

# The Church of the Incarnation

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**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.

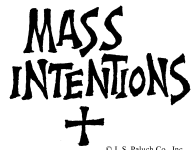
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**SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 18TH**

5:00pm - George & Sally  
D'Esopo

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH**

8:30am– Jennie Cusano  
10:30am– Vincenza Bulanti

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH**

9:00am– Frank & Concetta DiMattia

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST**

9:00am– For all our parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND**

9:00am— Joseph Mitusina

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD**

9:00am– Reverend John J. Crawford

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH**

9:00am– Lorraine Hebert

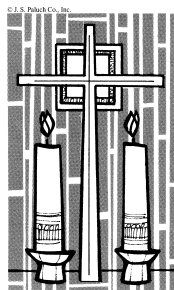
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH**

5:00pm– Judith Skinner Curcio & Robert  
John Skinner

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH**

8:30am– Carmelo & Lillian Vasquez  
10:30am– Peter Kalousdian Sr.

**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 1/20/2014–1/26/2014  
in memory of Nico Filippa.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from  
1/20/2014-1/26/2014 in  
memory of Frank & Vincenza  
Bulanti and Silvia Bulanti.

**There is a House of Bread collection this weekend.** Coffee & sugar are requested.

Monday, January 20th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The rectory will be closed. Emergency calls only. Thank you!

**The Second Collection next weekend will be the 2014 Catholic High School Collection** which assists our Catholic secondary schools as they foster educational excellence and prepare young people to become productive citizens and church leaders.

**Fourth & fifth grade boys & girls interested in becoming Altar Servers at Incarnation are invited to meet with Fr.**



**Moran at 11am on Saturday, February 1st in the Church.** The meeting will last one hour and will be the first of three consecutive sessions that will prepare those interested in serving at our Eucharistic celebrations.



**In honor of St. Blaise, we will bless throats February 1st & 2nd during all of the Masses.**

This blessing is a sign of thanks for the gift of breathing, speech and taste.

**Join us at the Incarnation 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). A member of the Incarnation Men's Association will speak at the Masses next weekend.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sunday, January 19th at the 10:30am**

**Mass.** Presiders will be Maggie Seaver & Anne Camilliere. We welcome our catechists Paula Miller, Amanda Clark & Christine Sousa. Please join us for refreshments.

**Faith Formation for Grade 8** will meet this Tuesday in Fr. Crawford Hall at 6:30pm.

**Faith Formation for Grade 7** will meet this Wednesday in Fr. Crawford Hall at 6:30pm.

**Saturday, January 25th Faith Formation** will be held at Emerson-Williams for communities in Grades Pre-K –Grade 5 at 9am..

**Grade 6** will meet in Fr. Crawford Hall at 8:45am on Saturday, January 25th.

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

**First Penance was held on January 18th.** 46 children received the Sacrament for the first time along with 3 older children. It was a beautiful celebration and we thank Fr. Moran and our visiting priests, Noranne Wamester, and our catechist team, Mrs. Melissa Doyle, Mrs. Filomena Marinelli, Corinna Marinelli, Mrs. Dawn Pellegrino, Ms. Helen Sweeney along with our assistants, Ms. Alyssa Proserpi and Jillian & Paige Zuidema. We especially thank our parents for working together to continue to raise our children in the faith.

**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!**

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

**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



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
John 1:29-34

Breathtaking tapestries representing the communion of saints and those blessed adorn the walls of Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles. Numbering 135 in all, these magnificent oversize figures face forward in a reverent silent gaze upon the altar. One visiting this sacred space is moved beyond description.

The tapestry depicting Christ's baptism is most engaging. Located in the lower level baptistery, this rendering is forty-seven feet high and seven feet wide. It is overwhelming in size, but more so in its impact on the observer. One is drawn deeply into the figure of Jesus kneeling in humble submission to the will of the Father. A simple dove hovers above the hidden face of our Savior. Words escape the beholder of this artistic rendering. For one is standing in the presence of divine mystery.

John the Baptist stood in the presence of divine mystery as he beheld the Lamb of God. Today's Gospel from the Evangelist John offers us not the usual detail of the Baptism of the Lord that we heard last Sunday, but the theological truth it reveals. John the Baptist has seen and testified that Jesus is the Son of God.

Today we choose not to ponder the words of Scripture.\* Rather, we stand silently, reverently gazing into its sublime mystery. We allow our hearts to be immersed in the divine truths before us this day. The Incarnate Word humbly begins his mission to bring salvation to the world. And the world is forever changed.

Bow before this mystery in all humility as Jesus bowed humbly before John, in the presence of the Father and Holy Spirit.

*\*Part of Scripture study encompasses silence in its many forms. We can ponder quietly the Sacred Word, examining its many dimensions. We can also gaze with the eyes of the heart, in silent communion, upon the mystery before us. This is our invitation today.*

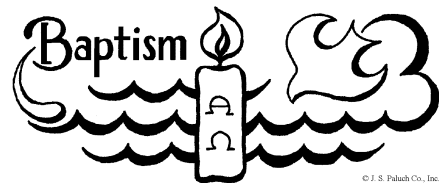
**Our Sunday Mass schedule will be: 8:30am and 10:30am only.** Our vigil mass will remain at 5pm on Saturday. Baptisms will take place by appointment in advance at 12:30pm on Sundays in 2014.

**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.

**If you are receiving church envelopes from our envelope company in Buffalo, New York and are not using them, please notify Audrey at the rectory.** Unused Church envelopes are an unnecessary expense for the Church. Thank you for your understanding!

## BAPTISM

**ASHLYN KERI  
MLODZINSKI**



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**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.

### **Wethersfield UNICO Macaroni Dinner**

Wethersfield UNICO's 35th 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)**.

**If you are leaving Wethersfield for the winter, please notify the rectory** so that we can place your envelopes on inactive. When you return, kindly call and we will re-activate them. Thank you.

**We are trying to close out our 2013 Mass Book.** If you have any Mass Offerings that you wish to make for 2013, please send them in when you can.

**From our birth God calls us to be whole, holy people. How are you growing in wholeness and holiness? For some, the path to wholeness and holiness is through service as a priest, brother, or sister. Think about it!** 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).

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 19, 2014**

I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends  
of the earth.  
— *Isaiah 49:6b*



### **Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield,**

which was named a 2012 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the US Department of Education, will host an Open House on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway. Parents and children are invited to visit while classes are in session. The school encompasses PreK - Grade 8. Call (860) 529-5487. A school representative will speak after all masses this weekend.



### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH— HERE COMES EVERYBODY

This popular way of describing the universality of our Church is a theme of today's readings. The prophet Isaiah tells of God's servant who will be the "light of the nations." It will not be enough for this servant only to bring back the survivors of Israel's dispersion and captivity. God's salvation must reach to the ends of the earth.

Saint Paul writes to a local church of mainly Gentiles and presumably former sinners of all kinds in Corinth. He greets them and tells them that they are to take their place with "saints everywhere" in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel reading from John tells of Jesus' commissioning by the Father in the Holy Spirit to bring salvation to all, to take away the sins of the world. This Chosen One has come to baptize the world in God's Spirit. Everybody.

As you hear these words, consider your own task to bring the good news of salvation to everyone you will meet in the coming days, weeks, years.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

**Psalms** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18 Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Monday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian; Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday: St. Agnes

Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday: St. Vincent

Friday: St. Francis de Sales

Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The symbols and actions of baptism evolved around the experience of adults dying to old patterns of life and rising from the waters of baptism as new creations. As for newborn babies, at first it was desired to wait until the following Easter, when they could be baptized, anointed with chrism, and given a taste of the Eucharist in association with adults. The Church was always willing to baptize adults in emergency situations outside the Easter timetable, and in time, since infancy itself was a life-threatening situation, the baptism of babies became commonplace. As with the "emergency" adult baptisms, it was

### FORGIVENESS

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered and extended even before the offender has apologized and sought it.

—Søren Kierkegaard

### BEND, DON'T BREAK

When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

—St. Francis de Sales