer. Sponsored by Sacred Heart, Corpus Christi & Incarnation Churches.

THE RISEN CHRIST

In this Sunday's first reading and Gospel we see Peter and the other disciples in action after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On trial, they refused to stop teaching in Jesus' name, and they rejoiced at the opportunity to suffer for their beliefs. On the lake and its shore, face to face with the Risen Lord, they obeyed his directions and recognized him as he once again ate a meal with them. There are so many human and almost homey touches in these readings! The high priest in the first scene sounds as if he is scolding naughty students. There is an order to stop speaking in Jesus' name, but it is evident everyone knows they will disobey again. And on the lake shore, we can imagine Peter's excitement as he strides out of the water and is greeted by Jesus, who grins and says, "Come, have breakfast."

The second reading, on the other hand, is anything but homey. In this passage from Revelation, John describes a scene in which the same Lord who fed his friends breakfast here receives honor and glory from everything in the universe.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God exalted Jesus as leader and savior (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter's fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday "blackouts," perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.