

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, FEBRUARY 20TH

5:00 pm – Deceased members of the Hickey & Shea Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

8:30am– Marino Mattioli

10:30am–Christopher Barnoski & The Deceased members of the Christadore Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

9:00am– Rocco & Felicia DiCorleto

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

9:00am— Clement Bernier & Rolande Millerick

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

9:00am—Irma Drisdelle

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

9:00am– For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

9:00am– Deceased members of the Leger & Drisdelle Families

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

9:00am—Deceased members of the Forgetta, Davia & Labbadia Families

5:00pm– Christine Munoz

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

8:30am– Pasqualina D'Appollonio

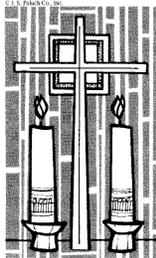
10:30am– Frank Cusano

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 2/22/2016–2/28/16 in memory of Pasqualino D'Appollonio.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 2/22/2016-2/28/2016 in memory of Christine Munoz.



House of Bread collection this weekend.

Coffee & sugar are needed. Thank you!



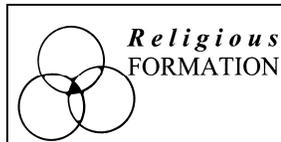
Lenten Mass Schedule: During Lent daily mass will be celebrated at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday. For your information, Corpus Christi will celebrate masses at 7am and 5:30pm Monday-Friday. Saturday daily Mass at Corpus Christi will be held at 7:30am.

Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday, March 2** from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Participants should read Chapters 30 and 31 of Jeremiah and reference pages 109-111 ("Day 4") of the Commentary. A **revised** assignment timeline will be provided on the 2nd.

Please join us for the St. Patrick's Dinner:

Monday, March 14, 2016, doors open at 6pm...Fr. Crawford Hall in honor of Michele Kalousdian, who started this tradition 20 years ago. You will enjoy corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, carrots, home-made Irish soda bread, coffee and dessert. Seating is limited and sells out quickly so please make your reservation early. \$15.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to: The Church of the Incarnation & mailed to: Victoria Kalousdian, 154 Griswold Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109 Deadline for reservations is Fri., Feb. 28th. All reservations must be paid for in advance of the dinner. Call Vicky at (860) 563-0860 with ?'s.

You may return your Easter Flower envelope anytime from now until Easter.



Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sun., 2/21, 10:30am
mass. Join us for
refreshments after in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Youth Ministry will be held this Sunday, Feb. 21st, 6:30-8pm. All high schoolers are welcomed & encouraged to join us!

Emerson-Williams Faith Formation for Grades K-6 will meet on Sat., February 27th.

Parish Family Home communities will meet at designated times.

Sunday, February 28th....Our 9th Grade Young Women who will be receiving their Confirmation this year will have a Confirmation Session from 12:30-3pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Faith Formation: Gr. 8: - Tues., March, 1st and **Gr. 7** Wed., March 2nd—from 6:30-8pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.

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.

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. Program continues every Monday.** This program is written by Sister Mauryeen O'Brien. Noranne Wamester, M.A. Pastoral Associate, will facilitate. Call Noranne (860)529-6765.

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. Thanks.

BOOK COLLECTION: The bookshelves at the Amazing Grace Food Pantry in Middletown are almost empty! They are extremely grateful for all of the new (or like new) books that our parish has donated so far. Please leave donations in the box located outside the chapel. This is an ongoing project. Thanks for your generosity!

We have Gluten Free Hosts for parishioners who need them. Please let the priest know prior to Mass of your request.

Easter Communion Regulation: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.



A Weekly Bible Study

2nd Sunday of Lent

Luke 9:28-36

“This is my chosen Son.
Listen to him.”

Listen to him for only in this moment of glory, this anticipation of the resurrection, will his passion and death begin to make any sense.

Peter, James and John are taken to the mountain with Jesus where they will experience a divine revelation. These select few will also accompany Jesus as he prays solemnly in the Garden of Gethsemane. Perhaps this encounter on the mountain will fortify their hearts and spirits as they begin their walk with Jesus to Calvary.

The apostles are asleep. As Jesus communes deeply with his Father his appearance radiates the glory of his divinity. It is more than just a reflection of light, as was the face of Moses on Mt. Sinai. Jesus, one with the Father, is “light from light, true God from true God.” The Church Fathers tell us that the apostles were awakened by the very intensity of the light. Certainly this moment of divine revelation was an awakening of the heart as well.

Listen to him for he will tell us that he is the very revelation of God.

Moses and Elijah appear. Representing the ancient Law and the Prophets, they speak with Jesus of the new exodus to be accomplished in Jerusalem. Pope Benedict tells us that “Moses and Elijah were privileged to receive God’s Revelation and now they are conversing with the One who IS God’s Revelation.”*

It is a Trinitarian theophany, reminiscent of the Baptism of Jesus. In the midst of the cloud (Spirit) the apostles fall silent upon hearing God’s voice. We, too, can only fall silent in humble adoration before this awesome mystery. Only in deep communion with the Father can we begin to understand this moment of glory fully realized beyond the cross.

*Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Vol. I, © 2007

Weekly Reflection for the Year of Mercy



One of the most significant “mantras” in the Hebrew Scriptures appears in Exodus 34:6 and numerous other locations. It reads: “The Lord, the Lord, a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity.” What phrase speaks to you most deeply of who God is? What part of that passage will you try to emulate throughout this week?

**These columns are also available online at:
weeklybiblestudy.net.**

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 information go to:

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 or visit the web at 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.

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.

YANKEE STADIUM TRIP

Incarnation Men's Association

Saturday, May 14, 2016

New York Yankees vs Chicago White Sox. **Package includes:** ALL you can eat and drink at select Yankee Stadium vendors, (no alcohol) from the beginning of the game until the 5th inning, deluxe motor coach transportation, movie shown round trip, free parking at Incarnation Church, beverages on the bus, beer, wine, soda, & bottled water, and the game ticket in section 300. Price is only \$110.00. All are welcome: men, women and children. Please call Tony Colasacco at (860)-836-3064 to reserve your seats. Make check payable to "The Church of Incarnation" and mail to Tony Colasacco, 151 Cider Brook Dr. Weth., CT. 06109.

WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED

Today's showing forth of God's glory is filled with a light that astonishes and reveals. Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor energizes even the sleepy apostles, who see but cannot get hold of it. They can be forgiven for not apprehending the full meaning of this extraordinary vision of a transfigured Jesus with Elijah and Moses. The whole of the Law and prophets is summed up here on this mountain.

The transfiguration on Mount Tabor is handed over to us this Sunday. As Paul reminds us, it is we who are to be transformed. The light and life of the Resurrection are set forth here so we do not lose heart and fall entirely asleep. This Sunday looks to Easter. It looks to transformation. It asks us to lift up our heads and acknowledge the risen Lord as our light and our salvation.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
Tuesday: St. Polycarp
Friday: Abstinence

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The treasures of our tradition can often be traced to one source, but like the waters of a river branching out on its way to the sea, are received differently as they filter through various cultures and customs. Long ago, mostly because of the preparation of candidates for baptism, the annual feast of the Lord's death and resurrection was preceded by a period of preparation. In the West that comes to us as Lent, a word drawn from the Old English word for springtime, referring to the lengthening hours of sunlight in this hemisphere.

In the East, the tradition of preparing for Easter is received as "Great Lent," to distinguish it from a secondary "Lent" preceding Christmas, and a two-week period, a kind of "pre-Lent," that gradually introduces the faithful to the austerities of Great Lent. One of the major differences between East and West is in the vigor of the Lenten fast. In Great Lent the customs of fast and abstinence are far more strict than we are accustomed to. For us, meat is off our Lenten tables on Friday, but in the East, meat disappears from the diet completely, along with dairy products.

DIRECTION

The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are going. —Oliver Wendell Holmes

LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU

Let nothing disturb you,
Nothing frighten you.
All things are passing.
God never changes.
Patient endurance attains all things.
Whoever possesses God lacks nothing,
God alone is sufficient. —St. Teresa of Ávila

Please enjoy this beautiful essay from a Confirmation Candidate:

St. Catherine Laboure Essay

Catherine Laboure was born on May 2, 1806 in Fain-Les-Moutiers, France. On October 9, 1815 at the age of 9, Catherine's mother died. She entered the Daughters of Charity shortly after. On July 18, 1830 she awoke to a voice calling her into the chapel. Mother Mary spoke to her and said, "God wishes to charge you with a mission, you will be contradicted but do not fear, you will have a grace to do what is necessary. Tell your spiritual director all that passes within you. Times are evil in France and in the world." Again, on November 27, 1830 while praying, Mother Mary appeared to her. She displayed herself in an oval frame, standing upon a globe wearing many rings of different colors. Most of the rings shone light over the globe. Around the frame it said, "O' Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." It also had a circle of twelve stars and a large letter M surmounted by a cross, with the the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary underneath. Mary asked her to put these images on medallions, which she did. Throughout the whole process, St. Catherine remained anonymous, so even by her death in 1876 no one but her successor knew she was the one to bring the Miraculous Medal into the world. She was canonized a saint on July 27, 1947 by Pope Pius XII.

I am choosing St. Catherine Laboure as my saint name because it has great meaning and significance. The day Mother Mary's image of the Miraculous Medal appeared to Catherine, November 27th, is my birthday. Catherine's story holds true to my heart. Both my mother and myself carry around the Miraculous Medal with us wherever we go. Shelly, my sponsor, has a deep connection to the name Catherine and was very happy when I told her that's the name I'd be choosing. After creating the medallion for the whole world to see, Catherine spent the rest of her life working as a nurse. When I grow up, I want to attend medical school and study to become a nurse. I love helping people as much as I can. St. Catherine also worked with the elderly along with being a nurse. I have donated my time to the Atrium in Rocky Hill that cares for patients with Alzheimer's and dementia. I enjoy playing games and spending time with them and look forward to going back. From choosing St. Catherine Laboure as my saint name I hope to gain the dedication and love she has for being a Catholic and admiration she had to pass on the words of our Mother Mary. I hope to be a positive influence to others in need just like she was.



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Lenten Regulations: Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, but have not yet marked their 59th are to fast on 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!

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.



LENTEN CONFESSIONS

What an extraordinary gift — the gift of divine forgiveness! 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 Mondays from 6-7pm during Lent for Confessions. visit: Light4you.info.

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.

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

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.

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 Highway) on the Fridays of Lent. The service will begin at 7:30pm on Friday evenings.**

**Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— *Psalm 27:1*