

# 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.

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**SAT., JANUARY 17TH**  
5pm - George & Sally  
D'Esopo



**SUNDAY, JANUARY. 18TH**  
8:30am-Tiberio Pace  
10:30am-Frank Mandile

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH**  
9:00am- Salvatore Tarascio

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH**  
9:00am- Helen Sitarz

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST**  
9:00am— Maria Labbadia Davia

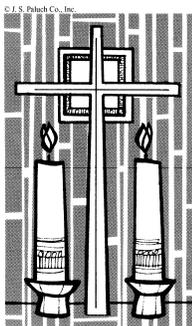
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND**  
9:00am- For all our parishioners

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD**  
9:00am- Jim & Bette Boyle and  
Wency Lobo

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH**  
5:00pm- Deceased members of the Martino,  
Bonaquisto & Sansone Families

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH**  
8:30am- Olga Spera  
10:30am- Frank & Vincenza Bulanti &  
Silvia Bulanti

**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 1/19/2015–  
1/25/2015 in memory of Flora  
Salvatore.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Candle** will burn from  
1/19/2015-1/25/2015 in  
memory of Lillian Vasquez.



**Due to extraordinary expenses the Bishops' have asked that we support a special collection this weekend for Catholic Relief Services.** Thanks for your generosity to those in great need. Your donation is totally voluntary.

**There is a House of Bread collection this weekend.** Coffee & sugar are requested. Thank you!

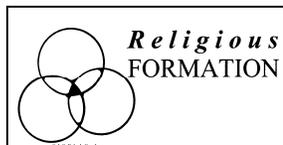
WEEK of PRAYER



for CHRISTIAN UNITY

**Employment Support Group will meet on Tuesday, January 20th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**The Second Collection next weekend will be the 2015 High School Collection.** The legacy of Catholic high school education is a rich one that has strengthened our Church for 180 years in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Your gift is an investment that will continue to pay dividends. Thanks for investing in the ministry of Catholic high school education.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is at the 10:30am Mass this weekend. We welcome presiders Anne Camilliere & Maggie Seaver & catechists Christina DeAngelo, Marisa Paruta, Dawn Pellegrino & Elizabeth Wolf.

From: Director Filomena Marinelli  
**Children's Liturgy 2015:** In January 2015, our (CLW) will return to being held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. only. We conducted a pilot program in 2014 offering CLW on alternating week-ends both at the Sat., 5pm Mass and the Sunday 10:30am Mass. We have found that Saturday liturgies have not been as well attended as Sunday mornings. As a result, CLW will once again be offered on Sunday morning at 10:30am only. The 2015 schedule is as follows: January 18, February 1, 15, March 1, 8, 29, April 12, 26, and May 3. An updated calendar is in the Narthex. Please note ALL Faith Formation communities scheduled for Saturdays in 2015 will now move to Sundays for your assigned week.

**Parent meeting for those preparing their children for First Reconciliation** on Monday, January 19th from 6:30pm-7:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Faith Formation for Grades 7 & 8 meet this week.**

**Grade 8 will meet Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30pm.**

**Grade 7 will meet Wednesday, Jan., 21st at 6:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Faith Formation at Emerson-Williams will meet January 24th.**

**Youth Ministry will gather Sunday, Jan., 25th, 6:30-8pm Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Parish Family Home communities will meet at designated times.**

**Corpus Christi School**, Wethersfield a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host an Open House on Thursday, January 29th at 8:30am at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Hwy. for prospective students & their families. All are invited to visit while classes are in session. The school encompasses Pre K through Grade 8. Call (860) 529-5487 for more information. A representative from the school will be here to speak this wknd.

**SNOW CANCELLATIONS:** will be announced on WFSB, WVIT & WTIC and also via our website. Please do not call the rectory regarding class cancellations. Thank you.

Martin Luther  
King, Jr. Day



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**The rectory will be closed on Monday, January 19th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.** Emergency calls only please. Thank you.

### **Prayer Intention Book:**

We would like to remind you that we have a book available on the stand near the Chapel sliding glass doors, for prayer intentions. Your prayer intentions may be written in this book of prayer and they will be remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful.

**Diaconate Inquiry Sessions**...The Archdiocesan Office of Diaconate Formation is now preparing to admit a new class of candidates for the Diaconate in the fall of 2015. Any interested man between the ages of 35 and 60 who may be interested in the Diaconate is encouraged to speak to his pastor. Call (860) 242-5573 to register.

ABC's of Catholic Relief Services:  
Huge income disparities mark Kenya. Part emerging business center part large remnants of centuries of poverty. Almost 3,000,000 Kenyans get a leg up from American Catholics via CRS. Many need clean water, education, & health services.

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Old customs fade slowly, and in 1560 the Council of Trent tried for significant change in pastoral care of the sick. People resisted, thinking that the last breath was the right time for the sacrament. Although physical improvement was often noted after anointing, it was seen as a kind of bonus, rather than an expected outcome of a prayer for good health, strength, patience, and even healing. More than four hundred years later, many people still do not ask for anointing until it is literally too late for the person to have reasonable hope of healing, or at least be aware enough to participate in the ritual. By then, it may even be too late for viaticum, the true "last rite."

We have a treasure that we seem reluctant to use. We visit the sick, we anoint those who are in the first crisis of illness, we give Communion to those who are dying, and we keep vigil and pray for those close to death. When anointing is celebrated early enough, optimally when the sick person is still at Sunday Mass, it can be a source of courage, faith, and hope for a difficult road ahead. When we anoint our sick, we remind them that they belong to Christ and a community of faith. We bring them into the presence of Christ to reconcile, heal, and give strength and hope. We resist forces that isolate and alienate the sick; the symbol of touch is a powerful act of acceptance. Why wait until the crisis of illness is dire before we apply such a rich remedy to body and soul?

A Weekly Bible Study  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time 1 Cor. 6:13-20



The “body” of Christ can have a number of connotations. We speak of Christ’s body broken and bruised for humankind’s salvation. We revere the Eucharistic bread transformed into the real presence, the body of Christ. We celebrate and worship as members of the mystical body of Christ, the church. We believe in the resurrection of Christ’s body and await in hope our own transformation. We may even see in two becoming one flesh the sacred symbolism of Christ’s union with the church. All of these realities bespeak a “body” that is unmistakably sacred. So why not keep holy our own bodies, those we so often forget are made in the image and likeness of God, those we characterize as the temples of the Holy Spirit?

Paul is straightforward in his letter to the Corinthians that immorality is incompatible with membership in Christ’s body. He is persuasive in arguing that holding the body sacred will lead to proper moral behavior. Paul speaks elsewhere (Ephesians) about the importance of nourishing and cherishing the body in the same manner as Christ does the church. And we do this because we are members of his body.

In his Incarnation Christ assumed the struggles of the human race and became the source of salvation. In this act our fleshly existence was elevated to a new level of sanctification. Furthermore, our Baptism graced us with participation in divine life. We cannot think of our bodies without placing them in the proper context of unity with the Body of Christ in all its consecrated manifestations: incarnate, salvific, mystical, glorified. Baptized Christians are beneficiaries of these sacred expressions of the Body of Christ. In this context would we even consider immorality?

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 18, 2015**

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit  
within you.

— *1 Corinthians 6:19a*



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**JOY**

The fullness of joy is to behold God  
in everything. —St. Julian

## WATCHING FOR THE MESSIAH

Today's Gospel story of John and his disciples seeing and following Jesus sounds so simple and casual, it's easy to miss the significant acts of faith that are made.

John points to Jesus: "Look," he says, "there is the Lamb of God." John's faith in Jesus is evident, so evident that John's disciples immediately leave his side to follow this Jesus.

The two disciples make their own act of faith. They follow Jesus, spend time with him, and are quick to spread the good news of their discovery: "We have found the Messiah."

It is easy to forget that the expectations of generations, the hopes of many ages of faithful people were being fulfilled in these simple acts of faith. The Lamb of God, the Messiah, foretold by the prophets, had finally come. Nearly everyone among the Jewish people was watching for the Messiah back then; who in our own society watches for signs of the presence of the Messiah today?

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

## SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;

Tuesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Wednesday: St. Agnes

Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Friday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Saturday: St. Francis de Sales

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**Thank you for your Annual Collection donations!** We have exceeded our goal! Any donations will continue to be graciously accepted.

### **Wethersfield UNICO**

#### **Macaroni Dinner**

Wethersfield UNICO's 36th Annual World Famous Macaroni Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at the Wethersfield Community Center, Greenfield Street, with overflow parking at the State Labor Department and shuttle service to the Community Center. Please come and join UNICO, your family and friends for a delicious dinner of pasta with home made sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, soda, wine, coffee and ice cream. All **this** for the unbeatable price of \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. This is UNICO's primary fundraiser for all the charitable activities that we do year round, including our College Scholarships for residents of Wethersfield and Rocky Hill. For more information about our scholarship program **and an application** please visit our web site at **[www.WethersfieldUnico.org](http://www.WethersfieldUnico.org)**.

*Speak Lord, your servant is listening. Listening to the Lord requires silence. Make time each day to be quiet, so that you can hear God's call. He may be calling you to serve the church as a priest or religious. Encourage someone you know to consider a life of service in the church and have them 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). Please join us each first Friday of the month at 9:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel for our Vocations Holy Hour.*



**If you are leaving Wethersfield for the winter, please notify the rectory** so that we can place your envelopes on inactive. When you return, kindly call and we will re-activate them. Thank you.

**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.

## **Cupcake Collection to benefit Kids' Café**

Throughout the year, Incarnation Church's Faith Formation Families contribute to food collections and fundraise to help feed the 500 children who attend the Kids' Café after-school program in Hartford.

**For the start of 2015, we are asking the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) community to donate 1 – 2 dozen CUPCAKES per family. The CUPCAKES will be distributed to the children who attend the Kid's Café program.**

### **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

**Nut Free** please

**Gluten Free** cupcakes are welcome (please label box as such)

**Package all cupcakes in a BOX** (example: shirt box or bakery type box) so that the boxes can be stacked for delivery

**Label boxes with type of cupcakes** (example - cutout of the box mix & frosting taped to box)

**CUPCAKES can be dropped off in the Fr. Crawford Hall after masses on February 1.**

**THE KIDS' CAFÉ COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

If you have any questions, please call:

Cathy Beers at 860-563-2949

Phyllis DiFiore at 860-257-7344

**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."