

# The Church of the Incarnation

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## 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



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

**SATURDAY,  
JULY 27TH**

5:00pm - Raymond DeLuca

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**  
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**SUNDAY, JULY 28TH**

8:00 am- Lillian Gogulski

9:30am- Anthony & Emelia Camilliere

11:00am - Mass of Thanksgiving, 50th  
Wedding Anniversary for  
Michael and Janice Casparino

**MONDAY, JULY 29TH**

9:00am- Fred & Joanne Lepore

**TUESDAY, JULY 30TH**

9:00am-For all our parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST**

9:00am—Thomas Hanley & James Coughlin

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST**

9:00am- Walter & Robert Napierata

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND**

9:00am- Peter & Emily Gawle

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD**

5:00pm- Helen, Anna & Jacob Kutyla

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH**

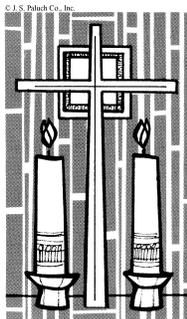
8:00am- For all our deceased parishioners &  
benefactors

9:30 am-Salvatore & Josephine Uccello

11:00am- Deacon Fred Rispoli

**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 7/29/2013-8/4/2013  
in memory of Lillian Gugulski.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from  
7/29/2013-8/4/2013 in  
memory of Gerald N. & Selma  
W. Sciarra & James P. Ridolfo Jr.



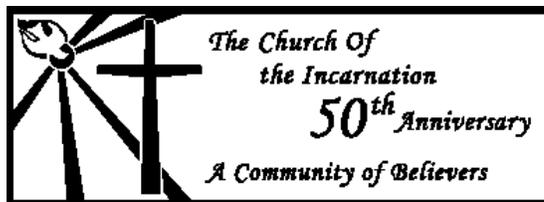
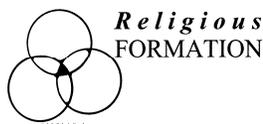
We welcome this weekend at all the masses **Reverend Peter Gevera, M.X.Y., a visiting Missionary priest who is currently serving the people of God in Ethiopia, Africa.** He is originally from Kenya, Africa. He belongs to the Yarumal Missionaries. Their goal is to evangelize and reach out to the poor of the poorest. They have missions in Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Columbia, Panama, Kenya Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Angola, Cambodia, & Thailand.

**50th Anniversary Commemorative Books:** The opportunity of becoming either a sponsor or patron is no longer available. However there are forms available in the Narthex of the church if you would like to order a book for \$25.00. Thank you for understanding.

**Rosary Bead Repair Service:** Send your broken rosaries in a padded envelope to Betty & Dick Holden, 7 Crane Place, Simsbury, CT 06070 from May - Oct. Call (860) 658-6330 for more information.

**Friday is the First Friday in August, Mass will be held at 9am with Vocations Holy Hour following Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!**

**There will be a "Project Love Collection next weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested to benefit St. Gerard Center for Life. They are also in need of infant and baby clothing of all sizes.**



### **Registration for Faith Formation**

Unfortunately many families have not yet registered their children for Faith Formation. A child will not be placed in a community unless that child is registered. Please spread this message to your friends. 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 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. Our Pre-K/Kindergarten programs entitled "Little Lambs" begin in October and are optional.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at The Church of the Incarnation on Sunday, November 3rd at 2pm with a Mass. The main celebrant will be Bishop Peter Rosazza.**

**A Family Perspective...Today's gospel guarantees if we "ask" we will "receive", perhaps not what we wanted but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us, His children. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father".**

**Honoring Original Parishioners: This is our final notice to honor original parishioners. Invitations for special seating will be mailed out the first week in August.** Do you remember attending Mass at the Webb School? Do you remember daily Mass being said at 340 Prospect Street, the original rectory with a Chapel? Did you go door to door as a seeker of donations to help build Incarnation Church? Do you remember being at the ground breaking ceremony with Father Crawford pitching his shovel into this holy ground known as the beginning of the construction? If you do recall these founding events, then you are an original parishioner and the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Committee wishes to honor you. If you plan to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass on September 8, 2013 at 11:00am, there will be reserved seating especially for you. Please spread this message to any original parishioner that you know. Call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765 with your name & address or email us at: [cincarnation@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cincarnation@sbcglobal.net). Reference your message: Original parishioner. Thank you.

**8th Annual Catholic Youth Spectacular** to be held on Sunday, September 29th at Saint Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. Mass will be held with Archbishop Mansell and more. Call Shawnee Baldwin at (860) 243-9465 X 2672 for more information.



### A Weekly Bible Study

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Genesis 18:20-32**

We have to admire Abraham's boldness. Experiencing the divine presence only a short time, he confidently sets out to bargain with God for the fate of Sodom. Is the city even worth saving? The Hebrew Scriptures cite a number of places in which Sodom's sinfulness is described. The prophet Isaiah speaks of Sodom's lack of justice and concern for the poor. In Ezekiel we learn of the city's "abominable crimes" and the prophet Jeremiah refers to Sodom's conscious choice to live in evil. And, of course, Genesis 19 refers to its sin as sodomy, hence the city's name. Sodom is often viewed as a modern metaphor for extreme depravity. Abraham certainly needs to appeal to God's enormous well of mercy!

Abraham's concern is that the Lord will "sweep away the innocent with the guilty." In his persistent bargaining Abraham seeks to "wear down" the Lord, to find some reassurance that God will act justly in the end. Imagine that: *humankind* is concerned that *God* will act justly!

Reading ahead in the book of Genesis, we know that Sodom was destroyed. We have only to recall the graphic scene of destruction viewed in the recently-televised Bible series. Did the Lord renege on the promise to Abraham? Not really. A few people were led out of the city before its demise. Sodom was not saved but the Lord took care of those faithful to him.

In all of God's dealings with humankind the results of our prayerful (and sometimes not so prayerful) "bargaining" may not be what we expect. But the Lord always finds a way. And the real point of this passage is that the Lord's mercy is available for all. We have only to ask and sometimes with the persistence of Abraham.

Let us all be the bold friend of God that Abraham was and confidently approach the deep well of the Lord's endless mercy.

**Please note:** The deadline for any bulletin notices is on Monday. Please call Audrey at the rectory, 529-2533, if you have a bulletin notice on or before Monday. Thank you!

**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.

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2013: We ask for your continued support Thank you!**

**Please note:** We have low gluten hosts available for those with **Gluten Intolerance**. Please notify the sacristan prior to Mass.



**Please note:** We have wheelchair accessibility on the East Side Chapel entrance.

**Due to the Privacy Acts it has become increasingly difficult for priests to locate and visit parishioners in the hospital.** If you are going to be admitted into the hospital, please inform the hospital that you are a member of Incarnation or call the rectory prior to your entry into the hospital. Thank you.

**We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have made a bequest to The Church of the Incarnation.** These charitable gifts build our parish endowment to help pass on our Catholic faith to future generations. Many Catholic families are making charitable gifts to create parish endowment funds in memory of parents and other loved ones. Contact Fr. Moran to establish a Memorial Fund in the name of your parent(s) or a loved one.

**If you will be moving within or out of our parish, please notify the rectory so that we may update our records.** Thank you.

**Fr. Michael Rogers, SJ will offer a celebration of the Mass on Sunday, August 25th 2013 at the 11am Mass.**

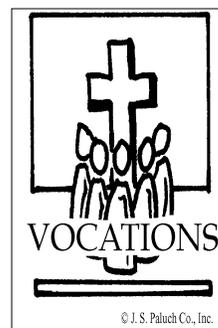
A light reception will be held in Fr. Crawford Hall following the mass to give our parishioners an opportunity to greet Fr. Michael, SJ.

**Corpus Christi Women's Club Bus Trips:**

Two trips are being sponsored by the Women's Club which include *Foliage & the CT Wine Trail* on October 9th and *The Newport Mansions at Christmas* on December 14th. These bus trips are not fund raisers, but rather to build community amongst parishes. Call Natalie at (860) 529-2545 for details.

**A New Lay Ministry Formation Program will begin in September.** This is an 18 month theological, educational and Formation Program for Lay men and women. Contact Mrs. Mary Marsan at (860) 243-9465. Applications due August 1.

**Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find, knock and it will be opened to you. Try it. Then listen, look, enter.** This refers to the possibility of a religious vocation. Pray for Vocations! If you or someone you know is



considering religious life call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail him at [vocations@stseminary.org](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org), or visit the web at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://www.vocationshartford.org).

***The Church of the Incarnation Commemorative 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee Deluxe Insulated Bags are available for \$10.00 each. Call the rectory (860) 529-2533.***



### *Attire for Celebrating Sunday Eucharist*

Food for thought. You've been invited to a wedding feast, a banquet, or another joyous celebration and your first thought is What Will I Wear? How does that compare to the celebration of Holy Mass; our Sunday Eucharist? Jesus invites us to His feast and into His home, His temple, His sanctuary, where He truly lives. In this holy place, His True Presence, His body, blood, soul and divinity exist. How awesome a gift for us, to be invited into the home of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords and be invited to receive him as the bread of Life! Given that every Mass is such a special occasion, it is appropriate that we join the Lord with great reverence and respect with modest & appropriate attire that reflects our respect for Jesus and this special opportunity to celebrate His presence among us.

**CHALLENGING GOD**

Ancient Judaism held in highest regard those figures in its tradition who were willing to challenge God. This was particularly characteristic of the two patriarchs most highly esteemed, Abraham and Moses. This boldness in addressing God is present in today's story from Genesis, when Abraham attempts to save the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. This resonates with the Gospel passage—the Lord's Prayer—since it was truly bold of Jesus to address the Lord God as "Abba." Our familiarity with this prayer most likely makes us unaware of this.

The boldness of Abraham, Moses, and Jesus in addressing God is an expression of a deep, intimate relationship. We tend to argue most heatedly with and speak most tenderly to those whom we love the most. This very human trait is what generates the wide variety of emotions expressed toward God throughout the psalms. Hopefully our own relationship with God is intimate enough that we don't only come asking for favors or with heads bowed meekly, but also ready to question and argue, to praise joyfully, and to embrace our relationship with God lovingly.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

**Psalms** — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

**Gospel** — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Martha

Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus

Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori

Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;

St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

**DECEPTION**

Indeed, it is not in human nature to deceive others for any long time, without in a measure deceiving ourselves, too. —John Henry Newman