

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

Rectory Hours

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

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(860) 529-2533

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(860) 721-6595

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cincarnation@sbcglobal.net

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(860) 529-6765

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www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 22ND**

5:00pm - Edwin Przybylski



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

8:30am- Pasqualino D'Appollonio

10:30am- Paolo & Francesca Panebianco

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

9:00am- Paul & Evelyn Volpe

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

9:00am- For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

9:00am— John & Virginia Karnosky

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

9:00am- Nico Filippa & Vincenzo Filippa

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST

5:00pm- Joseph & Angeline Santomenno

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND

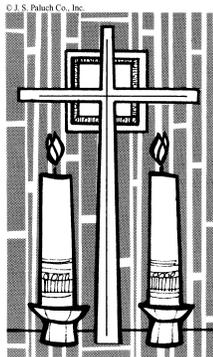
8:30am- Stephen Romaine

10:30am- Mary & Dan Richi, Cora, Henry &
Mikey Daversa

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 2/24/2014-
3/2/2014 in memory of
Lillian Gogulski.

The Blessed Virgin

Mary Candle will burn
from 2/24/2014-3/2/2014 in
memory of Richard E.
Kutyla.



There is a House of Bread collection this weekend. Coffee & sugar are requested. Thank you for your generous support!

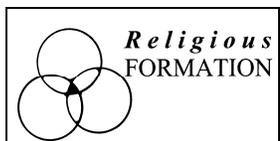
The Office of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Hartford extends their gratitude for our contribution of \$3,584.00 to the Catholic High School Collection that was recently held.

There is a "Project Baby Love" collection next weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested! Thanks for the support!

ABCs of Catholic Relief Services:
CRS/Philippines... Typhoon Haiyan hit last November. Thanks to American Catholic support for CRS up to 38,000 households received shelter, water, and hygiene kits. Relief shifts to recovery as farmers begin to receive aid to help them regain their livelihoods. Coconut farmers were particularly hard hit.

For your information:

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 children be accompanied to the rest rooms by an adult.**



**YOUTH
MINISTRY**

Join us Sun., Feb.
23rd—Fr. Crawford Hall
6:30-8pm. High School
students welcome!

Father... Sometimes I feel bewildered by the world and I don't understand how there can be such richness beside such poverty. Help me to be generous and thoughtful of others. I feel upset when I hear others cruel words or see hatred or prejudice. Help me to be loving and accepting of all I meet. Sometimes I feel down about the pressure on young people to succeed. Lord, in this confusing world. Help me to look to you and stay hopeful. Amen

All Faith Formation Communities will gather this week.

Bingo at the Jefferson House:

Some of our Confirmation candidates and their parents have volunteered one Wednesday each month to help the residents at The Jefferson House enjoy an evening of Bingo. It has been a wonderful experience for Bianca T., Jacklyn S., Paul W. Tyler P. and Shaelyn W. Mary Roche, the Director of Recreation, is most appreciative of our young people's assistance. On March 2nd, 10 families will visit a group of residents at Jefferson House with thoughtful gift bags. This outreach is a part of our Christian service ministry.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place next Saturday, March 1st at the 5pm Mass. Join us for Pizza Bites after Mass!

**CALLING ALL
SMALL
ANGELS IN
HEAVEN**



Have you had a loved one who has passed away as a young child? Would you like to keep his/her memory alive in a commemorative way right here at our church?

As part of Phase II of our David Dolge Angel Butterfly Garden, we are pleased to announce the beginning stages of a new transformation to the garden, which has now become a beautiful addition to the church grounds here at Incarnation.

Like David, we want other young loved ones of parishioners who have passed away to be remembered in the garden. David wants the garden to be full of beautiful butterfly wings, reminding us that although their journey on earth was short, it was meaningful. Their lives, now transformed like the butterfly, have started anew in heaven.

As members of the Butterfly Garden committee, we are planning to put in pavers to commemorate your young loved ones who have passed away. A sample brick will be shown in future bulletins for families to purchase. Each brick will have the child's name, date of birth, death, and possibly a small saying. For those who are interested, we ask you to please email Liana Marinelli at Lmarinel1@friars.providence.edu or call at (860) 550-3957 so we can begin Phase II.



A Weekly Bible Study

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The first five books of the Bible, the Pentateuch, explain the origins of life, the introduction of sin into the world, and the choosing and shaping of God's people, Israel. At its center is the Book of Leviticus. Named for Levi, the priestly clan of the twelve tribes, the book deals mainly with "cultic" matters related to the priesthood, feast day observances, sanctuary maintenance, offerings, and laws for purity and holiness. The book also addresses behavioral, ethical and economic issues. It is far more than a compilation of the 600+ laws that directed Israel's life. It is a kind of "handbook" that outlined and shaped the Israelite's relationship with God and with his neighbor.

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God often breaks into the daily ebb and flow of our lives to remind us of Who he is. And that is a good thing. We need to see our lives, like those of early Israel, as more than an accumulation of projects and rituals. We are called to stop in our tracks and acknowledge the holiness of God. Moreover, we are called to be holy even in the midst of our activity. *Especially* in the midst of our activity.

The very thought of our being "holy like God" is something we deem unattainable or even a bit presumptuous. Can we be holy like God Himself? Perhaps the answer is simpler than we think. We are made in God's image and likeness. And He invites us to reflect that image and likeness in everything we are called to be and do. God calls to be who we truly are, *his* children. And that in itself is holy.

Incarnation 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 lim-
ited so make your reservations early! Res-
ervation Deadline February 28th. All reser-
vations must be paid for in advance.**

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

If you have gotten caught up in the busy-
ness of life and have fallen away from the
Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can change
that. This Lenten season, the Archdiocese of
Hartford is initiating an Archdiocesan-wide
effort to inspire Catholics to experience God's
love and mercy offered in the Sacrament of
Reconciliation. Every church in the Archdio-
cese will be open on Mondays from 6-7pm
during Lent for Confessions. For information
visit: Light4you.info.

The New Day Program for those who have
lost a loved one through death will begin on
Monday, March 3rd in Father Crawford Hall
at 1:00pm.(The first session will meet in the
Blessed Sacrament Chapel) Mrs. Noranne
Wamester will facilitate this weekly session
for nine weeks. All are welcome to come and
experience the warmth and comfort of gather-
ing with others who share your loss. Call Nor-
anne Wamester at 860-529-6765 to register
through her office so enough materials can be
ordered. In the meantime, go gently and know
how much you are loved and cared for.

GIVE BETTER THAN YOU RECEIVE

Jesus' words in today's Gospel continue to contrast the Jewish law and practice with the practice of the followers of Jesus. Today's Gospel continues with slight variations the formulation: "You have heard . . ." and "What I say to you is . . ." The old laws of retaliation were once created to soften the severe and vengeful retaliations common among the peoples that surrounded the struggling people of God. The would-be followers of Jesus again feel surrounded by people bent on retaliation. So Matthew presents Jesus, who asks his followers not only not to retaliate at all but to "turn the other cheek."

He asks that his listeners give the one who asks more than he or she seeks. Jesus asks us to love and pray for those of our home country and the alien, the ones who love us and the ones who hate us.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.

(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Olive oil looms large in the vocabulary of baptism. There are other oils in the pantry closet, from grape seed to safflower to canola, but only olives yield the proper meanings. Olives don't just happen; they are cultivated, nurtured, pruned, and fussed over; they are a sign of human and divine cooperation. Olives can thrive in poor soil, but they cannot survive without human ingenuity, planting shoots and pruning branches. They can't be popped from a tree and munched like apples: they are inedible without long curing; neither do they yield their oil to hand pressure alone, but only to huge stone mills. Abundant patience is needed as sediment sinks to the bottom of storage barrels and pure oil rises to the surface.

Olive oil is a byproduct of peace: war keeps harvesters, planters, and pruners within city walls and turns millers into soldiers. To obtain oil from olives you need vast measures of hope, patience, faith, and ingenuity. Olive oil is a sign of God's bounty and the way we human beings collaborate with God to bring about impossibly wonderful results. It is creation at its finest. Some people give chocolate eggs for Easter; perhaps olive oil is a more appropriate gift!



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**CONGRATULATIONS!
CHURCH OF THE
INCARNATION
WOMEN'S CLUB
1964-2014**

On February 20, 1964, at Samuel Webb Junior High School, the Women's Club began with the election of officers and committee chairwomen at this first meeting. Under the guidance of Father Crawford as our Spiritual Director, the Constitution and Bylaws were formulated with the focus on spiritual, social and charitable projects for the welfare of the Parish and the community. Watch for future announcements of special events being planned during 2014 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary Jubilee of the Women's Club of The Church of the Incarnation.



**EMMA NATALIE
HUTCHEON**

**ALEXANDER ERIC
BOUFFARD**

Confirmation Name Essay:

The saint that I've chosen is Saint Elizabeth. She was the cousin of Mary, who was the mother of Jesus. Elizabeth was married to Zechariah, and they had not been able to have children. But, Elizabeth believed that God would help and he did. Even though they were old, she was able to conceive through God. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah the news that Elizabeth was pregnant, but when he didn't believe he was made mute until the birth of the baby. When Elizabeth gave birth to a son, she named him John (just like Gabriel had told them to do). Her son grew up to become John the Baptist, who predicted the coming of the Messiah (Jesus Christ). She had a huge belief in God, and never lost faith, even when she wasn't able to have any children. The name Elizabeth is special to me because my little sister's middle name is Elizabeth and she means a lot to me. By choosing the name Elizabeth, I hope that I will gain her faith in God. I obviously believe in God now, but I lack the type of faith that Elizabeth had when she was praying to God for children. By modeling myself after her, I hope that I will learn to pray to God more often about everything in my life, and I will be more trusting in including Him in my everyday life, as Elizabeth did. Also, by including her in my life, I hope that I will be more grateful for the things that God gives me throughout life, and that I'm more accepting of the troubles I'm given, because as Elizabeth's story shows, God's plan will always show the way in the end.

Confirmation Name Essay:

For my Confirmation, I chose the name Claire, after Saint Claire of Assisi. She was a woman who lived in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi, where she also served the sick, washed the feet of begging nuns and waited on tables in the convent. She was strong-minded and a hard worker. She admired the work and preaching of Francis, ever since she was a young girl. He inspired her and always encouraged her. While living in the convent she lived a life of seclusion and poverty, but with Francis' help, she was determined to change that around. Even though the Pope advised her to move her practice elsewhere, she knew she had to be free from her sins and follow the ways of Jesus. Popes, Cardinals and Bishops came from all over to ask for specialist advice. She was so wise and inspirational to so many people, even though the last 27 years of her life she was suffering from an awful sickness.

I chose the name, Claire, for my Confirmation name for many different reasons. One reason is that my great aunt who is a former nun, is named Claire. She is the perfect role model and example for any catholic woman. She is always encouraging, wise and shows how important faith is. Also, Claire is a name used a lot in my family, many of my cousins middle names are Claire, so it is a common and important name to my family. I also chose the name Claire because she was good friends with a man named Francis, he guided her, had faith in her and always encouraged her. I like that part about her life because my grandfather's name was Francis. He always supported me and encouraged me to do better in everything and be the best I could be. He always knew what to say that would make you feel better. He had so much strength and courage like Francis from Assisi and always did the right thing. With choosing the name Claire I hope to gain respect, courage and be wise and strong-minded like her. She was determined to make decisions for herself in her life. She was also self-confident and had a strong faith, I hope to gain these qualities by choosing the name Claire.