

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

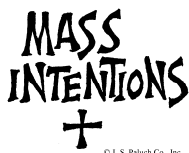
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**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 9TH**

5:00pm— Ludger & Celena
Martin



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH

8:30am— Sophia, Carl & Tommy Marinelli
10:30am—Deceased members of the Murphy
& Guinan Families

MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH

9:00am— Eleanor & Stanley Winiarski

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

9:00am— Tiberio Pace

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH

9:00am—John Bukowski

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9:00am— Deacon James Poland
5:30pm— For all our parishioners

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

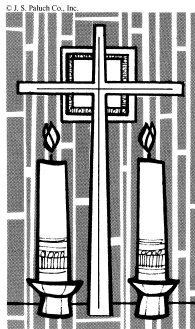
5:00pm— Tom & Mary Scully and Vincent
Scully

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

8:30am— Eleanor Mazzarella
10:30am— Arthur & Yvonne Breton

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 8/11/2014—
8/17/2014 in memory of
Lillian Gogulski.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
8/11/2014-8/17/2014 in
memory of John Bukowski.



The Second Collection this weekend is the monthly collection.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Wed., August 13th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Employment Support Group will be held on Tuesday, August 19th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

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.

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.

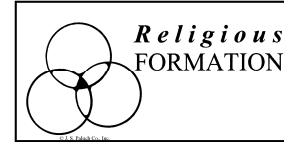
Gold... is a joyful color and may be used in place of white, red or green.



**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 Grades One, Three and Four 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: This week - CRS/Niger... Four CRS offices in this arid African country serve the poorest of the poor. Hunger is always an issue. Over 900 villages partake in a CRS food security program with nutrition and health activities. 15,000 farm families in 150 villages are receiving help cultivating, storing and marketing their crops.

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 Romans 9:1-5

Do our expectations get in God's way? Elijah and Paul might have something to say about that!

In this inspiring and familiar account from 1 Kings, we find Elijah exhausted and afraid, having spent forty days fleeing the wrath of King Ahab. The last person he wants to talk to is God! Settling into a cave, he is ready to abandon his prophetic calling. God offers reassurance to Elijah but in ways the prophet does not expect. *If these powerful phenomena don't reveal Him to me, then where is He?* The divine encounter takes place in a whisper.

Paul, too, is anguished that his fellow Israelites are unable to recognize the Messiah. He acknowledges all of the privileges of their election as God's chosen people, but he is grieved that they cannot move beyond their unfulfilled expectations and accept the divine presence in Jesus Christ.

These two seemingly unrelated accounts beg a common question: do expectations get in the way of recognizing the divine presence? Let us take prayer as an example. As we pray we expect that certain "things" may happen *in those moments*: answers, inspiration, comfort, peace. Or we may look for some sort of "experience" of God. And what if our desired outcomes don't happen? Has God not been present, not heard our cries? Perhaps we "lock God" into our preconceived ideas about what should take place as we pray. We try to make things happen only to become frustrated that God is not responding in our moments of encounter and prayer is not going our way!

God can be rather whimsical and full of surprises (as Elijah will discover)! God can reveal Himself to us at times and in ways we least expect. We need to get out of God's way! We need to open our eyes, ears and hearts to listen to and experience His presence all around us, in ways great and small.

BAPTISMS**Angelo Emiliano Mesias****Annalia Sarina Gugliotti**

PRESENCE

It is difficult to be truly present to another. We speak of putting in an appearance or showing up. Even when we arrive, we are often distracted. We think ahead, or we review an unsettled past. Nonetheless, we are at our best when we truly show up. We are most fully ourselves when we are absorbed in something worthy of us: creative work, good conversation, prayer. In these instances we are wholly ourselves and wholly outside ourselves.

Elijah knew this kind of engagement. He was one of God's great prophets. In today's first reading, he follows God's command to journey to that most holy place, Mount Horeb. And there in great silence, Elijah encounters God.

As for Peter and the apostles, they discover the presence of God after the storm at sea. They and the sea and the winds are stunned into silent reverence.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Elijah: "Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by" (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Clare

Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Wednesday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

Thursday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Friday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary; Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the last several weeks, the history of confirmation has been set out as a rite following baptism and preceding First Communion. Eucharist was a sacrament of spiritual maturity, attuned to the legal age of majority, which was considered to be fourteen years or so. Medieval bishops were often generous, if not especially pious, in seeing to it that children were confirmed before adulthood.

A pattern more familiar to us surfaced in the Diocese of Toulon in France in 1748, where it was decreed that "children are to be confirmed only after receiving First Communion." This was an amazing shift in practice that undermined centuries of theology and tradition by which confirmation was seen as a bridge between font and table. The innovation swept through France and across Europe, despite constant complaints from Rome. French-trained bishops like Cheverus of Boston and Carroll of Baltimore, founders of the American church, established the practice here. The order of the sacraments was thus disrupted in France and in the United States, and remained an eccentric exception to the rule until big developments in 1910.

GOD'S IMAGE

Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God's image.

—Blaise Pascal

SING

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

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...

Do not be afraid; have faith and trust in the Lord's call. Consider being a priest, brother, or sister. 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.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2014**

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.
— *Psalm 85:12*

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

Butterfly Garden Reflection

Tending the butterfly garden was very eye opening to me and it allowed me to see my family and nature in general, in a different light. I went to the butterfly garden twice, our group of families split our 2 weeks into each family having 5 days each. The first time we went, I brought my mom and aunt with me. We weeded the right side of the garden, removed sticks, and removed dead flowers so new ones could grow. The second time we came I brought my mom and my grandmother. We did the same thing as last time but with the left side of the garden. It was more fun than I would have first imagined. I got to talk to my family and embrace nature more than I usually do. It was good for me to just be away from all the distractions in life and be in nature and with God for a good few hours. I now have all my hours done, but I think that I will continue to volunteer outside of the church because it prepares you for the future and makes you feel good inside as well.

Reflection on the Retreat with Brett Nichols

From this retreat, I learned the importance of taking in your surroundings and God's creation. We have to appreciate nature and use our senses to take it in. I also learned that it is important to trust God and that he is there to guide us on our path of life. The activity with the blindfold helped us trust and take in nature at the same time. I enjoy every time he comes to talk to us. The website he started was a great idea and I hope something great will come of it.

The prayer service meant a lot to me. I can't tell you how much I appreciated it. I'm so thankful that I have everyone to support me. I have a great group and a great mentor. Thank you for all you did and continue to do!!!!!!!!!!