

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, SEPTEMBER 5TH

5:00 pm – Francis L. Kinney

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

8:30pm– Olga Spera

10:30am– Carmelo & Michelina Reale

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

9:00am– Jack Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

9:00am– Sal & Dolores Brunetti

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

9:00am– Joseph Ware Jr.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

5:00pm– Felix & Marie Pasternak

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

8:30am– Antonietta & Salvatore Santilli

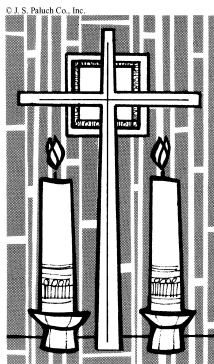
10:30am– Reverend John J. Crawford & Thomas & Charlotte Crawford

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 9/7/2015–9/13/2015 in memory of Elizabeth Phillips Kempf & Deceased members of the Phillips & Burgie Families.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 9/7/2015-9/13/2015 in memory of Salvatore & Carmella DiSilvestro.



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

The Second Collection next wk. will be the Monthly Collection.

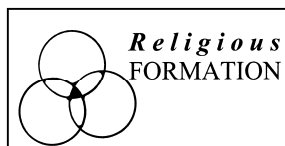
Project Baby Love collection next wk. Disposable diapers & wipes needed.

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 9. Classes meet each Wednesday—11am - 12:15pm. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Registration required. Call Barbara at 860-257-8949 or email belwag49ct@att.net.

Incarnation Parish Picnic: NEXT SUN., SEPT. 13TH 1– 4 PM...The Men's Association will again be the host. Food: hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, dessert, soda/ water. Cost \$10 per adult & \$25 per family. Tickets available the day of at the door. Call John Ewaski at (860) 563-3887. Flyers at the entrances, return tear-off portion in collec. basket.

Rectory closed on 9/7 in honor of Labor Day. Emergency calls only.





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.

We only have space for 2 more Kindergarten children in our Little Lambs Program.

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ▪ James
2:14-18

The message of today's second reading seems to require no explanation: we must demonstrate our faith by our works. This simple truth has, in fact, been a source of controversy among Christian sects, even to this day. A bit of exegesis* might be in order!

Judaizers (a first century Christian group) wanted to preserve Jewish rules and customs, particularly circumcision and dietary laws. They believed these practices to be indispensable for salvation; that one had to practice Jewish customs to be part of the People of God. In his earlier preaching, Paul stressed a gospel of faith in Christ and belief in the power of Christ's death as essential to salvation. Some people misunderstood this to mean that one could "merit" eternal life by human effort. To counter the danger of this misrepresentation of Paul's preaching and writing, James offered a clarifying view in which faith necessarily is shown form in good works.

While we, in our time, commonly think of "works of the law" as referring to good deeds, Paul was actually referring to the Mosaic ceremonial works common to Jewish identity: circumcision, purity codes, Sabbath, dietary regulations, sacrifices and festival observances. According to Paul, these observances would no longer be necessary for followers of Jesus in light of Christ's saving act.

Paul argued that if the early Christians – or we – were to be subject to the Mosaic Law, the Paschal Mystery would have no meaning.

*An explanation or interpretation of a Scriptural text based on scholarly information available

Special thanks to Barbara Jean Daly Horell, Catholic Biblical School Director, Archdiocese of Hartford, for helping to craft this challenging column.

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) **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.

BAPTISM**ELLIS LILLIANA HORN****Women's Club Membership Tea**

The Incarnation Women's Club annual Membership Tea will be held on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 pm in Father Crawford Hall. Well-known jazz pianist, John Brighenti and jazz vocalist Atla DeChamplain will present an entertaining musical program. They are graduates of Hartt School of Music and have performed throughout the United States. Members and friends are welcome.

FEAR NOT

In these times, there is plenty to be afraid of, if we only look around. It seems that every day the news media have yet more bad news to tell: wars, disease, terrorism, drought, social unrest, and more. Some people have stopped using clock radios to wake up in the morning, preferring a jarring buzzer to the even more jarring morning news. What more do we need before we realize that we are finite creatures, and while there is much we can do to make our world better, ultimately there is a lot that is simply not within our grasp? To this our loving God says, "Be strong, fear not!"

We must do what we can to make our world a better and safer place, but we must also realize our limits and that our ultimate safety is in the hands of God. We can be comforted by the realization that God loves us beyond measure, and will give us every help in our efforts to make our world a loving and safe place for everyone.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: The Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Peter Claver

Friday: Patriot Day

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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.



Women's Club Cooking Team

From September through June, members of the Women's Club gather once a month to cook meals for Tabor House and Mercy House in Hartford. Food for 25 people is prepared on the first Monday of each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the kitchen of Father Crawford Hall. Delivery of the meals is made to each facility directly after the food is prepared. Team leaders are designated each month to purchase food for their menu and to organize their team in the preparation and delivery of the meals. At this time teams are being organized and there is a need for additional helpers to assist the leaders. If you are interested in cooking with us please call Paula Melillo, 860-563-9506. .



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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 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 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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Our Holy Father's first visit to America is less than a month away. So that all may experience Pope Francis' first apostolic visit together as an Archdiocesan family, Archbishop Blair will keep a daily "Travelogue" of his experiences, impressions and inspirations as he travels to Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, Sept. 22-27. The Archbishop will participate in this joyous occasion with more than 250 pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Hartford along with millions of worldwide faithful. His Travelogue and other news updates will be shared extensively so that everyone can enjoy Our Holy Father's historic trip to the United States.

Confirmation Sponsor Essay: Saint Padre Pio

I wanted to choose a saint who has been in my life since before I could speak. I chose Saint Padre Pio. I can't really describe the reason why I chose him for my Confirmation name because for me it is difficult to even describe my own personal relationship with God and my faith, let alone a saint. I do believe in God. I have a relationship with him. I pray to him. And I do believe in the power of prayer and calling on the saints for protection and guidance. I've seen it first hand in my family. But it is hard to put that all into words on paper. But here goes. Padre Pio is the saint of choice for my mother and my grandparents. When my grandmother stayed over our house on the weekends, she always prayed to Padre Pio. Every night. She once told me that he had holes in his hands called "stigmata". This was very rare and only happened to those who have been touched by God and Jesus. This intrigued me as a kid. Why would God make someone suffer the way his son had to suffer just to prove to the person that he believed he was among a chosen few? Back then I believed God should make bad people suffer, not good.

After more research, I learned that as a child, Padre Pio often took penance, one time sleeping on a stone for a pillow on the stone floor. His mother wasn't happy about that. But what I learned about him & other saints was that in extreme suffering, it is God's will & you must choose it & embrace it. The stigmata was just that. Padre Pio suffered in private but willingly because his faith was so strong. Padre Pio did more than suffer as most saints did. He performed miracles, like all saints. He lived a long virtuous, faithful life and died on September 23, 1968. I believe in praying to Padre Pio because, like I said earlier, I've seen it first hand in my family. When my mom's brother was dying 2 years ago, my grandmother prayed to Padre Pio every day as she always did. This time praying to bring her son back to her. One night, Padre Pio came to her in whispers and told her to pray to a saint called San Francesco diPaola. And she did. She said she hadn't prayed to San Francesco DiPaola since she was a little girl in her town in Sicily. She prayed daily, hourly, almost non-stop. My uncle came out of his coma, the doctors deemed it a miracle. Come to find out, my mother and aunt did research on the saint and he was the protector of "man's heart". My uncle almost died of congestive heart failure. My grandmother received a message from Saint Padre Pio and guided her to pray to the right saint who would protect and heal my uncle's heart. That is our family's story on how our Padre Pio helped us get through that time. I chose Padre Pio because he is special to me.