

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.

Rectory
(860) 529-2533

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(860) 721-6595

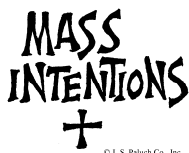
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**SATURDAY,
JULY 26TH**

5:00pm— Raymond DeLuca



SUNDAY, JULY 27TH

8:30am— Rosemary Vicino

10:30am— Stanley & Aniela Wyka

MONDAY, JULY 28TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, JULY 29TH

9:00am— John & Virginia Karnosky

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH

9:00am— Lillian D. Gogulski

THURSDAY, JULY 31ST

9:00am— Anita Simonelli

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST

9:00am— Elvira Hughes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND

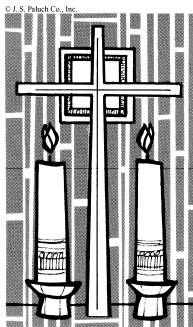
5:00pm— Frank Mandile

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD

8:30am— Nico Filippa & Antonio & Raffaella Stocco

10:30am— Josephine & Salvatore Uccello

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 7/28/2014–8/3/2014 in memory of Angie & Joseph Valente.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 7/28/2014-8/3/2014 in memory of Gerald N. & Selma W. Sciarra & James P. Ridolfo Jr.



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.

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27, 2014**

All things work for good for those who love God.
— *Romans 8:28a*



BAPTISMS

RYAN THOMAS COLLETTE

TESSA KENDALL BENTON

SIENNA ALESSIA LEWIS

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. Voice your opposition by calling President Obama - White House (202) 456-1111.

WEDDING BANNES

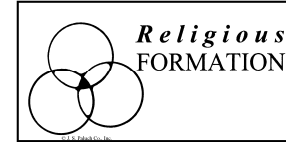


**MATTHEW WOOD &
ASHLEY FIELDS**

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH 1:00 – 4:00 PM

The Men's Association will again be hosting the Parish Picnic. Food will include hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, desserts, soda & water. Salads will be provided by the women of the parish. Activities for children will include a visit from Rocky of the Rock Cats, and Moon-bounce. Connor Wallowitz will provide musical entertainment. The cost to attend will be \$10 per adult or \$25 per family. Tickets will be available the day of the event. If you have any questions please call John Ewaski at 860-563-3887.

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.



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.

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 & 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.

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.

STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE:

Thank you for your prayers for our Youth Ministry members and chaperones that attended the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference in Rhode Island last weekend. The experience was an amazing one for all. To witness the passion of over 3,000 teenagers eagerly opening their hearts to learn more about Jesus' love and plan for them was truly beautiful. Please continue to pray for all youth, that they might realize the true presence of Jesus in their lives and turn to Him more regularly for guidance.

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.

A Weekly Bible Study

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalm 119

The response following today's first reading is a mere snippet of the 176 verses comprising Psalm 119, the longest in the Psalter. It is a prayer in praise of "the law." We might wonder if anyone in their right mind would compose such a paean! Let us enter into the world of this author and go beyond any notion of God's law as restrictive regulation.

Scripture scholars describe Psalm 119 as "a monumental literary piece, a free-flowing meditation, now sad, now joyous, now peaceful, now passionate." The author is a sage and mystic who regards God's law as a covenant relationship, drawing inspiration from the Prophets and Deuteronomy. He sees observance of the law as obedience of the heart, and law as a gift that gladdens the heart. In conversing with God, he gives voice to his feelings about love of true wisdom, fidelity to the word of God, desire to walk blamelessly with the Lord, joy in fulfilling His will. Aren't these our spiritual aspirations as well?

This prayer is regarded as less an ensemble of laws to observe than as the many ways God is present to his people, instructing, revealing, consoling, promising. A tender dialogue between God and his creature, this psalm is brimming with praise-filled language as the author "rejoices, treasures, respects, and delights in" the law. The author knows that God is trustworthy and it is within the law that he will find the true path that God has set for him.

The Church Fathers have extolled the virtues of this psalm, regarding it as "one of spiritual intimacy and one that proclaims to us that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life." Let us respond to the invitation this week to place ourselves within the heart and mind of this sage as we ponder and make our own, the many gems and truths of Psalm 119.

Quotations above are taken from The Psalms: New Catholic Version, Catholic Book Publishing Corp., © 2002, pg. 314

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.

ABC's of Catholic Relief Services: This week - CRS/Lebanon... The civil war in Syria continues. Many thousands are displaced within Syria and thousands others have streamed into neighboring countries such as Lebanon. American Catholics are responding to the needs of refugees, mainly women and children, via CRS. Trauma counseling for children is a priority, many have witnessed atrocities. Next week - CRS/Mexico.

JACKPOT

In our lottery□ and sweepstakes□obsessed culture, it is common to ask ourselves or others what they would do if they won. In today's first reading, Solomon certainly hits the jackpot. What prize could be greater than having God Almighty agree to give you whatever you ask for?

Out of all the things he could have asked for, Solomon chose to ask for understanding, and was rewarded with it. We would do well to wonder what we would ask for if God made us the same offer. Actually God does make us the same offer each and every day, by granting us another day of life, a bit of the earth's goods, some gift or ability, some call to goodness, some portion of the divine will. Each of these is a "prize." We should stop and examine what we are going to do with our prize: keep it or use it selfishly, or put it at the service of the spread of the gospel?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalms — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18;
Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Tuesday: St. Martha
Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus
Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Friday
Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard;
Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the dawn of the fourteenth century, the sacrament of confirmation was ripe for a rescue, since vast numbers of the faithful never received it, and when it was celebrated, it was done so in isolation from baptism and Eucharist. A bishop named William Durandus set out to reclaim this liturgy, but he had a creative touch and added some things into the mix that had never been thought of before. One was a slap. Oddly, he replaced the kiss of peace at the end of confirmation with a slap on the cheek that endured to modern times. This "wake-up call" was related in his imagination to a custom in the military, wherein ceremonies of knighthood and investiture involved a symbolic wound as a sign of willingness to suffer.

Within every congregation today there are people who have memories of fretting through their confirmation liturgies, anxious to know how enthusiastic a slap the bishop would bestow. Durandus loved symbolism and had a reason for every ritual and practice, but his creative spin on the celebration shows how sadly adrift confirmation was from its anchorage in baptism, how far off-course from its home port of the eucharistic community.

WISDOM

Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time.
Theodore Roosevelt

GO

Go forth and set the world on fire.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

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...

Am I willing to sell everything I own and follow the Lord? What is precious to me? If serving the Lord as a priest or religious is precious to you

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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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

Saint Lorenzo

I chose Saint Lorenzo Luiz as my Saint name because he is an embodiment of a hero. In 1636 when he traveled to Japan to fight against the persecution of Christians, Saint Lorenzo was arrested and incarcerated with his companions. He was tortured and called names for being different, much like Jesus Christ. The Shinsengumi, or the Japanese police, called him a heretic. They stated that if he renounced his Roman Catholic beliefs, he would be set free. Saint Lorenzo didn't back down. He didn't end his own suffering for he would sacrifice his relationship with God in the process. He didn't deny his true savior and knew that if he was killed, at least he would die knowing God was still with him. In a valiant effort, Saint Lorenzo announced his Christian Faith and confessed to the jury. Rather than renounce his faith, Saint Lorenzo chose to die as a martyr. This shows me that no matter what life throws at you, always believe that God is with you. He will never leave your side; in good times and in bad. Saint Lorenzo understood this. He stood tenaciously against the prejudiced wrath of the Tokugawa Shogunate. I also chose Saint Lorenzo because he is very easily related to me. He is the first saint and martyr of the Filipino people. He is also the patron saint of the Philippines. Saint Lorenzo gives me a sense of pride for my people and country. It is amazing to know that someone of my race had done such a heroic thing. He is almost like a real life superhero. Saint Lorenzo inspires me to do great things and be a real hero to make a change in our ever changing world. When I grow older, I wish to help the sick, the starving, the poor, and the people who seek refuge. I wish to make peace in the world. I remember in 4th grade, on my first trip back to the Philippines since I was 2, we found countless beggars on the street. We took the pizza we had just bought at the store where they were waiting outside, & handed it to them with some drinks. This made me feel like a hero. I probably made their day in that one act of kindness.