

# 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: 8:30 & 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 25TH**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH**

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH**

9:00am- Douglas Campbell

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH**

9:00am- Wladyslawa & Edward Skrzyniarz

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH**

9:00am— For all our parishioners

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH**

9:00am- Valda Bourque

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST**

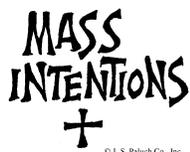
9:00am- In Thanksgiving and In Honor of  
Pope John Paul II

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**

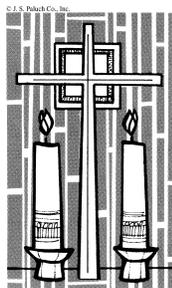
5:00pm- Deceased members of the Martino  
& Bonaquisto Families

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND**

8:30am- Nico Filippa  
10:30am- John Carpino



**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 1/27/2014-2/2/2014  
in memory of Rose Airo  
Mangiafico.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from  
1/27/2014-2/2/2014 in memory of John  
Carpino.

**The Second Collection this weekend is the  
2014 Catholic High School Collection**

which assists our Catholic secondary schools  
as they foster educational excellence and pre-  
pare young people to become productive citi-  
zens 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,**



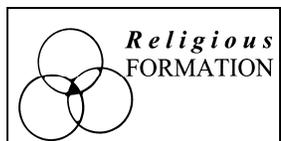
**February 1st in the Church.** The meeting  
will last one hour and will be the first of  
three consecutive sessions that will prepare  
those interested in serving at our Eucharistic  
celebrations.



**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 Febru-  
ary 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 this weekend.



**Youth Ministry will meet this Sunday, January 26th from 6:30-8pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. All high school students are welcome!!**

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

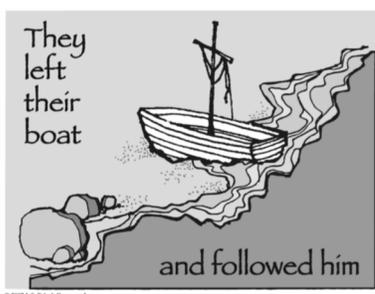
**Faith Formation for Grade 7 will meet this Wednesday in Fr. Crawford Hall at 6:30pm.**

**Saturday, February 1st 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, February 1st.**

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

**Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next Saturday, February 1st at the 5pm Mass.** The Family Pizza Supper has been cancelled.



**"The Kids' Cafe team would like to thank the CLW families and all parishioners for the incredible cupcake outreach collection for the children who attend Kids' Café in Hartford! Our remarkable and very generous parish baked 724 cupcakes to provide a special treat to the 500 children who are fed each day at five locations throughout Hartford!" Thank you & God bless!".**



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**There will be a "Project Baby Love" collection next weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested as well as baby clothing & baby blankets. To benefit St. Gerard Center for Life in Hartford. St. Gerard Center for Life has been saving human lives and assisting women since 2005. Over 360 baby's lives were saved from abortion. The Center also offers chastity classes and ultrasound services for women to choose their baby's life. We are in need of volunteers to help transport the diapers & wipes that are donated by our generous parishioners to their location at 22 Maple Avenue, 2nd floor in Hartford after our collection which is the first weekend of each month. Please call Audrey at the rectory at (860) 529-2533 if you are able to help with these deliveries. If you would like to volunteer at the center, you may call interim Director Dr. Gerard at (860)548-9500. Thank you!**



A Weekly Bible Study  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Corinthians 1:10-17

A charismatic cast of characters takes the stage in today's second reading. Apollos is a captivating orator who appeals to the "intelligentsia" of Corinth. Peter (Cephas) brings a compelling message of salvation to prospective Jewish converts. Paul easily wins the hearts of multitudes of Gentile believers. First century audiences are mesmerized by the giftedness of their respective preachers. But ensuing rivalries and divisions arise that suggest a somewhat competitive spirit among these teachers. In Paul's mind this begs the question: whose message is it anyway? That of Apollos, Paul or Peter? Or that of Christ.

Paul sets the Corinthians straight in his assertion: "I belong to Christ" and so do you! Those delivering the message are not meant to be a distraction from the Gospel. It is not the human eloquence that seeks to touch minds and win hearts. It is the message of the cross.

Our own liturgical celebrations can certainly be enhanced by the beauty of the sacred environment, uplifting music and dynamic homilists. But we need sometimes to step back and ask ourselves: whose message is it?

*Essentially* it is not about the trappings that surround the celebration. It is about the mystery itself. It is upon the message of salvation that we focus. And when we leave our Eucharistic celebration we take with us not so much the echoes of the exquisite soloist rendering or visions of stunning floral arrangements or memories of funny stories injected into the Gospel message. Such echoes, visions and memories should fade as we embrace the central reality. We take with us the Word and Sacrament that nourish and sustain our faith for the daily challenges ahead. We take with us the realization that we are one in Christ, we belong to Him and we have today, once again, witnessed our salvation.

**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.

**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!

**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.

## BAPTISM

**GEMMA ROSA CAPONE**

**DANIEL VICENTE  
RESTO**



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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.

The Lord Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. We need, in our own time, to proclaim that same message. Are we bold enough to reform our lives and proclaim the Good News? If you are ready to proclaim the message 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).



### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 26, 2014**

Wait for the LORD with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

— *Psalm 27:14*



### **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.

**DIVISION**

It is a situation that plays itself out in more and less significant ways: Christians divided. A CYO basketball game between two neighboring parishes. Parents of the young players scream insults and threats at one another and assert their “superiority.”

A Protestant and a Catholic church sit on adjoining properties. Each is vigilant about having parking violators removed from its own “private” parking lot.

An old pastor retires but continues to reside at the parish. A new pastor arrives and quickly finds his faith “community” choosing sides against him.

Saint Paul addresses similar disagreements in the early church at Corinth. He encourages the church there to make up their differences and to be united again in their belief and practice.

Today’s first reading from Isaiah speaks of a people weighed down by the yoke of sin and darkness. Certainly the bickering and differences among us can be classified as such. The Gospel tells of the beginning ministry of Jesus. The Light has come, encouraging us to “repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people. (Isaiah 8:23- 9:3).

**Psalms** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Angela Merici

Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Friday: St. John Bosco; Chinese New Year 4712

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The prayers surrounding baptism often speak of being “clothed in Christ,” and clothes are an important consideration. In ancient times, adults were probably baptized without any clothes at all, and old texts survive asking people to leave fancy garb and jewelry behind as they enter the font. Baptism was typically in a private place, the community waited elsewhere, and the casting off of clothing was hardly a public moment, nor was it embarrassing in ancient cultures where privacy was largely unknown.

Nonetheless, what was left behind on one side of the font was replaced on the other as a white robe was wrapped around the newly baptized. It was a robe of honor, a dazzling sign of a new beginning for a society that valued clothing as a sign of personal identity. For the newly baptized, a whole week in white garments was the rule, through the second Sunday of Easter, called “Sunday *in Albis*,” because of all the folks wearing their baptismal robes.