

# 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](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Rectory**  
(860) 529-2533

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(860) 721-6595

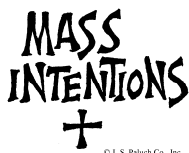
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**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 6TH**

5:00pm— Mary DiSanzo



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH**

8:30am— John J. Rossi

10:30am—Charlie & Millie Christadore

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

9:00am— For all our deceased parishioners & benefactors

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

9:00am— James Sr., James Jr. & Margaret Parisi

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

9:00am—For all our parishioners

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH**

9:00am— Sal & Dolores Brunetti

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**

9:00am— Antonietta & Salvatore Santilli

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**

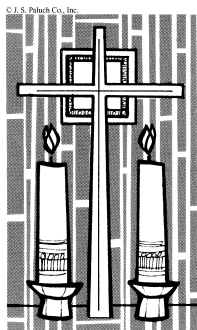
5:00pm— Felix & Marie Pasternak

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**

8:30am—Carmela & Michelina Reale

10:30am— Reverend John J. Crawford & Thomas Crawford

**The Sanctuary Candle** will burn from 9/8/2014–9/14/2014 in memory of Elizabeth Phillips Kempf & Deceased members of the Phillips & Burgie Families.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** will burn from 9/8/2014-9/14/2014 in memory of Judith Skinner Curcio & Robert John Skinner.



**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! We would like to thank the women of the parish for the home made food items and a thank you to D'Esopo for providing the tents! It is greatly appreciated!

**"Project Baby Love"** collection this wk. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested.

**The Second Collection next weekend will be the monthly collection.**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Wednesday, September 10th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Prayer For Healing** will meet on Thursday, September 11th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**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.

**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](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) to register or for more information.

**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.



### NEIGHBORLY LOVE

We can never love our neighbor too much.  
—St. Francis de Sales

**The Archdiocese of Hartford is participating in the 40 Days For Life campaign from: September 24th—November 2nd.**

Our community is part of the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history...the 40 Days for Life campaign. We are blessed to begin our fifth year in the campaign. All denominations are welcome to join the prayerful vigil in Hartford. 40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of : 40 days of prayer & fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigil, 40 days of community outreach. We re praying that, with God's help, this groundbreaking effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city...and throughout America. Please join our prayer group after mass on Wednesday mornings to dedicate our rosary devotion to this campaign.

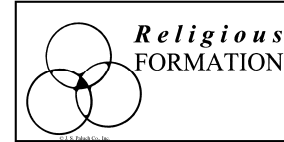
### A reflection to pray on:

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.



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Faith Formation begins Sat., Sept. 20th. Parish family home will meet at designated times



**Registration for Faith Formation in Grades 1-6 is officially closed.** Only new students will be accepted. Visit our website at: [www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com](http://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.

**There is a dire need for ONE second grade parish family home Catechist for 5 children. Please step up and join the team. They will meet every other week for one hour and fifteen minutes. Call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765.**

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

**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 trip to the **National Shrine of Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, MA, is being offered on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bus will depart St. Paul Church at 9:15 a.m. Trips cost is \$79 p.p. and includes lunch at the Red Lion Inn and your afternoon at the Shrine. You will be there for the Rosary, Mass, and free time to visit the Stations of the Cross. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. For reservations call Linda Yost at 860-657-3407.

A Weekly Bible Study  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
All Readings



We do not journey in life alone. As children of our heavenly Father, we are bound to one another in faith, hope and love. Each of today's readings illustrates one of these "theological virtues" in a unique way as they are lived out in our relationships with others.

We turn first to today's Gospel which reaffirms our bonds of *faith*. Jesus assures us that it is in the context of community that our prayers will be heard. This does not diminish the value of personal prayer, but adds another dimension. In the joining of hearts and minds in faith we are the Body of Christ where Jesus makes himself fully present. We have only to look around our congregation this day, joined in common prayer, to witness this unity.

*Hope* was all the priest-prophet Ezekiel could offer to the suffering, exiled people of 6<sup>th</sup> century Judah. Jerusalem, the heart and soul of their life and faith, was now destroyed and they were scattered. Ezekiel would be responsible for bringing them back to God. And they would make this journey together, united in mind and heart, supporting one another as they returned to their spiritual and physical homeland. Their shared sense of hope would guide them to a better place.

As Paul affirms in his letters, the greatest of this triumvirate is *love*. It seems simple enough in today's excerpt from Romans: "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another."

If only we could divest ourselves of the baggage that distorts our ability to love fully. The great commandment is the ideal to which we must always aspire and the ten commandments provide us with practical guidelines. Surely we will fail miserably and often. But supported by our faith community and encouraged by its hopefulness, love will grow and reveal its fruits in our relationships with those who surround us, inspire us, encourage us, lift us and carry us along the way.

### 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.

## SPEAKING OUT IN LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken in the presence of Jesus Christ.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The LORD tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he does not speak out to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age where moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is rooted in love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As Saint Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

**Psalms** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;  
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12;  
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Grandparents Day

Monday: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Peter Claver

Thursday: Patriot Day

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Saturday: St. John Chrysostom

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We know for certain that the sacrament of penance was a fairly rare event in the life of a Christian in the early centuries, but that everyone had a duty to admit their sins and ask forgiveness before giving thanks in the Sunday Eucharist and receiving Christ's Body and Blood at the table. Everyone today is familiar with this same ancient pattern. We also know about Lent and its journey of renewal, and even those who are returning from summer vacations may speak of a fresh perspective on life and a resolve to do better. Saint Augustine spoke of a third kind of penance, beyond the turning of the catechumens to a different life, beyond the normal everyday fresh starts, to a form that is severe and serious. Certain sins broke faith with the community: the sinners were obliged to give their names to the bishop and were barred from participation in the Eucharist. Augustine mentioned sacrilege, adultery, and murder as the culprits, great wounds for the perpetrator, wounds that were serious, deadly, mortal. Penance was such a frightening prospect that many people delayed their baptism for fear that they would sin, a practice with which Augustine was well acquainted. Pastoral need would eventually call the church to reconsider its practice.

**May God Bless and watch  
over all Grandparents as  
we celebrate  
Grandparents Day.**



**Grandparents**

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### 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](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org) or visit the web at [ww.vocationshartford.org](http://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.



**Faith Formation begins on Saturday, September 20th.  
Parish family home will meet at designated times**

***Church of the Incarnation  
Faith Formation Welcome***

*September, 2014*

*Dear Family,*

*Welcome! In a few words, I wish to highlight the gifts that Faith Formation - (truly a three-pronged approach to the religious education of a child and all that it can bring to family life.)*

*Worship provides...*

***HOPE: Our center of hope is found in the Eucharist.***

***ENERGY: Our responsibility is to worship weekly. Putting God first in family life is life-giving. Children’s Liturgy of the Word, which happens bi-monthly enhances a child’s spiritual formation.***

***DIRECTION: Our goal, very simply, is to embrace God’s Word and take it to heart.***

*Faith Formation class provides...*

***STRENGTH: Faith Formation is the best kept secret in raising a wholesome family.***

***FOCUS: Our Baptism calls us to be Disciples of Christ.***

***MISSION: Our mission is to rededicate ourselves to the Christian life.***

***SUPPORT: Our gifts are faithful catechists sharing their faith with our children.***

*Home habit of prayer provides...*

***REST: Family life in this digital world is hectic and stressful at times. Our faith encourages rest and advocates a prayerful life.***

***FOUNDATION: Children need a strong sense of family within a faithful community to love and support them.***

***POSITIVE CHANGE: Families for Christ seeking inner peace can change our world.***

***Let us begin! God’s blessings be upon us.***

***Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate***

