

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 20TH**

5:00pm— Douglas Campbell



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

8:30am— Pasqualino D'Appollino

10:30am— Julie & Luddy Coiro Jr.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

9:00am— Thomas Desroches

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

9:00am— Deceased members of the DuPont
& Parys Families

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

9:00am— Waldemar Podolski

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

9:00am— John & Virginia Karnosky

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

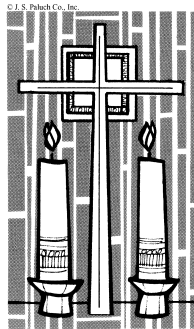
5:00pm— John & Rosemarie Healy

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

8:30am— Carmelo & Lillian Vasquez

10:30am— Bruce Devitt

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 9/22/2014—9/28/2014 in memory of the deceased members of the DuPont & Parys Families.



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The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 9/22/2014—9/28/2014 in memory of Thomas Desroches.



There is a House of Bread collection this wk. Coffee & sugar are needed.

Family Dinner Day, an initiative in the Archdiocese of Hartford is Mon., Sept. 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.

The Second Collection next weekend will be the H.O.P.E.S. (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) Collection.

The Church of the Incarnation Annual Collection will be held October 4th & 5th.

The Incarnation Women's Club Membership Drive continues. Letters were mailed this year only to those women who were members last year. If you did not receive a letter and would like to become a member we would love to have you join! Membership letters can be found at the church entrances or call Judi Farinella (563-0083) or Ann Hock (563-0728) to join.

The Pro-Life Ministry Office invites all parishioners to participate in the Annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass on Sun., October 5th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Archbishop Leonard Blair will celebrate Mass at 11am.

Corpus Christi School is looking for substitute teachers for the 2014-2015 school year. Call (860) 529-5487 if interested.

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.

BAPTISMS



**GRACIANA VIDALA
GAGNE**

**ARIA ALEKSANDRA
SHEPARD**

**BRAYDEN JOHN
SLIVA**

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.

Youth Ministry: Our first Youth Ministry gathering of the year will be held this

Sun. Sept. 21 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. All high school aged students are welcome to join us for an evening of faith, food and fun! Please come check us out!



Middle School Catechists:

There will be an orientation meeting for 7th and 8th grade teachers on Tues. Sept. 23rd at 7:00pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

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. Stickley'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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sun., 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. There will be reserved seating for the catechists, presiders & their families.

Middle School Faith Formation: Faith Formation Class for grade 8 will begin on Tues. Oct. 7th and grade 7 will begin on Wed. Oct. 8th. Classes begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:00pm. Students should arrive in the Fr. Crawford Hall by 6:20pm. Thank you.

WELCOME It is my honor to introduce you formally to Mrs.

Maggie Seaver, 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.

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2014**

Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. — *Isaiah 55:7b*

A Weekly Bible Study



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 55:6-9

When we consider “God’s ways” and “my ways” we are more apt to think of God’s plans and actions than in His mercy. But the real point of this passage is the generosity of God’s forgiveness. One commentary offered an interesting observation about today’s first reading: God’s mercy sails through space while human mercy rides the subway!

How willing are we to forgive as God forgives? The little boy who prayed, “Forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put their trash in our baskets” may have had the wrong words but he certainly had the right idea. It is particularly difficult for us to forgive those who continue to put the same old trash in our already-overflowing baskets. And besides the “trash” others heap upon us, we generate a lot of our own: painful memories, guilt feelings, resentments, fears, memories of failure and sinful tendencies. It is difficult to approach the forgiving heart of God when our own hearts are so heavy with spiritual pain.

One way of looking at our unwillingness to forgive – both ourselves and others – is to consider the adverse effects of non forgiveness on our bodies, minds and spirits. Bearing an unforgiving heart can consume our thoughts as we become preoccupied with hurts. We may go on to manipulate loved ones into “taking sides” thus fracturing our relationships. Our motives are diverted and our hearts divided. Additionally an unforgiving heart depletes our energy, disturbs our sleep, enters our unconscious, and engenders nightmares. Our focus becomes the hurt, guilt or retribution, rather than the good of the other.

It is God, not we, who sets the standard of forgiveness. We receive generously from the vast storehouse of His mercy. God never tires of emptying our baskets! Why can’t we do the same?

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.

SEEK THE LORD

In today's opening reading, Isaiah urges us to "seek the LORD" who is "near" and can be "found" (Isaiah 55:6). Then Isaiah says God's ways are as high above our ways "as the heavens are above the earth" (Isaiah 55:9). So we search, not because God is hiding, but because our tendencies are so different from God's ways that we get lost.

How are God's ways so high above our ways? The example Isaiah gives is that God's way is to be "generous in forgiving" (Isaiah 55:7). And our way? We try to be "fair." You hurt me, so then I hurt you back, just as hard. Then, of course, you And on it goes.

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches that God is not "fair" like that. Instead, God is so generous we can hardly understand it. The same wage for one hour as for a whole day of work? Not fair! "Seek the Lord," and we might find a God who calls us to be, not fair, but generous beyond expectations.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;

Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];
Mt 21:28-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time; Catechetical Sunday
Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio);
Autumn begins
Friday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the early years of the church, most people never availed themselves of once-in-a-lifetime penance. Yet penitents were highly visible. They wore distinctive garments or chains, and they were relegated to special zones in the church. They might be dismissed from the Sunday assembly after the Word, forbidden to join in the Prayer of the Faithful or the Eucharist. This dismissal was done with great affection and tenderness as the bishop laid his hands on the heads of the sinners. During Lent almost everyone would identify with penitents by clothing, insignia, or by following the penitents' regular diet. Rather than sit in judgment over them, the church desired to intercede for them before the Lord. "Let Mother Church weep for you and wash away your sins with her tears," said St. Ambrose to his penitents in Milan. Ambrose liked to think of them as Jonah in the whale, meditating on his errors. In a letter to his sister he said that Jonah is also a sign of Christ in the tomb, and so he had great faith in the penitents' future proclamation of the Resurrection with their reclaimed status in the assembly.

AUTUMN

Listen! The wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves!

—Humbert Wolfe

HUMILITY

No human being is too big to be humble, but some
human beings are too small.

—Anonymous

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 vocation



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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.

Mercy High School Open House, Middletown Ct., Sunday, Nov., 2nd at 1pm. Entrance Exam for the Class of 2019 is on Sat., November 15th from 8am –11:15am. Pre-register at www.mercyhigh.com.

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 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.

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Faith Formation Middle School Welcome

Dear Families,

September, 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,
Mrs. 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.