

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, MARCH 29TH

9:00 am—Pasquale Piccolo
5:00pm - Deceased members
of the Knights of Columbus

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH**

8:30am— Rosa Capasso
10:30am— Paolo & Santa Zocco

MONDAY, MARCH 31ST

9:00am— Deceased members of the Barker &
Arico Families

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST

9:00am—Francis Lepore, Rose Bottoni, &
Joseph Rizzo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND

9:00am—For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD

9:00am—Joan T. DiMartino

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH

9:00am— For all our deceased parishioners &
benefactors

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH

9:00am—Deceased members of the
Heinimann & Gurgigno Families

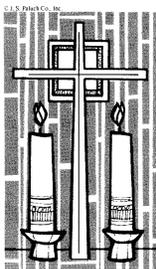
5:00pm— John & Theresa Sansone

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH

8:30am— Francesco & Raffaella Filippa

10:30am— John, Josephine, Michael & Jean
Mele & Maurice Bottum

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
from 3/31/2014—4/6/2014 in
memory of Russell Leyden &
Dolores Arico.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Candle will burn from 3/31/2014
-4/6/2014 in memory of the Deceased
members of the Barker & Arico Families.



Employment Support Group: Tuesday,
April 1st at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**New Day, Our Bereavement Support
Group** will be held on Wednesday, April
2nd in the rectory.

Women's Club Executive Board meeting
Thurs., April 3rd, 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Friday is the First Friday in April... Mass
will be held at 9am and Vocations Holy Hour
will be held at 9:30am in the Chapel.

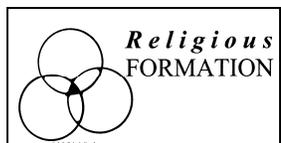
“Project Baby Love” Collection next week-
end. Disposable diapers & Wipes are request-
ed. To benefit St. Gerard's Center for Life.

PARISH COMMUNION SUPPER:

**The Women's Club will commemorate its
50th Anniversary with our Communion**

Supper on Thursday, April 10. Mass will
be celebrated at 6pm with dinner to follow at
7pm in Father Crawford Hall. Our special
guest speaker will be The Most Reverend
Peter A. Rosazza D.D. Fr. Francis P. Johnson
and Monsignor Michael J. Motta will also
join us. Dinner reservations are \$30 p.p. and
checks should be made payable to Church of
the Incarnation. Call Ann Hock at (860) 563-
0728. Flyers are available at church exits for
further details. All parishioners, friends and
guests are most welcome.

**We are grateful to all who filled the Rice
Bowls for Catholic Relief Services. Thanks!**



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held Sat., March 29th at 5pm Mass. We welcome presiders Mary & John Breton & Regina Cravero. Thank you to Catechists Richard Milluzzo, Michele Moquin, Christina DeAngelo & Lizzie Wolf. Join us for pizza bites.

The Poor Person's Soup

Supper to benefit The House of Bread & Kid's Café: Sun., March 30, at 5pm. Tickets on sale after all Masses this wkd. in the Narthex & Fr. Crawford Hall. Tickets: \$5 for adults & \$3 for children under 12, children under 5 are free. Everyone is invited to bring a bottle of vegetable oil or a box/bag of rice & a loaf of bread. These are needed items in soup kitchen. **There will be a bake sale sponsored by our Confirmation candidates after all Masses this weekend to benefit Kid's Cafe.** The Confirmation candidates and Kid's Cafe team are very grateful for your continued support of their dedication to the Kid's Cafe.



Next weekend is Faith Festival Weekend.

On April 5th, Fr. Crawford Hall will be open from 11am-1:30pm for all families and parishioners to see the children's Faith Formation displays. There will be a " Faith-Fun" Store, a Face painting area, a Young Disciples Cafe, which will sell pizza/refreshments & a wonderful raffle. Please support our Faith Formation Communities & Youth Ministry. Parishioners are also welcome to visit Fr. Crawford Hall after all Masses next wkd. to see the displays & participate in the raffle. Raffle drawing will be after 10:30am Mass.

Youth Ministry:

Sunday, April 6th - 6:30-8pm. All High School aged youth are welcome as we explore the themes of Lent and discover how they relate to personal growth & spiritual renewal.



Thank you to all who attended the most beautiful program with Father Henry Frascadore and Small Still Voice. It was truly an inspirational afternoon. Thank you to Carol Halstead and Eleanor Reddin for hosting the lovely reception.

First Communion will be held on Saturday, April 26th. Parish Family Home Children will receive at 8:30am & Emerson Williams Communities will receive at 11:30am.



Lent: All families are encouraged to respond to the reflective call of the Lenten season. Worshipping as a family, praying together, sharing a kindness to one another and reading Scripture are wonderful ways to prepare our hearts and souls during Lent. Our bulletin has a weekly Scripture lesson written by our parishioner Barbara Gawle. Barbara leads our parish Bible Study. The more we can be fed by God's Word, the stronger we can become on our journey of faith. Let us join together in prayer and sacrifice during this holy season. Blessings, Noranne S. Wamester



A Weekly Bible Study

4th Sunday of Lent
1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

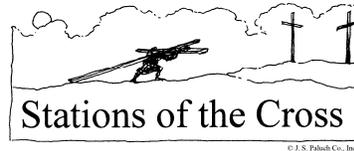
In order to appreciate today's first reading we must take a few steps back in salvation history. Poised to enter the "world stage," Israel clamors for a king: "We too must be like all the nations, with a king to rule us, lead us in warfare and fight our battles." The choice, based on appearance and stature, falls to Saul who is anointed by the prophet Samuel as the "peoples' king." His reign essentially displeases God as Scripture tells us the Lord regretted having made Saul king. His acts of disobedience were symptomatic of a lack of faith in the God of Israel. Furthermore, Saul's emotional and psychological disintegration, as well as suspicion of his successor David, resulted in his suicide.

Something for us to ponder: Did the Lord make a bad decision in having Saul anointed? Or rather, did the Lord simply answer the misguided prayers of the people, allowing them to stumble and fall, to see the error of their ways?

As we join Samuel in today's reading, God gives his people another chance. Samuel is instructed to journey to Bethlehem. He is told that Israel's next king will be from among Jesse's sons. As eight sons are presented, the youngest and least likely is finally selected. He will prove to be one "after God's own heart." And despite his lack of credentials David's rise to power will not be due to his own ruthless pursuits, as those of Saul. He will arise as Israel's greatest king powered by the Spirit of God that rushed upon him that day. At his anointing this simple humble shepherd will be transformed into greatness. His descendants will be found worthy of the Son of God.

God indeed saw into David's heart and found one who heard His word and acted upon it. We need only to look into the soul of David's psalms to see the depth of his connection to the heart of God. The Lord, indeed, made the right choice to continue the work of salvation. God knew exactly what his people needed.

The Church of the Incarnation awards two scholarships annually for our parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools. The Application deadline is April 1st. If interested call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765.



Archbishop Blair has encouraged parishes to cooperate in the scheduling of masses and liturgical services to help ease pressure caused by the shortage of priests. In this spirit, the parishes of Wethersfield have agreed to centralize the commemoration of the Stations of the Cross at Corpus Christi Church, on the Fridays of Lent at 7:30pm. Lenten Mass Schedule at Corpus Christi Church: Daily Masses: 7am & 5:30pm. Saturday Morning Mass is at 7:30am.

Wethersfield Knights of Columbus

Membership Drive at The Church of the Incarnation-March 29-30th, 2014...One of the best-kept secrets in our community is the work being done by the Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with the Church, right here in Wethersfield. The Knights of Columbus has been called by Blessed Pope John Paul II "the Strong Right Arm of the Church." Locally, we are currently a band of dedicated men with high quality activities, but we also have many activities waiting to be taken up or resumed by new members, 18 years old and up. Will you consider helping us? For information on joining the Knights of Columbus in Wethersfield, Contact Mike Klinger at (860) 874-2292, or Michael White at (860) 485-4365. A member will speak briefly.

Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women is sponsoring a Breakfast on Sunday, April 12th from 9am-12 noon at Doubletree by Hilton in Bristol. Call Ann Marie at (860) 632-2955. Speaker will be Marjorie "Marge" Farren.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS: If you have gotten caught up in the busyness 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 Archdiocese will be open on Mondays from 6-7pm during Lent for Confessions. Visit: Light4you.info.



Lenten Regulations: Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted.

Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, but have not yet marked their 59th are to fast on Good Friday. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Lenten Mass Schedule: Daily mass will be celebrated at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Holy Thursday, The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7pm with adoration to follow until 10pm in the Chapel. Good Friday, the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with communion will be at 3pm. Holy Saturday, The Easter Vigil (This includes the Mass of Easter) will be celebrated at 8pm. Easter Sunday Masses will be held at 8:30 and 10:30am.

"April in Paris" Wine Tasting Event...Saint Mary School, will host its 6th Annual Wine Tasting and Auction on Saturday, April 26, 2014...6:30 - 9:30pm. Featuring select wines from Italy, France, Portugal, Spain, Argentina, and USA. Join us for an evening of wine, passed hors d'oeuvres, live music and the chance to bid on a large array of silent auction items. Don't miss Brad Field, Chief Meteorologist at NBC-30, who will emcee an extended live auction portion of the evening! All proceeds to benefit Saint Mary School. Please call (860) 666-3844.



**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 Fr. 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 community. Watch for 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.

The 2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal has begun in our parish and throughout the Archdiocese. You should have received a request for support from Archbishop Blair. Please be as generous as you are able to this annual effort that funds the charitable works of the Archdiocese. Our work as a Church in social services, healthcare, and pastoral services is exciting, challenging & fulfilling. It is work we must do together in **Building Hope...Providing Help** out of love for one another and for God. Envelopes at the exits.

Church of the Incarnation Men's Association Annual Baseball Trip

Saturday, May 31st at Yankee Stadium, New York City: New York Yankees vs. Minnesota...1:00pm game, bus departs Incarnation at 9:00am. \$85 p.p. includes; game ticket, food, beverages, movie & raffle. Call Tony (860) 836-3064 to reserve. Checks payable to "Incarnation Church" & mail to Tony Colasacco, 151 Cider Brook Dr. Weth. CT 06109.

You may return your Easter Flower Envelope from now until Easter.

Easter Communion Regulation: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.

Lenten Speaker: Sunday, March 30th at 1:30 pm at Corpus Christi Church. Thomas Awiapo has a truly inspiring story of survival and success. Orphaned before the age of ten, Thomas survived bleak poverty and hunger in his small African village. His search for food led him to school at age 12 where he eventually won scholarships to attend college and later earned a Master's degree from California State University. Today, Thomas works for Catholic Relief Services training community leaders throughout Ghana, where he lives with his wife & four children. His story of initiative & his joyful presence has brought inspiration to many in the U.S.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center... 14th Annual Gerald J. Kristofak Golf Tournament. Thursday, June 12th, 111 Golf St., Newington, CT. visit: <http://holyfamilyretreat.org/golf>.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE for PEACE AND DEMOCRACY IN UKRAINE....Principal Celebrants: His Grace Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, His Excellency Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Church of the Sacred Heart, 158 Broad Street New Britain, Connecticut on **SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014 at 6 p.m.**

Clear the mud from your eyes and see! The one who heals also calls us to follow. Live your life as a witness to God's healing, saving touch.. If you think you are being called to follow 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 or visit the web at www.vocationshartford.org.

Downey Side: Parents are needed to adopt waiting American children who are school age & older. If you want to make a difference in the lives of homeless children, call (203) 535-8627.

Reminder: Corpus Christi Home & School Association is sponsoring their 20th Corpus Christi School Auction this Saturday, March 29th at the Wethersfield Community Center from 6pm-11pm. Call Mary at (860) 989-6787.



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**GIANNA GRACE
PATULAK
& JORDAN EDWARD
MARRERO**

NEW VISION

Jesus proclaimed that he came into the world to make the sightless see and the seeing blind. A difficult saying! But surely it must mean that Jesus intended to take our ordinary ways of looking at things and turn them inside out. Jesus came to change our perspective.

When the prophet Samuel went out to select the new king, he chose a young man who had the look of royalty about him. But God told him not to judge by appearances. God told Samuel--and today tells us--to change our perspective and to look at things and people differently.

We are like the Ephesians, whom Paul urged to live as children of the light. With the light of faith, we have a new way of looking at things, and we are called to bring that new vision to the world around us. This is a great vocation, a call to wake people up to what's really important. John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm -- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading -- You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel -- The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: April Fool's Day

Wednesday: St. Francis of Paola

Friday: St. Isidore; First Friday; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If there is such a thing as a Catholic "trademark" it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism.

As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest's gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God's blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life's burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism.

Confirmation Name Essay – Saint Lucy

The story of Saint Lucy was about a wealthy young Christian woman who had vowed her life to the service of Christ. Lucy's father died when she was young. Lucy's mother suffered from a bleeding disorder and was fearful as to what would happen to her daughter when she passed on, so she arranged a marriage for Lucy. Lucy knew that her mother would not be convinced by her begging to not be married so she devised a plan to convince her mother that Christ was a much more powerful partner. Through prayers at the tomb of Saint Agatha, her mother's illness was cured miraculously. Her mother was so thankful that she was ready to listen to Lucy's desire to give her money (dowry) to the poor and commit her life to God. Unfortunately, Lucy's future husband, who was a pagan, did not like how Lucy rejected his marriage and he told the governor that she was a Christian. The first states that the governor ordered her to burn a sacrifice to the emperor's image. When she refused the governor, he ordered her to be taken away. The soldiers could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. Then bundles of wood were heaped around her and set on fire, but would not burn. Finally, she met her death by a sword. Another story that came about hundreds of years after her death is that the cruel governor poked out Lucy's eyes as part of her punishment. But God restored Lucy's eyes and that is why she is the Patron Saint of Blindness. Her feast day, known as Saint Lucy's Day, is celebrated on December 13.

I chose Saint Lucy because I admire her courage to stand up for what she believed in and to devote her life to God. That is a very hard thing to do, especially the fact that she knew that she could be killed and severely punished. Her faith in God is something that I truly admire and hope that I can become as faithful and devoted. I can use Saint Lucy's courage when I am faced with tough decisions in school and at home.

ABC's of Catholic Relief Services: CRS/Uganda... Over 7,000 village savings and lending groups have been formed here by CRS, with help from American Catholics. Villagers accumulate savings and lend to their neighbors, setting their own interest rates, thus eliminating dissatisfaction with non-local lenders. Loan are used, for example, to start cottage industries and pay for school fees.