

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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(860) 529-2533

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

5pm – Ludger & Celena Martin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

8:30pm– Olga Spera

10:30am– Tiberio Pace

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH

9:00am– Pauline Falotico

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

9:00am– For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

9:00am— Antonio & Raffaella Stocco

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH

9:00am– Giovanni Silvestri & Giustino & Silvio Mariani & Antonio & Rosa Chiulli

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH

9:00am– Francis Plona

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

9:00am–For all our parishioners

5:00pm– Frank Mandile

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

8:30am– Eleanor Mazzarella

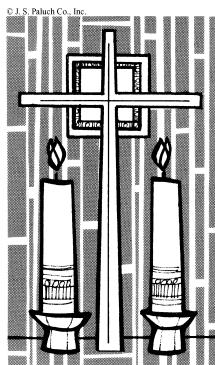
10:30am– Arthur & Yvonne Breton

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 8/10/2015–
8/16/2015 in memory of
Deacon Bob & Mary
D’Efemia.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
8/10/2015-8/16/2015 in
memory of Janet Ward.



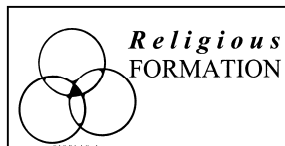
The Second collection this weekend is the monthly collection.

Project Baby Love collection this wkd. Disposable diapers/wipes needed.

SAVE THE DATE — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH 1:00 – 4:00 PM

The Men’s Association will again be hosting the Incarnation Parish Picnic. Food will include hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, desserts, soda & water. Cost is \$10 per adult or \$25 per family. Tickets will be available the day of the event. Call John Ewaski at (860) 563-3887. Please find flyers at the entrances, return the tear-off portion and place it in the collection basket. The price is the same \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Payment will be made at the door. Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic!

Incarnation Men's Association meeting this Wed., August 12, 2015 at 7PM in Father Crawford Hall. Light refreshments will be served. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan the Parish Picnic on September 13th. Meetings are open to all men of the parish.



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

CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

On August 7, 2015, 13 members of our own **Youth Ministry** along with their chaperones will be heading to St. John's University, N.Y.C. to attend the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference. One of St. Augustine's most famous quotes is "**Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord.**" These words often describe the spiritual angst that teenagers experience throughout their high school years. Every teen has the desire to achieve something great and to be someone great. We see this desire played out on social media daily. At this conference our teens will learn what it takes to be great in this life. They will come to experience a relationship with Christ that can radically transform everything in their lives. **The goal of the Steubenville Conference is for teens to open their hearts to Jesus Christ who desires their lives to be fulfilling, exciting & joyful!** We kindly ask our parish community to keep our youth in your prayers as they attend this weekend conference.

Faith Formation Catechist Needs:

The following Catechists are needed. We are in need of 1 team (parish family home) for a grade 1 faith formation class.

One Grade 3 Catechist is needed at Emerson-Williams School on Saturday morning at 9am. .

One Grade 4 Catechist at Emerson – Williams is also needed.

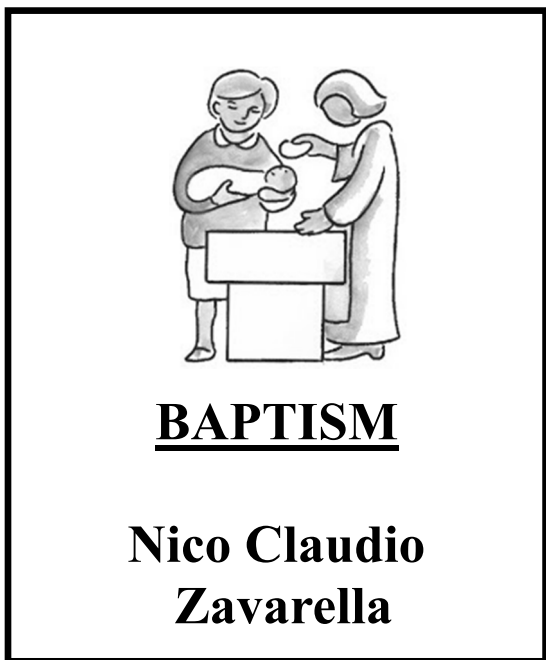
Natural Family Planning Information Session

NFP is an umbrella term for modern, healthy, scientifically accurate, natural, and reliable methods of family planning. An introductory NFP session will be held on Saturday August 22, 2015, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. at St. Joseph Church, 149 Goodwin St. Bristol, CT 06010. Open to anyone interested in understanding more about NFP. Free. Registration required. Call Office of Family Life (860) 242-5573 Ext. 2683

Corpus Christi Women's Club is offering some bus trips and our parishioners are invited to attend. These bus trips are not fund-raisers, they charge what the bus company charges them. Trips are planned so women, men & families all feel welcomed. These are community building trips. See the bulletin board.

Are you interested in joining either The Incarnation Men's Association or The Knights of Columbus: Please call Mike White at (860) 667-2099 for more information.

Prayer Shawl Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 9th in Fr. Crawford Hall at **9:30am**. If you need yarn during the summer call Audrey at the rectory 529-2533.



Thank you for your kind welcome to Fr. Robert Vujs M.M. last weekend.

We received a lovely thank you note from St. Gerard's Center for Life for our generous support from the proceeds of the Mother's Day Rose Sale. Please see the bulletin boards.

Married couples observing their 25th, 50th, 60th & other special wedding anniversaries in 2015 are invited to attend the Archdiocesan Anniversary Mass on Sun., October 25th, 2pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows, followed by a reception & photo opportunity with Archbishop Blair. Family members & friends are invited. Call Audrey (860) 529-2533 to register.

Thank you to our Incarnation Garden Ministry volunteers for all of their hard work preparing, planting, weeding, and watering the lovely gardens surrounding the church! They are enjoyed by all!

Thank you to our parishioners who volunteer for our Baptismal Robe Ministry. These wonderful volunteers sew & embroider robes with devotion & care for children & adults of the parish receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.

Thank you to all of the volunteers of our parish who participate in so many ways to enrich the spiritual life of our parish.

South Catholic High School Class of 1965 - 50th Reunion Planning Committee seeks former classmates for October reunion. Call Ray at (860) 563-4820.



A Weekly Bible Study

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ▪ 1 Kings
19:4-8

It is no wonder the prophet Elijah is running for his life. He has just had the 450 false prophets of Baal put to death and Queen Jezebel is outraged. Her husband, Ahab, the evil king of Israel, now wants Elijah to suffer the same fate. (Do we hear echoes of John the Baptist?)

Elijah has apparently forgotten the dramatic intervention of God in bringing about the destruction of the false prophets. He has somehow lost his trust. This man of God only knows that he is depressed, tired and frustrated. The Lord's work is just too much for Elijah and he now asks for death.

How short our memories can become when we feel abandoned by God, when our good works go unrecognized. How often have we wanted to give up ("sought death") when our efforts at doing the Lord's work seem in vain.

As the story continues, an angel appears to provide Elijah with nourishment. The prophet is too weary to care, but God's messenger is insistent that Elijah fortify himself. He is still unaware of the divine nature of this mysterious food. It is a simple hearth cake and jug of water, but so much more. This sustenance will enable him to make an even more important journey, one that will bring him to a holy place. His forty day and night sojourn, propelled by the nourishment of this mysterious sacred bread, will bring him to Horeb where his ancestor Moses received the divine law.

This food will offer Elijah more than just physical revival. It will be his Bread of Life, transforming his weary spirit, giving him a new resolve to continue the work of God. We can well imagine that Elijah is now able to get up, stand tall, his eyes firmly fixed on his new destination, his heart transformed. Continuing on his new spiritual journey, the Bread of Life will now be his strength.

A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

There's no pillow so soft as a clear conscience. —French proverb

HELPER NEEDED

God is a good worker; but loves to be helped. —Basque proverb

THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING

Everyone recognizes the truth of good proverbs, and so they endure from generation to generation. The Russians have a surprisingly bold one that fits this Sunday's Gospel: "Bread is the beginning of everything."

Judging from the first reading, Elijah might have felt that it was too late for bread—too late for life itself. This great prophet was at the end of his rope and endurance. Then, not one, but two angels visit him. One offers food and drink. The other gives startling directions. For Elijah, this food from the angels is bread for his journey. On the strength of the heaven-sent gift of food, he walks to the mountain of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers himself, not just as bread for the journey, but as bread for life itself. He gives his flesh as life for the world. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48). He is the beginning of everything.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
(Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Lawrence

Tuesday: St. Clare

Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Thursday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

Friday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Saturday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MAKE DEPOSITS

Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits.
—Anonymous

Please take home a white copy of Archbishop Blair's Update Letter

regarding information about the recent Pastoral Planning Survey & Focus Groups which are at the entrances.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In an age given to slogan T-shirts, one of the last bastions of "dressing up" is the wedding. Everyone seems to stretch toward the old ideal of "Sunday best" for these moments. In our tradition, clothing is immensely important. Coming out of the baptismal water, we are immediately vested with a white garment. "You have clothed yourself in Christ," the new Christian is told, and a white garment is the token of being born into God's family. Sadly, this is the last time most Christians wear this garb until their funeral, when the family spreads a pall as a reminder of of baptismal identity.

Increasingly today, we are seeing the alb as the proper garb for liturgical ministers, men and women. In ancient Rome, sleeveless tunics of varying colors were worn by everyone, and so at baptism the new Christians could be expected to wear their new garb under their everyday clothes. Sleeves were a problem for ancient Romans, who thought they were a barbarian fashion. As is so often the case, eventually the barbarians won the day, and by the third century the long-sleeved garment worn by ministers today was familiar liturgical garb.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in them the fire of your love. 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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Next Saturday, August 15th is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not a Holyday of Obligation this year. There will however be a 9am Mass on Saturday morning in addition to the 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass.

Corpus Christi after school program is seeking aides to fill paid positions for the 2015-2016 school year. Ideal candidates are self-motivated, creative, energetic people who enjoy interacting with children in grades Pre-K - Grade 8. The hours are 2pm-5:15pm M-F. Contact Mrs. DeLuca at (860) 529-0090.

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

Butterfly Garden Outreach

My latest Christian service outreach was caring for our Butterfly Garden. My mother, grandmother & I weeded, dead-headed, and fixed the blown mulch. It was so calm & peaceful while we were there. I felt like my Auntie Elisa & Grandpapa were there with us as we had this family time together remembering the children & loved ones lost in our parish. This outreach taught me to slow down, stay quiet, enjoy God's creation of flowers, plants, solitude and pray. We said a family prayer by the Grotto first and enjoyed looking at the beautiful roses that were so healthy by Mary's side. I feel that we are truly blessed as a parish family to have such a beautiful space in our parish for prayer.

My prayer:

May all of us be thankful that God gave us the gift of prayer as we remember our loved ones who have gone before us to prepare a place for us with God. May we be thankful for God, our church, our butterfly garden & our Grotto as we wake up each new day.