

The Church of the Incarnation

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Sacristan

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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

Rectory Hours

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

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(860) 529-2533

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

5:00 pm – Arthur Boudreau

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

8:30pm– Joseph & Angeline Marinello

10:30am– Michele Leone, Lucio Ruzzier & Angela Leone

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

9:00am– Robert J. & Margaret Gallivan

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

9:00am– Judy Healey

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

9:00am– Deceased members of the Carroll & Autenrith Families

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

9:00am– Sarah Ann Marie Privitera & Myles Connolly Sr.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

5 :00pm– Joseph & Carmelina Sipala & Paul Sipala

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

8:30am– Gino D'Alessandro

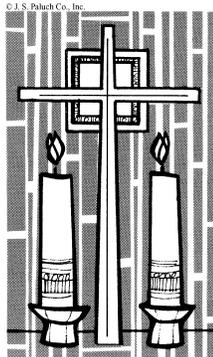
10:30am– Michael & Joan Riccio

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 11/16/2015– 11/22/2015 in memory of Patrick & Dorothy Rose.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle

will burn from 11/16/2015-11/22/2015 in memory of Joseph & Carmelina Sipala and Paul Sipala.



Thank you to all who donated to our Annual Collection. Donations will be gratefully received throughout the year. To date we have collected \$87,000.00.

Employment Support Group will meet Tuesday, November 17th at 9:30am, Fr. Crawford Hall.

Men's Association will meet Wed., Nov. 18th at 7pm in the rectory mtg. room.

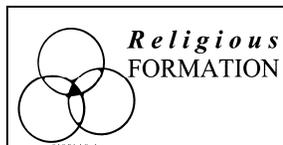
Next week's 2nd collection will help the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins.

House of Bread collection next weekend. Coffee & sugar are requested. Thank you!



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**Incarnation Parish
Mass of Thanksgiving,
Thanksgiving morning, Nov.
26th at 9am.** Join us for a Continental Breakfast following Mass in Fr. Crawford Hall. Thanks to the Social Action Committee for sponsoring this event.



Youth Ministry: Sunday, November 15th at 12 noon....we will gather in the church parking lot to head off to rake the leaves of parishioners in need. All high school age parishioners & their parents are welcome to join us. Please wear gloves and bring a rake. We will gather in Fr. Crawford Hall afterwards for pizza!

Gr. 8: Faith Formation Tues., Nov., 17th & Gr. 7: Wed., Nov., 18th from 6:30-8pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Emerson-Williams Faith Formation K-6 Sat., November 21st at 9am.

Our Kindergarten Program Little Lambs still has room for 4 more children.

Faith Formation Families: All K-6 Faith Formation Students & their families are invited to attend a fun night of **BINGO and Pizza** hosted by our Youth Ministry on Sunday, Nov 22nd from 5-7pm. Spend a fun night with your family and come join us! \$5.00 per family payable at the door.

Incarnation CYO Basketball: The Incarnation Girls Varsity (7th & 8th grade) Basketball & JV Boys (5th & 6th grade) Teams are looking for additional players for their rosters. Please contact our new CYO Basketball Director Dan Tenney at (860) 874-1468 for registration information.

Entrance Exam at East Catholic High School for eighth graders will be given on December 5th at 8 a.m. at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call 860-649-5336 x6456 for more information!

HOPE

If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes. —St. Clement

THE FUTURE

The future starts today, not tomorrow.
—Pope John Paul II





A Weekly Bible Study

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 13:24-32

It's so easy to miss the message when we get caught up in the imagery. The apocalyptic writing that opens today's Gospel passage is startling to us as it is beyond our human experience. We can only imagine the darkened sun and moon, and stars falling out of the skies. As we are told in this Gospel, in those last days even "the powers in the heavens will be shaken!"

Mark communicates to us three messages of hope and consolation in this passage. First, we are consoled by the assurance that the Son of Man, the messianic human who accomplished God's work on earth, will appear in power and glory to gather his faithful ones. Second, we are called to be vigilant and ready. Just as we are to interpret the signs within the natural world ("learn a lesson from the fig tree"), we are to be attentive to the spiritual signs of the Lord's coming. We are to live each day in preparation and anticipation of that coming. We are to tap into that kingdom of God within us that reveals God's unfolding plan for our lives. Third, we are reassured that the Word of the Lord is steadfast and eternal, even if heaven and earth pass away. With all of these assurances, why would we even worry about a cosmic upheaval?

Mark tells us in the final passage of today's Gospel that the time of completion of God's plan of salvation is known only to him. Thank God! If we were in charge there would perhaps be no end to the cosmic upheaval! It is up to us to be awake and watchful as we live out our Christian lives within the kingdom of God on earth.

Let us leave the apocalyptic imagery to the writers who continue to feed our love of drama. Let us not miss the message as we look beyond "those things that will pass away," the powers in the heavens and the cosmic earthly battles, to envision the real Kingdom of God which we will enjoy for all eternity.

November 15–21, 2015

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*. This year's theme is "The Bible: A Book for the Family." Numerous resources can be found on the website, www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/index.cfm. Family resources include key church documents on Sacred Scripture, a ritual for enthroning the Bible in the home, suggestions for making God's word a part of home life, using scripture in prayer and family gatherings, and embracing the practice of *Lectio Divina*.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
OF THE WORD:

Continues on Sunday, November 22nd at the 10:30am Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is celebrating 15th years 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/email Filomena at (860) 721-0538 or menaffgm@cox.net. Thank you to the Paruta Family for hosting the refreshments!

Ho, Ho, Ho...SANTA will soon be on his way from the North Pole to Incarnation for the 14th Annual Children's Christmas Party! Sponsored by the Incarnation Men's Association. This is a free event. Join us on Sunday, December 6th from 1:30-4pm in Fr. Crawford Hall! There will be a special Christmas story presentation given by Fr. Moran. A 4 x 6 color photo with Santa Claus will be taken of each child. Magic show, balloons, ice cream, cookies & refreshments will be served. Please take home a green sign-up sheet which can be found at the Church entrances. They can be returned in the collection baskets. Thank you!



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Incarnation Women's Club
Annual Christmas Party
Thurs., December 3, 2015
Wethersfield Country Club
6:00pm Social 7pm Dinner

Menu: Cheese & Crackers, Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Cheesecake, Coffee/Tea.

Chicken Marsala	\$34.00
Broiled Salmon	\$34.00
Petite Filet Mignon	\$36.00

For reservations please call: Rita Sulick 860-257-8351. Reservation forms on tables in church. The Past Presidents' of the Women's Club look forward to hosting this traditional holiday party. Members & guests are most welcome. Please make checks payable to The Church of the Incarnation. Thank you!

Defending Our Religious Liberty #194
Nov. 15, 2015

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear seven pending cases challenging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) mandate to cover contraception, sterilization, and abortifacients. These cases include dozens of religious schools, universities, and charities, including the Little Sisters of the Poor, who run nursing homes across the country for the elderly poor. Let us pray that the Court will rule in favor of our First Amendment rights.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES

“It’s going to get worse before it gets better” is a phrase that prepares us to buckle up for a rough ride. We know that enduring a difficult time will require some strenuous physical or emotional energy on our part before we experience the calm of normality. Our past experience tells us that we can endure the difficult pressure better when we know how long it will last and if we know that something better awaits us. Getting through the tough times while holding to the promise that awaits us is the message of this weekend’s readings. They point toward the promises of God’s kingdom that will come after the maelstroms and chaos of this world.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalms — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss.

Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Saturday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Christians developed very different traditions for confessing sin. They see the priest as a witness to God’s action, a physician, if you will, rather than a judge. A person confesses sin to God while standing in front of an icon of Jesus, face to face. Without a grill, in the full light of day, near a table with an open Gospel book, the penitent asks the Lord for mercy. A priest standing to the side might offer counsel and confirm God’s gift of forgiveness. Rather than list sins and offenses, an Eastern Christian is more likely to speak of a disposition of heart toward God and neighbor, and the desire to forgive those who have wronged them.

Remarkably, although only a priest can pronounce the prayers of forgiveness, lay people, including married men and women, single Christians, monks, and nuns, may witness the confession. This is akin to the ancient Celtic practice of a “soul friend” as a spiritual mentor. Bishops may bless anyone with sufficient theological knowledge and discretion to do this. Eastern Catholics in the United States have largely drifted away from this tradition and toward Latin Rite customs such as confessional screens, set formulas and prayers, and penances. Today, in the interest of preserving the authentic tradition of the Eastern Church, there is a move to restore the older form.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2015

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

— *Mark 13:31*



Confirmation 2015:

Last Sunday was a joy-filled day as we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation. 67 young people received this beautiful sacrament

along with two adults. The entire day was a blessing. Bishop Peter Rosazza concelebrated Mass with Father Moran and he anointed the candidates with the holy Chrism. This experience truly exemplified the team spirit of our parish community. I would like to thank Father Moran, Antoinette Munoz, Teri Aiudi, Audrey Saharek, Maggie Seaver, Philip Pasternak, Theodora Niver, our choir members and musicians, my Faith Formation Advisory Board, our ushers and Knights of Columbus. Special gratitude to our altar servers, our ministers of Holy Communion, the Confirmandi Mentors, Sponsors, Parents and all who shared in this celebration. It was a very special, reverent moment for our wonderful young people. Thank you to our parishioners who have held them in prayer throughout the year. Let us continue to pray for our youth asking the Lord to keep them close to Him, especially through the Eucharist. God Bless, Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate

Please return your All Souls' Envelopes during November. Since all souls are remembered during Nov., all souls remembrances will be accepted during the month of November.



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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

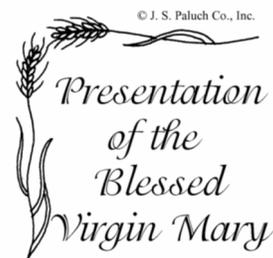
or religious call the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail at: vocations@stseminary.org or visit the web at ww.vocationshartford.org. *Join us the 1st Friday of the month at 9:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel for Vocations Holy Hour.*



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Interested in joining The Incarnation Men's Association or Knights of Columbus? Call Mike White at (860) 667-2099



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Women's Club General Meeting

The Incarnation Women's Club monthly meeting will be held this Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in Father Crawford Hall. The Connecticut Historical Society will present the program, *Reliving the 1940s: Those Were the Days!* The presentation explores how the legacy of the American culture in the 1940s impacts our lives today and what stark differences we see. Genealogists Carol Whitmer and Dick Tomlinson will give a fascinating overview of what the 1940 Census reveals as well as discuss the experiences of growing up in the 1940s. Come and also share your stories of that era. Members, friends and guests are welcome. Tabor House in Hartford has made a request for a variety of needed supplies. Please bring an item from the following list to the Women's Club general meeting on November 19th: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Lysol/Clorox wipes, dishwashing liquid, dishwasher pods, laundry detergent (small sizes), air freshener sprays, and liquid anti-bacterial soap for hand washing. Thank you for your generosity. Please take home a copy of the Bi-Lines for information.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHDD) During his visit to Brazil, Pope Francis said, "The **measure** of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need" (World Youth Day, Address, July 25, 2013). With these words, Pope Francis continues to bring our attention back to the poor and our responsibility toward them. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) responds directly to his call by addressing the root causes. Since 1996, Tohono O'odham Community Action (TOCA) has been dedicated to creating a healthy and sustainable community on the Tohono O'odham Nation, located in the Sonoran Desert of Arizona. TOCA's projects encourage community self-sufficiency and strengthen the roots of O'odham culture. After 1930, O'odham farming began to decline, and the federal government introduced commodity foods into O'odham. This led to a rapid rise of type 2 diabetes in the community. In an effort to recapture traditional agricultural practices and return to a healthier lifestyle, TOCA established the New Generation of O'odham Farmers program in 2009. Dedicated to training and empowering community members to pursue careers in sustainable agriculture, the program emerged from experiences on TOCA's two farms and from local young adults who wanted to learn how to create a livelihood for themselves to learn how to create a livelihood for themselves gardeners is a key part of TOCA's larger efforts to rebuild a sustainable local food system and a healthy way of life. CCHD funds programs in communities across the handout, CCHD helps people living in poverty join find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Your support helps to end poverty through building solidarity in our communities. Working together, we can reach out to our brothers and sisters living on the periphery of society. Please visit www.povertyusa.org to read more details about CCHD's efforts to spread Christ's love by helping to break the cycle of poverty in your community and across the country. Thank you.