

The Church of the Incarnation

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Wethersfield, CT 06109



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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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**HOLY SATURDAY,
APRIL 19TH**

8:00pm—For all our
parishioners



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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

8:30am— Deceased members of the Andreoli
Family

10:30am—Lucy Reale Leone

MONDAY, APRIL 21ST

9:00am— Shirley Carrier

TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND

9:00am—Deceased members of the Sabatini
Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD

9:00am—Sebastian Gianni

THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH

9:00am— Walter Napierata

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH

9:00am—Frank C. Garber Jr.

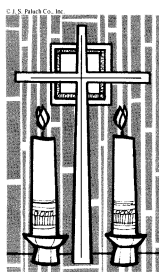
SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

5:00pm—Deceased members of the Ingenito
Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

8:30am— Deceased members of the
Christadore & Amodio Families &
Christopher Barnoski
10:30am—Mass of Thanksgiving, 50th
Wedding Anniversary for Bill and Mary
Murphy

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 4/21/2014–4/27/2014
in memory of Edward Lyman.

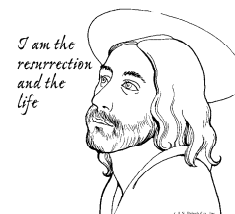


**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
4/21/2014-4/27/2014 in memory
of the Deceased members of the Vignone,
Munoz & Pedemonti Families.



*A JOYOUS EASTER TO ALL
FROM FR. MORAN AND
THE STAFF AT THE
CHURCH OF THE
INCARNATION!!*

*ALLELUIA
CHRIST IS
RISEN!!!!*



**Easter Sunday
April 20, 2014**

When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear
with him in glory.

— Colossians 3:4



**The Second Collection this weekend is the
Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides
the Holy Father with the funds he needs to
carry out his charitable works around the
world. The proceeds benefit the most disad-
vantaged; victims of war, oppression, and
disasters. Join our holy father as a witness to
charity to those who are suffering.

The Men's Association will meet Wed.,
April 23rd at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**There will be a House of Bread collection
next weekend.** Coffee/sugar are requested.



First Communion Rehearsals:

Tuesday, April 22nd parish family home communities will be held from 3:30-5pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Wednesday, April 23rd Emerson Williams communities will be held from 3:30-5pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Thursday, April 24th parish family home communities will be held from 3:30-5pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Friday, April 25th Emerson Williams communities will be held from 3:30-5pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. **Please note:** parents do not have to stay. Please bring your child promptly and pick your child up promptly at 5pm. Both rehearsals are mandatory. Graham crackers & juice will be served as the children arrive.

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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be held on Saturday, April 26th. Please join us for our final C.L.W. of the year on Sunday, May 4th at the 10:30am Mass for our May Crowning. All First Communicants are welcome to join us in their First Communion attire to march in the procession. All other children are welcome as well.

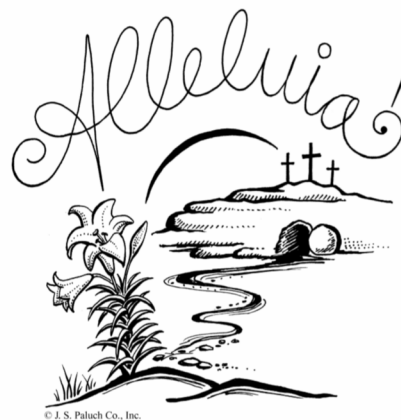


Youth Ministry will gather on Sunday, April 27th from 6:30-8pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Registration for grades pre-K thru 8 have been sent in the mail. Pre-K and Kindergarten are optional and do not begin until the end of October. Grade Nine will receive a special invitation to begin their Confirmation journey, if they so choose, in October. God bless you all. Mrs. W.

We received a lovely thank you note from Sisters Maureen & Theresa from The House of Bread thanking us for our donation from The Soup Supper in the amount of \$1,978.

The Social Action Committee will sponsor a Food Drive to benefit the Town of Wethersfield Social Services the weekend of May 31st & June 1st. **Requested items:** Cereal, peanut butter & jelly, canned fruit, tuna fish, macaroni & cheese, pasta sauce and large plastic bottles of juice. Toothpaste & deodorant are always needed. Thank you!



A Weekly Bible Study

The Resurrection of
Our Lord Jesus Christ



May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds – Easter Vigil

A hush descends upon the darkened church as the faithful prepare for the lighting of the Paschal candle. The congregation keeps silent watch awaiting the flame that will illuminate the darkness of night and dispel the emptiness of hearts where Christ is entombed. The Easter vigil begins with a service of light. This theme will be interspersed among the numerous Scripture readings the church proclaims beginning Holy Saturday through the “Gospel of Easter Afternoon.” We focus our attention on two selections in particular: the first and the last.

Genesis, the opening reading of the vigil, places our minds and hearts in that vast obscurity before creation. God’s initial utterance scatters that darkness: *Let there be light*. It is not only the light to mark the day, it is the light of understanding. The written word of Scripture finds its genesis, its beginning, in the Sacred Word uttered by God.

The sacred words that we continue to hear throughout these Easter liturgies acknowledge the wondrous works of God in salvation history. Gradually opening the minds and hearts of hearers, these words offer a growing crescendo of our enlightenment to God’s unending truth. We move toward its climax as the final reading of Easter Day brings the light of understanding into true focus. Disciples walking to Emmaus experience the power of Christ’s resurrection in bread and word. This moment of Eucharistic encounter is their true enlightenment. They recognize, they believe, they understand. Their hearts burn within.

Let there be light, the Father says. *Let the glory of my Risen Son enter your being with each Eucharist so that your hearts burn within to recognize, believe and understand.*

There will be no Bible Study meeting on April 23.

Knights of Columbus Annual Pasta Dinner, Saturday, May 3rd - 6- 8PM in Father Crawford Hall. Ziti, Meatballs, Fresh Italian Bread, Salad and Dessert. \$10 per person and \$25 per family. Call John Ewaski at 860-563-3887 or Mike White at 860-667-2099 to make your reservations. Take out will be available. Proceeds will support communities charities.

Bus Trip to Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, CT on May 8th...leaves Inarnation parking lot at 9:45 am. Call Paula Melillo at (860) 563-9506 to make reservations. See flyers at exits.

ABC’s of Catholic Relief Services: CRS, thanks to help from American Catholics, is responding to four emergencies; strife in Central African Republic, civil war in Syria and South Sudan, and the typhoon in the Philippines. Plus, efforts in Darfur and surrounding Somalia continue. Innocent people need help. Last week - CRS & Water. Next week - CRS & Youth. For more info visit: www.crs.org.

Northwest Catholic High School Entrance Exam will be held on Friday, April 25th at 8:30am at the school. Contact Andrew at aselignwceath.org.

HomeFront Day 2014: Can you help repair the home of a needy family? We need You On Our Team on Saturday, May 3rd. HomeFront Day is sponsored by HomeFront Inc., Sponsored by The Office of Urban Affairs of the Archdiocese of Hartford & Americas. where parishes all over the state accept a project to repair and fix up the home of a local needy family. We hope to complete our task in one day. Working together Incarnation, Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart have always had excellent teams participate for many years now. We need workers with a variety of skills as well as unskilled workers. You should be at least 14 years of age but young people ages 14-17 may work with a signed release from their parents, & supervision. Please complete the following sign-up form and place in collection baskets. Call Sonny Senatro at (860) 563-4185 or Audrey Saharek at the rectory at (860) 529-2533 if you have any other questions.

Homefront Volunteer:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I have skills in _____

I am a professional in _____

I am not skilled, but will help with (circle) Yard cleanup, Project cleanup, Painting, other _____.

Thank you.



**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.

The Men's Association will sponsor their Annual Steak Night on Wednesday, May 14th 2014 in Fr. Crawford Hall at 6pm.

This event is open to all men of the parish. Refreshments at 6, dinner at 6:30. The guest speaker will be Liam Sweeney, who will discuss the MDC's Clean Water Project. Call Bill Carroll for reservations at (860) 604-6793 by 5/13. \$25.00 p.p., pay at the door.

LEARN ALL ABOUT UNICO AT A TOTALLY FREE EVENT

You are cordially invited to celebrate our Italian Heritage on Thursday, April 24th - 6:30 PM to 9PM at Italian Heritage Night at the Mt. Carmel Hall 30 Old Roberts Street, East Hartford. UNICO District III, an Italian American service and charity organization, is sponsoring this event to celebrate our Italian Heritage with Exhibits from the Hartford, Manchester, Newington & Wethersfield Chapters of UNICO & featuring guest speakers: Al & Tony Terzi, who will speak about their family business as broadcasters in CT and their Italian Roots. Apps, desserts, wine, soda, coffee & espresso will be served.

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>.

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

**The Lord has risen!
Proclaim it to the world!
Pray for those who are
called to priesthood and re-
ligious life. If you are con-
sidering life as priest or re-
ligious call Fr. Anthony
Smith, Director of Vocations,
Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Semi-
nary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail him at: vo-
cations@stseminary.org or visit the web at
ww.vocationshartford.org.**



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You are invited to a Book Launch! Come celebrate with Kathy Irr the completion and publication of her book "Ordinary Awakenings". 3pm Prayer Service, Gratitude and Grace. 3:30pm desserts & refreshments. 4pm Kathy will introduce the book and give a book signing. Sunday, April 27th, 3-5pm, Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT. E-mail Kathy at Kathy@Kathymirr.com.

You may return your Easter Flower Envelope on Easter weekend.



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

“What do you know?” is the question linking all three readings today. Imagine the shock waves that shot through the city of Jerusalem that first Easter morning. Jesus’ body was missing! By the time Peter spoke the words found in today’s first reading, fifty days had passed, so he began by saying, in effect, “I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth.” Of course they knew by then, but in today’s Gospel we are taken back to the first day. We meet Mary Magdalene exclaiming, “We don’t know where they put him!”

What do *we* know? In the second reading Paul asks, “Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?” Do we know the power of our own faith? Do we know the effect we can have on others?

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Easter
 Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
 Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter; Administrative Professionals Day
 Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; National Arbor Day
 Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to be sure, but the fullest sign of who we are meant to be. Christ has claimed us in the waters of baptism, we have acquired wonderful companions, and together we can accomplish great things.

This is the day for rekindling the old flames of baptismal commitment, so we light the paschal candle, and by its light we make yet again the ancient promises to reject evil’s grip and empty promises. Today we do not recite the Creed, but respond with one voice to age-old questions. New life has to be nurtured, both the life of the newly baptized and the renewed life of those who have passed through Lent’s refining prayer, fasting, and giving alms. At any Mass during the next fifty days, you may be surprised by grace and splashed by water!

EASTER

It is the hour to rend thy chains, the blossom time of souls.

—Katharine Lee Bates

CHRIST HAS RISEN

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.

CONFIRMATION ESSAY

As I am entering the exciting journey of Confirmation, I have chosen Christina as my confirmation name after St. Christina.

Saint Christina was the daughter of a rich and powerful man who had many golden idols. Christina, being extremely generous, destroyed the idols and shared them with the poor. This was a big part of why I chose to be named after St. Christina. She had a very big heart and kind personality, so she was also doing the right thing to help people that needed it. I find this to be an important virtue that everyone should possess. We should always be looking out to help others in time of need, as God does for us. A very famous quote says, "No good deed goes unpunished." This is exceptionally true for Saint Christina. After finding out she destroyed his idols to help the poor, her father whipped her and then had her thrown into a dungeon. Her father tore her body with iron hooks and fastened her to a rack underneath a fire. But there was one thing Saint Christina had that her father didn't, and that was faith. God watched over Christina and kept her safe throughout all of this torture. There is another quote, "With faith even as tiny as a mustard seed, God and I can do anything." Christina's faith was steady and strong, and she didn't give up on God. God didn't give up on Christina either. He guarded her and watched her throughout her persecution, keeping her safe from her father's wrath. This is another reason I admire St. Christina and would like to honor her by selecting her name. She was so badly tortured by her own father, and when times seemed absolutely hopeless, she kept her faith. She never stopped believing that God would keep her safe, and with that strong faith, she survived. She never gave up when things got unbearable, and in the end it paid off. In the end it pays off for us all, because God never gives up on us. Saint Christina ended up outliving her father, but suffered more inhumane torture by the judge that succeeded her father. She was thrown into a burning furnace, but remained alive for five days. She kept believing that God would keep her safe and save her, and he did. The power of Christ is the greatest power, and he saved Saint Christina. I think this also shows that God saves us and helps us through the hardest times of our lives, so we must not call for him just in times of pain and weakness, but in times of joy and pride. Saint Christina had strong, immense faith for God. She didn't just have faith when she was being tortured or when she thought she was going to die, but in times of health, happiness, and peace.

I decided to pick Christina as my confirmation name because I want to live up to the honor of St. Christina. Her strength and faith inspire me to live my life better than I am living it now. Saint Christina is a symbol of faith, and how God can save us from the worst situations, if we just have faith. St. Christina was put through terrible, inhumane situations. In times when most people would just give up, St. Christina stayed strong. She had faith in the Power of Christ, and God saved her. I want to represent St. Christina as a symbol of strength and faith.