

# The Church of the Incarnation

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**Sacristan**

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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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# Mass Schedule

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

5pm - Angeline T. Vignone

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:30am—Deceased members of the Loura Family

10:30am—Anthony Melillo

## MONDAY, MARCH 23RD

9:00am— Lawrence & Louise Spellacy & John & Bridget Prout

## TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

9:00am— John & Virginia Karnosky

## THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

9:00am— Kay Corrigan

## FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

9:00am— Ruth Vaughn

## SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

9:00am—Edward Sitarz

5:00pm— Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

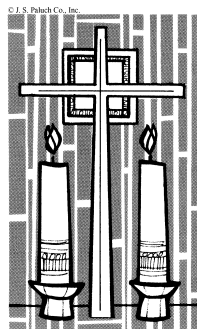
## SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

8:30am— Olga Spera

10:30am— Pasquale Piccolo

**The Sanctuary Candle** will burn from 3/23/2015–3/29/2015 in memory of Cornelius “Bud” O’Brien & Jack Nuedoffer.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** will burn from 3/23/2015-3/29/2015 in memory of John D’Amato.



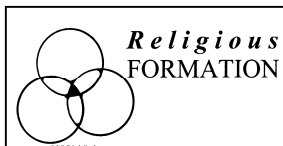
**An Invitation to Gather During Lent**  
**The New England Chamber Choir and Orchestra under the direction of Richard Wm. Donahue will be performing Music for Lent and Easter this Sunday, March 22, 2015 at the Church of the Incarnation at 4:00pm. 50 vocalists and 12 musicians will perform this wonderful program in the main church.**

We cordially invite all to attend. The New England Chamber Choir & Orchestra is a unique group of gifted musicians that perform only the best choral music from Gregorian chant to classical inspired music written today.

Please join us in celebrating the sacred season of Lent in prayerful song. Our Confirmation families will host a reception following the concert in Fr. Crawford Hall. A free will offering is welcome. Visit the NECC website at [www.newenglandchamberchoir.org](http://www.newenglandchamberchoir.org) to get a sense of the beauty of this talented group of musicians.

The chamber quartet will play 20 minutes before concert. The concert will begin promptly at 4pm and last for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. This is an ecumenical, Lenten celebration. All churches in town were invited. Please friend us on Facebook at Incarnation to see updates. Please arrive prior to 4pm as a chamber quartet will play before the concert.

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



**The Sacrament of First Reconciliation** took place this Saturday, March 21st. 54 children received the sacrament for the first time. Thank you to Fr. Moran, Fr. David Baranowski, Fr. Shawn Daly and Fr. Francis Johnson for your presence to the children. Thank you to our catechists; Carrie Anastasiades, Amy Carlson, Paula Miller, Kristen Fortuna, Maureen Morris, Helen Nye, Dawn Pellegrino, Kelly Pellegrino and Lisa Wise for serving as master catechists to prepare the children.



There will be no C.L.W. this weekend. **Please take home a children's bulletin at all exits for your child. The next C.L.W. will be held on April 12th at the 10:30am Mass.**

**Middle School Faith Formation:** Tues., March 24th for grade 8 & Wed., March 25th for grade 7. **Parish Family Home communities will meet at designated times.**

**Faith Formation for Grades K-6 will meet at Emerson-Williams on March 21st at 9am. The last session for Faith Formation at Emerson-Williams will be Sat., March 28th.**

**Youth Ministry: Sunday, April 12th 6:30-8pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.**



**Faith Formation Registration** letters for 2015/2016 season will be going out in two weeks. Please send in one form for each child.

**Our Incarnation C.Y.O. Basketball Teams will celebrate their season at a pasta/pizza banquet on Monday, April 13th at 6pm in the Fr. Crawford Hall.** We ask parents to return your child's clean uniform that night in a bag labeled by team/player name. We invite parents to share a dessert /water.

**LENTE CONFESIONS:** Let the light of God's mercy shine on you this Lenten season by going to confession. Every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Mondays during Lent from 6 to 7pm.

**Lenten Mass Schedule:** During Lent daily mass will be celebrated at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Saturday, April 4th. For your information, Corpus Christi will celebrate daily mass during Lent at 7:00am and 5:30pm Monday-Friday. Saturday Masses at Corpus Christi are at 7:30am. Corpus Christi will also offer Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:30pm.



**Lenten Regulations**  
Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted. Catholics who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, but have not yet marked their 59<sup>th</sup> are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**Incarnation Catholic High School Scholarship Applications** are available to parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools. Call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765. Deadline to submit is April 1st.

## Incarnation Church Lenten Program



When a newly elected Jesuit Pope chose a name like Francis, the whole world knew a direction was set, "Francis, go rebuild my Church." The Incarnation Women's Club program exploring the parallels between Saint Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 pm in Father Crawford Hall. Presenting the program is Sister Mary Anne Linder, a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist in Meriden and Associate Professor at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell. Parishioners, friends and guests are welcome. This is the March Women's Club General Meeting. Please take home a copy of the Bi-Lines for more information.

### PARISH COMMUNION SUPPER:

**The Women's Club will host the parish Communion Supper on Thursday, April 23rd.** Mass will be celebrated at 6pm, with dinner at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Our special guest speaker will be Fr. Charles Jacobs, from Holy Trinity Church. He is also Chaplain of The Connecticut Children's Hospital. Dinner reservations are \$30 p.p., please make checks payable to The Church of the Incarnation. Call Judi Farinella at (860) 563-0083. Flyers at exits. All parishioners & friends are most welcome. Deadline for reservations 4/16. Please take home a copy of the Bi-Lines for more information.

**Tea Time with a White House Floral Designer: Ruth Loiseau**.....Saturday, May 2nd in Fr. Crawford Hall. Doors open at 1pm with program beginning promptly at 1:30pm.

A very special event has been planned. We will be having a fabulous floral arrangement demonstration and slide presentation. Ruth is a master floral designer who is nationally known. She has worked with several presidents at the White House for special events. After the demonstration her arrangements will be raffled off. In addition we will have tea, coffee & assorted desserts. The cost of this event is \$20 p.p. Reservations will be limited to 125 people. Checks can be made payable to The Church of the Incarnation and mailed to Ann Hock, 5 Robeth Lane, Wethersfield. See Bi-Lines for information.



**Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services.** It is an outreach to those who live with hunger and poverty. Rice Bowls are at the church entrances. Return your Rice Bowl to the sacristy by March 25th.

### **Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner**

Annual Pasta Dinner, Fr. Crawford Hall Sat., April 25th after 5PM Mass. Menu includes: Ziti, Meat Balls, Sausage, Salad and Dessert. After dinner, Sal Basile will entertain our guests with traditional Italian Music. The cost of this dinner is \$10.00 per Adult, \$25.00 per family (children 12 and under). Please call John Ewaski at (860) 563-3887 to reserve. Checks made payable to the Knights of Columbus & mail to John Ewaski, 161 Brimfield Road. Seating limited, Proceeds of this event will go to local charities. Thank you!

A Weekly Bible Study  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



Psalm 51

The Book of Chronicles we considered last week portrays King David as an ideal ruler, faultless and larger than life. His true exploits, however, are depicted in 2 Samuel. In our lifetimes we will never achieve David's stature nor will most of us commit the grave sins attributed to him in this latter Book: lust, adultery, murder, rage.

One of the most endearing traits of David that we can all share in, however, is the depth of his repentance, depicted in Psalm 51. Also known as the Miserere, this is one of seven penitential psalms. It is a prayer that invites not a hasty act of repentance, but a movement toward transformation of heart. Its emotion is evident in its sweeping language. In the first line the psalmist plunges right into the heart of the matter with humble confidence: "Have mercy on me, O God, for I have sinned." Giving voice to David's sin of adultery, this psalm goes on to expose not only his soul's grief and sorrow, but his trust that God's divine mercy is greater than any sin.

The three verses of today's response offer us a unique vision into this mercy. We first hear of a wonderful truth of God's nature. Though we may be heavily weighted down with guilt and sin, the Lord's mercy arises not from judgment and condemnation, but from goodness and compassion. The psalmist goes on to implore the Lord to "create" a new heart for him. In Genesis creating is an action reserved for God. In his recreation of our hearts, the chaos of sin gives way to peace and new purpose. Finally, the penitent not only looks for forgiveness, but desires to know the *joy* of that salvation. Like so many in the Gospels who experienced Jesus' forgiveness, this is a joy that must be shared and proclaimed from the rooftops.

This psalm teaches us that repentance can be a positive, life affirming, recreating and joy-filled experience. We need only to realize God's desire to forgive and the depth of his mercy. God is eager for our return. What are we waiting for?

**We continue the 2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish.** If you haven't already, you will receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. There are extra letters in envelopes at the entrances if you did not receive one. Thank you.

**THE NEW COVENANT**

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term “new covenant” he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus the “new covenant” speaks the language of his “new commandment” of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* Psalm 130.

**Second Reading** — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent;

Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ’s passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people’s best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain.

Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria’s letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.



**Thank you to Michele & Victoria Kalousdian, the Kalousdian family & everyone else who volunteered to help make the St. Patrick's Dinner an awesome night!**

**You may return your Easter Flower envelope anytime from now until Easter.**

**Easter Communion Regulation:** Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.

### **Catholic Relief Services**

**MEET Rev. Msgr. Paul Knauer and LEARN more about C.R.S.** Msgr. Paul Knauer from Catholic Relief Services will be visiting Incarnation Church the weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Catholic Relief Services is the official international relief and development agency that assists the poor and vulnerable in 93 countries on behalf of the Catholic Community in the United States. Msgr. Knauer is part of a national effort to raise awareness on behalf of poor overseas and to provide different opportunities for you to get involved in the work of CRS.

### **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 should contact: Mike White, 9 Beacon Court, Newington, CT 06111. (860) 667-2099.

**We should like to see Jesus. Where and how do we see Jesus?** *Pray for a clear vision of Jesus in the body of Christ that surrounds us: in the poor, the outcast, & the suffering. Pray for the grace to stand with them. Consider serving the "Body of Christ" 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. Join us the 1st Friday of the month at 9:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel for Vocations Holy Hour.*



**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday:** Blessed palms will be distributed at masses next wkd.



### **Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday:**

Consider full participation in the beautiful liturgies. **(Holy Thursday) 4/2, 7pm, (Good Friday) 4/3, 3pm & (Easter Vigil) 4/4-8pm, Meet Jesus there.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held from 8:30-10pm on Holy Thursday. Sign-up poster will be at Narthex entrance.

**Confessions during Holy Week** will be on Good Friday & Holy Saturday—11-12 noon.

**Blessing of the Easter Food** will be on Holy Saturday at 12:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**We welcome Bishop Peter Rosazza** who will be here to celebrate with us on Palm Sunday and Holy Week including the Easter Sunday Liturgies.

Dear Parishioners: The writings of our Confirmation candidates 2015 are now being included in our weekly bulletin. It is very evident through their words that it takes a community of believers to raise a child in the faith. Thank you grandparents, parents, godparents, sponsors, catechists, aunts & uncles and mentors for witnessing your faith. Their essays are just an amazing testimony to the beautiful faith and spirituality that resides in each and every heart of our teens. We as adults, can learn so much from them. Let us keep passing on this wonderful gift of faith.

God Bless, Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Assistant

**Joan of Arc      Confirmation Sponsor Essay**

My sponsor for my journey through faith is my grandmother. I have chosen my grandmother because she is a loving and trusting person. She is religious, caring and protective. I love to sit and chat with my grandmother all the time. She is full of wisdom and always knows what to say. As a little girl I would sit and talk to her about God and family. I am even keeping a family record, she loves to talk about her family and knows a lot of its history. She came to this country, leaving her whole family behind. As a young girl she was part of her town's church and church group, even though it was frowned upon (my grandmother is from Cuba). She had a lot of friends tease her because of this, but it never stopped her from practicing her faith. My grandmother is always watching out for me and my family. She makes sure I'm happy, spoiling me with all type of goodies. At first I would take this all for granted, now I'm happy when she makes me my favorite vanilla pudding & scolds me for coming home without a jacket. It shows me she cares & it makes me happy knowing she cares!

When I was little I remember always wanting to sleep over her house. In my grandmother's home, crosses hang on the walls, Jesus statues stand by the windows and bibles sit on the coffee table and nightstands. She taught my sister and me the Guardian Angel prayer in Spanish, and before bed she would always ask, "Did you say your prayers?" Every Sunday morning she would wake me and my sister up really early to go to church. It was a Spanish mass, where my grandparents knew everyone and somehow they all knew me too. As a little girl I didn't understand anything the priest would say. I remember watching my grandmother, every night, praying the rosary. As I got older we would have conversations about anything and everything. We discussed God a lot, how we got here, our faith and beliefs. These conversations would go deep into our religion. We would discuss heaven and God. She would always reassure me that there is nothing to worry about. She always tells me that God was watching over us, always guiding us to the right path. She would also reassure me about heaven saying that it is a beautiful place to be and there is nothing scary about death. Our loved ones are there watching us and waiting for us. She tells me that Angels are also others that watch over us. Our Guardian Angels watch us, protecting us in life.

As a young girl my grandmother was part of her youth group. Just as I am part of the church's youth ministry group. I want to be like my grandmother. She is a very religious woman, everyone loves her and stands up for what she believes. Being loved is a good thing because that means you are a good person. People love good people, no one likes a bully. It is important to stand up for what you believe in. Even if others think it's wrong. Standing up for what you believe in is hard to do especially when everyone else thinks you are wrong.