

# 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](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

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

**Rectory**  
(860) 529-2533

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(860) 721-6595

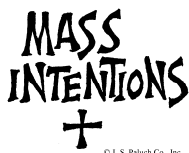
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**SATURDAY,  
JULY 19TH**

5:00pm— Julian Nesta & The  
Deceased Members of the  
Nesta Family

**SUNDAY, JULY 20TH**

8:30am— Mario Fontanazza  
10:30am— Angie & Joseph Valente

**MONDAY, JULY 21ST**

9:00am— Joan Jarosz

**TUESDAY, JULY 22ND**

9:00am— Deceased members of the Phenix  
Family

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD**

9:00am— For all our parishioners

**THURSDAY, JULY 24TH**

9:00am— Janet & Richard Drobot & John  
Drobot

**FRIDAY, JULY 25TH**

9:00am— Wanda Ferko

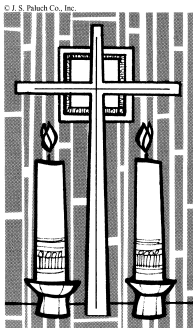
**SATURDAY, JULY 26TH**

5:00pm— Raymond DeLuca

**SUNDAY, JULY 27TH**

8:30am— Rosemary Vicino  
10:30am— Stanley & Aniela Wyka

**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 7/21/2014—  
7/27/2014 in memory of  
Raymond DeLuca.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from  
7/21/2014-7/27/2014 in  
memory of the Deceased  
members of the Anzellotti & DiLoreto  
Families.

**Our Liturgy Ministers**

We are blessed to have many individuals who participate in the celebration of the Eucharist: Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs, Flower Ministers, Ushers & Greeters. Each brings their special gift to our liturgies as they offer their work as a prayer to our Living God. In their respective ministry, they reflect on a Mass well served, on the Word eloquently proclaimed, on the Holy Eucharist distributed with care & devotion, on song delivered as praying twice, on floral environment designed to enhance the Eucharistic Celebration, on serving the congregation by collecting our offerings, on providing a welcoming presence to all. The actions of all of our ministers together with the celebrant, raise our hearts & mind to God. **It is within this spiritual framework that we respectfully ask you to refrain from applause after Communion** \*for those who are engaged in ministry so that their prayerful reflection and yours may be directed without interruption to our Loving God.

\*Ref. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, section 43: one “may sit or kneel while the period of sacred silence after Communion is observed.”

Thank you. The Liturgy Committee.

**There is a House of Bread collection this wkd. Coffee & sugar are requested. Thank you.**

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The CT. Catholic bishops are encouraged by the Supreme Court decision in the Hobby Lobby case. Since the beginning, the position of the Catholic Church has been that no individual or employer should be forced to pay for health insurance that violates their religious beliefs. We will have to examine carefully all of the details of the ruling; however, the ruling appears to affirm the religious freedom of all Americans. We must continue to let our voices be heard so that our First Amendment right in the U.S. Constitution will be preserved for all companies, organizations, and individuals. Please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at (202) 456-1111. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

## **WEDDING BANNERS**



## **MATTHEW WOOD & ASHLEY FIELDS**

When you are admitted to the hospital for a period of a few days or more, please notify the admissions personnel that you are a member of the Church of the Incarnation. Due to the privacy Acts it is necessary to inform the hospital of your religious affiliation which enables us to locate parishioners when they are hospitalized. Thank you!

**A summer reflection to pray on.** Consider being a mentor for our Middle School youth and our high school youth Confirmation community for 2014-2015. Our program is gender based and we are in need of faithful men and women to be a part of our team. All members of our team need to undergo a background check and attend a Protecting of God's Workshop so that we can be in compliance with the Archdiocese of Hartford. Let us take a stand and bring the Good News to our young people who indeed need models of faith. Our program is amazing and innovative and our youth need your faith to encourage them to live the Catholic Christian life.

**We received a lovely thank you note from Betty & Dick Holden from the Free Rosary Repair Service thanking us for all of the rosaries that we donated for repair.**

Recently Betty & Dick sent 127,000 rosaries to the missions.

### **Natural Family Planning Information**

**Week is July 20th—July 26th.** An introductory session will be held on August 16th from 10am-12 noon at St. Margaret Church, 289 Willow Street in Waterbury, CT. Call The Family Life Office at (203) 230-2460.

### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2014**

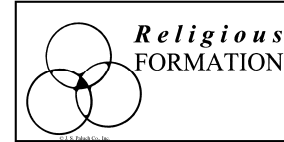
Those who are just must be kind.

— *Wisdom 12:19*



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**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at The Church of the Incarnation on Sunday, November 23rd at 2pm with a Mass. The Most Reverend Christie A. Macaluso, Auxiliary Bishop will be the celebrant.**



## **STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE:**

**Registration for Faith Formation in Grades 1-6 is officially closing July 25th.** Only new students will be accepted. Visit our website at: [www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com) & go to registrations and contacts. Scroll to forms & download Religious Education Forms. One form per child needed.

**Faith Formation for 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.

**The following Faith Formation Families are tending to the Butterfly Garden during the weeks of July 19th—August 2nd. Thank you to Taylor Fanelli & Jacklyn Snide.**

**The Town of Wethersfield Social & Youth Services** will collect & distribute school supplies for qualified Weth. Families for the coming school year. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

**Corpus Christi Church Women's Club** in Wethersfield is sponsoring a couple of bus trips and would like to once again invite area parishes to join them. These are not fund raisers but a way to build community amongst parishes. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

One of the most exciting Catholic youth events in the country is taking place this month in Rhode Island and 15 of our Youth Ministry members along with 4 chaperones will be attending!!

Steubenville East Conference is one of a number of Catholic Youth Conferences held around the country with the hopes of strengthening and inspiring teens and youth groups in their collective journeys to Christ. This year's conference is taking place July 18-20 at the University of Rhode Island and over 3,000 youth have registered to attend. We ask that you keep our teenagers in your prayers over the next few weeks as they prepare for this special weekend retreat.

"Dear Young People: Let us entrust ourselves to Jesus. Let us give ourselves over to him. He never disappoints." - Pope Francis

**We thank our parishioners** who have supported our youth raising monies for this wonderful experience but most of all we thank you for your love, prayers & belief in our wonderful teens!

A Weekly Bible Study  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Romans 8:26-27



Many of us perhaps know those who have mastered the art of groaning, that is, “voicing a deep, wordless, prolonged sound expressive of pain, grief, annoyance or disapproval.”\* That certainly covers a lot of emotional territory!

In his Letter to the Romans, Paul captures our imagination when he speaks today of the Spirit’s “groaning” and previously of creation’s “groaning.” Is there a connection between these two sentiments of Paul, and does this groaning have any relation to the above definition?

Paul hears in this term the cry of a woman in labor, a time of intense pain coupled with the anticipation of extreme joy. In this regard creation “groans” as it moves toward and eagerly awaits its fulfillment in Christ. It groans in an incompleteness that knows suffering, pain and sin. Its joy is the promise of salvation and eternal life, the return of creation to wholeness, its rebirth in Christ.

Paul similarly perceives within our prayer the groaning of the Spirit that brings our inner thoughts and sentiments to completion. He tells us in today’s reading that when we do not know how to pray as we ought, “the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning.” There is something very reassuring in our knowing that the Spirit groans along with us as our hearts stand speechless and helpless, making intercession before God. It is also comforting to know that the Spirit intercedes for all of creation.

See next column...

The Spirit will stand with us, individually and collectively, as we pray. He will join in our own particular groaning, completing our pleading, filling in the thoughts and sentiments we can’t seem to find, or those we struggle to articulate. The Spirit will complete the prayer begun in our hearts when our hearts become too heavy for words. But we have to be the ones who begin. *\*from the American Heritage Dictionary, 1985*

**ABC’s of Catholic Relief Services:** CRS/ Kenya... Urban Kenya is modernizing. But most Kenyans are subsistence farmers. CRS agriculture programs include implementation of extension services, help for coffee growers and farmer to farmer exchanges with American farmers. Overall almost 3,000,000 Kenyans are reached by supporters of Catholic Relief Services. For more info visit: [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) .

**Two retreats to be held at The Immaculada Retreat House in Willimantic:** The annual Centering Prayer Retreat, led by Father Bill Sheehan, OMI, of Contemplative Outreach, will be held from August 29-September 4. **“Standing on the Shoulders of Giants”** is the theme. Retreat Fee is \$500.00. Call (860) 423-8484...**THE MARRIED COUPLES’ RETREAT:** Come and join us from September 26-28 for our 10th Married Couples’ Retreat for men and women joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony seeking to strengthen their spiritual life together. Three seasoned couples and Father Ron Meyer, OMI will share their spiritual journeys in a program of prayer, reflection and fun surprises. Grace is abundant. Call (860) 423-8484 for info.

## PATIENTLY AWAITING JUDGMENT

Matthew, more than any other evangelist, talks about Jesus leaving and returning home. Often Jesus leaves the house because crowds have assembled outside and want to be taught. Today, after having taught and dismissed the crowds, his disciples follow him home, seeking further explanation of what seem to be, at least to us today, pretty straightforward parables.

For both Matthew and Mark, when Jesus is in the house with his disciples it signals a special teaching moment, and it should cause us today to perk up our ears. Usually it is Jesus giving commonsense advice about what it will mean to follow him. Today is no different. To follow Jesus means to be ready to encounter the followers of evil, to have to live and work and preach among them. It means patiently awaiting the judgment that can only come from God, the judgment of justly deciding who will be thrown into the flame and who will live to be a brightly shining saint. Let us heed this house's teaching, for it will be the same for us who follow Jesus Christ today.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

**Psalm** — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

**Second Reading** — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

**Gospel** — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46] Mt 13:1-9

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene

Wednesday: St. Bridget

Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf

Friday: St. James

Saturday: Ss. Joachim and Anne

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop's presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists that if the child is not yet capable of eating or drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger. Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm "merely baptized" lay folk who crossed his path! This praiseworthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue.

## WORDS AND WEEDS

A man of words and not of deeds  
Is like a garden full of weeds.

—Anonymous nursery rhyme

## DO

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

—Theodore Roosevelt

### Proper Attire

The Liturgy Committee has been receiving requests for guidelines on the proper attire in church. The following is an excerpt from an article entitled: Celebration of Mass - Proper Church Attire. We offer this to you for serious consideration. The summer season usually sees an increasing number of people who come to church to attend Mass or other liturgical functions dressed in a way that disrespects the sanctity of the House of God and the sacredness of the Liturgical Celebration.

This is a difficult topic. We do not want to suggest that one is not welcome at a Sunday liturgy without expensive clothing—and yet, out of respect for what we are doing at Mass and as an example for young children, a modicum of propriety is expected.

The goal in dressing for Mass should be not to attract undue attention to oneself. It must be considered that some people, out of necessity, come to Mass wearing the clothes required by their profession, however, under normal circumstances attire should reflect the solemnity of the Mass. One should aim for, “you look nice today,” as opposed to, “my gosh! Did you see what she or he was wearing today?”

Men are advised not to wear hats, tank tops or jersey shorts during Mass. Women are also asked not to wear spaghetti-strap tops, short skirts or skimpy shorts. Simply put—beach wear, lounge wear, exercise wear, etc. are not appropriate attire.

Please see next column...

**Yeast which a woman kneaded...Say thanks today to that special woman who has kneaded the yeast of God's love into your life. Pray God's blessing on all people who bring heaven and light. If you want to**

**bring God's light to people 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](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org) or visit the web at [ww.vocationshartford.org](http://ww.vocationshartford.org).**



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What we wear says a great deal about what we value. If you are a public minister in the liturgy, a lector, a Eucharistic minister, or a cantor, for example, you should dress with extra care, so that your appearance does not pose a distraction to the worshippers. We usually dress well when we go to things that are important to us, and as Catholics, this is the most important thing that we will do each week. The manner in which the minister dresses is part of the reverence that is shown to the Lord present in the Eucharist, as well as respect shown for God's holy people.

Thank you. The Liturgy Committee.

## **Reflections From our Teens**

May the gift of faith and works of mercy be forever a part of our young people's lives. May we adult parishioners feel blessed to realize that our faith is alive in our youth and that it is growing. This good news does not appear on the front page of any newspaper or is not a headline on a newscast, yet, it is the Good News that Jesus lives in the hearts of our youth, one another and those whom we humbly serve in His name.

Noranne Wamester, Pastoral Associate

The confirmation name I am choosing is Francis. I am choosing this name after St. Francis of Assisi. I have always enjoyed the story where St. Francis tames the wolf. I admire the courage that St. Francis had and whenever I am scared to do something I remember the courage that St. Francis had and that help to give me confidence. I also Admire St. Francis because he is the patron saint of animals. I love animals and the outdoors so I thought that it was perfect to pick his name.

The reason why the name Francis is significant to me is because it is the middle name of my grandfather who is also my confirmation sponsor. I look up to my grandfather because he is the most moral person that I know. Another reason I look up to my grandfather is because he joined the Army when he was in his 20's and after he got out he decided that he wanted to further his education. He went on to get his teaching degree and become the principal of many schools in the town of Wethersfield. Every time I see my Grandfather I think about everything he has accomplished and how I can be more like him.