

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

Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 8TH**

5:00pm - Gildo Alberto

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

8:30am- Frank Leonard

10:30am- Elizabeth Phillips Kempf & the Deceased members of the Phillips & Burgie Families.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

9:00am-For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

9:00am- Mass in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Anthony

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

9:00am— Sister Pauline Gibbons

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

9:00am- Pietro G. Cieri

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

9:00am- Myles Connolly Sr., Sarah Ann Marie Privitera, Mark Rioux, Robert Ensign Sr. & Nicholas Damato Jr.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

5:00pm-Shirley Carrier

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

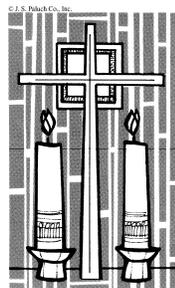
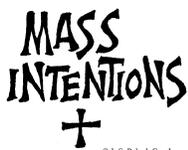
8:30am- Salvatore, Angel & Grace Chiaramida

10:30am- Frank Cusano

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 2/10/2014-2/16/2014 in memory of Frank Leonard.

The Blessed Virgin

Mary Candle will burn from 2/10/2014-2/16/2014 in memory of the deceased members of the Calleri & Perna Families.



The Second collection this weekend is the monthly collection.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, February 12th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.



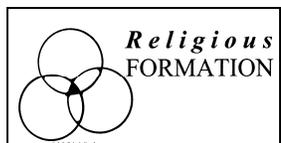
Liturgical Guidelines to Protect the Faithful Against Flu.

With the rise in incidence of the flu at this time of year, the Office of Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Hartford, with the approval of the Archbishop, offers the following guidelines:

- 1) Parishioners are advised to exchange the Sign of Peace with a verbal greeting alone, or with a bow instead of a handshake.
- 2) Parishioners should be reminded that if they are ill or suspect they are ill with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. They should remain at home and return to church when they are well.



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Youth Ministry will gather Sunday evening in Fr. Crawford Hall from 6:30-8pm.

Mentor Session will be held in Fr. Crawford Hall Sunday from 12:30-2pm.

All Faith Formation Grades will meet this week at the regular times.

CLW will be held next Sunday, February 16th at 10:30am. Come & experience our faith in action!

Incarnation Youth Ministry is extremely excited to be attending The Steubenville East Conference in Rhode Island July 18th - 20th! They will be gathering with over 2,000 peers who will come together to listen to dynamic speakers and clergy who hope to strengthen and inspire teens in their journeys to Christ. The testimonies of hundreds of youth who have returned year after year to participate in this conference are so very encouraging and inspirational. This is an incredible opportunity for our youth! Don't miss out - JOIN US! All 9th -12th graders, including graduating seniors are invited. Contact Youth Minister Maggie Seaver at: seaver711@aol.com if you are interested. The Conference always sells out so we must register by Feb. 9th!! Our Youth Ministry will be raising awareness, support and funds for their trip to their conference. The theme: **God Is**, focuses on each of us trusting and believing in the plan that God has set out for us. Please support our youth as they embark on this journey that will deepen their faith and understanding of God and His love for us.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES.....

A Mini Flash Light Sale & Mini Bake Sale will be held in Fr. Crawford Hall and in the Narthex. Please stop by and support Youth Ministry's efforts to attend a week-end Catholic Youth Conference in Rhode Island this summer. The Mini Key Chain Flashlights will be offered at \$3.00 each. What a handy gadget to have in case of an emergency. Many thanks in advance for supporting our Youth as they embark on this journey that will deepen their faith!!





A Weekly Bible Study

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10 and Matthew 5:13-16

A very familiar passage from the prophet Isaiah reminds us that the “people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” The Lord Jesus, the light of the world, has been made manifest to the nations. Our recent liturgical readings have celebrated this great epiphany. But it does not stop there. Those who have witnessed the light are now called to be living manifestations of His light. And if we don’t know where to begin, today’s first reading gets right down to business!

Isaiah doesn’t waste time enumerating the many tasks to which we, as disciples, are called. And Matthew furthers this theme in Jesus’s call that we not hide our lights under a bushel basket.

A U.S. president issued a similar call in 1989 when the “Thousand Points of Light” program was initiated. It was an invitation for individuals to “*spread like stars throughout the Nation, doing good.*” We do not need reminders of how much our world is submerged in the darkness of poverty, oppression, injustice and sinful behaviors. As Christians and citizens we have a mandate to be points of light for others. We need to heed the message of Isaiah and of Jesus to bring the light of healing and understanding to broken hearts and ruptured societies. We do so daily, in small ways, as points of light that shimmer throughout our families and communities: an encouraging word, a simple gesture, a heartfelt embrace, a comforting hand, a listening heart, an act of kindness.

The Lord told our father Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars of the sky. We are those descendants who not only walk in the light of faith, but are the very twinkling stars, the points of light for others. Our efforts to be living manifestations of Jesus, the light of the world, should be as numerous as the stars of heaven.

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.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner, Mon, March 17, 2014 - Fr. Crawford Hall Doors open at 6:15 p.m. \$15 p.p. Traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Home-made Irish soda bread, coffee/dessert. Checks payable to: ***Church of the Incarnation*** & mailed to: Michele Kalousdian, 154 Griswold Road, Weth., CT 06109. For questions call Michele at (860) 563-0860. **Seating is limited so make your reservations early! Reservation Deadline February 28th. All reservations must be paid for in advance.**

BAPTISM



**HANNA ELIZABETH
RUGAR**

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 9th 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**.

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.

We are called to be light in the world. Put your lamp on a stand and not under a bushel basket! Let your light shine before all so that they may see the goodness in your acts and give praise to God.

Consider the priesthood or religious life. Invite them to call Fr. Anthony Smith, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail him at: vocations@stseminary.org or visit the web at www.vocationshartford.org.



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Confirmation Classes for baptized Roman Catholics who have made their First Communion and are over the age of 18 will be held this fall at St. Mark the Evangelist in West Hartford and St. Joan of Arc Church in Hamden. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on May 13, 2014 at 7pm in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford. Registration forms are available online at www.orehartford.org.

The Wethersfield Knights of Columbus, Council 4193, invites Catholic men, 18 years of age or older to join their council. The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 in New Haven, CT., by venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and is the worlds largest Catholic fraternal organization. The council meets monthly and sponsors social fund-raisers to benefit local charities throughout the year. To learn more about the benefits of joining the Knights of Columbus, call Michael Klinger at (860) 874-2292 or Michael White at (860) 667-2099.

GOD'S SUMMONS

If we are not able to witness concretely to the love of Christ in our lives, then we are truly salt that has gone tasteless. Our flavor and impact are lost. How difficult it is to get them back again.

In the late 1940s the Christophers movement began in the United States. The Christophers' motto, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," attracted many through the Christophers' effective use of the media, advertising, and the encouragement of its members to proclaim Christ in the workplace.

Jesus calls us to be that candle and to set ourselves in the most visible place. Jesus, who brought eternal light to the world, tells us that we, too, are the light of the world. Through our words and actions we must let our light shine in the sight of all so that in seeing our good works, everyone may give praise to God.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalms -- The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading -- My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel -- You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
Monday: St. Scholastica
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick
Wednesday: Lincoln's Birthday
Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

You need more than water for a bath. Most family bathrooms contain an arsenal of soaps and emollients, lotions, shampoos, and conditioners to combat grime and honor the body. A bath without oil is still unthinkable. No wonder early Christians used lavish amounts of oil to "paint" the skin of people drawn dripping wet from the baptismal font on Easter. There were two oils used in baptism long ago. "Oil of exorcism" protected candidates from "evil spirits"; it strengthened their resolve and purified their purposes.

The second oil, slathered over them after baptism's bath, "sealed" them, making them like Christ, the anointed one, the priest, the prophet, the king. Chrism has always had a powerful odor; rich resinous perfumes are stirred in before it is consecrated. As the newly baptized were embraced by new brothers and sisters in Christ, the scent permeated the hall of Eucharist, a sign of our connection to Christ and to one another.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15;
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]