

# The Church of the Incarnation

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

## **Rectory Hours**

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

**Rectory**  
(860) 529-2533

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

## Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

5:00 pm – Judith Skinner Curcio & Robert  
John Skinner and Gertrude E. Skinner

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

8:30am– Olga Spera

10:30am–Deceased members of the Fazio &  
Brini Families

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

9:00am– For all our parishioners

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

9:00am— Anthony & Gladys Gaspic

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

9:00am—Dr. Vito Mazzone

5:30 pm—Stanley & Eleanor Winiarski

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

9:00am– In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of  
Lourdes & St. Anthony

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

9:00am–Welcome DiCicco

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

9:00am—Juliette Ayotte

5:00pm– Santa & James Cobisi, Maria &  
Sebastian Amato and Tina & Frank Tummillo

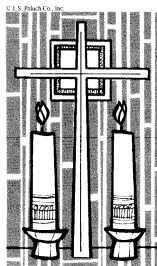
### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

8:30am–Salvatore, Angel, Grace Chiaramida

10:30am– Elizabeth Phillips Kempf & the  
Deceased members of Phillips & Burgie  
Families

### The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 2/8/2016–  
2/14/2016 in memory of  
Michael & Josephine Bailardo.



### The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from  
2/8/2016-2/14/2016 in Thanksgiving to St.  
Valentine.



**“Project Baby Love” collect. Feb. 6/7th.**  
**Disposable diapers & wipes are requested.**

**Women’s Club Cooking Team: Mon., Feb.**  
**8th from 1-3pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wed., Feb. 10th at**  
**9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Second collection next wkd is the monthly.**



### **Wednesday is Ash Wednes-**

**day**.....Ashes will be distrib-  
uted at the 9am mass, the  
5:30pm mass and during a Liturgical Service  
beginning at 3:30pm and ending at 4pm.



### **Lenten Mass Schedule:**

Dur-  
ing Lent daily mass will be cele-  
brated at 9am Monday-Saturday  
excluding Holy Thursday, Good  
Friday & Holy Saturday. For  
your information, Corpus Christi will cele-  
brate masses at 7am and 5:30pm Monday-  
Friday. Saturday daily Mass at Corpus Chris-  
ti will be held at 7:30am.

**Archbishop Blair** has encouraged parishes  
to cooperate in the scheduling of masses and  
liturgical services to help ease pressure  
caused by the continuing shortage of priests.  
In this spirit the parishes of Wethersfield  
have agreed to centralize the commemoration  
of the **Stations of the Cross at Corpus Christi  
Church, (located on the Silas Deane High-  
way) on the Fridays of Lent. The service  
will begin at 7:30pm on Friday evenings.**



**Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

Sun., 2/7, 10:30am mass. Join us for refreshments after in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Confirmation 2016 Gentlemen's Retreat:**

There is a retreat for our Confirmation 2016 young men this Sunday, February 7th from 12:30-3:00pm in Father Crawford Hall. We are very proud to welcome the Xavier High School Peer Ministry team and their campus minister to our parish. They will lead the retreat. Let us hold them all in prayer.

**Youth Ministry is this Sunday, Feb.7th,** 3:30-5pm (note the earlier time). All high schoolers are welcomed & encouraged to join us for a Super Sunday!

**There will be no Emerson-Williams Faith Formation for Grades K-6 on Sat.,** February 13th due to Feb. Break.

**Gr. 8: Faith Formation** - Tues., Feb., 16th & **Gr. 7:** Wed., Feb., 17th—6:30-8pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.

**7th & 8th Graders: Movie/Social Night:**

Friday, February 19th from 6:30-9pm. Looking for something to do on a Friday night? Join your peers for a movie, snacks and fun. We will be showing "When the Game Stands Tall", inspired by a true story. No need to be a football fan to enjoy this inspiring, hopeful movie. Students are welcome to bring a friend if they'd like!

**New Day Program Bereavement Support Group:**

If you are saddened by the loss of a loved one, then you need to give yourself time to work through the natural process of grieving. The "New Day Program, the Journey from Grief to Healing" begins Mon., Feb., 22nd at 1pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. This program continues every Monday. It is an excellent program written by Sister Mauryeen O'Brien. Noranne Wamester, M.A. Pastoral Associate, will facilitate the program. Call Noranne (860)529-6765. There is room in this session for one more person.

**Attention all present 8<sup>th</sup> graders – 12<sup>th</sup> graders:** Don't miss out on an opportunity to experience a life-changing weekend with other peers this summer. Incarnation Youth Ministry will attend the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference in Lowell, Massachusetts. This wk. conference is July 15-17, 2016. This is a wonderful faith-filled inspiring wk. of nationally known Catholic speakers, uplifting music, prayer, mass & adoration. Over the past 2 summers, 35 of our youth/chaperones attended & were inspired & moved by the energy amongst their Catholic teenage peers. Call Maggie Seaver at (860) 529-6765 or at [seaver711@aol.com](mailto:seaver711@aol.com) to register. You do not have to be attending Youth Ministry to participate in this weekend. All are welcome.

**The Church of the Incarnation awards two scholarships annually for parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools.** Deadline to submit applications is April 1st. Call Noranne Wamester at 529-6765.



A Weekly Bible Study  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

Isaiah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11,  
Luke 5:1-11

Three giants among biblical characters appear in today's readings: Isaiah, Paul and Peter. In our hearing of the Word each weekend we have come to know of their leadership and valiant efforts to spread the kingdom of God.

How did they respond to their respective call, a divine invitation, and how do we?

Isaiah responds to his call in the midst of a "theophany" (experience of the divine presence). It is in this presence that Isaiah realizes his sinfulness. His "yes" to the Lord in spite of his unworthiness bespeaks deep trust as well as recognition of God's merciful love. Paul refers to himself as "abnormal," one who violently opposed the early Christian movement. Yet God, in his divine wisdom, selects Paul to become a spokesman for the faith and a major influence in Christian theology. Peter encounters the Lord in the midst of his everyday activity of fishing. Jesus invites him, along with his coworkers, to become fishers of men. Peter's reaction, like that of Isaiah, is recognition of his sinfulness. In spite of this, he follows Jesus.

Three men, seemingly unworthy, unprepared for their tasks, acknowledge in *deepest humility* the invitation the Lord gives. They do not shrink from their calling, but embrace it, knowing that it is their trust in God that will carry them in their ministry and in the face of adversity.

We, too, in our inadequacy, unworthiness and sinfulness, are invited by a loving and merciful God to continue His work on earth. We may never craft profound words of prophecy, as did Isaiah. We may never become a rock upon which our Church is built, as was Peter. We may never have the determination that Paul had in bringing the faith to the early Church. Our humble acknowledgement of trust will carry us along as we walk by faith and embrace the unique mission God has given us.



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**Fourth & fifth grade boys & girls interested in becoming Altar Servers at Incarnation are invited to meet with Fr. Moran at 11am on Sat., Feb., 13th in the Church.** The meeting will last one hour and is the third of four consecutive sessions that will prepare those interested in serving at our Eucharistic celebrations.

**MEN'S RETREAT, FEB 26 – 28, 2016**

The parish men's retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford will be February 26, 27, and 28, 2016. **Retreat**

**Theme: *Into the Heart of Mercy*** - Join Holy Family and the Catholic community around the world as we celebrate the Year of Mercy as courageously proclaimed by Pope Francis. This retreat will examine the Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy and explore ways of cultivating mercy amid life's inevitable challenges, identifying practical ways of integrating mercy into our daily lives.

The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. For more info.

[www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) or call Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT at 860.760.9705 for info. **Women's Retreat Dates:** Jan. 29-31, Mar 4-6, Apr 22-24, June 3-5



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The Lord is near! Am I able to read the signs of the times?

What is God asking of me? He may be asking you to serve as a priest or religious. If you hear his voice, call **Fr. Jeffrey**

**Gubbiotti**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center

at Saint Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, email [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://www.vocationshartford.org).

*Join us the 1st Friday of the month at 9:30am, Church of the Incarnation Blessed Sacrament Chapel, for Vocations Holy Hour.*

**For the Season of Lent, the Holy Holy can be found on page 14 and the Lamb of God on page 28 in our missal.**

**SNOW CANCELLATIONS:** will be announced on WFSB, WVIT & WTIC and also via our website. Please do not call the rectory regarding class cancellations. Also on Incarnation Facebook page and website. Thank you.

**ATTENTION: FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Reminder:** We have an Automated External Defibrillator machine available at Incarnation Church. It is located inside the room by the west wing, next to the confession rooms. There is an AED locator sign above the door. (The AED is located inside the room on the wall.) If you are certified in CPR and trained to use a Automated External Defibrillator please call Audrey at the rectory at (860) 529-2533 so she can maintain a list of people who are up to date on their certification. Our unit incorporates an interactive video display and is very user friendly with voice activation. We have been advised that in any emergency 911 should be called immediately.

**East Catholic High School** will give a make-up entrance exam Tuesday, February 16th at 9 a.m. to all eighth graders who were unable to take the preceding exams. The exam will be given at the school. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. A non-refundable fee of \$25 is required. ECHS continues to accept transfer students from other high schools. Call (860) 649-5336 x6238 or x6456.

**To join the Church of the Incarnation Men's Association or the Knights of Columbus** please call Mike White (860) 667-2099.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!**

“Holy, holy, holy!” Ancient languages, like the Hebrew used in the scriptures, did not always have a way to express superlatives in one word. Isaiah could not say God was “holiest,” so he used the threefold repetition of the same word. This bit of scriptural minutiae about these “three little words” that we sing at every Mass serves as a reminder that answering God’s call has to be grounded in awareness of God’s holiness. In Isaiah and in the Gospel passage today, we hear accounts of the revelation of God’s power and might: the seraphim in the temple and the miraculous catch of fish. These are not wondrous revelations for their own sakes. They lead to a response in mission, Isaiah’s “Here I am, send me!” and the disciples’ leaving everything to follow Jesus. And so must our own “Holy, Holy, Holy!” lead us to Christ in the Eucharist every Sunday, and to a life following him day by day

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, “Send me!” (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

**Psalm** — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

**Gospel** — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;  
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;  
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;  
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;  
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day for Consecrated Life;  
Boy Scout Sunday

Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;  
Almsgiving

Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes;  
World Day of the Sick;  
National Shut-in Visitation Day

Friday: Lincoln’s Birthday; Abstinence

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

As the Roman Empire shattered and collapsed, the bishops were the people best equipped to catch the falling stones. In the West (that’s us), they sought to stabilize society by weaving a structure of laws and courts to uphold the rights and dignity of married couples in a chaotic world. The bishops in the East had a different approach, even allowing the dissolution of marriages in certain cases. To an extent, the bishops took a measure of control away from the fathers of families in order to provide pastoral care for those who suffered most in the social collapse: women and children.

In the West, much of the marriage law was contained in the “penitential books” the bishops devised to regulate the lives of public sinners. In the seventh century, Theodore of Canterbury’s penitential book said that he had the power to give consent to remarriage in the case of a poor fellow whose wife had been carried off by the Vikings. If the Vikings subsequently brought her back, she could remarry, too! No bishop ever made peace with divorce, but there was never a time when the pastoral concern of the church was not struggling with how to care for people in unhappy situations.



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**Please enjoy this beautiful essay from a Confirmation Candidate:**

**Saint Ezequiel Moreno y Diaz**

The name I chose was Ezequiel after Saint Ezequiel Moreno y Diaz. Saint Ezequiel was known for his simple and open spirit. He was devoted to Jesus and devoted to defending the rights of the church. He was born in Spain, April 9, 1848. He grew up poor, but with a strong faith. He was ordained a priest in 1871. After that, he worked for 15 years trying to bring the gospel of Jesus to the Philippines. He then went to Colombia in 1888, where he took part in missionary activity. In 1894 he named the first Vicar Apostolic of Casanare, and ordained bishop of Pasto, where he remained until 1906. During this time there was war in Colombia. Ezequiel was a voice of strength for his people. His free, peaceful way inspired many. In 1906 he was diagnosed with cancer and returned to Spain for treatment. This is why Saint Ezequiel is popularly known as the patron of cancer patients. He died August 19, 1906. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1975 and canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1992.

Saint Ezequiel also has his own prayer. It goes:

*“O God, in St. Ezequiel Moreno, You have given us a model of fidelity to the Gospel and of a pastor according to the Sacred Heart of Your Son. Grant us, through his intercession, that we might give ourselves fully to Him by joyfully living our Christian witness and consecrating ourselves to the service of Your Church. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

The reason I chose Saint Ezequiel is because he is a peaceful person who sets a good example. That is what I admire about him and I would also like to be a role model for others by bringing peace and doing the right thing like he did. Also I can connect to him being the patron of cancer patients because I have had many family members who have suffered with cancer. This includes my aunt, my cousin, my grandmother, my great aunt, and more. Since cancer has had such a big impact on my life, the lives around me, and almost everyone else in the world, It's good for us to be able to pray to someone like Saint Ezequiel because it gives us hope and faith. I think choosing this name will always remind me to be a role model of peace and source of strength for people who suffer from cancer.



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**Lenten Regulations:** Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted. Catholics who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, but have not yet marked their 59<sup>th</sup> are to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**If you have offered a Mass in memory of a loved one we invite you to carry the gifts up at Mass.** Please notify the usher prior to Mass that you will be doing so. Thank you!

**House of Bread collection** on Feb. 20th/21st. Coffee & sugar are needed.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE:** Please join us in the Church thirty minutes prior to the 9am Daily Mass to pray for peace in all the troubled areas of our world.



### **LENEN CONFESSIONS**

If you have gotten caught up in the busyness of life and have fallen away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can change that. This Lenten season, the Archdiocese of Hartford is continuing an Archdiocesan-wide effort to inspire Catholics to experience God's love and mercy offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Every church in the Archdiocese will be open on Mondays from 6-7pm during Lent for Confessions. visit: [Light4you.info](http://Light4you.info).

### **ROSARY BEADS FOR THE MISSIONS**

There is a special box (for donations of rosary beads only) now available in the Narthex. The beads will be donated to numerous worldwide missions. We will collect until May 21st & 22nd. This is the annual collection by the Women's Club.

**Desert Wisdom:** A Lenten Day of Quiet with Anne Simpkins on Saturday, February 13th 9:30 am - 3:30pm - \$50.00. The Gospel for the first Sunday in Lent describes Christ's 40-day retreat into the desert. This day of quiet invites us to explore the inner desert landscape. Call (203) 245-0401 Mercy by the Sea, 167 Neck Rd., Madison, CT 06443.

**ABC's of Catholic Relief Services...** CRS/Haiti: 10 million people live in Haiti, a country a little larger than Massachusetts. 80% of them exist on less than \$2 per day. Over 3 million of them are reached by American Catholics via CRS. Nearly one in three Haitians are helped by CRS. Health, education, agriculture, water & sanitation programs are priorities.