

# 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](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

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

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## Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

5:00 pm – Deceased members of the Healy Family

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

8:30pm– Millie & Charlie Christadore  
10:30am– Nico Filippa & Vincenzo Filippa

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

9:00am– Deceased members of the Maffucci & Ingenito Families

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

9:00am– Sebastian Gianni

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

9:00am– John Stefano

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

9:00am– Bernadette & Leonard J. D'Onofrio Sr.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

5:00pm– Elizabeth Phillips Kempf & The Deceased members of the Phillips & Burgie Families

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

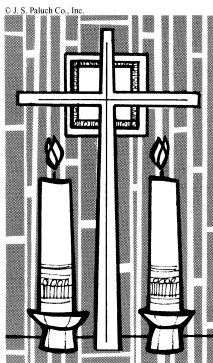
8:30am– Bruce Devitt  
10:30am– Harold Bannon

### The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 9/28/2015–10/4/2015 in memory of Peter Quatrocelli.

### The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 9/28/2015-10/4/2015 in memory of Vincent Quagliano.



**The Second collection this wkd.** will be for HOPES, Help Our Parish Elementary Schools.

### **Wethersfield Food Bank Collection is this wkd.**

**after all masses:** Items needed are: cereal, no oat-meal, 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 Fr. Crawford Hall after mass this wkd. Thank you!

**Women's Club Executive Board mtg.** Thursday, October 1st at 1pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

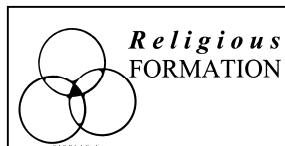
**Friday is the first Friday in October.** Mass will be held at 9am with Vocations Holy Hour afterwards in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### **The Second Collection next weekend will be the**

**Annual Collection.** This is a special appeal we make each year to our parishioners for our own parish. Numerous repairs and improvements anticipated in the near future necessitate rebuilding our contingency fund. Our annual collection enables us to do this. Please write down your four-digit envelope # (found to the left of your name on your church envelopes) - example #1234. Goal \$100,000. Your generosity to this important collection is appreciated. Letters were mailed. There will be extra letters & envelopes at the entrances or call the rectory at (860) 529-2533. Members of our Finance Council will speak at all the masses this weekend about our Semi-Annual Report. Please take a copy home.

### **Incarnation C.Y.O. Basketball:**

We continue to search for a C.Y.O. Basketball Director. There will be no registration for C.Y.O. Basketball until a director is found. Please e-mail Craig Saharek at [csaharek@cox.net](mailto:csaharek@cox.net) if you would like to volunteer. Thank you.



### **Emerson-Williams Faith Formation**

Sat., October 3rd at 9am.

**Attention: All High School Students:**  
**YOUTH MINISTRY** wants you!!! We welcome you to join us for our first gathering of the year on Sun., October 4th from 6:30-8pm. Youth Ministry is an opportunity for the teenagers of our parish to build friendships, grow in their faith and serve our community. We have lots of exciting things planned for the year, so come check out what's happening! See you on 10/4!

**Gr. 8: Faith Formation Tues., Oct. 6th**  
**& Gr. 7: Wed., Oct., 7th** from 6:30-8pm. Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Letters for all Grade 9 students** will be mailed in October which will include info. regarding a meeting to consider the journey toward Confirmation.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at Incarnation on 11/8 at 2pm with a Mass. The Most Reverend Peter A. Rosazza D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus will celebrate.**



### **Our 2015 candidates, mentors and friends gathered last Sunday for an amazing retreat given by Paul J. Kim a nationally known Catholic evangelist.**

It was a very inspirational experience for all. I want to thank our youth minister Maggie Seaver, our mentors Joe Calleri, Anne Camilliere, Steve Ellis, Gavin Lamb, Filomena Marinelli, Chris Pytel, Jim Sullivan & Frank Way for your presence to our teens. I would also like to thank Lisa Driscoll, Marguerite Heinemann, Lynn Odell, Lisa Stefano & Audrey Saharek for your help with dinner. I especially want to thank Audrey & Luke Saharek for picking up Paul, his wife Maggie and his baby daughter Audrey at the airport. Also Kudos to Mike Stefano for getting up bright and early Monday morning to pick me up and then to bring Paul and his family to the airport. You are all amazing and I am so grateful for your part in making this event a success. Thanks to our wonderful teens who responded so intently to Paul's message. Thanks to Fr. Moran for sharing the second session with us & giving a special blessing.

**The next and final candidate/ mentor meeting** for those receiving Confirmation 2015 will be on Sun., October 4th -12:30-2:30pm in Father Crawford Hall.

**Our Kindergarten Program Little Lambs has two remaining openings. Classes begin 10/17 at Emerson Williams School at 9am.**

**We are looking for someone to join our 8th grade Middle School Faith Formation** which meets every other Wednesday night in Fr. Crawford Hall. There is no lesson planning involved. Call Maggie Seaver at (860) 529-6765.



## A Weekly Bible Study

### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ▪ Numbers

Its very name tells us much about this book. Numbers contains many laws, lists, census figures, specifics of rituals, and divisions of tribes and of the Promised Land. Numbers is the fourth book within the Pentateuch. It almost seems “out of sync” with the flowing narratives of its four cohorts.

To look at the different character of Numbers, we need to make a simple observation. Using Genesis as an example, we know that there are two distinct versions of the “creation” story. The first chapter of Genesis is a day-by-day account of God’s initial activity in the world, beginning with the appearance of light and ending with the creation of humankind. In chapter two we encounter another version of this story. Looking closely at its elements, we notice that the sequence of events is reversed. We also notice that there is a different “feel” to this latter version. God is seen as much more than a systematic creator; he seems to possess human qualities. We read, for example, that God “walked in the garden at the time of the evening breeze.” What a beautiful image of our God!

Scripture scholars in recent centuries began to notice differences in style, and even some discrepancies in content. For example, did Noah bring two sets of animals into the ark or seven, noted in Genesis 6 and 7, respectively. As another example, the name of the Lord is given different variations: Yahweh, Lord God and Elohim. Was there a particular reason for this? Scholars determined that there was more than one author of the Pentateuch and these five books were probably written over several centuries, even as late as the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. They concluded that four traditions gave rise to the style and content of the Pentateuch. These were named Yahwist, Elohist, Deuteronomist and Priestly.

Looking at differences in style and content, scholars first identified two sources (Yahwist and Elohist) based upon the way each referred to God’s name. They further noted writing that captured genealogies, lists, rituals and laws.

This they referred to as Priestly. The unique style of the Book of Deuteronomy (sermons and long speeches) set it apart as a fourth tradition.

Historical events had great influence in the use of these four traditions. At the time of the united kingdom of Israel and Judah, the Yahwist account glorified the monarchy. When the kingdom was split, the northern tribe stressed the role of the covenant and Moses over the role of the king. This Elohist tradition favored a more exalted sense of God’s dealings with Israel rather than the intimate, human characteristics of the Yahwist source. In later years, to address Judah’s growing infidelities, a group of priests and prophets added sermons stressing obedience and faithfulness to the covenant. Thus the Deuteronomist tradition came into being. Finally, as the whole country went into exile, a school of priests sought to preserve temple practices, legal traditions and important genealogies. These were inserted into the existing writings giving us the Pentateuch as we know it today.

Source: Lawrence Boadt, *Reading the Old Testament: An Introduction*, Paulist Press © 1984

### **Incarnation Parish Family** **Italian Pasta Dinner, Saturday October 17,** **6:00 pm, Father Crawford Hall**

Join us for an evening of friendship, food and fun after the 5:00 pm Mass for the Pasta Dinner sponsored by the Women’s Club and Men’s Association.

**MENU:** Ziti, meatballs, sausage, salad, rolls, dessert & coffee.

**COST:** \$10 pp and \$5 per child. Advance purchase only.

**RESERVATIONS:** (by October 13th.) Call Laura Decker (860) 721-8284. Entertainment by John Paolillo, singer/guitarist.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

Begins Sunday, Sept 27th at the 10:30am Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) will begin its 15th year of ministry! What a blessing this ministry has been for our parish and our children! But all ministries are only as rich as their resources. CLW has been seeking new Ministers of the Word to bring the gospel message to our children. We thank all our very dedicated ministers who have served CLW for many years and continue to lead our children but we are in need of more individuals and families. We welcome all who are interested, especially parents and grandparents. The commitment is minimal and the rewards are bountiful! Please consider becoming a member of this wonderful ministry for the future of our church! Call or email Filomena at (860) 721-0538 or [menaffgm@cox.net](mailto:menaffgm@cox.net).

**Our Choir and Bell Choir** are looking for new members. Please see Mrs. Niver after any of the Masses. Thanks.

**Holy Angels Parish will host the 16th annual Respect Life Conference** on October 17th from 9am-3pm at the Parish Center in South Meriden. Call (203) 235-3822 for information.

**Archdiocese of Hartford Family Day Dinner – September 28th.** The Archdiocese of Hartford along with Pope Francis asks all families to eat Dinner together. “Christian families are missionary families in their everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt & the leaven of faith!”

**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. Family/friends are invited.

**Cell Phones in Church:** Many doctors offices, and places of business, etc., today have signs indicating they appreciate the public turning off or silencing their cell phones. Similarly our Liturgy Committee feels it would be appropriate to turn off or silence your cell phones before entering the church. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Sacramental Guidelines for choosing a sponsor for Baptism.....**A sponsor is to be an example or model of the faith for the child. Since the role of Godparents as assisting the parents in the religious education of their children is a serious one, parents should exercise much care in their choice. Considerations of faith ought to prevail over social customs and family feelings. To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must be a Catholic who has been Confirmed, has already received the Sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.

## OUR PRODIGAL GOD

We keep having to relearn how prodigal God is. It is as if God cannot quite manage to say no. We think it is surely fine when God is prodigal with us—rich in mercy and forgiveness, generous in grace. But what about the other—the enemy, the sinner, the heretic, the outsider? Well, we expect God to be as stingy with that person as we are.

Moses and Joshua wanted such a cozy world, too. They wondered how the spirit of God could be given to the two who did not show up at the meeting tent—today’s church. And the apostles in the Gospel complained because there were some miracle workers who were clearly not followers of Jesus. God’s great free-wheeling generosity confounded them all. Let this be, says Jesus. Just see to it that you who lead continue to be worthy of your calling.

## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Moses said, “Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!” (Numbers 11:25-29).

**Psalms** — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

**Second Reading** — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;  
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

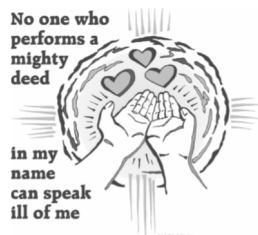
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;  
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;  
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]



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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus  
Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael  
Wednesday: St. Jerome  
Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus  
Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

At first glance, the situation of the penitents in the early church is shocking: isolated and labeled, their journey back to fellowship at the Lord’s table seems arduous and even cruel. However, at no time in the process were the penitents lacking the support of the community. Penances were performed for all to see, and we can tell from the homilies of the day that people earnestly desired to see the sinner benefit from the remedy. Tertullian reminded the penitents that they were living among their brothers and sisters, fellow servants of the same Lord, still in the embrace of the Spirit. He tells them that when they extend their hands in blessing to the faithful, it is Christ they touch. He tells them that when they see tears in the eyes of believers, it is Christ who is interceding for them with the Father.

There is a treasure of our tradition woven into this history: these people knew profoundly that the prayer of Christ’s body, the church, was the prayer of Christ himself. Prayer was not merely support for a person down on his or her luck; it was effective and necessary. The treasure we can see even through the tangles of history is this: the Spirit of God is poured out on the church, and brings grace, forgives sin, makes us holy, and always calls us to fullness of life.

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2015

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
refreshing the soul;  
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to the simple.

— Psalm 19:8

**The New Day Program, a ministry to those who have lost a loved one through death**

will begin a six week session on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 1:00pm in Father Crawford Hall. If you are interested in attending you must register with Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate by October 11th. Please call 860-529-6765 and leave your name, address and telephone number.

**The membership drive is going on for the Incarnation Women's Club.** If you would like to be on the membership list for the coming year, 2015-2016, please send in your dues as soon as you can. Membership forms can be found at the church entrances or call Judi Farinella at (860) 563-0083 or Ann Hock at (860) 563-0728 for info. Thank you.

**Catholic Relief Services:** Dr. Carolyn Carolyn Woo, president & CEO of Catholic Relief Services., will present the keynote address at the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry Annual Dinner on Tuesday, October 27th at 5 pm. Making God's Love Real: Faith, Action, Results, will provide an overview of the challenges and progress which has been made in addressing global poverty. Being honored with awards at the dinner are: Mrs. Nancy Kiely, for her efforts to advance social justice, particularly in environmental issues, The Malta House of Care mobile medical clinic, and St. Mary Church in New Britain. For tickets call OCSJM visit the website at [www.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org). Tickets are \$70 per person, or \$650 for a table of ten.

**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](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org) or visit the web at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://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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**The Knights of Columbus will** sponsor their Tootsie Roll Campaign to benefit people with disabilities the wk. of October 10th & 11th after all the masses.

**Our Holy Father has been visiting America!** 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 the U.S. 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 U. S.

**East Catholic High School Open House Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6:45 p.m.** The entrance exam for eighth graders is **Sat., November 14, 2015 at 8 a.m.** at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Call (860) 649-5336 x6456 for info!

## **Confirmation Name Essay**

For my confirmation name, I chose to take the name of Saint Sebastian. There were many reasons for my choice; I did not just pick him because I liked his name. Instead, I admired the values and principles he represented in his words and his actions. Saint Sebastian was a man that would not give up. He was very active in fighting for his faith, especially in a time where Christians were persecuted. Sebastian was also a martyr; he died for the cause of Christianity and the free exercise of it. He was a very brave and strong man and he represents many of our Catholic values in his actions.

Sebastian's most famous action was probably his death at the hands of Diocletian however many of his other doings were just as important. Although not as heroic as his death, Sebastian helped to spread his religion through parts of Rome, especially to troubled prisoners. This showcases his love for our Catholic values, not only that he wanted to spread our religion, but he also wanted to give the prisoners a second chance. Just as Jesus said to love the people around you as if they were you, Sebastian loved and believed in these prisoners that everyone else just saw as trouble. He helped to bear their crosses in life and to lead them on the path to God. Clearly we can see that Sebastian was a proud believer in his faith. He was such a strong believer in god that he was willing to die for his faith.

Sebastian's most heroic action was his bravery and fighting spirit when he was approaching his death. Sebastian was living in Rome at a time where Christianity was not accepted and Christians were persecuted. When it was found out that Sebastian was indeed a Christian, the Roman Emperor Diocletian was not happy. He ordered him to be executed by archers and miraculously Sebastian survived and recovered after being pierced by many arrows. He could have easily given up and fled but instead Sebastian stayed in Rome to fight. He waited until he could meet the emperor face to face where he then confronted the emperor. He knew beforehand the punishment for this, that he would likely be killed and beaten. He was brave however and continued to fight for the cause of his religion. After accusing the emperor of persecuting Christians he was brutally clubbed to death.

Sebastian was a martyr for our faith and we all can take a couple of meaningful lessons from his story. Sebastian taught us to spread and be proud of our faith as he spread his faith to the prisoners. From this story we can also learn that we can help to bear others crosses in life and to help others out in hard times. Most importantly though, Sebastian taught us that we should be active in our religion and we should speak up when we see wrongdoings. Sebastian is a hero to me and I am very proud to be able to take on his name in the church. Having his name be a part of me will be a constant reminder of my mission and duty to the church and his heroic actions will give me the courage to do what is right, no matter what the cost.