

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,
JUNE 7TH**

5:00pm—Gino D' Alessandro

SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH

8:30am— Mia Noelle Federici

10:30am—Salvatore & Concetta Gionfriddo

MONDAY, JUNE 9TH

9:00am— James Noonan

TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH

9:00am—Deceased members of the Orsini &
Nicotera Families

THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH

9:00am—Sal & Dolores Brunetti

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH

9:00am—Rose & Armando Barbieri

SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH

5:00pm— Joaquim Santos, Manuel Loura &
Miguel Gaspar

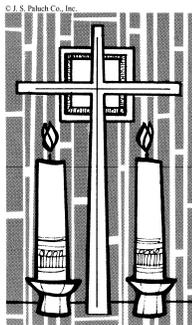
SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

8:30am— Fred & Joann Lepore & Deceased
members of the Lepore Family

10:30am— Joseph & Amelia Massed

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 6/9/2014–
6/15/2014 in memory of
Nina G. Lombardo.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
5/26/2014-6/1/2014 in
memory of Helen, Anna &
Jacob Kutyla.



Thanks to all who donated to the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Thank you to all who donated to the Social Action Committee's Food Drive to benefit the Town of Wethersfield Social Services. 14 bags of items were brought to the town. Thanks to Sonny Senatro for delivering them!

Thanks to all who donated Rosary Beads for the Collection. They will be repaired & sent to the missions.

The Second collection this weekend will be the monthly.

There is a "Project Baby Love" collection this weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Benefits St. Gerard's Center.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather Wed., June 11th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Men's Association would like to thank Tony Colasacco for another successful bus trip to Yankee Stadium. Tony spent countless hours promoting tickets sales, ordering food and arranging for comments from many who attended. Some even asked if we were planning another bus trip. A special thanks to Larry Spellacy and Bill Carroll for their assistance in getting the beverages, ice and packing the coolers for the trip. This event is a major fundraiser of the Men's Assoc. & the proceeds go to help defray the cost of the Parish Picnic and Children's Christmas Party.

"Walking the Camino: Six Ways to Santiago"
A documentary about the Camino de Santiago - screening in Hartford starting June 13th.

What is it about The Way of St. James, Spain's ancient Catholic pilgrimage route, that lures hundreds of thousands of people from around the world to spend weeks, even months, walking 500 miles with nothing more than a backpack and a pair of boots as they make their way towards the Cathedral in Santiago? Follow the journeys of six pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago as they encounter God through the experience of a deeply transformational pilgrimage that will inspire you to set foot on your own journey. *"Walking the Camino" opens June 13th at Real Art Ways Cinema (56 Arbor St #1, Hartford, CT 06106) and will be playing for one week.*



CONGRATULATIONS!
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INCARNATION
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PENTECOST

Unless the eye catch fire,
 God will not be seen.
 Unless the ear catch fire,
 God will not be heard.
 Unless the tongue catch fire,
 God will not be named.
 Unless the heart catch fire,
 God will not be loved.
 Unless the mind catch fire,
 God will not be known.
 —William Blake

The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets to the Rock Cats vs. Reading Fighting Phillies on Saturday, June 21st at 6:35PM. These are General Admission tickets and cost \$5 each. To order tickets or for info. call John Ewaski at 860-563-3887.

Keep Connecticut's Catholic Radio Station
Going Strong!

Participate in the "WJMJ Radio-thon" Thursday- Monday June 12-16 and keep your favorite uplifting music, inspirational messages and religious news on the air. *Where Faith Meets Life*, WJMJ 88.9 on the FM dial, Catholic radio in Connecticut and www.WJMJ.org on the Internet. To make a donation via credit card, please click the Radio-thon Donate menu button at <http://www.wjmw.org>. Support is appreciated!

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



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Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2014

There appeared to them tongues as of fire,
 which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
 — Acts 2:3

A Weekly Bible Study

Solemnity of Pentecost
Psalm 104

Each year on this day we relive the dramatic features of that very first Pentecost event: its strong driving wind, tongues of fire descending upon the disciples (hard to imagine), a cacophony of languages. Pentecost Sunday is the day we remember that treasured story of our faith.

But is it a past event, best left to that upper room and its ancient traditions? The response that we as a faith community make following the opening reading from Acts should tell us otherwise. “Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.”

Lord, *send*... Lord, *renew*. We implore God for today, for this moment. We recognize in this psalm response that the coming of the Spirit is here and now, living and active, capable of effecting change in our present moment, our current circumstances. But we must be persistent as we make our entreaties to God.

Looking around the “face of the earth” we see much that invites our imploring the Lord. We see an earth badly scarred by the destructive forces of evil, war and poverty. We see the victims of those devastating conditions who cannot enjoy the basic human rights and liberties we take for granted. We see individuals within our own families and communities who struggle daily with hardship and suffering. We pass by the abused, neglected, forgotten, often silent and invisible to us in their pain. The list is endless, and so should be our pleading.

This Pentecost day and every day hereafter let us place greater trust and confidence in the Lord as we entreat God on behalf of the many “faces of our earth” whose lives are a struggle. Let us make part of each day’s prayer the powerful entreaty we sing today:

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Youth Ministry will be held this Sunday, June 8th from 6:30-8pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.



The following Faith Formation Families are tending to the Butterfly Garden during the weeks of June 7th—June 21st. Thank you to the Giansiracusa & McDonald Families.

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.

All Faith Formation communities are now in recess.

The 2014 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal . If you have not made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. In May after years of study, seven men are being ordained to the priesthood. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends—and by everyone who made a gift to this Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, YOU help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Our work as a Church in social services, support in healthcare, and pastoral services is exciting, challenging & fulfilling. Donation envelopes are at entrances.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before there was water, there was fire. Once in a while, a volcano hints at the sizzling magma upon which the whole human enterprise floats. Over eons, the surface cooled off a bit, and rain sizzled down for thousands of centuries, filling the oceans and sculpting the earth. We Christians can catch God's glory in a shimmering pool of water, but we can also capture God's burning desire to fan the tiny flames of our baptismal candles into something that will make a difference.

In Sicily to this day, there is a custom of scattering rose petals down from the ceiling of church on the heads of the faithful, an effective reminder of the "tongues of flame" descending on the apostles, and a sign that the Holy Spirit still is poured out on the baptized. It is not merely a quaint custom, but a fairly potent sign of what baptism does. An interesting sidebar: if you have traced the Epiphany blessing on your doorway in chalk, Pentecost is the day to erase it. From now on, no need to rely on the "wise men"—you are alive in the Spirit!

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking Catholics across the country to observe the third annual Fortnight for Freedom, which is from June 21st to July 4th, by focusing on prayer, special devotions and catechetical sessions dedicated toward protecting religious liberty.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at (202) 456-1111 or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at (202) 205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Confirmation Name Essay: Peter

Saint Peter was shown to be the leader of the apostles, and had a special relationship with Jesus. He was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and his brother Andrew was also an apostle. He witnessed many important events in Jesus' life, such as the transfiguration, when Jesus raised a girl from the dead. Peter was also the first disciple to see the risen Jesus Christ at the Sea of Galilee. His name was originally Simon, but when Jesus told him that he was going to be the head of the Church, it was changed to Peter, which means "the rock." Peter was then the head of the Church after Jesus died, and became the first pope. He was also the first person to perform miracles in the name of Jesus. Jesus' trust in Peter along with his performing miracles show how loyal he was and that he always had faith in God and acted the way God wants us to.

I am choosing the name of Saint Peter for my confirmation name because of the example he sets for us. He always trusted God and Jesus, and that is why Jesus put so much trust in him and made him head of the Church. Peter also showed faith and courage by willingly accepting his role as head of the Church. This is a great responsibility, and he had to follow in Jesus' footsteps and trust in Jesus and himself that he could do it well. I hope to gain those qualities of trust in God and courage in my own life by following Peter's example. I also want to be able to handle great responsibilities in my life like the way Peter handled the role of being head of the Church. Peter also performed miracles in the name of Jesus. I want to be able to act in the name of God in my own life and act the way he wants me to. Saint Peter's qualities and works make him a great role model and influence on a person because they show how to be a good Christian and follow God in our lives, and that is why he is my confirmation name.

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

At last! The power hinted at and the Spirit promised are unleashed on this holy day. We call it the birthday of the church. Try to listen to today's scripture passages with some sense of how electrifying these events must have been to those who lived through them. Up until now, they have been waiting in the upper room. In today's first reading, that room is filled with wind and fire and bold proclamations in foreign tongues.

In the second reading, Paul describes the Pentecost event, too. His description includes all of us. The Spirit lives on in the church in each of us who are members of the Body of Christ, given different gifts from the same Spirit. Only after Pentecost could the apostles look back and understand what Jesus meant when he said, as reported in today's Gospel reading, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday;

Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Ephrem

Wednesday: St. Barnabas

Friday: St. Anthony of Padua

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Flag Day

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

BAPTISMS



**TAYLOR LYNN
PALAZZO**

**MADISON ROSE
MELILLO**

LIAM REIS PARKER

**CATHERINE FAITH
MIKULEC**

Rooted in Faith Building a Better World

Looking for a place to connect with colleagues who care about social justice and are working to make a difference?

Join us on **Saturday, June 14th** for the **5th Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference** at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol! Nationally-known artist and speaker **Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS** will offer a keynote sharing the unique relationships he sees between art, faith and social justice, using Dorothy Day and saints as illustrations. **Eighteen workshops** on current justice themes and initiatives, exhibitors and opportunities for prayer and conversation will make this a day you won't want to miss!

Visit our website page at: info.ocsjm@aohct.org for workshop descriptions, a schedule of the day and online registration or registration forms to print & mail.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit, and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth! Blow, strong winds of spirit, stir the fire of your love; encourage our response. If your response is to serve 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 ww.vocationshartford.org.



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Confirmation Saint Essay

My choice for my Confirmation name is actually going to be Joseph, for St. Joseph, Jesus' father on earth. In researching St. Joseph I have found out that he was a compassionate, caring man, choosing to take Mary as his bride even though she was already pregnant with a child that was not his. He didn't want her to be humiliated or to be judged by the people of that time. He also knew from a dream that Mary was carrying Jesus, the Savior and Son of God. He knew that it would be a very difficult task to protect them both, and to bring Jesus up the way God wanted him to, but he didn't back down from the challenge.

I feel to compare these acts to current times he stood up for and protected people from unjust judgement of others, no matter what the consequence to him personally, and he accepted a challenge knowing he would have God's guidance in the early years. I would like to think that at times I have done the same thing and will continue to do so.

Joseph is also my Pepere's name—I did not know him as he passed away when I was only six months, but I know I was named after him and that he was the kindest man anyone ever knew. He took care of his family the way St. Joseph did and I'm proud to have his name and to take St. Joseph as my Confirmation name.