

# The Church of the Incarnation

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**Rectory Assistant**

## **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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**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 29TH**

5pm - Joseph & Carmelina  
Sipala & Paul Sipala

**SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 30TH**

8:30am—Luigi Menta  
10:30am—Jack Lawlor

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**

9:00am— Rita A. Ware

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND**

9:00am— For all our parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**

9:00am—John and Virginia Karnosky

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH**

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH**

9:00am— Anthony DiCicco

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

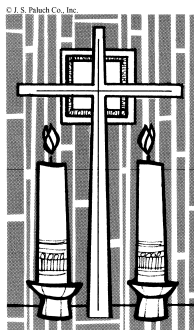
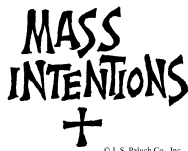
5:00pm— Raymond C. Esposito

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**

8:30am— Stefanie & Anton Begusch,  
Richard Cornelio & Jason DeLucco  
10:30am—Angelina Nowik

**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 12/1/2014—  
12/7/2014 in memory of  
Raymond C. Esposito.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from  
12/1/2014-12/7/2014 in  
memory of Mike Fallon.



**Thank you for your Annual Collection donations!** This is a special appeal we make each year to our parishioners for our own parish. Numerous repairs & improvements anticipated in the near future necessitate rebuilding our contingency fund. Our annual collection enables us to do this. Our Goal is \$100,000. We have collected \$87,500.00.

**Thanks for supporting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.**

**Thank you from** The Catholic Aid Mission Society for the World Mission Sunday donation of \$5,001.00.

**Employment Support Group** will meet Tuesday, December 2nd at 9:30am, Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Friday is the First Friday in December.** Mass will be at 9am. Vocations Holy Hour at 9:30am in the Chapel. **There will be a “Project Baby Love” collection next weekend.** Disposable diapers & wipes are requested.

**Monday, December 8th** is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 9am & 5:30pm.



**Today we begin our 16th Advent Giving Program.....Angel Tree ...** Please take an angel home with you and return your unwrapped gift with angel attached to gift no later than December 14th so the gifts can be delivered on time. See red & green flyers. Thank you for sharing with those less fortunate during our most Blessed Season of Christmas.

**Monthly Healing Mass:** Sacred Heart Parish invites you to attend the next Mass on Friday, December 5th at 6pm at Sacred Heart Church, 56 Hartford Avenue in Wethersfield. Fr. William Agyemang will be the celebrant. These masses will be held on the first Friday of each month. This Mass offers us the opportunity to join with people from throughout Greater Hartford in an uplifting liturgy. Hope to see you there!

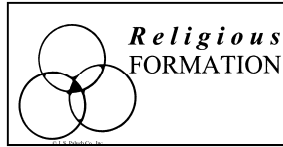
**ABC's of Catholic Relief Services:** CRS/Darfur (Sudan)... For nine years American Catholics via CRS have supported hundreds of thousands driven from their Sudanese homes into Darfur. More than 550 classrooms have been built or rehabilitated & 750 teachers trained so that displaced children can go to school and have some normalcy in their lives.

**Ho, Ho, Ho...SANTA will soon be on his way from the North Pole to Incarnation for the 13th Annual Children's Christmas Party!** Sponsored by the Incarnation Men's Association. This is a free event. Join us Sun., Dec. 7th from 1-4pm in Fr. Crawford Hall! There will be a special Christmas story presentation given by Fr. Moran. A 4 x 6 color photo with Santa Claus will be taken of each child. Please return a green sign up sheet located at the church entrances. Ice cream, cookies & refreshments will be served! We welcome our Corpus Christi Parish & School children as well!! For more information call Larry Spellacy at (860) 529-7135 by December 3rd.



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

Tuesday, December 9th at  
The Wethersfield Country Club  
6pm Social, 7pm Dinner, \$34.00 p.p.  
**Entrée Choices:** Chicken Francaise, Broiled Salmon, or Petite Filet Mignon  
Call reservations chairwoman Rita Sullick (860) 257-8351 by December 1st. Checks payable to "Incarnation Church". The Past Presidents look forward to hosting this wonderful tradition as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



**Faith Formation for Grade 8 will meet on Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Faith Formation for Grade 7 will meet on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**The next Children's Liturgy of the Word** will be held on Sunday, December 6th at the 5pm Mass. We welcome presiders Regina Cravero & Audrey Saharek and Catechists Nicole Cormier, Nicole Cruz and Bonnie Bahouth.

**Youth Ministry**: Sunday, December 14th—6:30-8pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. We welcome all high school aged students!

Thank you to all **Faith Formation** communities for the most generous donations to the Turkey Dinner collection for the town of Wethersfield Social Services.



**Families in the Light**  
Please let your light shine as a family or a religious education community and sign-up to light the Advent wreath. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. Sign-up poster in the Narthex. When it is your time to light the wreath, please tell the celebrant prior to mass that you will be lighting it.

**Priesthood Discernment Evenings at the Seminary**: The Vocation Office will be holding a meeting on Thursday 12/18th at St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT for men between the age of 18 & 55 who would like to get information about the catholic Priesthood and meet with other men who feel God might be calling them to serve as a priest. Pizza will be served. Call (860) 242-5573 for information

East Catholic High School entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on **Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 8 a.m.** at the school. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit [www.echs.com](http://www.echs.com) or call our Admissions office at 860-649-5336 x6456.

## A Weekly Bible Study



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Isaiah 63:16-19 and 64:2-7**

How appropriate that Isaiah opens our Advent season! Having received his call in the Temple of Jerusalem, this 8<sup>th</sup> century BC prophet was overwhelmed by the majesty and glory of God. He recognized the enormous abyss between God's sovereign holiness and human sinfulness. His message was a passionate plea for his people's reliance on the promises of God.

Today's selection from Third Isaiah (presumably a devoted disciple imbued with his spirit) portrays a people who wrestle with the very questions we raise in our hearts: "Why do *you* let us wander from our ways? Why do *you* harden our hearts?" Are they, and we, passing the buck yet again? Who's really doing the wandering here, God or his people?

Reading further into this passage we find a people who begin to realize who is in charge. We see a people aware of their sinfulness, shortcomings, and the "pollution" of their deeds. We witness a people who admit their guilt, ready to return to the Lord. Even though they grapple with their uncertainties, they know where the fault really lies. We also see a people who acknowledge the awesomeness and power of their creator and redeemer. We see in this passage the first steps we must take in our Advent journey.

As was Isaiah, we will soon be overwhelmed by the majesty and glory of God. But we need to ready our hearts for the great gift of God's Incarnation. While we, and Isaiah's people, wrestle with our unclean hearts and divided spirits, we take comfort in the promise this prophet makes in today's opening and closing verses: "You, Lord, are our Father, our redeemer. You are named forever. We are the work of your hands." It is *You* who shape our hearts and wills, gently smoothing out our rough edges. In the depths of those restive hearts, we know Who is in charge and to Whom we belong.

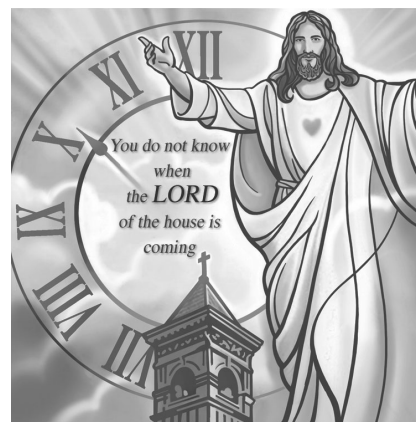
*Advent Blessings to Everyone!*

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 30, 2014**

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

— *Mark 13:33*



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**WATCH!**

“Watch!” This word occurs three times in today’s Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of “watch” leaves no doubt as to what the story is about.

We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master’s work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work—the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
Mk 1:1-8

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
Monday: World AIDS Awareness Day  
Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier  
Thursday: St. John Damascene  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: St. Nicholas; First Saturday

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Each of the seven sacraments, like other aspects of the Church’s pastoral plan, is an attempt to be faithful to the image of Christ we discover in the Gospels. Anointing of the sick is rooted in Jesus’ saving deeds of healing and even rescue from death. What is your favorite encounter of Jesus with a sick person? Often, it seems that Jesus would go at once to the person in a crowd who was in the most pain, in the deepest need. A man born blind, Peter’s mother-in-law, a woman afflicted by years of uncontrollable hemorrhages, a little Roman girl beloved by her soldier father, a crippled man lowered from the rafters, and even a man who lost his ear to a swinging sword in the garden of agony. This list reads like an admissions chart in an emergency room, and perhaps that is the point. The whole human experience from childhood to old age, from sudden catastrophic illness to chronic debilitating conditions, is represented by those for whom Jesus has such great compassion. This we can name a treasure of tradition with a capital “T.” We are a people of compassion for our sick, who reach out in tenderness to listen, to keep vigil, to strengthen, to touch with reverence, and to anoint with precious oil.

**UNWRINKLED**

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is the triumph over old age.  
—Thomas Bailey Aldrich

**LIKE A CHILD**

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child’s.  
—St. Nicholas

**BIG AMBITION**

Give up your small ambitions; come with me to save the world.  
—St. Francis Xavier



***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. Please call Paula Melillo at (860) 563-9506 for more info. The cost of this commemorative book is \$5.00.

**The Women's Club membership drive ends November 30th.** Please send your dues now if you would like your name included on the membership list for their 50th Anniversary Year. Contact Judi Farinella at (860) 563-0083 or Ann Hock at (860) 563-0728 if you have any questions.

**The Town of Wethersfield Fuel Bank** is looking for donations for those who cannot afford to pay for their heating bills. Simply mail or drop off your tax deductible contribution to the Weth., Fuel Bank, in care of Wethersfield Social & Youth Services, 505 Silas Deane Hwy. Wethersfield.

*At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised. If you are surprised that he may be calling you to a vocation as a priest, brother or sister 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 [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.*

**Please return your All Souls' & All Saints' envelopes** during the month of November so that your special intentions will be remembered.

**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. Visit their web site at; [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) to register.

**Brooklawn Funeral Home** will be holding their 19th annual memorial tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30pm. Call the Funeral home for info. at (860) 721-0087.



Last Sunday was a joy-filled day as we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on the feast of Christ the King. 60 young people received this beautiful sacrament along with one adult. The entire day was a blessing. Bishop Macaluso con-celebrated Mass with Father Moran and Father Maroney and he anointed the candidates with the holy Chrism. This experience truly exemplified the team spirit of our parish community. I would like to thank Father Moran, Antoinette Munoz, Teri Aiudi, Audrey Saharek, Maggie Seaver, Philip Pasternak, Theodora Niver and our choir members and musicians. Special gratitude to our altar servers, who were all siblings of the Confirmandi, our ministers of Holy Communion, the Confirmandi mentors, sponsors, parents and all who shared in this celebration. It was a very special, reverent moment for our wonderful young people. Thank you to our parishioners who have held them in prayer throughout the year. Let us continue to pray for our youth asking the Lord to keep them close to Him, especially through the Eucharist. God Bless, Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate

**Confirmation 2015:** Our young people who are considering the journey toward the sacrament of Confirmation in 2015 must return forms by Dec. 2, 2014.

**An Advent Program:** Please savor the richness of the Advent season by attending a beautiful afternoon of spiritual messages and song, given by Fr. Henry Frascadore and Still Small Voice on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14th at 3pm. Flyers will be available at the entrances this wk. Stop for a while during this hectic time of the season and rest for an hour in God's love as we prepare for His coming.

**“BEAUTIFUL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS** — SAVE the DATE: Sat., May 2, 2015 - Nationally-recognized master floral designer Ruth Loiseau will arrange seven stunning pieces as she shares her experiences as a White House special events florist during the presidencies of Ronald Reagan through Barack Obama. You won't want to miss this special event and fund raiser sponsored by the Incarnation Women's Club to be held in Fr. Crawford Hall. Tell your friends and block your calendars while we finalize the details. More information will follow over the next several months."