

The Church of the Incarnation

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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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(860) 529-2533

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**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 2ND**

5:00pm— Frank Mandile

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD

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

10:30am— Josephine & Salvatore Uccello

MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

9:00am— For all deceased parishioners &
benefactors

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH

9:00am— Sebastian Golino

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH

9:00am— Paul, Sophia, Lucille, Salvatore &
Lucy Miano & Millie Aloisio

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH

9:00am— Giovanni Silvestri & Giustino
Mariani & Silvio Mariani

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

5:00pm— Ludger & Celena Martin

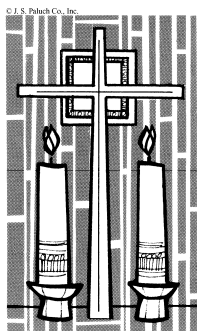
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH

8:30am— Sophia, Carl & Tommy Marinelli

10:30am— Deceased members of the Murphy
& Guinan Families

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 8/4/2014—
8/10/2014 in memory of
Walter Napierata.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
8/4/2014-8/10/2014 in
memory of Rocco & Felicia
DiCorleto.



There is a “Project Baby Love” collection this weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Thank you!

The Second Collection next weekend will be the monthly collection.

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.

The Employment Support Group meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, August 5th is cancelled. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

We received a lovely thank you note from The Catholic Mission Aid Society thanking us for our 2014 Mission Co-Op Appeal check in the amount of \$4,225.00. This will help the missionaries of the world who serve the poorest of the poor with true Christian devotion.

More on the Liturgical Colors:

The entire liturgy draws upon the natural, visible signs and symbols of human life to intensify and enrich the spirit of worship. The various colors of the vestments worn by the celebrant at mass indicate vividly the triumph and mourning, hope and penitence, sorrow and sacrifice, of the church.

White... The symbol of innocence & victory, the color of the outer vestments of the priest (chasuble and stole) is used on all feasts celebrating the Joyful and Glorious mysteries of our Lord, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Angels, and Saints who were not Martyrs. It is also used at funerals as a symbol of the Resurrection.

Red... The symbol of Sacrifice, particularly the Sacrifice of Life, used on feasts of our Lord commemorating His Passion, and on feasts of the Apostles & Martyrs for the faith. Since red also signifies the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit, it is also used on the Feast of the Pentecost and in masses in honor of the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

Purple... The Symbol of sorrow and penitence, is used during the seasons of Advent & Lent.

Old Rose... Symbol of subdued joy in a period of penitence, may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the fourth Sunday of Lent.

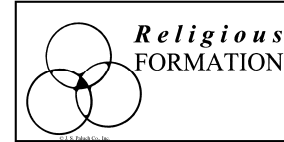
Green... Symbol of Hope, used on Sundays and weekdays of Ordinary Time.

Gold... is a joyful color and may be used in place of white, red or green.

**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 closed. 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 August 2nd—August 16th. Thank you to Joseph Gaudet & Justin Hock.

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 Catechist is needed for Grade 4 at Emerson-Williams on Saturday mornings at 9am.

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.

ABC's of Catholic Relief Services: Migration is a fact of life in Mexico and Central America, within the region as well as directed towards the United States. CRS works to improve working conditions of temporary farm workers and educates and organizes workers to help them with legal assistance to report abuses.

Anniversary Sunday Celebration—October 19th, 2pm at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford, CT. All Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th and any other special wedding anniversaries this year are invited. Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Family members & friends are encouraged to attend. Please call Audrey at the rectory to respond to this invitation at (860) 529-2533.

A Weekly Bible Study
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 8:35-39



It takes personal experience to be able to say:

“I am convinced!”

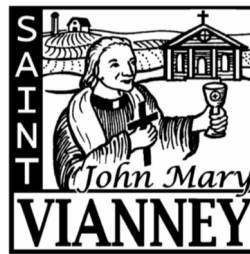
Toward the end of his second missionary journey Paul has heard of the concerns of the young community at Rome. His desire is to visit them eventually to offer encouragement, but he will only make it there in chains. By that time Paul has undergone his own struggles, many of which we will never experience in our lifetimes: torture, starvation, persecution for his faith, and shipwreck. So it is with the deepest conviction that Paul can proclaim to the Judeo-Christian world: “I am convinced that *nothing* can separate me from the love of God poured forth in Jesus Christ!”

As we examine the entire passage, let us not be confused by Paul’s use of “principalities and angels.” In his day these terms designated otherworldly pagan powers. “Future things” suggested astrological forces. The terms “powers, height and depth” referred to planetary influences. These forces were little understood and much feared. These elements may be foreign to our current thinking, but the point Paul makes *with deepest conviction* is that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus!

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If only our personal experience of suffering and hardship could lead us to the place of peacefulness Paul has found in his heart. If only our trials could draw us closer to Christ, rather than distance us from God by our confusion, anger and despair. If only we could find the courage of conviction that Paul had.

We need only look at the cross to see the suffering of all humanity embraced in the greatest act of love imaginable. Are we convinced now? Let us choose not the powers of evil that we do not see, those fuelling our fears, estranging us from God’s redeeming love. Let us rather embrace the power of the cross that is ever before us.



BAPTISM



**FRANCESCA CASEY
LONG**

GRACE IS EVERYWHERE

Grace is everywhere. People of faith act on this belief. As Christians we are called to reach deeply into ourselves and find God's presence there. We are called to reach outside ourselves and find God there, too.

The reality of grace has sustained and nourished people beyond numbering. The church never tires of telling the story of the loaves and fishes. It is narrated no less than six times in the four Gospels. We imagine the hesitant apostles reaching into the baskets and finding bread, always more bread. We anticipate the ending. The apostles will wear out before the bread runs out.

At another time and place, Isaiah also spoke of an abundance, this time of water, sweet honey, and rich milk. Always, always God is a gift-giver, and we the receivers. Our response is doxology, or praise. In the second reading Paul provides the words and attitude. Praise is everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John Vianney

Tuesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day

Thursday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan

Friday: St. Dominic

Saturday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross; Blessed Virgin Mary; Nagasaki Memorial Day

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most parishes are now aware of the catechumenate and the journey of new faithful in the RCIA, but this form of sacramental initiation disappeared from view in the thirteenth century along with many other ancient practices. Life back then was hard, and often too short, and priests were increasingly insistent about the responsibility of parents to baptize children in danger of death. Since everyone in that society was under unimaginable threat from famine, warfare, and plague, the liturgical rites changed quickly. Everyone was in danger of death all the time. No longer were babies immersed in fonts, being lowered into the water, although the ritual books never backed down from immersion. Infusion was the new way, a simple pouring of a few drops of water on the child's forehead.

The catechumenate collapsed, being reduced to the recitation of the Creed and an Our Father at every baptism. Amazingly, any provision for adult baptism was shelved, so that as late as the 1950s, a person being baptized was presumed to be an infant, unable to answer for him or herself. Questions of creed and commitment were put to the godparents, not to the person being baptized. Even Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, famous adult converts, remained mute at their baptisms while their sponsors answered for them. In hindsight all this appears strikingly odd, yet it was accepted as the way things were. We have good reason to give thanks for the vigorous reforms of the last fifty years!

PRAYER AND HUMILITY

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.

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...

Nothing will separate us from the love of Christ. If God is calling you to full time service in the church do not be afraid. The Lord is with you. If you are willing to take the first step toward priesthood or religious life 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.



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.



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2014**

All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!

— *Isaiah 55:1a*

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 Name Essay

As a candidate for Confirmation, the saint name that I chose is Saint Gabriel. Saint Gabriel is also known as the Archangel and in Christian tradition he is one of the seven archangels.

Because Saint Gabriel's name is mentioned in the Old Testament, he is venerated in both Jewish and Christian tradition. The Scriptures mention Saint Gabriel in four different instances. Gabriel appears to Daniel two times and in the second vision, Gabriel announces the coming of the Messiah. Then, Saint Gabriel appears to Zachary to announce the birth of his son, whose name will be John the Baptist. The final appearance of Gabriel is to the Blessed Virgin Mary to tell her that she will be the mother of the Messiah, Jesus.

The name Gabriel means "man of God" or "God has shown mighty". However, because of his appearances he is called the angel of the Incarnation and of Consolation. Initially, the Roman Calendar celebrated the feast of Saint Gabriel on March 24. However, in 1969 it was transferred to September 29 so that Saint Gabriel would be celebrated together with Saint Michael and Saint Raphael.

When I was deciding which name to choose for my upcoming Confirmation, several names came to my mind. The three names that I was trying to choose from were Michael, Nicholas and Gabriel. I wanted to pick an Archangel because they mother told me that the patron of the town in Italy where her family comes from is the Archangel Gabriel, so I started to research Gabriel and found his figure very symbolic and the messages communicated by Saint Gabriel are always conveying a positive and happy message. So, as I get Confirmed and begin my faith life as a young man in the Catholic Church I decided to choose Saint Gabriel as my Confirmation name in hope that when someday I need help or direction I can find myself asking guidance to my Archangel.