

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

Rectory Hours

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

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(860) 529-2533

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Mass Schedule



SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

5:00 pm – Deceased members of the Nesta Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

8:30am– Raffaella Ingenito
10:30am–Joseph (Ed) Burke

MONDAY, APRIL 18TH

9:00am– Elizabeth Matt

TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH

9:00am— Joseph Lombardo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH

9:00am— Raffaella & Francesco Filippa

THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST

9:00am– For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND

9:00am– Henry Dabros

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD

5:00pm– John & Catherine Abramek

SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH

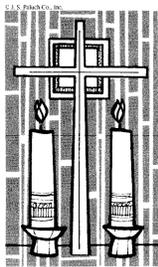
8:30am– Lucy Reale Leone
10:30am– Vincent Ingenito

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 4/18/2016–4/24/2016
in memory of Nicholas & Mary
Champ and Joseph Aiudi.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
4/18/2016-4/24/2016 in memory
of Frank Bulanti.



The Second collection this weekend is 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.

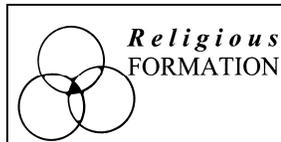
Employment Support Group: Tuesday, April 19th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you know is in need of employment, have them attend this meeting!

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 by 4/18.

There will be a House of Bread collection next weekend. Coffee & sugar are requested. Thank you for your generous donations!

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy, October 3-13th 2016. Hosted by Reverend Monsignor David M. Walker. Visiting Venice, Florence, Rome with Vatican City, Papal Audience, the Holy Doors and more. Please call (203) 488-2998.



Registration for Faith Formation: Letters were mailed. 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.



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!

Confirmation Session: Sunday, April 24th from 12:30-2:00pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.

CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world. —Anonymous

BAPTISM



**TESSA MARIE
MASON**

Hospital Visits: If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, please inform the hospital staff that you are a member of the Church of the Incarnation. Due to the privacy laws, it is very difficult to decipher those patients that are parishioners and would like a visit by a priest. Thank you for your help.

A Weekly Bible Study



4th Sunday of Easter

Revelation 7:7, 14b-17 John 10:27-30

One of the most endearing images in Scripture is that of the Good Shepherd. Carried in the arms of our Shepherd, we are wrapped in the security of God's protection and guided safely on our way. That this image provides a beautiful link between today's passage from Revelation and the Gospel is further testimony that God is ever faithful to his promises.

John beholds another heavenly vision that offers deep consolation to first century Christians. The elect are swept up into the victory of the Lamb, gathered at the throne of God offering endless praise. The Lamb seated on the throne is the Shepherd who will provide eternal shelter for his faithful ones. They have come home.

This is the same blessed assurance that Yahweh extended to his people, Israel, and Jesus to the multitudes. We are likewise the beneficiaries of God's protection, both in this life and in the next. *We* will never hunger and thirst again (Isaiah 49:10). *We* will be lead to life-giving water (Psalm 23:2). *We* will have every tear wiped away (Isaiah 25:8). Our God will triumph over every evil. That is our hope. That is God's promise.

It is the Gospel that seals our everlasting relationship with God. "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me," says the Lord. It is the deepest intimacy we can experience. In our earthly life and in eternity we are never separated from the one who gives us life. Though we have many earthly miles to go before we arrive at our heavenly home, we take great consolation in knowing that our Shepherd is true to his promises now and for all eternity.

Listen for his voice today, know him and follow him, our Good Shepherd.



Weekly Reflection for the Year of Mercy

In addition to what we considered last week, *to feed the hungry* means that we educate ourselves about world hunger, and become involved in local efforts and civic/global initiatives that help to alleviate hunger. We also encourage children to collect loose change, sponsor food drives in their school communities and be eager to share their treats with the needy around them.



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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



**GREGORY ARVAI &
DALE CAMPANELLO**

THE SHEPHERD'S FLOCK

In Christian art, the earliest depictions of Jesus Christ were not of his crucifixion or of his resurrection. The first known renderings of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd, the image put before us in today's readings. In the Gospel passage Jesus reveals that he is the shepherd and his followers are his "flock."

In the first and second readings, we are told more about the flock. The passage from Acts assures us that both Jews and Gentiles are called to follow Jesus. It is faith, not birthright, that makes us part of the company of believers. In the passage from the book of Revelation we learn that the flock that follows this Lamb of God will also be washed in his blood. They will endure a time of trial before they enjoy eternal life. Be assured of the promise, we are told, but know there is a price to be paid.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalms — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a;
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Thursday: St. Anselm

Friday: Earth Day; Passover begins

Saturday: St. George; St. Adalbert

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just as the early church consecrated women living alone in the world, today that consecration is available to women who take solemn vows as cloistered nuns (different from religious sisters), women who follow a way of life in communities called "secular institutes," and laywomen. Oddly, the ritual is not permitted for religious sisters. The prayers talk about the woman's self-gift to Christ, and her self-gift to the Church. Up until recent years, this was a solemn ceremony performed only for cloistered nuns under certain circumstances. In its new form, we have a ritual that revives a very ancient and little-known way of life. Today, a woman can live independently at home, without association with any religious sisterhood or institute, yet be consecrated to holiness and service. Normally, a ring and/or a veil may be given in the liturgy of consecration. It is a rite very different from religious profession, where the sister makes promises or vows, and is rather an expression of approval and blessing for a way of life already embraced. Unlike ancient times, which valued actual virginity, the new rite may be celebrated for anyone provided there has never been a marriage and the woman has always lived a virtuous life.

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.

Confirmation Name Essay

When choosing a saint name, I thought long and hard. The saint I chose had to be like me or have similar qualities to me. If they didn't what's the point in choosing your saint name? The name and saint I have chosen is Saint Stephanie. Saint Stephanie was a very wise and much talked about person. She was born in 1457 in Brescia, Italy. She was raised into a very spiritual family and was predicted that she would lead a very holy and spiritual life. When Stephanie was about seven she started to have visions on and vowed to make changes to the things going on around her like poverty. She was about fourteen when her father died and afterwards started to actively be involved in her community. Many people went to Stephanie for advice and help with their family, lives and other issues. This quality of St. Stephanie reminds me of myself. Many of my friends and loved ones come to for advice or if they need to get something off their chest. This is one of the main reasons why I chose Stephanie as my saint. She is someone that relates to me. Stephanie continued to help people for the rest of her life. An interesting fact about Stephanie is that she predicted her own death, January 2 1530 - because she had the gift of prophecy. Stephanie is also known as Blessed Stephanie. She was beatified December 14, 1740 by Pope Benedict XIV. It is an honor to have to name of a woman who did so much for her community and the people in her lifetime. This is the type of person who I would like be like and look up to.

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 17, 2016

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth."
— Acts 13:47b*



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.



**Put on the
attitude of Christ**

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Men's Association Steak Night: Wednesday, May 18th 6pm dinner in Fr. Crawford Hall. Please take home green flyer for details. For reservations call Bill Carroll for reservations at (860) 604-6793. \$25 p.p., pay at the door.

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!

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.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Surpasses 7 Million Dollars!

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We encourage you to please visit www.archdioceseofhartford.org/archbishops-annual-appeal-videos/ to view the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal impact video. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider doing so.



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.