

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, APRIL 9TH

5:00 pm – Joseph & Angeline Santomenno

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH

8:30am– Generosa Marinelli

10:30am–Paolo, Francesca & Tina
Panebianco

MONDAY, APRIL 11TH

9:00am– John Iacobucci

TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH

9:00am—William & Esther Kirsche

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH

9:00am— Linda Klapatch

THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH

9:00am– For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

9:00am– Deceased members of the Clark,
DeLeon & Foisey Families

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

5:00pm– Deceased members of the Nesta
Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

8:30am– Raffaella Ingenito

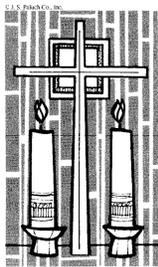
10:30am–Joseph (Ed) Burke

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 4/11/2016–4/17/2016
in memory of Dr. Vito Mazzone.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
4/11/2016-4/17/2016 in memory
of Elizabeth Phillips Kempf &
The Deceased members of the
Phillips & Burgie Families.



The Second collection this weekend is the monthly.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, April 13th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

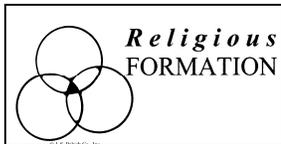
Men's Association will meet on Wednesday, April 13th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Second collection next weekend will be the Peter's Pence collection which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Incarnation Women's Club Communion Supper: Wednesday, April 20th.

Mass will be celebrated at 6pm with dinner to follow at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Guest speaker will be Noranne Wamester, Pastoral Associate who will speak about Mercy. Please take home a pink flyer. All men, women & friends are invited to attend. Please call Judi Farinella at 563-0083 for reservations.

We have two candles located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The Sanctuary Light enclosed in red glass burns to signify that the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Tabernacle in the Chapel. The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle is mounted on the wall near the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue.



Registration for Faith Formation will be mailed after April 8th. If you wish to register a new student and the child has not been baptized at The Church of the Incarnation, a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate must accompany the registration form in order for the registration to be processed. Gr. 9 students (Sept. 2016) will receive an invitation in Oct. for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

New Day will meet Tuesday, April 12th at 1pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. This will be our final session. It is an honor to walk the journey together.



Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sun., 4/17/16,
10:30am mass. Join

us for refreshments in Fr. Crawford Hall.

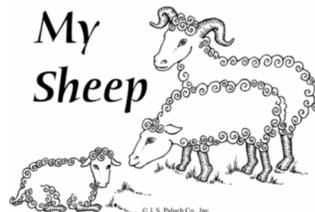
Faith Formation: Our Faith formation communities have ended for this year. We are so incredibly blessed as a community of believers to be a part of this beautiful ministry. Thank you all of our catechists who impart the true spirit of our faith to our children. They never cease to amaze me. Thank you to Mrs. Maggie Seaver for her total devotion to the faith growth of our Middle School students. They are truly growing in our faith. What a blessed team she has to offer their faith experience to our youth.

Our Confirmation community continues to gather as there are many wonderful happenings upcoming. They are true Mercy Missionaries for Christ as they are focusing on reaching out to offer many opportunities to raise funds for Pediatric Cancer Research in our parish. I thank the Confirmation mentor team for their incredible support.

Also our Youth Ministry, under the leadership of Mrs. Maggie Seaver will continue to gather. They are preparing to attend the summer Steubenville Conference entitled "Believe" at UMASS/Amherst.

Great things are happening.. Our God is so good. Let us celebrate this Good News!

*Feed
My
Sheep*



BAPTISM



**EMMA MARIE
AMAIO**

A Weekly Bible Study



3rd Sunday of Easter Revelation 5:11-14

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The Book of Revelation is replete not only with symbolism but with numerous allusions and references to the Hebrew Scriptures. As you hear passages proclaimed try to recall similar themes or images you have heard and read in the Old Testament. Revelation is the ultimate expression of God's salvific plan fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Is it any wonder that this powerful book occurs at the end of the Scriptures? It is truly a fitting "last word."

In last week's reading we briefly considered the symbol "seven" noting completion and perfection. Seven occurs again today (did you find its subtle expression?) but it is the Lamb that takes center stage. Used twenty-eight times throughout this book, the Paschal Lamb is central to John's message. JP Love, in the *Layman's Bible Commentary*, notes that only the kingdom of heaven would *dare* to use a helpless, slain lamb as its symbol of might. In first century Rome non-Christians would not have easily identified with the Lamb. Christians, however, would have regarded Jesus as the Paschal Lamb of a new Passover. For them it would have been of utmost symbolic importance, and again a foil to persecutors!

In today's reading, as the Lamb appears, it is most fitting that all creation (represented by angels, elders and living creatures) join together in a "fullness" of praise: power, honor, glory, riches, wisdom, strength, blessing. (Are there not seven acclamations?) Perfect praise is given to the One who sits on the throne (God) and to the Lamb (Christ). It is a recognition of Christ's divinity and triumph over death. This heavenly liturgical gathering offers to first century Christians the hope of victory over their sufferings and to us a promise and foretaste of eternal life.



Weekly Reflection for the Year of Mercy

To feed the hungry is a corporal work of mercy. We can begin by examining our own attitude toward food and consumption. Do we see food as nourishment or as indulgence? In terms of actions, we can obviously donate to appropriate charities, volunteer at local soup kitchens/food pantries and share food with others. We can also consider such acts as not wasting food, "going hungry" one day to feel the plight of the poor, cutting our own grocery bill to provide for someone in need, randomly handing out coupons or gift cards to the needy, cooking/delivering meals to the homebound, helping others shop for groceries, and purchasing a few extra cans for donation each week.

Third Sunday of Easter April 10, 2016

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing."

— *Revelation 5:12*

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



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**The Lord has risen; It is true!
Proclaim it to the world!**

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

YANKEE STADIUM TRIP

**Incarnation Men's Association,
Sat. May 14th:**

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 \$110.00. All are welcome: men, women and children. Please call Tony Colasacco at (860)-836-3064 to reserve your seats. Checks payable to "The Church of Incarnation" and mail to Tony Colasacco, 151 Cider Brook Dr. Weth., CT. 06109.

ATTENTION: FOR YOUR INFO:

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 & trained to use a Automated External Defibrillator call Audrey at (860) 529-2533 to keep 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 to first call 911 in an emergency.

HomeFront Day: Saturday, May 7th. Sponsored by the Office of Urban Affairs of the Archdiocese & Americares. Parishes all over the state accept a project to repair and fix up the home of a needy family. Workers with a variety of skills as well as unskilled workers needed. Must be at least 17 years of age, but young people ages 14-17 may work with a signed release from their parents, & supervision. Call Pat at (860)563-7773. Sponsored by Sacred Heart, Corpus Christi & Incarnation.

WEDDING BANNERS



**MICHAEL CAPPELLUCCI &
KRISTIN VENEZIANO**

**GREGORY ARVAI &
DALE CAMPANELLO**

REDEMPTION

Do you remember Peter on the night Jesus was arrested? He claimed he had never heard of Jesus. Today we are called to join Peter in testifying to the name of Jesus as he does in the first reading, and in proclaiming our love for him as Peter does in the Gospel passage. The powerful imagery of John's vision in the second reading from the book of Revelation shows us the company we keep when we have faith in the name of Jesus. We join all living creatures, "countless in number" from "heaven, earth, under the earth, in the sea; everything in the universe" (Revelation 5:11, 13). The dignity and majesty described in each reading are in stark contrast to the dark and pitiful image of Peter and the other apostles at the time of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What a relief that we can all be redeemed so completely!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ.
(Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5;
Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Stanislaus

Wednesday: St. Martin I

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From the earliest centuries, we know that some Christian women desired to vow themselves to a celibate life to pray and serve. Some, but by no means everyone, wanted a kind of monastic life. Others wanted to stay in the family home. By the fourth century, the church was celebrating the "Consecration of Virgins," a rite performed by the bishop, and involving a "veiling" of the woman. It was looked upon as a form of marriage with Christ, partly because in the culture of the day a woman's status in society was linked to a man. The prayers and ritual for the consecration of virgins were exactly the same as the prayers and ritual for the consecration of a bride on her wedding day. The public character of the rite gave the bishop the opportunity to commend the virgin to the faithful, and to threaten with punishment anyone who tried to turn her from her commitment. Eventually, the rite fell into disuse for women living in the world, and was reserved for nuns. The Second Vatican Council directed that it be revived and restored, and in nearly every diocese, single women have embraced this form of consecrated life.

SAVE THE DATE: SAT., APRIL 23, 2016

The Knights of Columbus are holding a Pasta Dinner, at the Church of the Incarnation after the 5:00 PM Mass in Father Crawford Hall. The menu includes: Ziti, Meat Balls, Sausage, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Water and Soda. After dinner, Sal Basile will entertain our guests with traditional Italian Music. The cost of this dinner is \$10.00 per Adult, \$25.00 per family (children 12 and under). Please call John Ewaski at (860) 563-3887 to make your reservation. Checks should be made payable to the Knights of Columbus Council # 4193, and sent to 161 Brimfield Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109-3309. Seating is limited, last year this event was sold out. Please call early to guarantee a place for you or your group. Groups with full tables of 10 will be seated together. All other seating is open. Proceeds from this event will go the churches in our council and other local charities. Thank you for your support,. See you on April 23th.

Confirmation Name Essay

St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Tradition says her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi. As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown. Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. When her father found her and attempted to force her back into his home, she refused and professed that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ. In order to give her the greater solitude she desired, Francis sent Clare to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery. Over-time, other women joined them, wanting to also be brides of Jesus and live with no money. They became known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano." They all lived a simple life of austerity, seclusion from the world, and poverty, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. St. Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. Their lives consisted of manual labor and prayer. Yet, they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time. While serving as the leader of her order, Clare defended them from the attempts of prelates to impose a rule on them that more closely followed the Rule of Saint Benedict than Francis. Clare was so devoted and dedicated to Francis that she was often referred to as "alter Franciscus," or another Francis. She encouraged and aided the man she saw as a spiritual father figure, and took care of him as he grew old.

Following Francis' death, Clare continued to promote her order, fighting off every attempt from each pope trying to impose a rule on her order that would water down their "radical commitment to corporate poverty." In 1224, an army of rough soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. Although very sick, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament on her hands. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed at the wall where the enemies could see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters. On August 9, 1253, Pope Innocent IV declared Clare's rule would serve as the governing rule for Clare's Order of Poor Ladies. Two days later, Clare died at 59-years-old. Her remains were placed in the chapel of San Giorgio while the church dedicated to her remains was being built. At Pope Innocent's request, the canonization process for Clare began immediately, and two years later in 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare as Saint Clare of Assisi. The construction of the Basilica of Saint Clare was finished in 1260, and on October 3, 1260 Clare's remains were transferred there and buried beneath the high altar. Nearly 600 years later, her remains were transferred once again to a newly constructed shrine in the crypt of the Basilica of Saint Clare. Her body is no longer claimed to be incorrupt. St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend mass and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room. She is also the patroness of eye disease, goldsmiths, and laundry. Clare is often pictured carrying a monstrance or pyx, to commemorate the time she warded off the soldiers at the gates of her convent with the Blessed Sacrament. St. Clare's feast day is celebrated on August 11. I chose this Saint because St. Clare has inspired me to dedicate my weekends and free time to prayer and not always my friends or sports life. St. Clare was a survivor and kept faith in the Lord and put others in front of her showing truly how brave and caring she was. Clare will always remind me to be brave when times get rough and ask for forgiveness when I commit wrong.

ROSARY BEADS FOR THE MISSIONS: There is a special box (for donations of rosary beads only) available in the Narthex. The beads will be donated to numerous worldwide missions. We will collect until 5/21st & 22nd. This is the annual collection by the Women's Club.

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

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 greeter prior to Mass that you will do so. Thank you!

To join Incarnation Men's Assoc., or Knights of Columbus, Call Mike White (860) 667-2099.

In celebration of the Year of Mercy, the Church of Saint Dominic in Southington, CT, extends an invitation to all members of your parish. On the evenings of May 1, 2 and 3, 2016, at 7pm the church will host a three part mission led by John Michael Talbot, a Catholic Christian musician, author and founder of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity. The mission is open to all, including those of other faith traditions. There is no charge for attendance, but John Michael will accept a love offering each evening, for the support of his monastic community. He will also make his recorded music and books available for sale. This is the fifth year of John Michael's mission work, augmenting thirty-plus years of sharing the gospels through word and song.

ABC's of Catholic Relief Services... This week - CRS/Philippines: American Catholics, via CRS, helped 500,000 Filipinos get back on their feet after Typhoon Haiyan struck November 2013. But the work is not finished. Livelihood recovery and initiation is still underway. Your help is for the long term. For more info visit: www.crs.org.



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.