

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

Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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(860) 529-2533

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Mass Schedule

SAT., JANUARY 24TH

5pm - Deceased members of the Martino,
Bonaquisto & Sansone Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

8:30am—Olga Spera

10:30am—Frank & Vincenza Bulanti &
Silvia Bulanti

MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH

9:00am— Douglas Campbell

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH

9:00am— Angela Cormier

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH

9:00am— Emile Bernard

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH

9:00am— Beth & Joan Lennon

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST

5:00pm— Jennie Cusano

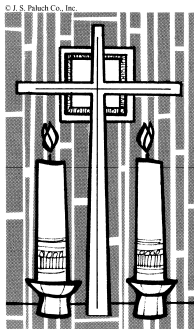
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

8:30am— Michael & Pasqualina Brini

10:30am— Mary & Dan Richi & Cora, Henry
& Mikey Daversa

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 1/26/2015–
2/1/2015 in memory of Nancy
Morin.

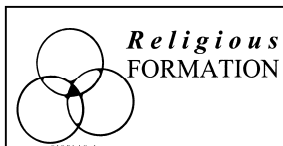
**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
1/26/2015-2/1/2015 in
memory of the Deceased
members of the Calleri & Perna Families.



Thank you to all who supported the special collection last weekend for Catholic Relief Services.

The Second Collection this weekend is the 2015 High School Collection. We ask for your support which will assist our Catholic high schools as they foster educational excellence and prepare young people to become productive citizens and Church leaders. Your gift is an investment that will continue to pay dividends.

St. Patrick's Dinner: Monday, March 16, 2015, Fr. Crawford Hall, 6:30 pm. \$15.00 per person. Traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, home-made Irish soda bread, coffee and dessert. A raffle with LOTS of great prizes!! Always a sell out so don't delay! Get your family, friends and or neighbors together & reserve a table. Reservations call: Michele Kalousdian at 563-0860. Checks made payable to: Church of the Incarnation and mail to: Michele Kalousdian, 154 Griswold Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, March 1. All reservations must be paid for in advance. Thank you!



7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation:

We welcome retreat director, motivational speaker and former professional basketball player, Bret Nichols. He will present a retreat for all 7th & 8th grade **boys** **this Sunday, January 25th from 1-4pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.**



Youth Ministry will gather this Sunday, January 25th from 6:30-8pm in Father Crawford Hall.

Faith Formation at Emerson-Williams will meet January 31st.

Faith Formation for Grades 7 & 8 meet this week:

Grade 8 will meet Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30pm.

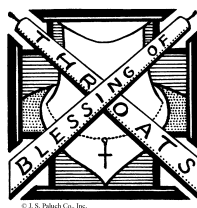
Grade 7 will meet Wednesday, Feb., 4th at 6:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Parish Family Home communities will meet at designated times.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday, February 1st at the 10:30am Mass.

Children's Liturgy 2015: In January 2015, our (CLW) returned to being held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. only. We conducted a pilot program in 2014 offering CLW on alternating weekends 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: 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.

<p>BAPTISM</p> <p>SKYLAR LEE SAUCIER</p>
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In honor of St. Blaise, we will bless throats next weekend during all of the Masses. This blessing is a sign of thanks for the gift of breathing, speech and taste.

Healing Mass to be held at Sacred Heart Church, 56 Hartford Avenue in Old Wethersfield on Friday, February 6th at 6pm. Fr. William Agyemang will celebrate the Mass.

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: This week - CRS/Liberia... Already battered by war and chaos Ebola struck last year. Thousands have died. CRS recently helped re-open the largest Catholic hospital in the country. Thirteen other health facilities American Catholics support via CRS. Education about infection is the greatest challenge, and here your agency excels.

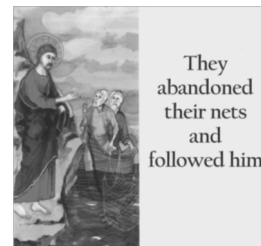
The Amazing Grace Food Pantry of Middletown, is requesting that we have a book collection. There will be a basket in the Narthex of the church where you can donate new & gently used children's & young adult books. This will be an on-going project. If you have any questions please call Ann Mahoney at (860) 463-9280.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25, 2015**

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— *Mark 1:15*

A Valentine's Dance will be held on Sat., February 14th, 2015 from 7-10 pm in Pilgrim Hall at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, CT. Donation is \$30 per couple & \$15 p.p. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SHRINE. Call Lori: 860-485-0279.

The Catholic Biblical School presents: Dr. Thomas H. Groome on Sunday, March 8th from 12:30-4pm, 467 Bloomfield Ave. in Bloomfield, CT. Join us for A Celebration of Sacred Scripture. Call (860) 242-5573 ext. 2670 for information.



A Weekly Bible Study
3rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time Jonah 3:1-5, 10



The main character in today's excerpt from the Bible's beloved fish tale is not the real Jonah. In this passage we hear of an obedient servant who answered the Lord's call to preach repentance to Ninevah, capital of Babylon and Israel's enemy. Jonah must have been very convincing as his message was heeded quickly. Scripture tells us that God repented of the evil he had threatened upon this city. *God repenting?* An interesting play on words!

It is difficult to know from this passage what is really in Jonah's heart. We find that elsewhere in this brief tale. What we don't hear proclaimed today* is his initial stubbornness in answering the Lord's call. When asked to go east to Ninevah, Jonah heads west to Tarshish. He quickly learns who is in charge as the great fish that God sends for his rescue dumps him back at his starting point. And this is where we meet Jonah in today's reading.

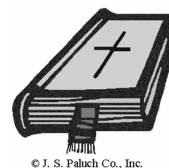
What we don't hear proclaimed is Jonah's narrow-minded attitude. He is displeased that the Lord forgives Israel's nemesis of its transgressions. Surely God's mercy would never extend to those who are not "his people!"

We also do not learn today that all of Ninevah repented of its sins in great earnest. This gentile, godless, "un-chosen" nation was far from stubborn!

The ironic twists in this allegorical book portray a bit of God's (or at least the unknown author's) sense of humor. There is also much food for thought. Are our efforts to bring the message of salvation to others half-hearted? Do we rejoice in someone else's good news? Do we have that sense of inclusiveness we find in this account? Do we believe that God performs miracles in the hardest of hearts, maybe even our own? This is a story of repentance, love and mercy, and God's obstinate servant learns this lesson from the unlikeliest of sources, his enemies!

**An important aspect of Bible Study is to consider the entire context, rather than an isolated passage. This often sheds more light on the selection's message.*

Fourth & fifth grade boys & girls interested in becoming Altar Servers at Incarnation are invited to meet with Fr. Moran at 11am on Saturday, February 7th in the Church.



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The meeting will last one hour and will be the first of three consecutive sessions that will prepare those interested in serving at our Eucharistic celebrations.

CHANGE OUR LIVES

In today's first reading, Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through Nineveh, frightening the citizens out of their wits. It works! They repent before Jonah makes his way through a third of the city, and God sees "by their actions" how they have turned from evil.

Then we hear Paul telling the Corinthians that "the world in its present form is passing away." He calls for a change of heart. He stops short of telling them to set aside their everyday lives, but still he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live as though they aren't doing the things they're doing.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" The apostles-to-be abandon their nets and follow him. Thus in all the readings we hear an invitation to a radical and immediate change in our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil way in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalms — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20)..

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Monday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Tuesday: St. Angela Merici

Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday: St. John Bosco

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As a result of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Church has defined a new pastoral plan for your care whenever you struggle with illness. There are rites for children, a communal rite for celebration in the parish, forms of care for the sick at each stage and transition, and for the desperately ill. There is a much broader interpretation of who may be anointed, including not only the visibly ill, but those battling addiction, or the elderly coping with the frustrating aches and pains of aging. Children under seven are normally not anointed, since the oil is associated with reconciliation. (For the same reason, they do not receive ashes on Ash Wednesday.) However, children close to that age who have a serious illness often gain a deep level of spiritual insight and maturity, and may benefit from catechesis for the Eucharist. Once admitted to confirmation and/or Eucharist, a sick child should be anointed. It is a great strength of our present rite that a section is included with prayers tailored to the experience and understanding of a child. Considering our recent history of being fairly sparing with this sacrament, the generosity of celebration today is helping us to retrieve an essential part of our tradition of reverence for the sick.

FAMILY INFLUENCE

Disorder in the society is the result of disorder in the family. —St. Angela Merici

NOT WITHOUT LOVE

The soul cannot live without love. —St. Francis de Sales

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 8th 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.

Come after me. Jesus called Andrew, Peter, James and John. He calls still in our day. Are you willing to drop your nets, listen to the call and follow him as a priest or religious? 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.



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Please join us each first Friday of the month at 9:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel for our Vocations Holy Hour.

ATTENTION MEN

OF INCARNATION PARISH:

The retreat at Holy Family will be the weekend of Feb 20 - 22, 2015. All of us have very busy lives, however once in a while it's nice to take a break from the daily routine. We are asking parishioners that have never been on retreat to join us. Call Bill Carroll (860) 604-6793 or John Ewaski (860) 563-3887. There is an offering requested, but it should not be a reason not to attend. Bill or John can take care of the arrangements and you can attend the retreat what ever you can afford. If that date is not convenient there are other dates available that will fit into your schedule. We look forward to seeing you on this year's retreat.

Cupcake Collection to benefit Kids' Café

Throughout the year, our 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. One of our projects is the Cupcake Collection. For the start of 2015, we are asking both the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) community and any parishioners to donate 1 or 2 dozen CUPCAKES per family. If you would like to contribute, please take a flyer at the entrances with specific instructions and delivery. Cupcakes will be collected after all Masses on Sunday, February 1st in Fr. Crawford Hall. Thank you in advance for supporting the children of Kids' Café. Any questions please call: Cathy Beers (860) 563-2949 or e-mail her at: cathycraigbeers@yahoo.com or Phyllis DiFiore (860) 257-7344 or e-mail: phylliscalabria@cox.net.

We are trying to close out our 2014 Mass Book. If you have any Mass/Candle Offerings that you wish to make for 2014, please send them in when you can. Thanks!

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 fundraiser sponsored by the Incarnation Women's Club to be held in Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Incarnation Men's Association has announced its 2015 membership drive. Letters have been mailed to all current members requesting that they renew their membership as soon as possible. Dues have remained at \$10.00 per year. Payments may be made by dropping the envelope in the collection basket at any weekend Mass. New members interested in joining the association should contact: Mike White, 9 Beacon Court, Newington, CT 06111. (860) 667-2099.