

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

Fax
(860) 721-6595

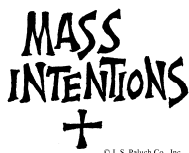
Church E-Mail
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**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 30TH**

5:00pm— Anna Maria
Pedemonti & Christine Munoz



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST

8:30am— Helen, Anna & Jacob Kutyla
10:30am—Susie & Manuel Santos

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

9:00am— Santina Scorpo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

9:00am— For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

9:00am—John & Virginia Karnosky

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

9:00am—John A. Vignone Jr. & Christine
Munoz

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

9:00am— Anthony DiCicco

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

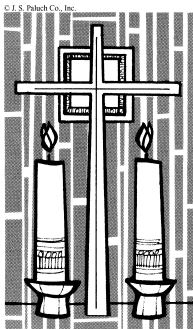
5:00pm— Mary DiSanzo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

8:30am— John J. Rossi
10:30am— Charlie & Millie Christadore

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from
9/1/2014–9/7/2014 in
memory of Albert
Pallone.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
9/1/2014-9/7/2014 in memory
of Susie & Manuel Santos.



Thank you to The Men's Association for hosting the Parish Family Picnic. It was enjoyed by all! Thanks to Dave Cannarella & Dan Montano for chairing this event!

Rectory closed this Monday in observance of Labor Day. Emergency calls only.

Employment Support Group mtg. Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.
Women's Club Executive Board mtg. Thurs., Sept., 4th, 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.
Friday is the first Friday in September.
Mass will be at 9am with Vocations Holy Hour at 9:30am in the Chapel.
"Project Baby Love" collection next wkd.
Disposable diapers & wipes are requested.

FALL MUM SALE: Place your order for these big, beautiful mums! \$7.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. Pick up on September 22nd, at 154 Griswold Rd. Order forms available at entrances. Mail form & check to Michele Kalousdian, 154 Griswold Rd, Weth., checks made payable to Church of the Incarnation. ?'s call Michele at (860) 563-0860.

Lord, please protect all children & adults heading back to elementary/middle/high school/college, for the new year...keep them in Your loving care, and help them to stay focused on their studies, and goals. Please help them to grow in holiness, and to serve You and others. Please keep them safe from harm and evil, and may they stay close to You always.



Amen

Choir Rehearsals: Monday, Sept. 8th at 7:30 and Bell Choir: Wed. Sept. 10th. At 6pm. New members welcome. See Mrs. Niver in the Choir Loft after any Mass.

Cell Phones in Church: Many doctors offices, and places of business, etc., today have signs indicating they appreciate the public turning off or silencing their cell phones. Similarly our Liturgy Committee feels it would be appropriate to turn off or silence your cell phones before entering the church. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sacramental Guidelines for choosing a sponsor for Baptism.....A sponsor is to be an example or model of the faith for the child. Since the role of Godparents as assisting the parents in the religious education of their children is a serious one, parents should exercise much care in their choice. Considerations of faith ought to prevail over social customs and family feelings. To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must be a Catholic who has been Confirmed, has already received the Sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.

LABOR

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.
—Grover Cleveland

TRAITS OF A TEACHER

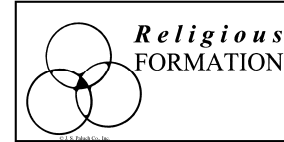
All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.
—St. Joseph Calasanz

The House of Bread, one of the regions largest urban ministries, will kick off it's 35th Anniversary year with "Toast of the Town" a cocktail reception fundraiser on Thursday, September 4th from 6-9pm at The Historic Hartford Club, 46 Prospect Street, Htfd. Tix \$125.00 each, Call Terry (860) 667-0238.

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. See the bulletin board.

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.

Catechist Needs: We are in need of one catechist for a second grade parish family home community.

The following Faith Formation Families are tending to the Butterfly Garden during the weeks of August 20th—September 13th. Thank you to Evan Setzko & Ethan Krol.

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.

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.

BAPTISM

LUKE SALVATORE CIERI

A Weekly Bible Study



22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time Jeremiah 20:7-9

Fear was not in Jeremiah's vocabulary! This 6th century prophet was not afraid to oppose kings, priests and the unfaithful. And he wasn't hesitant about challenging God, either. Would we have that same courage to confront God and say "You duped me!?" When it came to his ministry, Jeremiah wore his heart on his sleeve.

Today's brief passage portrays a man who is tired of the harsh treatment he receives as he struggles to remain faithful to his call. Time and again he is harassed, beaten, imprisoned and his life threatened. He is led to wonder: *Where is this God who promised to take care of me? Where is he when I need him most?* Jeremiah is downright angry and discouraged and not afraid to let God know.

What sets this prophetic book apart from the others is its portrayal of the inner struggle of this man of God. Plagued by feelings of inadequacy and doubt, he falls into depression and despair. Often referred to as "Jeremiah's Confessions," several passages reveal these inner conflicts. He is betrayed by those dearest to him. He agonizes over the purpose of his ministry, wrestles with discouragement and even curses the day of his birth! In spite of Jeremiah's desire "no longer to speak in God's name" there remains within him a burning passion. Deep within his being he knows that God is there.

To say that the Book of Jeremiah is a unique character study is an understatement. It is a deeply moving revelation of a man's spiritual struggle to understand the ways of God and carry out his will in the face of great adversity. It is Jeremiah's brutal honesty in bringing his struggles to God that makes him remarkable and an inspiration to all of us. What better place is there to bring our own inner conflicts? This book beckons us to enter and gaze deeply into the heart of a spiritual companion and to learn from one who felt confident to bare the depths of his soul before God.

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, sect. 43: one "may sit or kneel while the period of sacred silence after Communion is observed."

Thank you. The Liturgy Committee.

DOING GOD'S WILL

The language of Jeremiah as he addresses his yearnings to God—he says, “You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped” (Jeremiah 20:7)—indicates a close and personal relationship with God. It is one the prophet obviously cherishes despite the derision and reproach it brings him. In the Gospel, Jesus indicates a similar bond with his Father. In spite of the difficult challenges presented by following God's will, Jesus is not deterred. Giving up our own worldly cares and dreams, even as we accept pain and suffering, is more than a fair exchange for doing the will of God.

The only way to do God's will is offer our whole selves to God. As St. Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans: “Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind” (Romans 12:2a).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30,
or, for Labor Day, any readings from the
Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,”
nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Wednesday: St. Gregory the Great

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most memorable images from the pontificate of Pope John Paul II is not his shocked expression as he is hit by a bullet, but rather his tender meeting with his assailant, and his forgiveness. It is far more compelling because, although people are struck by bullets every day, true reconciliation is in relatively short supply. An outside observer might list attempting to kill the pope as an unforgiveable sin, but of course we know that forgiveness of sin is woven deeply into our tradition of living as Christ did.

Interestingly enough, the Church took a hard line on these matters early on. Until the second century, people expected Christ's return in the near future, so they deferred judgment to him. Soon, however, bishops began to grant forgiveness for sin after baptism, but only once. What we know as the sacrament of penance takes its life from Jesus' work of reconciliation, but just as scripture shows Jesus forgiving people in one life-changing encounter, so the church granted one chance only. Great sins were the target, such as idolatry, adultery, and murder. Penance was lengthy, difficult, and public, and the bishop was in charge of the process. For the next several weeks, we'll look at subsequent creative and helpful changes in the celebration of this sacrament.

Why donate blood? Because it saves lives! Your one donation can help up to 3 people. Please donate blood on Friday, September 19 from 1:15pm-6:15pm. Food will be provided by the women of the parish. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or log on to www.redcrossblood.org.

SAVE THE DATE: The men's retreat for all men of the parish will be FEB 20 - 22, 2015 at the Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. This year's theme will be KNOW GREATER JOY. Please visit their web site at; www.holyfamilyretreat.org to register or for more information.

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...

Peter received his special call when he acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior also receive a special call. Ask the Lord to direct your heart. If the Lord is directing your heart to 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 ww.vocationshartford.org.



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

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

Reflection on my volunteer work with the Therapeutic Recreation camp this summer:

For four hours, three or four days a week during the month of July, I volunteered with disabled children ages 3 to 10 at the community center in the therapeutic rec camp called Awesome Adventures. The children I worked with had range of disabilities, from autism to oppositional behavior disorders. I assisted the staff in monitoring and playing with the kids through various activities we did every day, including arts and crafts, the daily swimming time we had at Willard pool, and many different fun, interactive games. I absolutely loved getting to know each child, and pushing them on the swings or running around the playground with them was one of the best parts of my day. Their endless joy, energy and smiles in the face of the daily challenges they have inspired me, just as God inspires me always. It reminded me that by helping and bringing happiness to these kids is fulfilling my service as a Catholic, as we are all Gods children. Additionally, this experience has given me insight into possibly working in the field of special education.

Confirmation Retreat Reflection:

I enjoyed listening to Sean Forrest in confirmation class.

I learned many things from Sean Forrest. He showed us that it's not only good deeds that get you into Heaven. It is a combination of how you act and what you do throughout your life that determines if you go into Heaven.

Mr. Forrest also gave me a new perspective on how all of us should view the Church. He gave a good analogy. He said, "Whatever you skip church for that is what you are worshipping." After he said that, I completely changed how I think about church.

In conclusion, I think Sean Forrest should come back to Incarnation and give another speech to our confirmation classes and others to come after us.



Northwest Catholic High School \$10,000.00 raffle to benefit the Northwest Catholic Fund which supports educational programs at the school. Grand prize is \$10,000. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Limit of 2,500 tickets will be sold. Call the school (860) 236-4221 X138.