

# The Church of the Incarnation

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Toni Munoz  
**Sacristan**

Marguerite Heinimann  
**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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(860) 529-2533

**Fax**  
(860) 721-6595

**Church E-Mail**  
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## Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

5:00 pm – Joseph & Anna Maria Pedemonti

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

8:30pm– Rose & Armando Barbieri

10:30am– Kevin J. Vaughan

### MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST

9:00am– Deceased members of the  
Campittello Family

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

9:00am– Christine Munoz

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

9:00am— Lawrence DuPont Sr.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

9:00am– For all our parishioners

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

9:00am– Anthony DiCiccio

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

5:00pm– Francis L. Kinney

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

8:30am– Olga Spera

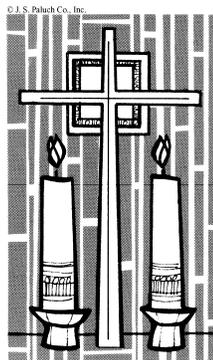
10:30am–Carmelo & Michelina Reale

### The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 8/31/2015–  
9/6/2015 in honor of St.  
Valentine.

### The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle

will burn from  
8/31/2015-9/6/2015 in  
memory of Lawrence  
DuPont Sr.



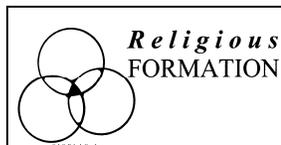
**Employment Support Group will meet this Tuesday, September 1st at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Women's Club Executive Board Meeting this Thursday, September 3rd at 1pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Friday is the First Friday in Sept., Mass will be at 9am with Vocations Holy Hour after in the Chapel.**

**Prayer Shawl Meeting** on Wed., Sept. 9th in Fr. Crawford Hall at **9:30am**.

**Incarnation Parish Picnic will be held on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> from 1– 4 PM...The Men's Association will again be the host.** 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 see flyers at the entrances, return the tear-off portion and place it in the collection basket. \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Pay at the door. Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic!



**There will be a catechist orientation gathering** on Monday, September 14th at 7pm in Father Crawford Hall. This gathering will include all catechists from Grades K-8. Noranne Wamester and Maggie Seaver will lead the evening.

**Please know that Parish Family Home communities are available ONLY if a team of two catechists join our team.** If there is no availability then children from 1-6 will attend Emerson-Williams School on Saturday mornings.

**We are in need of catechists at the following levels:**

One parish family home TEAM for Grade 4.

One parish family home TEAM for Grade One.

**Consider becoming a catechist in our religious education program.** It is a wonderful way to be a transmitter of our beautiful faith to our children. Please put this request to prayer and see what the Lord has to tell you. If you are inspired, please call Noranne at (860) 529-6765.



**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at Incarnation on Sunday, November 8th at 2pm with a Mass.** The Most Reverend Peter A. Rosazza D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus will be the celebrant.

**All letters & calendars for Faith Formation** will be mailed out in two weeks.

**Emerson-Williams Faith Formation begins** on Saturday, September 26th at 9am.

**Grade 8 Faith Formation will begin on Tues., September 22nd & Wed., September 23rd from 6:30-8pm.**

**We will once again sponsor a Wethersfield Food Bank Collection the weekend of September 26th & 27th after all of the masses in Fr. Crawford Hall.** Items most needed are: cereal, no oatmeal, peanut butter/jelly, canned pastas, shelf staple milk (cartons of liquid milk) canned meats & stews, plastic half gallon bottles of juice, baked beans, boxed potatoes, spaghetti sauce & canned fruit. Please bring your bagged items to the Fr. Crawford Hall after any mass that wknd. Your kind generosity is appreciated!



## A Weekly Bible Study

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

When we have gone astray, a second chance is always appreciated. The Book of Deuteronomy or “second law” offers to the Israelites that very opportunity. Forty years of desert wandering have led them into infidelities. Moses will now have to restore their sense of the importance of God’s law.

The law had a unique place in Israelite history. It was a sign of Israel’s status as chosen people, the divine favor that set the nation apart from others. The law was meant to identify Israel as a “wise and intelligent people” as Moses offers in today’s reading. And most importantly, it revealed the intimate relationship between God and his chosen nation. In the eyes of Moses, God’s law was a gift, and their actions were to demonstrate appreciation for that gift.

In preparing for his final days, Moses is passionate about ensuring that the legacy of the law be preserved. The Book of Deuteronomy – essentially his last will and testament – will be the final exhortation of Moses to God’s people. As the people prepare to take possession of the land that God has promised, they will need to make a new resolve to imprint the law upon their hearts. Blessings and prosperity in the new land will depend upon the Israelites’ embracing wholeheartedly God’s commands. The exhortations in Deuteronomy will offer them their “second chance” to come back to God and live faithfully as his chosen people. And, as salvation history will show, the Israelites will fail repeatedly.

Each day our gracious God gives us a second chance to hear and heed his law. We, too, fail over and over again. We have only to look to his Son who implanted within our hearts a new law, a new covenant of love. He became one of us that he might show us the way, the truth and the life. In his Son, God has indeed given us that second chance.

**Gerard's Center for Life Laps for Life 2015**

FAMILIES, YOUTH GROUPS, & PARISHIONERS...COME ONE, COME ALL! The honor of your presence is requested at the first annual St. Gerard's Center for Life "Laps for Life" event! Join our pregnancy resource center for a day of walking, family fun, vendors, and fellowship! Saturday, September 26th, 9a.m. -12:30p.m. East Catholic High School, Manchester, CT ENTRY FREE: \$25.00 per person (This earns each walker entry into the event, a morning donut, a hot dog and refreshments, fun with friends and family, dancing with DJ music, face-painting, silent auction, and more!! Every walker will also receive a 2015 Laps for Life Travel Tumbler!) FUNDRAISING GOAL: While there is not a minimum requirement for each walker to raise funds, an incentive of a 2015 Laps for Life t-shirt will be given to every walker who raises \$100 or more! (The entry fee is not included in the total fundraising goal.) \*\*All proceeds will directly benefit the efforts and continued programming at St. Gerard's Center for Life in Hartford! \*\*This is an exciting opportunity to earn community service hours for students, to learn about the incredible programs that St. Gerard's offers to its mothers and families, and to become a very special partner in our mission to continue to celebrate the dignity of every human life! VISIT OUR WEBSITE ([www.lapsforlifehartford.net](http://www.lapsforlifehartford.net)) OR FACEBOOK PAGE (<https://www.facebook.com/st.gerards.hartford>) TO REGISTER TODAY! OR, CALL OUR OFFICE TO REQUEST REGISTRATION PAPERWORK! 860-257-1021 Corporate sponsors are encouraged to contact us for more information about making a significant impact on our event!

**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 with Archbishop Blair. Family/friends are invited. Call Audrey (860) 529-2533 to register.

**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.

**ABC's of Catholic Relief Services:**

This week - CRS/Lebanon... Millions of Syrians have fled their country in the wake of the violent civil war that began in 2011. Thousands are now in Lebanon. CRS represents American Catholics in Lebanon and responds with food, shelter, living supplies and education and counselling for children. 700,000 people in the region are being helped by CRS and its supporters.

**TRADITION**

Tradition is long human memory set, not in stone, but in human interaction. Without this active memory, the bonds of relationship and affection fray and fall apart. Communities dissolve as surely as neglected buildings do. After participating in events, celebrations, and even small rituals, we remark about how good it is to gather and remember.

Today's readings remind us of foundations laid deeper than the human will to relate. Today we hear about God's will to relate to us—to be our God as we are called to be God's own beloved people.

Today in three readings and three ways we remember the covenant bonds that create us as a people and the obligation and responsibility that express the innermost attitude of soul. You are mine. I am yours. These are God's words that created a people as surely as "Let there be light" created the sun and moon and all the stars.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

**Psalms** — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

**Second Reading** — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

**Gospel** — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

**SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: 22ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory the Great

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; 1st Saturday

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Last week's discussion of the permanent diaconate and its restoration will lead inevitably to questions about "deaconesses," something certainly under study as historians and liturgists research our tradition's treasures. Today, there are some settings in which women are entrusted with pastoral administration and have been called to preach and to officiate at weddings. Lay people can lead the funeral rites and daily prayer. Yet the question of ordination to the diaconate for women is complex. Yes, we have had deaconesses in our tradition. We know that they assisted with the baptism of women, and that ministries were entrusted to them. We also know that some early church councils took care to call them lay persons, and specifically forbade ordination. What confuses the picture is that they may have been the wives of deacons, who, like the wives of priests and bishops, were expected to serve the community as exemplars of the Christian life. Long after deaconesses disappeared, their ministry was treasured and carried on by religious women in consecrated life. It is clear that one of our greatest treasures is the vibrant engagement of women in ministry over the centuries. What is not as clear is where our questions will lead.

**Please note:** If you have reserved a Mass for a loved one, and would like to bring up the gifts, we ask that you notify an usher **PRIOR** to Mass. Please follow the cross bearer down the center aisle during the reading of the prayers of the faithful.

A 10 Day Pilgrimage to The Holy Land will be lead by Fr. Dave Baranowski, Pastor of St. James Church in Rocky Hill beginning on January 25th—February 3rd, 2016. See the bulletin boards.

**Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 30, 2015**

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

- *James 1:21b*



**This people  
honors me  
with their lips,  
but their hearts  
are far from me**

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**Yeast which a woman kneaded...Say thanks today to that special woman who has kneaded the yeast of God's love into your life. Pray God's blessing on all people who bring leaven and light. May many of**



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**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 the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail at: [vocations@stseminary.org](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org) or visit the web at [ww.vocationshartford.org](http://ww.vocationshartford.org). *Join us the 1st Friday of the month at 9:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel for Vocations Holy Hour.*

**Are you interested in joining either The Incarnation Men's Association or The Knights of Columbus:** Call Mike White at (860) 667-2099.

We received a lovely thank you note from The Catholic Mission Aid Society thanking us for our generous donation of \$3,080.00 to help the Maryknoll Missionaries care for God's poor and needy people.

Please see the bulletin boards for the Open House and Entrance Exam at Mercy High School in Middletown, CT., on November 1st.

### **Confirmation Sponsor Essay**

When I was told that I had to pick a sponsor for my Confirmation, I first looked at the list of qualities necessary to fulfill this important duty and realized that it requires responsibility, good leadership skills, and someone who is an exemplary member of the Church community. The first person who came to mind after perusing the list was my grandmother, and I am very grateful that she happily accepted the position. She is the quintessential sponsor and mentor because she has helped me to grow in my understanding of the Christian faith throughout the course of my life, and has always encouraged me to follow God's path and to know that He is with me always.

I have learned from her to take time to listen to His instructions when I am in need of guidance, and because of that I have a deeper appreciation of God and my Church community. I don't know anyone who lives out the virtues the Church teaches, such as kindness, charity, selflessness, and complete trust in God, more than she does. I strive to follow her example every day, and am thankful to God that he gave me such a wonderful mentor and grandmother. She is a member of the Church of the Incarnation, and attends Mass regularly. Being an active and willing participant of my Church community is a role I never would have taken as seriously as I do if it weren't for my grandmother. From her I have learned to "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)"

### **Saint Cornelius**

For my confirmation saint name, I chose Saint Cornelius, or Pope Cornelius. He is the patron saint of the sick. Cornelius was born in Rome at an unknown time. Decius, Emperor of Rome, began to persecute the Christians, and announced that all Christians had to give up their beliefs, or die. Some Christians refused and were martyred, but some succumbed to the Emperor's will and gave up the beliefs to save their own lives. After the death of Pope Fabian, two candidates were elected to succeed him: Novation, diocese in the church of Rome, and Cornelius. Novation believed that the Christians who gave up God could never be accepted back into the church, even through repentance. Cornelius disagreed with this theory. He believed such sins could be forgiven through reconciliation and repentance. I chose Saint Cornelius for two reasons. One, Cornelius is the name of my grandfather, who is a true and inspiring Christian in my life. Two, Cornelius's true belief in the forgiveness of sins restored the faith of many people, and he continues to be an inspiring and noble figure in the catholic community.