

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, OCTOBER 3RD

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

8:30pm– Bruce Devitt

10:30am– Harold Bannon

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

9:00am– Julie & Luddy Coiro Jr.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

9:00am– Lawrence Skinger & Grandparents

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

9:00am– Enrico & Antoinetta Cieri and Adua DiGiacomo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

5:00pm– Anthony & Antoinette Vignone

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

8:30am– Agata, Salvatore & Gino Colantonio

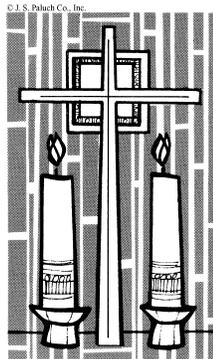
10:30am– Brian O'Connor, Mary O'Connor & Clement Bernier

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 10/5/2015–10/11/2015 in memory of Nicholas & Mary Champ & Joseph Aiudi.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 10/5/2015-10/11/2015 in memory of Mary Mudano, Anne Renza & Lillian Vasquez.



Thank you to all who donated to the HOPES collection last weekend.

Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Wethersfield Food Bank Collection last weekend .

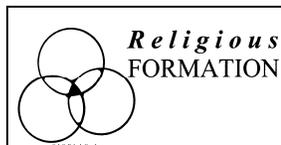
The Second Collection this weekend is the Annual Collection. This is a special appeal we make each year to our parishioners for our own parish. Numerous repairs and improvements anticipated in the near future necessitate rebuilding our contingency fund. Our annual collection enables us to do this. Please 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.

Women's Club Cooking Team will cook on Monday, October 5th from 1-3pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Employment Support Group will meet on Tuesday, October 6th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

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. E-mail Craig Saharek at csaharek@cox.net if you would like to volunteer. Thank you.



Final candidate/ mentor meeting for those receiving Confirmation 2015 will be Sun., October 4th -12:30-2:30pm Fr. Crawford Hall.

Hello to all High School age parishioners from Maggie Seaver, Youth Minister: Youth Ministry: Our first gathering of the season will be on Sunday, October 4th in Fr. Crawford Hall from 6:30-8pm. We usually meet a couple of times a month, It's an opportunity for teenagers to get together in a welcoming environment. Our goal is to build friendships, play games, listen to good music, enjoy food, be available to serve our church community, laugh, pray, and grow. Every one of you is welcome and encouraged to join us. Feel free to bring a friend along as well. We have a wonderful group of teenagers in our parish and their positive energy along with their passion to do good for others is contagious - I hope we can grow in numbers this year!! If anyone has any questions about Youth Ministry, please don't hesitate to contact Maggie Seaver at seaver711@aol.com. Peace to all.

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

Emerson-Williams Faith Formation Sat., October 10th at 9am.

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

The Poor Person's Soup Supper for the benefit of the House of Bread and Kid's Cafe will be held on Sunday, October 18th.

There will be two seatings 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Tickets will be sold after all Masses next weekend. \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Toddlers are free. Our Confirmation candidates will host the event. Sebastian and Norman, directors of the House of Bread and Kid's Cafe will be our guest speakers.

Grade 9 students will receive a letter which will be mailed soon will include info. regarding a meeting to consider the journey toward Confirmation.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at The Church of the Incarnation on 11/8 at 2pm with a Mass.

The Most Reverend Peter A. Rosazza D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus will celebrate.

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ▪ Genesis 2:18-24

The beginning of the Book of Genesis offers us God's unique sequence of creation events. As we noted last week, this is part of the "Priestly" tradition of writing that often lists or enumerates important aspects of its content. The familiar "day-by-day" account of God's activity has a common, favorable element: God pronounces each part of creation as "good."

Genesis 2 encompasses another writing tradition of the creation story, that of the Yahwist. The events are more free-flowing, beginning with the formation of man into whose being God breathes his divine breath. He shows an almost human quality within this activity. God realizes that something in creation is not quite right, not yet complete. Man needs to have a partner. God then proceeds to create an array of animals as possible soul mates for his human. He invites man to "name" these creatures, as naming in the ancient world was a way of participating with God as a co-creator. The creatures are interesting, varied and beautiful, but none satisfies man's deepest longing. God then casts man into a deep sleep and lovingly shapes from him a new creation. As man awakes he instantly recognizes that this is good, that he is now complete. And in a language of poetry, man expresses his delight and his completion: *This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.*

Man and woman united as one is the great climax of the creation story. It is a story that shows the partnership of man and woman, that portrays them as divinely created to complete and complement each other, and that teaches that woman is the only suitable partner for man. "Becoming one flesh" is God's revelation that union in love is God's design for the benefit of the couple and the good of humankind.

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.

On this Respect Life Sunday, we pray for all who work to defend life. May God reward all those who work to defend life in all its stages. Amen.



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On this World Communion Sunday, may we realize that the gift of the Eucharist is the greatest gift of all.

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

Continues on Sunday, October 4th 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.

Incarnation Parish Council meeting Sun., Oct., 18th, 7pm in the Chapel.

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

During October the ushers take count at the Sunday Masses of the number of persons present and the number receiving Communion. Thank you.

Women's Club General Meeting

The Incarnation Women's Club will present Wethersfield resident and author F. Mark Granato at the monthly meeting on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 pm in Father Crawford Hall. Mark will talk about his latest historical fiction novel, *Out of Reach: The Day Hartford Hospital Burned*. The book is based on the devastating December 8, 1961 flash fire at Hartford Hospital. Mark has written several novels including *Finding David* which was nominated for a 2013 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction. Members, friends and guests are welcome.

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 invited.

ABC's of Catholic Relief Services... Rwanda Nearly one half million people in this Maryland size African country are served by American Catholics via CRS. 80% of the population is involved in agriculture. You help with sustainable, scalable projects that fight hunger and build the agrarian economy. - For more info visit: www.crs.org.

TOWARD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

From the beginning of creation, God intended for people to live together in relationship with one another. Much of scripture shows us how to do this as it illustrates and clarifies God's plans. The readings this weekend guide us in the value and care of our relationships. Specifically, the Gospel focuses on the circumstances of failed relationships. Unlike the Pharisees, we would do well not to focus on the laws that pertain to failed relationships, but concentrate instead on what God really intended for us. Healthy bonds require a lot of our time and energy. They certainly require trust and honesty. Jesus demonstrated a deep commitment to his friends and to us. As our brother, he gave his very life for us. Children work hard at friendships. They trust, forgive, and love without conditions. The final words of today's Gospel invite us to welcome Jesus and the people of our relationships with the fresh enthusiasm of a child.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalm — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Tuesday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The old world of what we call canonical penance, or the extraordinary one-time public repentance of sinners, began to collapse with the conversion of Constantine in the early fourth century. It tottered for a hundred years or so and then virtually disappeared. It served an isolated and persecuted church well, but once people began seeking baptism for economic and political privilege, a real pastoral crisis exploded. There were more lukewarm Christians afoot, and some "barbarians" rampaging through the ruins accepted baptism just because their leaders did.

As the old structures collapsed, people who still sought some sort of public conversion scampered off to the desert to live in monastic isolation. Penance disappeared from the parish scene, and the old bench where hungry penitents used to beg for prayers was empty. Some bishops faced the crisis by inventing alternate means of discipline, all more private than public. A person might be asked to refrain from receiving Communion for a time, or even to accept some sort of corporal punishment (the pedigree of the stocks and scarlet letters of colonial America). This had the effect of separating the sinner from the prayerful intercession of the gathered church, and made an already bad situation worse. Before long, the pastoral system of penance was in a shambles, and sadly irrelevant to ordinary Christians



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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.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association

Choosing a family lot is inevitable. To make an important decision more calmly, prudently and economically, the Catholic Cemeteries Association suggests pre-need cemetery arrangements. For a limited time, all Catholic families have the opportunity to purchase pre-need graves with upright monument rights or shrine graves with interest free installment payments for 24 or 36 months at St. Mary Cemetery in East Hartford, Holy Cross Cemetery in Glastonbury and St. James and St. Bridget Cemeteries in Manchester. This offer will conclude on December 31, 2015. Please contact the office at St. James Cemetery at 860-646-3772.

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 www.vocationshartford.org. Join us the 1st Friday of the month at 9:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel for Vocations Holy Hour.



The Knights of Columbus will sponsor their Tootsie Roll Campaign to benefit people with disabilities next wk. October 10th & 11th after all the masses.

“Project Baby Love” collection this wk. Disposable diapers & wipes needed. Thank you!

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

We have enjoyed observing Our Holy Father's historic trip to the U. S. We pray for his safe return to the Vatican.

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

Confirmation Name Essay

The confirmation name I have chosen is Clare. The name Clare means illustrious meaning well known, respected, and admired for their past achievements. When I am older that is exactly what I want to be. I want to be known for all the good things that I have done in life and all the good things that I will do in the future. Saint Clare was a woman that was very illustrious. Clare was a beautiful Italian woman who went to St Francis's preaching and felt inspired to imitate him and live a poor humble life for Jesus. Just like Saint Clare, I try to be humble and make things about other people instead of myself. I'd rather have attention on others than myself. One day Saint Clare ran away from home and disguised herself with the help of St. Francis for Jesus. Saint Clare lived her life while standing up for what she believed in, which is one of the many reasons why I chose her name for my confirmation. Saint Clare had the courage to stand up for Jesus and that is what my goal is in life. I would love to have the courage to be able to stand up for what is right and what I believe in. Another thing about Saint Clare is that she didn't live the easiest life. Her and her sisters lived in a poor house, wore no shoes, and ate no meat, but Saint Clare stayed strong and pushed through while still believing and standing up for what was right. The way that she got through her hard times was that she would connect with the lord and pray. During the hard times in my life I pray to God for help, and I always come out of the situation even stronger than I was before. When an army of rough soldiers invaded Assisi, Saint Clare was very sick, but still she stayed strong and went to where the enemies were and prayed for everyone. One of the main reasons I look up to Saint Clare is because she put others before herself. No matter how sick or hurt she was, she always cared for others before she cared for herself. When I grow older, and even now, I would like to be able to put other's feelings before mine. Saint Clare was a beautiful, strong, courageous woman, and that is why I chose her as my confirmation name.