

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.

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**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13TH**

5:00pm— Felix & Marie
Pasternak



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

8:30am— Carmela & Michelina Reale
10:30am—Reverend John J. Crawford &
Thomas Crawford

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

9:00am— Matteo Pugliese

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

9:00am— Mass of Thanksgiving, 25th
Wedding Anniversary for
Vinny & Connie Mazzarella

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

9:00am— Flora Colasacco

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

9:00am— Peter Kalousdian Sr.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

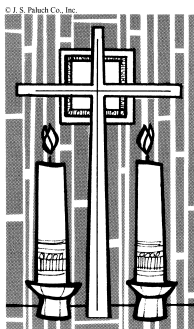
5:00pm— Douglas Campbell

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

8:30am—Pasqualino D'Appollino
10:30am— Julie & Luddy Coiro Jr.

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 9/15/2014—
9/21/2014 in memory of
Francis L. Kinney.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
9/15/2014-9/21/2014 in
memory of Stephen Procyk.



Employment Support Group meeting on
Tuesday, September 16th at 9:30am in Fr.
Crawford Hall.

Men's Association meeting on Wednesday,
Sept. 17th at 7pm in the rectory meeting
room. Pizza will be served.

***Incarnation Women's Club
Celebrating 50 Years
1964 – 2014***

The 50th Anniversary Membership Tea of the
Women's Club is Thurs., September 18th at
7p.m. in Fr. Crawford Hall. Sound of New
England Chorus, an award winning chapter
of the Sweet Adelines International, will per-
form four-part *a cappella* harmony in the
barbershop style. The Women's Club 50th
Anniversary book of history and highlights
of the *Spiritual, Social and Charitable* pro-
jects accomplished throughout the years will
be available for purchase at the meeting. The
cost of this commemorative book is \$5.00.
Join us for an evening of music & celebra-
tion. Take home the Bi-Lines for info.

**The Second Collection this weekend is the
monthly collection.**

**There will be a House of Bread collection
next wkd. Coffee & sugar are needed.**



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.

BAPTISM

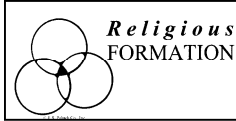
**CAROLINE MARY
CONRAD**

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.



We are so very grateful that we now have a grade two Parish Family Home Catechist! Thank you for your

prayers. However, a need for a grade two Emerson-Williams Catechist has arisen. There are nine children in that community. Please pray about sharing your faith with these children. Call Noranne Wamester (860) 529-6765. Catechist Orientation for grades 1-6 is on Sat., Sept., 20th, 9am—Fr. Crawford Hall. All books & materials will be distributed.

**ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS WELCOME:
YOUTH MINISTRY!!**

Our first gathering will be on Sun., September 21st—6:30-8pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Join us for Faith, Food & Fun...Pizza will be served!

The opening session for Elementary Faith Formation at Emerson-Williams will be on Saturday, September 27 at 9:00am.

There will be one 6th grade community at Emerson-Williams this year. There will be three 6th grade communities that will meet on Monday evenings in Fr. Crawford Hall. Mr. Breton will lead the 6th grade at E-W. Mrs. Bahouth, Mrs. Cruz, Mrs. Moquin, Mr. Milluzzo, & Mrs. Stickle's 6th grade community will meet in Fr. Crawford Hall. Mrs. Amoddio's 6th grade community will meet in her home. Parish Family Home communities in all other grades will meet at their designated times. Families will receive information about their specific meeting times.

Opening Session for Middle School Faith Formation begins Tuesday, Oct., 7th for Grade 8 & Wed., Oct., 8th for Grade 7 both from 6:30-8pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Welcome letter & schedules were mailed this week.

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1Timothy 4:12.

It is my honor and pleasure to introduce you formally to Mrs.

WELCOME

Maggie Seaver as our new coordinator of our Faith Formation Middle School Ministry. This is extremely exciting news for our faith community. Father Moran and I are so pleased that Maggie is on the staff with a great middle school catechist team. Her love for the Lord, her leadership, her enthusiasm and her amazing personality will be welcomed by all. Maggie is also our Youth Minister for our high school youth. Once again, how blessed we are as a faith community of believers to welcome Maggie as our middle school coordinator. Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate

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.

Grade 9 students and parents will receive a letter of invitation in early October to consider the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, September 28th at the 10:30am Mass.

Catechetical Sunday will also be celebrated on Sept., 28th at 10:30am mass. All Catechists & Presiders are invited to attend.

A Weekly Bible Study
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Numbers 21:4-9



“That’s the story of my life!”

We so often utter these words when someone’s misfortune resonates with our own. The Book of Numbers might as well be the story of our lives. While it is not a book of Scripture that people pick up readily for reading and reflection, it is a worthwhile read. Numbers continues the account of the Exodus journey interspersed with laws and liturgical directions. The 38 years of the Israelites’ sojourn are a time of discipline and instruction. Needless to say they are also a time of grumbling and rebellion against both the leadership of Moses and the demands of God.

Today we encounter the frustrated Israelites “with their patience worn out” and their “disgust with their wretched food.” No wonder God is quick and decisive in punishing them for denigrating the miraculous manna. How ungrateful can they be! One might say that the seraph serpent of today’s story is another stark reminder of that encounter in the Garden of Eden. In a strange twist, however – and God is so good at that – this very serpent becomes a source of their healing. These disgruntled people are to gaze upon this creature and live. The symbol of their sinfulness becomes the source of their rebirth.

Scripture scholars look at this event as a “type” of the Cross of Christ. The seraph serpent represents the sinfulness of all humanity that Jesus took upon himself for our salvation. Thankfully, God and Moses take this one step further by telling us that in the lifting of this “cross” God’s people will find life.

Jesus assures us in today’s Gospel that he, too, will be lifted up that we might find eternal life. When we behold the Cross of Jesus do we see One who embraced his rebellious, ungrateful, unfaithful children to draw us to himself? Do we see the promise and hope of eternal life?

Perhaps we should regard today’s feast as the real “story of our lives.”

Family Dinner Day, an initiative in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be held on Monday, September 22nd. Families throughout the Archdiocese are encouraged to observe Family Day Dinner by sharing a meal together to sit together at table & each other’s company in a spirit of familial faith, love, unity & joy.

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.

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.

BEING LIFTED UP

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus how Moses had "lifted up the serpent in the desert." Then Jesus says, "So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him." The evangelist clearly saw this "lifting up" of Jesus to mean his crucifixion.

That "lifting up" of the serpent by Moses is described in today's first reading. The people were attacked by "saraph serpents," and many died. God had Moses make an image of the serpent and put it on a pole and lift it up. The people who had been bitten looked at it and recovered.

Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Lifted up on the cross, he was despised and seemed the most abject of people. But it was in embracing this disgrace and painful death that he became the bearer of eternal life for all of us. His "lifting up" in shame was also his "lifting up" in glory and triumph.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).

Psalms — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life (John 3:13-17).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17 or Ps 31:2-6, 15-16, 20; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows;
 Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
 Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine
 Friday: St. Januarius
 Saturday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,
 Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2014**

Christ Jesus emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 coming in human likeness.
 — *Philippians 2:7*

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.

The following Faith Formation Families are tending to the Butterfly Garden during September 13th—27th. Thank you to Ian Thompson & Zachary Nyari.

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.

Thank you to The Men's Association for hosting the Parish Family Picnic. It was enjoyed by all! The Men's Association would like to thank the Confirmation Candidates & their parents who helped to set up and break down the table & chairs! They would also like to thank the women of the parish who made the salads. Their contributions made the event a success and they are very appreciative of their continual support.

Thank you to those who generously support our "**Project Baby Love**" outreach program. The disposable diapers, wipes, baby clothing & blankets are appreciated and most needed by this worthy cause.

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 voca-



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tion 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.

Come visit **East Catholic High School** during our **Open House on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.** The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on **Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 8 a.m.** at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Please visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at 860-649-5336 x6456 for more information!

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.

Bus Trip: There are still a few seats on the October 1st Wine Trail trip. Call Natalie at Corpus Christi at (860) 529-2545.

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

*Church of the Incarnation
Faith Formation Middle School Welcome*

Dear Families,

Sept. 9, 2014

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I introduce myself as the new coordinator of our 7th and 8th grade Faith Formation Ministry. I am honored to have this opportunity to lead a wonderful team who is willing to share their time and faith with the youth of our parish.

As mother of a daughter and son who are both in college now, and a teacher with 20 years of experience in the classroom, I truly love working with and sharing time with children, especially teenagers. In the spring of 2013, I began my role as Youth Minister here at Incarnation. I am amazed by the energy and passion that our teenagers have as well as their desire to lead faith-filled lives and to make a positive difference in this world. I am excited to lead our Middle School Ministry team as I know we will witness this same energy among our 7th and 8th graders.

As we all know, the first example our children have is the example we set for them in our own homes. I look forward to partnering with all of you as we give our best efforts to guide our children towards spiritual growth and a deeper knowledge of their Catholic Faith.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me. Again, I look forward to this new year of Faith Formation and the unfolding of God's graces among each of us.

Peace in Christ,
Maggie Seaver
Youth Minister
seaver711@aol.com

I will be using email to communicate with families. If you do not receive an email by late September, please contact me so I can add your email address to my list.