

# The Church of the Incarnation

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Youth Minister**

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**Cantors**

Toni Munoz  
**Sacristan**

## 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

**Fax**  
(860) 721-6595

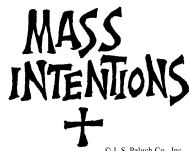
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**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 25TH**

5:00pm— Joseph & Rose  
Coffey



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH**

8:30am— Reverend John F. Edwards  
10:30am—Deceased members of the Murphy  
& Lawlor Families

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

9:00am— Wanda Mitchell

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH**

9:00am— Tersicore & Gino DellaFiore

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**

9:00am—For all our parishioners

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH**

9:00am— Neil R. Esposito

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST**

9:00am— Welcome DiCicco

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

9:00am- For all our parishioners

5:00pm— For all our parishioners

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**

**ALL SOULS' DAY**

8:30am— For all the Souls of the  
Faithful Departed

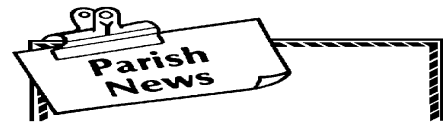
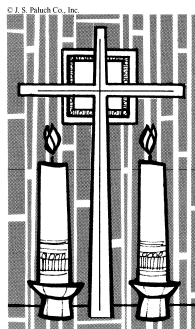
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the Faithful Departed

**The Sanctuary Candle**

will burn from 10/27/2014–  
11/2/2014 in memory of  
Edward Lyman.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Candle** will burn from  
10/27/2014-11/2/2014 in  
memory of Neil Esposito.



**Thank you** to the Women's Club & Men's Association for sponsoring the Incarnation Pasta Dinner. It was a most enjoyable.

**Thank you to all who supported the World Mission Sunday Collection** last weekend.

**Thank you for your donations to the 37th Annual HOPES collection.** Our parish donated \$3,408.00 towards this collection.

**Thank you to all who have recently donated to the Annual Collection.** This is a special appeal we make each year to our parishioners for our own parish. Numerous repairs and improvements anticipated in the near future necessitate rebuilding our contingency fund. Our annual collection enables us to do this. Please write down your four-digit envelope # (found to the left of your name on your church envelopes) - example #1234. Goal \$100,000. Your generosity to this important collection is appreciated. There are letters/envelopes at the entrances. So far we have collected \$70,000.00 towards our goal.

**Saturday, November 1st is All Saints Day. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. In Honor of All Saints Day we will offer a 9am Mass on Saturday morning.**

**A Scriptural Service of Remembrance for all those who have lost a loved one through death will be held at Incarnation on Sunday, November 2nd at 6:30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome to attend.**

**40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil** will be held every Wednesday, at Incarnation Church from September 24th thru November 2nd after the 9am Mass in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**ROSARY FOR PEACE....**Corpus Christi parish is offering the chance to join with others to pray for peace. In honor of Mary, Queen of Peace, the rosary will be prayed every Monday at 12 Noon. If you can't join us in church, please consider praying the rosary at home or maybe during your lunch break at work. Our Lady, Queen of peace, pray for us!!!

**Corpus Christi will also offer Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesday, October 29th from 8am-4pm. There will also be a Pro-Life Peaceful Vigil at the Hartford GYN Center, 1 Main St. in Hartford from 8am-4pm on Wed.

**October is Respect Life Month**, we pray for all who work to defend life, that God might reward them for their faithfulness. Amen.

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty #139**

Organizations such as church-sponsored universities, hospitals and social services, are facing a fine of \$100 per day (\$36,500 per year) per employee if they provide health coverage that does not include contraceptives, including abortion-causing drugs, and sterilization. Exorbitant fines like these will surely force a lot of organizations that serve tens of thousands of people to close. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

## **The Church of the Incarnation Women's Club Christmas Party**



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### **To be held on:**

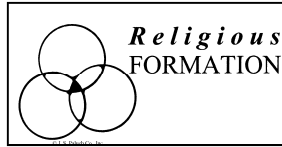
Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at:  
The Wethersfield Country Club  
6pm Social, 7pm Dinner, \$34.00 per person  
**Entrée Choices:** Chicken Francaise,  
Broiled Salmon, or Petite Filet Mignon

**Reservations will be taken** at the General mtgs. or by calling reservations chairwoman Rita Sulick (860)563-7639. Deadline for reservations/pymt. is December 1st. Please make checks payable to "Incarnation Church". The Past Presidents look forward to hosting this wonderful tradition as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**ABC's of Catholic Relief Services:** Your agency does not quit tough places. American Catholics via CRS help those in need when they need help most.. The absolute poorest of the poor and those driven from their homes without water or food. Victims of war disease and natural disaster.

**During the last two weeks of October** the ushers take count at the Sunday Masses of the number of persons present and the number receiving Communion. Thank you.

There will be a "**Project Baby Love**" collection next wk. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Thanks!



**Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this weekend at the 10:30am Mass. We welcome presiders Filomena Marinelli, Corinna Marinelli, Kathy Stickley and Catechists/Presider Kathi & Rory Stickley.** Please join us for refreshments in Fr. Crawford Hall after mass! The C.L.W. schedule for the year can be found on our website.

**Faith Formation:** Grades K-6 will meet at Emerson Williams on Saturday, 11/1 at 9am. **Parish Family Home** communities will meet at their scheduled times.

**Youth Ministry:** Youth Ministry will gather on Sun., Nov. 9th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. We welcome all high school aged students!

**Middle School Faith Formation:**

Grade 8: Tues. Nov. 11th & Grade 7: Wed. Nov.. 12th. Classes begin at 6:30pm & end at 8pm. Students should arrive in Fr. Crawford Hall by 6:20pm.

**Faith Formation for Kindergarten registration** is now closed. The class is full.

**Grade Nine** received a special invitation to begin their Confirmation journey. The parent/teen meeting will be held on Monday, November 17th at 6:30pm in the Church. It is an informational meeting about the Sacrament of Confirmation.



**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 26, 2014**

“You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your  
mind.”



— *Matthew 22:37*



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## A Weekly Bible Study

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26

“My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword.” Did our loving, life-affirming God just utter those words?

What often turns people away from exploring the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) is its many references to violence and vengeance. In fact, it is uncommon for the Church to use passages such as the above in its sacred liturgy. Is there a place for violence and vengeance in the Bible?

We first have to consider that the development of Israel’s theology of monotheism (worship of one God) occurred over a long period. In its early history, Israel had an anthropomorphic view of God, ascribing to the Almighty human characteristics and behaviors reflecting its worldview. The Lord was considered a “warrior” God who went before Israel in battle. Destruction of the enemy was essential to Israel’s livelihood and self-preservation. As Israel emerged a strong and stable nation, the Almighty One took on a nationalistic character, helping to secure Israel’s place in the world. In later years, its experience of exile enabled the nation to see God as far more than a tribal deity. He was part of the fabric of their lives and of their hearts. He was “creator” God, one who championed, restored and protected life.

A second consideration focuses on the notion, “Vengeance is mine, says the Lord.” In Israel’s developing (and we emphasize *developing*) theology of God, this people realized that the delivery of justice belonged to God. While the “law of talion” (an eye for an eye) was its practical standard, Israel would come to recognize that God was a just judge. Later prophets would encourage Israel to place greater emphasis on the interior disposition of the heart rather than on the exterior behaviors, on forgiveness and justice rather than on retribution and punishment. Israel, like we, had to mature spiritually in an understanding of God. It is all part of the spiritual process that reveals a caring, merciful and just God to whom we draw closer each day in knowledge and love.

**The Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll Fundraising Campaign is October 25th & 26th at all masses.** This drive helps fund activities such as the Special Olympics.

**With the colder weather and flu season upon us the Archdiocese of Hartford recommends the elimination of hand shaking during Mass. A brief gesture of peace is recommended.**

**BAPTISMS**

**ALESSIA SELIN CALAFIORE**

**VIOLET TESS PUGLISI**

## LOVE SHOWN IN ACTION

Do you receive the word of God with joy as the Thessalonians did? Their faith showed in their actions. They became models for other believers.

The first reading tells us to put our faith into action. This passage is part of a long list of ordinances God commanded the Israelites to observe. God will judge us by how we treat our neighbors. God will hear the cries of any whom we neglect or mistreat and will come to their defense.

In today's Gospel the Pharisees put the question of God's law to Jesus. "Which commandment of the law is the greatest?" (Matthew 22:36) How could he possibly choose from all the detailed commandments the Jews observed? He was sure to offend somebody by his answer! Of course, Jesus went right to the heart of the matter. Love is the greatest commandment—love of God and love of neighbor. Everything else is based on this.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;  
Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;  
Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;  
Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or  
from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Priesthood Sunday;  
National World Youth Day (U.S.)

Tuesday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Friday: Halloween

Saturday: All Saints; First Saturday

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sadly, one of the most difficult reforms of the Second Vatican Council for the Church to embrace has been one of the most thorough and beautiful: the sacrament of penance. Because it is individual and private, it has been difficult for the changes to take root. Sometimes a priest may be grounded in the earlier form, and at other times the penitent may resist the priest's attempt to blend in the proper texts and rituals.

Perhaps because the new form is almost identical in structure to the old, it has been difficult to insititute. It may also be true that with the liturgy in English now, it is far more clear that the Eucharist, too, is a "sacrament of reconciliation."

It is certainly true that there are different skills and gifts in ministry, and experienced penitents know that not all priests are equally at ease in this sacramental encounter. Sometimes a difficult experience can drive people away from a liturgy that is spiritually rich and rewarding. Yet we know that one bad meal seldom puts people off restaurants forever: the dinner gong tends to dispel bad memories, and so we try again. Individual confession and absolution is for us both treasure and tradition. If you haven't been for a while, consider coming back to praise God for this gift of mercy.

## BORN TO LOVE

We were born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.

—Joseph Cafasso

## CHARACTER

Character is much easier kept than recovered.

—Thomas Paine



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

The Women's Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book of history and highlights of the *Spiritual, Social and Charitable* projects accomplished throughout the years will be available for purchase at the Women's Club general meetings. The book is a beautiful tribute to the women of our parish who have generously given their time, talent and energy in support of Incarnation Church, the Catholic community and people in need of our help. The cost of this commemorative book is \$5.00.



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

**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.

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself. It's a big world, in need of lots of neighborly people. Extend your hand today, tomorrow, for the rest of your life. Extend your hand as a priest or religious by calling 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](http://www.vocationshartford.org). Please join us each first Friday of the month in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 9:30am for our Vocations Holy Hour.**



**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](http://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 is advised but not required. Visit [www.echs.com](http://www.echs.com) or call 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](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) to register or for more information.

## ***Church of the Incarnation***

### **Sponsor Essay**

#### **Confirmation Name: *Michael***

The confirmation name that I am taking is *Michael*, after Saint Michael the Archangel (one of the seven Archangels). The name Michael signifies “*Who is like to God*” and was the war cry of the good angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. Holy Scripture says that St. Michael was one of the chief princes and leader of the forces in heaven in their triumph over Hell. St. Michael has appeared to Moses, Jacob, Abraham, Mary and many others in the bible and in history. Because of his victory over Hell, he is considered the Protector of the Church and the most powerful of all the Archangels. St. Michael has four duties: he fights against evil and hell; he rescues souls of the faithful; he transports souls to Heaven for judgment and protects the church. Many believe that he is the chief or head angel over all of the other legions of angels in heaven. St. Michael is usually shown as a warrior holding a powerful sword; the sword is double edged to show truth and justice. He is the patron saint of police, paratroopers, sickness, mariners and grocers. His Feast day is September 29<sup>th</sup>.

I choose the confirmation name Michael because it is my Father’s name and because St. Michael is the strongest and most courageous of all the archangels (and angels). He is a defender of God’s church, God’s people and our faith. I like knowing that St. Michael is always with me and when I’m feeling weak or in need of his courage that I can call upon him for strength and help. My family has always believed in angels and the power of the Archangels and in all of the help that they provide us with in our lifetime. St. Michael is strong and powerful and is a good example of how God wants us to live our life. He reminds us that good will always win over evil and that God and the angels are always with us, everyday. We are not alone in our life. I hope that by modeling myself after St. Michael, I will always be in his care and protected by his power and guidance. That I will always stand up for truth and justice and find the courage to do what is right. That I will get closer to God through my faith and through St. Michael. And that St. Michael will lead me to God and all of God’s blessings.