

# The Church of the Incarnation

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Maggie Seaver  
**Youth Minister**

## Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:45 - 4:30p.m.  
Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00p.m.  
Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 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 12:30 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.

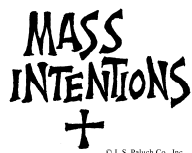
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**SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 11TH**

5:00pm - Frank Mandile

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH**

8:30am- Paul DiMascio

10:30am- Salvatore Tarascio

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH**

9:00am- Joann & Fred Lepore & the  
Deceased members of the Lepore Family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH**

9:00am- Gianpietro Iacobucci Sr.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH**

9:00am- Myles Connolly Sr. & Sarah Ann  
Marie Privitera

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH**

9:00am- For all our parishioners

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH**

9:00am- Tiberio Pace

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH**

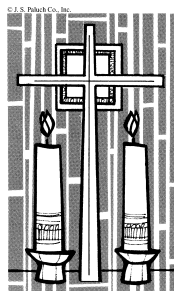
5:00pm- George & Sally D'Esopo

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH**

8:30am- Jennie Cusano

10:30am- Vincenza Bulanti

**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 1/13/2014-1/19/2014  
for a Special Intention.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from  
1/13/2014-1/19/2014 in  
memory of Flora Salvatore.

**The second collection this weekend is the  
monthly.**

**There will be a Men's Association meeting  
on Wednesday, January 15, 2014** at 7pm in  
Fr. Crawford Hall. Light refreshments will be  
served.

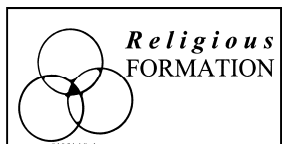
**We begin this weekend offering Children's  
Offertory Envelopes.** They can be found at  
the entrances in small white boxes labeled  
"Blessed Are You". Each box is a years sup-  
ply. Please help yourself. Thank you.

**There will be a House of Bread collection  
next weekend.** Coffee & sugar are request-  
ed.

**We have two rest rooms available in the  
church.** One is located up the steps to the  
Choir Loft. The other is accessed by entering  
the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and walking  
towards the doors near the Statue of the  
Sacred Heart. We ask that all children be  
accompanied to the rest rooms by an adult.  
Thank you for your understanding.

We received a lovely thank you note from  
The Office for Religious for our donation to  
the Retirement Fund for religious retired.





**Mentor session for girls receiving Confirmation in 2014 will be held on Sunday, January 12th from 12:30-2pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Saturday, January 18th Faith Formation will be held at Emerson-Williams for communities in Grades 1, 3, 4 & 5 at 9am.**

**First Penance will be held in the church on Saturday, January 18th at 9:45am.**

Please enjoy reading this reflection written by a 2014 Confirmation Candidate:

“My first Christian Service Outreach was the Angel Tree on Sunday, December 8. I went to the church for the 11:00 mass. Once the advent wreath lighting mass had ended, I walked to the entrance of the church to meet Mrs. Carcia. She told me and a few other Confirmation candidates to gather the plentiful presents dropped off by caring people at the beautifully decorated tree. As we were picking them up, people were walking out of the church and said loving phrases, such as one woman who stopped and stated: “What a wonderful thing you all are doing, it really must make a difference.” At this, my face lit up because it didn’t occur to me until now that we are making a nice difference in others’ lives. This opened my heart, and it made me glow, knowing that we were helping others. This gift inspired me to continue with grace and happiness. We carried these belongings to the back of the church onto the stage. Mrs. Carcia then explained that we had to open the bags and gifts to find a card shaped like an angel, which showed the specific organization that that present was for. We sorted through them and we put the items on the table for the right organization that they belonged to. When we finished, I left the church with a glorious feeling, and now I’m excited for the next Angel Tree service. I’ve learned that even if the service is little time, every bit counts, and just that, illustrated not only an accomplishment for me, but it brought Jesus closer to me, others around me, and the people in/ from those organizations because we gave and shared, and the people who receive would hopefully be thankful. To a future candidate, I hope you realize the great meaning of your service, to not only the Angel Tree, but other commitments too since it can make a real impact on yourself and the new way you might look at things and lessons you can learn.”

“Dear God,  
I pray that others will understand the true meaning of helping others. With your help, I think we can make the world a greater place, little at a time. Please help me help others, for the good that we could bring together.”

**Parish Family Home communities will meet at designated times.**

**Cupcake Collection to benefit the Kid’s Café**

Incarnation Church’s Faith Formation Families have been collecting food donations and fundraising to help feed 500 children who attend the Kids’ Café after-school program in Hartford.

**For the month of January**, we are asking the Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLW) community to donate 1 – 2 dozen CUPCAKES per family. The CUPCAKES will be handed out to the Children that attend the Kid’s Café program.

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

**Nut Free please! Gluten Free** cupcakes are also welcome (please label box as such) **Package all cupcakes in a BOX** (example: shirt box or bakery type box) so that the boxes can be stacked for delivery to the Kid’s Café. **Label boxes with type of cupcakes** (example - cutout of the box mix & frosting taped to box) **CUPCAKES can be dropped off in the Fr. Crawford Hall after any mass on January 19.**

**THE KIDS’ CAFÉ COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

If you have any questions, please call:  
Cathy Beers at 860-563-2949 or e-mail [cathycraigbeers@yahoo.com](mailto:cathycraigbeers@yahoo.com)  
Phyllis DiFiore at 860-257-7344 or e-mail [phylliscalabria@cox.net](mailto:phylliscalabria@cox.net)

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday, January 19th at the 10:30am Mass. Please join us for refreshments.**

**SNOW CANCELLATIONS:** will be announced on WFSB, WVIT & WTIC and also via our website. Please do not call the rectory regarding class cancellations. On December 14th there was an announcement entitled: Town of Wethersfield Parking Ban: no religious education. If this is seen again, please disregard and only rely on the name of our church for accurate cancellations. Check website/Facebook.



A Weekly Bible Study  
The Baptism of the Lord  
Isaiah 42:1-7

The Baptism of Jesus is a glorious occasion. Crowds witness unexpectedly the manifestation of the Triune God. It is a moment of divine awareness for those present. In the midst of these bleak winter days the sacred liturgy gives us joyous reminders of God's manifestation to the world. But there is an overshadowing, an ominous feeling that suffering, too, must be made present. We see this theme unfold in today's reading from Second Isaiah (chapters 40-55), chapters that include one of four oracles that speak of a "Suffering Servant."

Scripture scholars continue to ponder the identity of this "figure." Was Second Isaiah, presumably a 6<sup>th</sup> century disciple of Isaiah, speaking about his own spiritual suffering or that of his mentor? Scripture tells us that he was overwhelmed personally by the great abyss between God's holiness and humanity's sinfulness. Was he speaking about the suffering of Judah? Surrounded by powerful enemies, its spiritual center Jerusalem was destroyed and its people cast into the darkness of exile. Was he speaking of some future time encompassing every age of a suffering humanity? We hear daily the cries of the oppressed scattered throughout our broken world.

It is another, more important identity that we ponder today, the "chosen one with whom I am well pleased." The mission of this chosen one is laid out clearly in the beautiful images of Isaiah. God's "Suffering Servant" will come for the "bruised reed and the smoldering wick," the weak and despairing. He will come for the "coastlands," for Jews and Gentiles alike, for us and future generations. He will come gently, not as one who dominates. His mission will bring sight to the blind, freedom to the captive and light to those in darkness. He will bring comfort and hope to a broken people. He will come for us, and he will suffer as one of us.

The Suffering Servant will please the Father in the fulfillment of the divine will. And in him we will find our hope and our salvation.

**Thank you for your generous donations to the Annual Collection for the year 2013.**

The donations totaled \$101,074.00.

**Thank you!** On behalf of our Catholic secondary school students, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dr. Dale R. Hoyt, would like to express sincere thanks to all those who supported the 2014 High School Collection. Your generosity is deeply appreciated by all of those whose future you have helped to shape!

**Our Sunday Mass schedule will be: 8:30am and 10:30am only.** Our vigil mass will remain at 5pm on Saturday. Baptisms will take place by appointment in advance at 12:30pm on Sundays in 2014.

**Northwest Catholic High School** entrance exam will be held on January 25th at 8:30am at the school. Call Andrew Selig at (860) 236-4221 X 140.

**BAPTISM**

**CHARLOTTE  
ELIZABETH DEJOHN**



## Wethersfield UNICO Macaroni Dinner

Wethersfield UNICO's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual World Famous Macaroni Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at the Wethersfield Community Center. Please come and join UNICO, your family and friends for a delicious dinner of pasta with home made sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, soda, wine, coffee and ice cream. All **this** for the unbeatable price of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. This is UNICO's primary fundraiser for all the charitable activities that we do year round, including our College Scholarships for residents of Wethersfield and Rocky Hill. For more information about our scholarship program please visit our web site at **[www.WethersfieldUnico.org](http://www.WethersfieldUnico.org)**.

MEN'S RETREAT, FEB 15 – 17, 2013: Come on retreat with us and rest awhile. This year's retreat theme is **Nothing Less Than Everything**. Holy Family's Retreat Team invites you to experience a dynamic weekend retreat which explores the meaning and the potential of love to transform our lives. Christ gave us nothing less than complete love on the cross, and we, in turn, are called to love one another.

Join us at the parish men's retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, Friday February 21 – Sunday noon, February 23, 2014. For information call John Ewaski at 860-563-3887 or Bill Carroll at 860-604-6793 or visit / register at Holy Family's web site: [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org).

## National Vocation Awareness Week

In baptism we have become children of God. We are called to live a life of holiness. Am I being called to live that life as a priest or religious? Call Fr. Anthony Smith, 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 Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2014**

A voice came from the heavens, saying,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom  
I am well pleased."  
— *Matthew 3:17*



Here is my servant whom I uphold

**CALLED TO SERVE**

The status of God's beloved Son is not one he clings to. It is one he shares. All of us are called to be sons and daughters of God. In Jesus, we can all claim God's favor. The second reading makes this clear. Here we read of the baptism of Cornelius and his household. Peter's speech recalls the anointing of Jesus by the Holy Spirit and the great power that swept through Israel and onto the doorstep of the Gentile Cornelius.

As for his household, so for us. There is an end to our work on earth, to our baptismal vocation and the honorable work we do. But there is no end to the saving life given to us through baptism. There is no end to the life of the children of God; there is no end to God's compassion, which we know in Christ Jesus. There is no end to our status as chosen and beloved people of God. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forever among those on whom God's favor rests.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14□20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;  
Mk 1:21□28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;  
Mk 1:29□39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
Mk 1:40□45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1□12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;  
Mk 2:13□17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;  
Jn 1:29-34

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary  
Friday: St. Anthony  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass, and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads.

This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent's hand, and water is poured or splashed over them. The treasures of Baptistry art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water's surface, is not really in our tradition, and that "infusion," the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ's life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols!

**CERTAINTY**

The Son of God died; it is by all means to be believed because it is absurd. And he was buried and rose again; it is certain because it is impossible.

—Tertullian

**PEACE**

We should have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do.

—Thomas à Kempis

**UNITY**

Unity is vision; it must have been part of the process of learning to see.

—Henry Adams