

The Church of the Incarnation

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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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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

5pm – Gilbert Munoz

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

8:30pm–Deceased members of the
Mucimeci & Gaetano Families

10:30am–Matteo Pugliese

MONDAY, MAY 25TH

9:00am– Ida Mascaro

TUESDAY, MAY 26TH

9:00am– Bernie Larco

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH

9:00am– Marion Dellafera

FRIDAY, MAY 29TH

9:00am–Giovanni & Carmena Ficocelli

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

5:00pm– Raphael J. Vignone

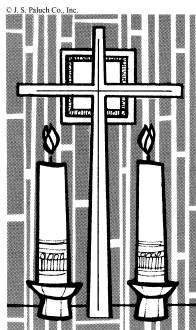
SUNDAY, MAY 31ST

8:30am– Deceased members of the Brassard
& White Families

10:30am–Flora Colasacco

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 5/25/2015–
5/31/2015 in memory of
the deceased members of
the Amenta, Scata &
Giangreco Families.



The Blessed Virgin

Mary Candle will burn from
5/25/2015-5/31/2015 in memory of
Tom, Mary & Vincent Scully.



Thank you to all who donated to the
Catholic Communications Campaign.

**There is a special second collection
this weekend for the people of Nepal.**
Catholic Relief Services has already
begun to embark on a major emergency
response to this severe disaster and has
committed funds to extended relief
efforts. Please be generous.

House of Bread collection this wknd.
Coffee & sugar are requested.

The Incarnation Women's Club will
collect broken and/or new rosary
beads to be donated to the missions.
Collection box in the Narthex. Thank
you! Carole Christensen, President

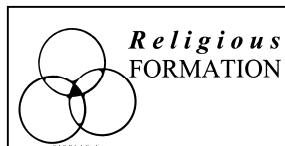


Memorial
Day

The rectory will be
closed on Monday,
May 25th in honor

of Memorial Day. Emergency calls
only please. Have a safe and fun week-
end!





All Faith Formation communities are in summer recess. Have a safe & peaceful summer!

BAPTISM

**ALINA
JAINCHILL**

**Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2015**

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Eighth Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdelene de'Pazzi;
Memorial Day

Tuesday: St. Philip Neri

Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Faith Formation Registration letters

for 2015/2016 season were mailed out. Please send in one form for each child. New students must provide a copy of their Baptismal certificate unless your child was baptized at Incarnation.

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge, MA: An Incarnation Church 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 and 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 included at Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge. Cost is \$63.00. Bus departs from church parking lot. Call Paula Melillo 563-9506. Flyers at exits.

Prayer Shawl Meeting Wednesday,

June 10th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. This will be the final gathering for the summer. See you on Sept. 9th. If you need yarn during the summer call Audrey at the rectory 529-2533.

Thank you to the Men's Association and all involved in planning the STEAK NIGHT.

30th Annual Franciscan Sports Banquet and Silent Auction to benefit The Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care will be held Tuesday, June 2, 2015, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m., at the Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, Connecticut. Cost is \$60.00 for adults and \$30 for Children under 12. Visit www.flcenter.org or call (203) 237-8084 for more information.

WEDDING



**KEITH MILLETTE
&
NICOLE
PIZZOFERRATO**

PASTORAL PLANNING SURVEY: The deadline for completing the Pastoral Planning Survey has been extended by one week. For those who have not yet taken it, the survey will remain open through and including May 31st. Please be sure to complete the survey - **YOUR VOICE COUNTS!**

www.research.net/s/pastoralplanning

Please take the time to express your voice by answering questions about pastoral planning that will take about 20 minutes to complete. Your input is essential to the open and inclusive process on which we are embarking together. Your participation will help shape the future direction of our Archdiocese and help to express our mission in new ways that meet the needs, challenges, and changing opportunities of our times.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis describes the intent of this process best: *“I dream of a missionary option, that is a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, languages and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.”*

As we try to discern God’s will for the Archdiocese of Hartford, please add your voice by completing the Pastoral Planning Survey. It is available in English, Spanish and Polish to anyone 18 years or older.

Thank you in advance for your time, participation, and for expressing your unique **VOICE**.

A Weekly Bible Study



Solemnity of Pentecost
John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

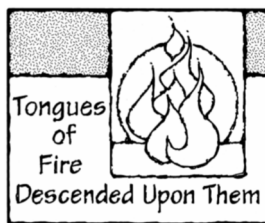
Jesus has been quietly preparing our hearts to receive his Spirit. Have we been paying attention? Today's Gospel and those of the last three Sundays have been taken from the "Farewell Discourse" of Jesus. In the context of a sacred meal, Jesus shares in intimate terms his deepest desires for all of us.

These five chapters are filled with language of love, assurance and hopefulness. As Jesus speaks to us in this fourth Gospel we hear: *I will not leave you orphan ...remain in my love...I call you my friends...your grief will become joy...Father, they are your gift to me.*

Jesus also speaks at length of an "Advocate" who will come. This designation speaks to us of companion, guide, comforter, counselor, One who stands by our side and makes our concerns his own. As John iterates in today's Gospel, this Spirit will witness, guide, declare and glorify. And this, too, will be our mission as disciples.

Jesus has, indeed, given much assurance to his followers during this Last Supper discourse. There is something we should not miss in today's Gospel as he declares "I have much more to tell you but you cannot bear it now." Our "bearing of the truth" is a lifelong process. It is one in which the Spirit accompanies us as we grow into spiritual maturity, and as we come to understand better God's divine truths as well as our own inner convictions. As we grow in faith, our witness becomes stronger, as does the Spirit's power at work in us.

Let us renew this day within our hearts the power of this Advocate at work within us to inspire, lead and guide us in our faith journey. Let us continue to pray for an increase in the gifts that empower that journey. And let us grow in the truth so that we, too, may inspire, lead and guide others in the faith, that in all we do we may glorify God.



**A PRAYER TO THE
SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit,
who sent Christ Jesus
to carry the Good news to the
poor,
we pray to you:

Help us to continue your work
by serving the poor, our brothers and sisters.

A SIGNIFICANT DAY

“And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were” (Acts 2:2). The Holy Spirit’s arrival on that first Pentecost was signaled by a rush of wind. We all know what it’s like when our windows are open just as a summer storm rises up. Curtains fly, papers become airborne, house plants shudder, dust is scattered. A rush of wind disrupts the orderliness of our home. The coming of the Holy Spirit, as celebrated each year at Pentecost, can also disrupt ways that have become comfortable and orderly. The Church always needs Pentecost. We need the breath of God’s Spirit to blow away any complacency or malaise that has settled into our faith. Jesus breathes on his disciples and they receive the Holy Spirit. With that reception comes the power to share the Good News of salvation. Today, this is no less true for us.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or *Galatians 5:16-25*.

Gospel — As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or *John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22;
Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Marriage is ideally a parish event today, but in the first three centuries of the church’s history, it was a household celebration guided by civil law and pagan customs. Changes happened quickly after the Peace of Constantine in 312, and the fresh air after long persecution brought some creativity. The speech that the father of the groom’s family gave before dinner or the veiling or crowning of the bride (or even the spouse’s arrival at the honeymoon suite) attracted a prayer of blessing.

With amazing rapidity, worship was propelled out of the intimate setting of house churches to large public gathering spaces, and some parts of the marriage ceremony began to migrate with the growing community to the new spaces. In Rome, the veiling of the bride with the customary daily headgear of a married woman became the central liturgical act, accompanied by a biblical prayer for her integrity and fruitfulness. There were no vows as such (just as there are no vows to this day in the Orthodox marriage rite). In the liturgy, after hearing John’s Gospel account of the wedding at Cana, the bride was veiled and blessed, and the priest gave the kiss of peace to the husband, who then gave it to his bride. The liturgy of Rome traveled far, and everywhere it went, marriage became a church celebration.

The Archdiocese of Hartford will offer a three-day pilgrimage to Philadelphia to attend a Papal Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from September 25-27th. See the bulletin boards for more information.

Saint John Paul II/Pope John Paul II/Holy Cross Catholic School in New Britain
Special Mass & Open House for Friends & Alumni - Thursday May 28th, 2015

For the past 60 years, graduates of Saint John Paul II School & Holy Cross School have lived the values & spread the messages acquired in this community of Faith and friendship. Our graduates have made an impact on the community of New Britain. This year Saint John Paul II School announced that it will be closing its doors forever in June of 2015. Mass of Special Intention at the Holy Cross Church at 6 pm, then a Reception and Open House will follow at 7pm in the Gym before we close its doors forever. We invite all to attend!

SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING EXCITING BUS TRIPS!

- Saturday, June 27—Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY. Great Family trip. \$89 pp.
- Saturday, July 25—Boston Duck Tour, JFK Library followed by dinner at Maggiano's Restaurant at 5:00 pm, \$142pp
- Saturday, August 15—Saratoga Racetrack, reserved grandstand seating, always a sellout. \$89 pp.
- Saturday, September 12—Broadway Show; "Beautiful", based on the life of singer/songwriter Carole King. This a fabulous show! \$189 pp.
- Wednesday, December 9—Always a Sellout! Radio City Christmas Show, followed by dinner at Carmine's. Price to follow.

For information and reservations regarding upcoming bus trips, please contact John Rocco, 860-666-5061. These trips sell out quickly; please make your reservations asap.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth more workers for your vineyard. May many of your people choose to serve you by becoming priests, brothers, and sisters. Please pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. If you are being called to serve 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.



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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 continue the 2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. The A.A.A. helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2015 Appeal will help continue these and other vital ministries, services, & programs that reach out to so many in need.

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

For my Saint name, I chose Saint Sebastian. I chose Saint Sebastian because he is the patron Saint of athletes. I have been an athlete all my life, and sports such as basketball are very important to me and a big part of my life. Whenever I play sports I feel calmer and closer to God. I now know that Saint Sebastian is there looking out for me, protecting me and making sure I do not get hurt. Whenever I am in need of help or just someone to talk to, I know I can pray to Saint Sebastian and he will get me through any tough time I may have. This is why I chose Saint Sebastian as my Saint name, and chose him to accompany me on this journey through Confirmation.

Service Reflection

On Saturday May 9, 2015 I helped to sell roses for St. Gerard's Center for Life, a charity that helps unwed mothers who are pregnant. It was fitting to sell roses because the mothers who bought these roses that were for Mother's Day were also giving to other mothers that do so much for their children even before they are born. Since it was Mother's Day this helped mothers who choose to have their babies instead of choosing abortion. This is a great cause and will certainly help those mothers who are in need of support.