

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

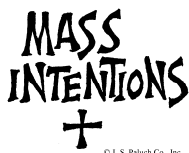
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**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 16TH**

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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH

9:00am— John Vignone Jr.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

9:00am— Peter Quatrocelli

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST

9:00am— David Dolge

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD

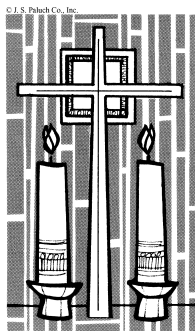
5:00pm— George & Sally D'Esopo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH

8:30am— Shirley Carrier
10:30am— Dorothy & Nancy St. Pierre

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from
8/18/2014–8/24/2014 in
memory of Rose & Armando
Barbieri.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
8/18/2014-8/24/2014 in
memory of Mary Mull.



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

Men's Club Mtg., Wed., August 20th in Fr. Crawford Hall at 7pm. Lite meal served.

House of Bread collection next weekend, coffee & sugar requested. Thank you.

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.

SACRED VESTMENTS CONT...

The Chasuble - is the large outer vestment worn by the priest celebrant at mass. It's colors are determined by the liturgical season (Green during Ordinary Time) or the feast that is being celebrated. Historically, the Chasuble is descended from the great cloak, the large outer garment worn in daily life by the Romans during the early centuries of Christianity. As mentioned earlier in this series all of the vestments worn at Mass have their own origin in the ordinary "street clothes" of ancient Rome. Over the centuries, the chasuble evolved from a plain cloak to its present form. At present it is a large circle of cloth with a holy in the center. As befits a Sacred vestment, it is often cut from rich cloth and may be adorned with Liturgical symbols, especially the cross.

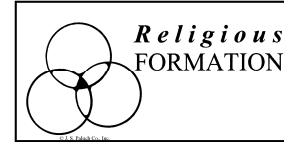
The Dalmatic—is the distinctive garb of the Deacon. Its origin is the tunic worn by peasants in ancient Dalmatia. As a liturgical vestment it was at first peculiar to the church of Rome. It was not until the eighth or ninth Century that it became the common outer vestment for Deacons throughout the church. The color of the dalmatic follows that of the Liturgical Seasons. The Deacons stole, worn across the shoulder remains the symbol of his office and is worn under the dalmatic when this vestment is used.

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. 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.



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 Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist are significant markers in a child's life. These special moments are also times of family renewal as to the meaning of each sacrament. It takes time and effort on a collaborative basis to develop a clear understanding of the meaning and lifelong impact of each sacrament. This collaborative effort includes parents who are the primary educators in the Faith, the Pastor, the Director of Faith Formation and the Catechist Team. Therefore, there has been a change in the Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion beginning this year. Reconciliation will be received in Gr. 2 in 2015 during the Holy Season of Lent. First Communion will be received in Grade 3 in the Spring of 2016. The national theme for our catechetical year is "Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness". This is an appropriate time to begin this new approach to a child's sacramental life and a wonderful opportunity to re-catechize parents as to the beauty and value of the Sacramental life of our Catholic Church.

One Parish Family Home Catechist is needed for Grade Two. We also need one second and one third Catechist 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.

The following Faith Formation Families are tending to the Butterfly Garden during the weeks of August 16th—August 30th. Thank you to Andrey Patinha & Kathleen Kerekes.

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. Call Audrey at the rectory by Sept. 12th (860) 529-2533.

A Weekly Bible Study



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 15:21-28

Is Jesus playing devil's advocate? His actions in today's Gospel appear very much out of character!

As the story unfolds, Jesus has traveled to "Gentile" territory. He is met by a Canaanite woman who boldly calls out to him to heal her daughter overcome by demons. Jesus' silence is somewhat puzzling. Is he ignoring her? What is he thinking, feeling, plotting? Is he testing her faith, or maybe that of his followers? The disciples, eager as always to protect Jesus (or their own interests), want her sent away. *There is enough ministering to be done among our own! Jesus doesn't need to waste time with "the foreigners!"* Perhaps they are not ready for the Gospel of inclusiveness that she will begin to understand as her encounter with Jesus continues.

As the woman persists, Jesus' response to her is equally puzzling and somewhat insulting: "It is not right to take the food of children and throw it to the dogs." She does not take offense by his remark but counters with cleverness and spunk. This strong, determined woman knows she is worthy of his generosity! Whether it is her self-confidence or desperation, her faith is recognized and rewarded. The woman who had been content to ask only for a discarded crumb had received from Jesus the hidden treasure of his storehouse: salvation is for all. She understands far more than his disciples.

But what of the disciples – and we? Are we sometimes stuck in our own prejudice and self-righteousness, equally ready to shoo her and others away? *She's not one of us, not deserving of salvation.* Indeed, she is the unseen face of the outcast among us, the unrecognized poor Jesus said would be always in our midst.

The foreign status and pagan inclinations of this woman "from the other side of the tracks" mean nothing to Jesus. She is one whose heart is in the right place and to Jesus that is all that matters.

**BAPTISMS**

**REYA ALEXANDRA
HERNANDO**

OWEN JACOB ZUPNIK

**MACKENZIE FAITH
ZAVARELLA**

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.

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalms — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Eudes

Wednesday: St. Bernard

Thursday: St. Pius X

Friday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima; Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion. Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education, but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917 a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago.

In a growing number of dioceses, recent practice has restored the sacramental order that Pius X's generous decree upset, and increasingly confirmation is celebrated before First Communion. But the gift Pius gave to the children of the Roman Church remains firm: everywhere we admit children to the Lord's table. Where the traditional order has been restored, seven-year-old children are confirmed before First Communion.

GRATITUDE

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.

—George Herbert

GOOD EXAMPLE

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed.

—St. Anthony

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...

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. As a church, let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood & religious life. If you are considering a vocation 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 www.vocationshartford.org.



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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.

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

Confirmation Community Service

During my community service I helped out at various organizations. One of the organizations that I found most moving was the St Elizabeth's House and Shelter in Hartford. The St Elizabeth House is an organization that houses 44 homeless adults who live in a room for up to 2 years while they are assisted with getting their lives back on track and provided three meals a day. In addition there is also a soup kitchen that helps provide for families who don't have the necessary item to carry on their lives. In my freshman year at Wethersfield High School (September-May), I volunteered once a month on Sunday mornings to make breakfast for the residents that lived in their home program. We were making bacon, sausage, eggs, French toast, and grits which is cornmeal made from dried corn kernels. It was amazing how thankful they were for food that we have on a regular basis. Working at the shelter opened my eyes to the world around us and how thankful I am for what I am provided. Working at the shelter was fun and a great experience and I plan to continue volunteering for this organization during the remainder of high school.

Another organization that I helped during community service was The Church of The Incarnation. I helped the church by being an altar server. By being an altar server I assist father Moran during the mass. I have been an altar server since 5th grade and I am happy that I am able to serve my church community. My brother just became an altar server and it is nice to do something together with him. It's a pleasure to be involved in a church community that is so caring and kind.

The other service that I did through the church was tending to the butterfly garden. The butterfly garden is a beautiful sanctuary to remember the smaller children who have passed on. While tending the butterfly garden we pulled out weeds, picked up sticks, and trimmed some of the bushes. I enjoy spending time at the butterfly garden because it helps me relax and reflect on how blessed I am to have the opportunities I have and the strong family that I have supporting me through all decisions big and small.