

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

Rectory Hours

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

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(860) 529-2533

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(860) 721-6595

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www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Mass Schedule

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

8pm –For all our parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

8:30am–Deceased members of the Andreoli Family

10:30am–Deceased members of the Heinimann & Gurgigno Families

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH

9:00am– For all our deceased parishioners & benefactors

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

9:00am– Burt Vaughn

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

9:00am— Sarah Ann Marie Privitera, Myles Connolly Sr., Mark Rioux, Nicholas Damato Jr. & Bob Ensign Sr.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

9:00am– John Iacobucci

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

9:00am– For all our parishioners

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

5:00pm– Reverend David W. Lonergan

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

8:30am–Olga Spera

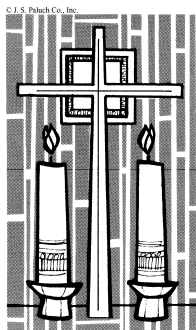
10:30am– Deceased members of the Sarrantonio & DeLisle Families

The Sanctuary Candle will

burn from 4/6/2015–
4/12/2015 in memory of
Domenica Elisa Heinimann
Torrance & Connie Schur.

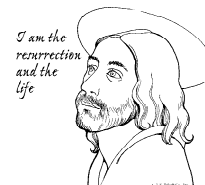
The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
4/6/2015-4/12/2015 in
memory of Elizabeth Phillips
Kempf & deceased members of the Phillips
& Burgie Families.



*A JOYOUS EASTER TO ALL
FROM FR. MORAN AND
THE STAFF AT THE
CHURCH OF THE
INCARNATION!*

*ALLELUIA
CHRIST IS
RISEN!!!!*



There is one collection on Easter for our parish.

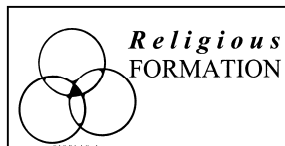
Employment Support Group, Tues., April 7th—9:30am, Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wed., 4/8th, 9:30am- Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Women's Club Executive Board mtg.
Thurs., April 9th, 7pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**The Second Collection next weekend
will be the monthly.**

“Project Baby Love” collection next wkd. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested.



Faith Formation for Grades K-6 at Emerson-Williams....March 28th was their final session.

Middle School Faith Formation:

Tues., April 7th for grade 8 & Wed., April 8th for grade 7.

Parish Family Home communities will meet at designated times.



C.L.W. will be held on April 12th at the 10:30am Mass.

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



Faith Formation Registration letters for 2015/2016 season will be mailed out soon. 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.

Thank you to our Confirmation candidates 2105 and their families for hosting the New England Chamber Choir and Orchestra Concert last Sunday. It was a wonderful afternoon of Lenten to Easter music. The reception that followed was elegant and the atmosphere was so very welcoming. Thank you to Doreen Adams, Audrey Saharek and Lisa Stefano for chairing the reception and thank you to all the families and parishioners for providing such delicious foods. Thank you also to the team of servers, parents and candidates and to all who helped in so many ways. Special appreciation to Phil Pasternak, our sexton, for his assistance in so many ways in preparation for this special event..

It is with great joy that we welcome Johnathan Williams into our Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil Saturday evening.

He will be Baptized, receive Confirmation and receive First Eucharist in the presence of our assembly. John has been studying the Catholic faith for over a year under the direction of Noranne Wamester, Pastoral Associate. His godparent and sponsor is Rosa Pelaez and he has chosen Peter to be his Confirmation name. As a faith community, we celebrate this wonderful occasion and we pray in thanksgiving for the gift of a new Catholic among us.

**Easter Sunday
April 5, 2015**

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

— *Psalm 118:17*

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 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.

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!



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Beginning Experience Weekend

For all who are divorced, widowed, or separated - there is a special heartache in finding oneself alone again. **DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN** of all ages are encouraged to attend a ***Beginning Experience*** weekend designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future.

The next ***Beginning Experience*** weekend will be held **April 17 - 19** concluding with Mass at **the Montfort House in Litchfield, CT.**

The weekend fee includes the program and materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday and two nights' stay. For more information please call Ray at 860-741-3050 or Karen at 860-985-8339. *The beginning Experience* program is endorsed by the Archdiocesan Family Life Office.

A Weekly Bible Study

Solemnity of the Lord's
Resurrection

John 20:1-9 Gospel of Easter Morning



With hearts like empty tombs, three disciples make their way to the site of Jesus' burial. Mary of Magdala comes to the tomb early in the morning "while it is still dark." The light of understanding has not yet illuminated the dark recesses of her aching, abandoned heart. The emptiness of the tomb resonates within her desolate soul. In her disillusionment, she wonders: Has she lost her Lord forever? Has their loving relationship been in vain?

Summoned by Mary, Simon Peter rushes to the tomb with anxious anticipation. Denial of his Lord is fresh in his experience. His empty heart seeks wholeness but only finds an abandoned burial place. Will he now lose hope of being forgiven? Has his following of the Lord all been for naught?

The "beloved disciple" enters into the darkness of the tomb as if drawn deeply into a mysterious life force. He sees beyond the physical evidence left behind. His heart begins to experience a spiritual illumination. Has his loving, personal relationship with the Lord enabled him to "see and believe?"

On this Easter morning, three disciples are *drawn* to the empty tomb, each approaching tentatively the vast unknown. As the first light of day begins to illumine the night, it gives way to the first glimmer of resurrection, the first ray of hope that all is not lost. Their own emptiness will gradually come to fullness as they begin to understand the everlasting life that emerged from the darkness of the empty tomb. This Easter day promise, hope and belief emerge from the darkness of the tomb as new Light enters expectant hearts. Alleluia!

Easter Blessings!

If the Mass is reserved in memory of your loved one and you would like to bring up the gifts, please let the



ushers know this prior to the start of Mass. Follow the altar server/cross bearer down the aisle as the prayers of the faithful are read.

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, Spring Open House on April 15th at 8:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Hwy. for prospective students/families. We offer an outstanding core curriculum in addition to Spanish, art, music/band. All are invited to visit while classes are in session. Faculty, students & parents will be on hand to answer questions. The school encompasses PreK - 8th grade. Call (860) 529-5487.

SEEKING

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to “seek what is above.” Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord’s body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday seeking many things. For some of us, this is a once□a□year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. For the newly baptized, this is the first day of a new life filled with promise and expectation. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, “saw and believed.”

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Mark 16:1-7 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord;

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

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Saturday: Saturday in the Octave of Easter

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our tradition has a way of honoring age-old customs, and is patient with how practices unfold in different places. The name of today’s feast illustrates this well. English is a Germanic language, and our word “Easter,” or German “Oester,” points back to the pagan goddess Eoestre, the star of the vernal equinox feast. The Greek title “Pasch” reaches back in a more helpful manner to the Hebrew “Pesach,” or “Passover.” “Paschal Triduum” may be slow to replace “Easter” in our vocabulary, but it is clearer about the mystery we celebrate today, the culmination of three days laden with mystery and meaning.

You can hear the older term, and the resistance to English influence, in the Irish “Casca” and Scottish “Pask.” Romance languages stay close to the deep paschal tradition, with the French “Pâques,” Spanish “Pascua” and Italian “Pasqua.” Memories of our pagan past with “Oester” will not soon fade away: even Japanese Christians are under her spell, for today’s feast is called “I-suta.” Swahili, a young language, takes the more traditional route with “Pasaka.” Each language yields a rich insight into the feast. Spanish includes a sense that today is a “big Sunday” by adding the designation “Pascua” to the greatest feasts, such as “Pascua de la Natividad” (Christmas). Once Christ is risen, every step of life’s journey is illuminated by the light of the Pasch!

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 18th – 19th. 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 National Shrine of The Divine Mercy Stockbridge, MA

A Pilgrimage bus trip to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy is planned for Thursday, June 4, 2015. The Shrine is staffed by the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and promotes the message of The Divine Mercy. The Shrine offers Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary for Life, Holy Mass, Chaplet of The Divine Mercy and Benediction. Blessing of religious articles & opportunity to venerate a first class relic of St. Faustina are also offered. You may visit the gift shop and the Stations of the Cross on the grounds. Lunch is included at Michael's Restaurant in Stockbridge. Cost is \$57.00. Call Paula Melillo for reservations 563-9506.

You may return your Easter Flower envelope on Easter weekend.

The Lord Has Risen; it is true! Proclaim it to the world! Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood & religious life. To discern a religious vocation,

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 www.vocationshartford.org. *Join us the 1st Friday of the month at 9:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel for Vocations Holy Hour.*



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

We have Gluten Free Hosts for parishioners who need them. Please let the priest know prior to Mass of your request.

Faustina: Messenger of the Divine Mercy an inspiring dramatic live production will be presented at St. Justine Church in Hartford on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$15.00 advance tickets, \$20.00 at the door. Call St. Justin Parish Office 860-246-6897 ext. 313. This is a nationwide tour of the play with excellent reviews.

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.

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 Associate

Confirmation Name Essay

I chose Saint Bernadette as my saint name because she is an inspiration. She was humble, kind, prayerful, and never lost faith in God, even when everyone doubted her. I admire Saint Bernadette because of her bravery and willingness to follow God's call. Saint Bernadette Soubirous was born into extreme poverty. She lived with her family in a one-room basement. Throughout her short life, she suffered from asthma and tuberculosis. On Thursday, February 11, 1858, when Bernadette was fourteen, she was sent to go collect firewood when a beautiful lady dressed in blue and white appeared to her above a rose bush. When Bernadette saw her, she fell on her knees and began to pray the rosary. She recognized that it was the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bernadette spoke of her visions with Mary, but no one believed her. Some people even claimed she had mental illness, and said she should be put in an asylum. She was interviewed by officials of the Catholic Church and the French government, but she consistently stuck to her story. One day Mary came to Bernadette and told her to start digging in the mud. As she did, a spring of water began to flow and gradually grew larger. People began to use this water and many miracles were reported. In the 150 years since Bernadette dug up the spring, 69 cures have been verified by the Lourdes Medical Bureau as inexplicable, after rigorous scientific and medical examination. Bernadette Soubirous was declared venerable by Pope Pius X, and "Blessed" on June 14, 1925, by Pope Pius XI. She was officially canonized a Saint by Pope Pius XI on December 8, 1933. I admire Saint Bernadette for never losing faith despite people questioning her and accusing her of lying. Despite receiving lots of attention, she always remained humble. One day a nun asked her if she had temptations of pride because she was chosen by the Blessed Virgin Mary to carry out her mission. "How can I?" she told her. "The Blessed Virgin chose me only because I was the most ignorant."