

The Church of the Incarnation

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Sacristan

Marguerite Heinimann
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

Fax
(860) 721-6595

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(860) 529-6765
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Website address:
www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Mass Schedule



SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

5:00 pm – John Vignone Jr.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH

8:30am– Deceased members of the
Robinson & Montanile Families
10:30am– Deceased members of the DeRose
Family

MONDAY, JUNE 13TH

9:00am– Sal & Dolores Brunetti

TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH

9:00am—Nicholas & Helen Rago

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH

9:00am– Deceased members of the Russo,
Morello & Spada Families

FRIDAY, JUNE 17H

9:00am– Salvatore & Carmella DiSilvestro

SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH

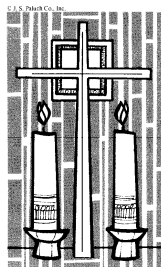
5:00pm– Mass of Thanksgiving, 50th
Wedding Anniversary for Bill &
Noranne Wamester

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH

8:30am– Deceased members of the Santos,
Gaspar & Loura Families
10:30am– Richard E. Kutyla & Edward P.
Kutyla

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 6/13/2016–
6/19/2016 in memory of
Joanne & Fred Lepore.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
6/13/2016-6/19/2016 in memory
of John Rossi.

**Thank you to all who donated to the
Catholic Relief Services Collection.**

**The Second collection this weekend is the
monthly collection.**

**Church of the Incarnation Spring Food
Drive to benefit The Wethersfield Food
Bank will be held this weekend after all
Masses. Delivery site is Fr. Crawford
Hall.** Requested items: canned pasta (Chef
Boyardee), canned chicken, peanut butter &
jelly, cereal (no cheerios), snack foods
needed for children for the summer....
granola bars, peanut butter & jelly crackers
in pkgs of 6, laundry detergent & dishwash-
ing liquid. Please bring your items in bags.

**There will be a House of Bread collection
next weekend.** Powdered lemonade and
iced tea mix are requested for the summer
months. Thank you for your generous sup-
port to this important ministry to the poor.

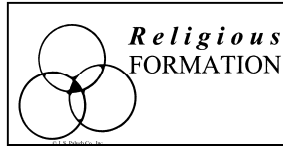


PRAYER FOR PEACE: Please join
us at The Church of the Incarnation
thirty minutes prior to the 9am Daily
Mass to pray for peace in all the
troubled areas of our world.



*Her many
sins
have been
forgiven
because
she has
shown*

**GREAT
LOVE**



Do It For Luke Concert:

Kudos to our Our Confirmation Candidates, their families, Mentors and Team, our parishioners and guests for attending and celebrating this amazingly successful event.

Thank you to the incredible band **FEVER** for your fantastic music and vocal talents. Thank you to Mary and John Breton and family, Gina and Rachel Calcagni, Michelle and David Moquin and family, Mrs. Maggie Seaver and Teri Aiudi for their tremendous support and hard work in preparing for this great evening.

\$2,320.00 was raised for Pediatric Cancer Research. We all grew in our awareness of the blessing of health and we all grew in the awareness that we are called to Pay It Forward with kindness in memory of Luke Gary Dunn and for all children who live with cancer and their families.

It was indeed a very special evening. Father Crawford Hall was filled with a spirit-filled sense of love and joy. A community of Believers celebrated the gift of LIFE. Alleluia!!!

THANK YOU! Our Youth Ministry members would like to thank our most generous parishioners for supporting our plans to attend the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference this summer. We are still accepting donations to help fund this weekend where our youth will gather with over 3000 teens to worship together and grow in their Catholic faith. Donations can be mailed or left at the rectory in an envelope marked: Youth Ministry – Steubenville. We are extremely grateful for your donations as well as your prayers, and we will be sure to pray for all of our parishioners.

Registration for Faith Formation: Deadline is June 8th. 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.

Our final Children's Liturgy of the Word for the season was two weeks ago. We will resume in Sept. Thanks to all who make C.L.W. possible!!

All Faith Formation communities are in recess. We are grateful to our team of catechists & mentors at all levels. Blessings to all families. Have a safe & peaceful summer. God's Peace, Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate.

Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of Mrs. Eileen Sampiere... Reception to follow Mass

Corpus Christi School Principal, 1992-2016
Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Corpus Christi Church

Current and past families, alumni, parishioners are encouraged to attend! Immediately following the mass, please stop in to wish Mrs. Sampiere well at a reception in the Corpus Christi School Gymnasium. Contributions in Mrs. Sampiere's honor will be gratefully accepted for the ***Mrs. Eileen Sampiere Classroom*** Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Hwy. Wethersfield, CT 06109 *Please make checks payable to Corpus Christi School and note as in honor of Mrs. Sampiere* Please respond for the reception by calling 860-529-5487 or via email at coleenatico@aol.com.



**A Weekly Bible Study
11th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
2 Samuel 12:7-13 and
Psalm 32**

“I have sinned against the Lord.”

It is said that a little power can be a dangerous thing. King David, possessing great charisma as well as great power, did not always use his many gifts for good. In 2 Samuel we learn of David’s illicit relationship with Bathsheba and his manipulation of others to further his evil desires, including the murder of Uriah. Ah, what tangled webs *we all* weave! How often do we sin and perpetuate more sin to keep covering our own tracks.

The Lord God loved and cherished his son, David. As only God can do, David’s tangled web gave rise to the kingdom of Solomon, one of the pre-eminent kings of Israel and Judah. Moreover, it was from the line of David that the Messiah would be born. One has only to scan the genealogies of Jesus to see the flawed characters from which he descended.

The penitential Psalm 32, sections of which we read today, illustrates the unique bond between God and David. While the psalm begins with great rejoicing at his being forgiven, it also captures David’s interior struggle with sin: “Because I kept silent, my bones wasted away.” Stubborn of heart, the powerful king becomes a victim of the power of sin and its rippling consequences. David’s sinfulness eats at him, saps his strength, lays heavy upon him. Sound familiar? Perhaps the Lord is closest to us in our *struggle* to remain faithful.

Nathan the prophet is very quick to offer the Lord’s forgiveness to David. And it is David’s sincere repentance that frees him to embrace God’s love. We, too, may be mired in our sinfulness, unable to rise above our tendencies and weaknesses. But as Nathan so beautifully illustrates, and as David eventually realizes, God’s mercy surrounds the one who comes to him. God is already upon our doorstep. Will we let him come in?



**Weekly Reflection
for the Year of Mercy**

In his first apostolic exhortation, *Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes that he prefers a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets. Who are the bruised and hurting within our own families, our various communities? Are we ready to visit the dirty streets that call us to minister? What might be holding us back from bringing God’s mercy to the neediest among us?

Looking to deepen your understanding of Sacred Scripture? Consider attending the Catholic Biblical School. Two-year and four-year certificate programs are available with once-weekly classes conveniently located. For more information, brochures are available in the narthex, or contact Barbara at (860) 257-8949.

Though her sins were many they were forgiven because she showed great love. Do we show great love for Jesus? Do we have the courage to be counted among those who follow Jesus? If you want to follow Jesus as a priest or religious, 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.



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VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHTS FOR MEN **AGES 16-35**

**Mon. July 11 at St. Mary Church, 626 Willard Ave.,
Newington 6-8 pm**

**Mon. Aug. 8 at St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Rd.,
Southington 6-8pm**

Have you figured out yet what you want to be when you "grow up"? More importantly, have you figured out why? We invite you to join us for an informational gathering where there will be a short talk with practical suggestions for "discerning" the call that God has in store for you, some time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a chance to hear the story of the vocation journey from a few of our seminarians, and we will play a round of "Stump the Seminarian" giving you the chance to bring your questions to them. There's even free pizza, so why not swing by? To reserve your spot, please call: 860-761-7457 or e-mail the Vocation Office at: vocations@aohct.org, or use the form on our website at: www.hartfordpriest.com.

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've been advised to first call 911 in an emergency.

We received a lovely thank you note from Dick & Betty Holden for the donations of rosary beads. You may find it on the Narthex bulletin board. They are moving full time to Florida and we will not be taking up this collection anymore. Thanks so much for your kind donations!!

Information from the CT Catholic Conference: Currently towns are obligated to provide transportation to our Catholic schools. The current budget threatens this mandatory obligation of boards of education to provide safe transportation services. The budget under discussion threatens this obligation, which will result in a significant burden to our schools. It is imperative that Catholics unite and call the Governor and the Leaders of the Senate and the House in order to protect, preserve, and restore safe transportation for our Catholic schools. Dannel Malloy, Governor 800-406-1527, Senator Martin Looney, president Pro Tempore, (860) 240-8614, Rep. Brendan Sharkey, Speaker of the House, (860) 240-8541.

BAPTISMS



**MICHAEL LOGAN
BONGIOVANNI
&
TAHLIA NICOLE
MATEYOV**

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE
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THE CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC LEGISLATIVE NETWORK

• SIGN-UP • STAY INFORMED • BE AN ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE •

BECOME A MEMBER

Our Catholic faith and the Gospels call us to be active and responsible participants in our society. The Catholic Church has always taken this obligation seriously through the many services it provides to those in need: whether that need arises from acute poverty, serious illness, or distress in the family. The Church also continues to offer guidance through its statements on the moral and social issues confronting society. This mission of the Church, however, is constantly being challenged in the public square. These challenges may come in the form of cut-backs in vital social services to the poor and needy, or from executive/legislative actions that run contrary to Church teachings. Recently, these challenges have also included an increased governmental threat to religious freedom in our society.

In an effort to confront these challenges to the teachings of the Church, the Bishops of Connecticut have utilized the Connecticut Catholic Legislative Network to communicate our concerns to our Catholic population since 2005. The purpose of this Network is two-fold, to:

*Inform Catholics regarding current social issues from a Catholic perspective.
Alert members about legislative issues which are being debated on the State
and Federal level that impact our Catholic community.*

The increased participation of parishioners registering with our Network strengthens the voice of the Church in Connecticut.

**Please sign-up to become a member of the Legislative Network
on the following website
www.ctcatholicpac.org.**

(All information is kept confidential and is not shared with any other organization.)

SIGN-UP NOW!

HOPE AND FORGIVENESS

There were some interesting conceptions of sin prevalent in the time of the Hebrew scriptures. There was the belief that God punished sin immediately. Those who suffered disease or misfortune were, therefore, sinners getting their due from the Almighty.

Today's first reading hints at another kind of God. When David admits his sin, Nathan declares, "The LORD on his part has forgiven your sin" (2 Samuel 12:13b). Here was not a vengeful God but a merciful God. What good news that must have been to David and those who, like him, could be honest enough to admit their sinfulness!

Jesus is the good news of God's mercy and forgiveness incarnate. Without Jesus, perhaps the good news would have been too good to believe, too difficult to imagine. But there he is in today's Gospel, the God-man, forgiving a sinner and declaring that she is forgiven because of her great love.

There is hope, then, for the rest of us sinners, if only we love enough!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD forgives David for taking the wife of Uriah, and for having Uriah killed (2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13).

Psalm — Lord, forgive the wrong I have done (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — If justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing (Galatians 2:16, 19-21).

Gospel — Jesus forgives the woman because of her great love (Luke 7:36 — 8:3 [7:36-50]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Anthony of Padua
 Tuesday: Flag Day
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's "Treasure" no doubt raised an eyebrow or two with the image of the deacons scurrying through the streets of Rome, or perhaps galloping on horseback, with fragments of eucharistic bread from the bishop's liturgy. These would be dropped into the chalice at outlying celebrations, presided over by presbyters, to express unity with the bishop, and perhaps also to remind the presbyters that they were not free agents. The Council of Laodicea forbade the custom of the *fermentum* in the year 348. Generally, one of the rules of interpreting law is that people don't make laws about things that aren't happening. So, by mid-fourth century, we have an important clue that what had once been a Roman custom had become widespread.

Interestingly, when the Church of England (and its related bodies) went through a liturgical renewal in the mid-nineteenth century, they reclaimed this custom from the mists of history. Today, it is the custom in some Anglican dioceses for a fragment of the host from the bishop's Holy Week liturgy (what we call the Chrism Mass) to be carried to every parish. On "Maundy Thursday" (our Holy Thursday), the fragment is dropped into the chalice to signify the parish's communion with the bishop. This modern revival of the *fermentum* is different from the "co-mingling" action we are used to, in which a fragment of the consecrated bread is dropped into the chalice just before Communion.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7;
 Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16;
 Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20;
 Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23
 Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34;
 Mt 6:24-34
 Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9;
 Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

Stewards for Tomorrow - Pastoral Planning

In the months of May and June, priests will be meeting in deanery gatherings to review sacramental, liturgical, pastoral and demographic data in an effort to provide initial restructuring proposals for parishes and schools in their deaneries. Once these first-draft proposals are documented, pastors will share them with six to seven lay and religious leaders in their parish to gain their perspectives/feedback on the proposals. (July and August) This process of consultation is integral as we strive to be “Stewards For Tomorrow.” If you are asked to be part of this process, please share your time and talent with your local priests and deanery representatives, even if it may not be convenient! Please pray daily for the success of this effort. (One way would be to use the prayer printed below) After these rounds of consultation, the recommendations will be synthesized with other models and possibilities provided by PartnersEdge LLC, a national consulting firm that provides this type of service to dioceses throughout the United States. In September, a further model for parishes and schools will again be brought before deaneries for evaluation. At that time the Office of Pastoral Planning will summarize the results from all 17 deaneries and share the proposals with Archbishop Blair and others for further analysis and refinement. It is our hope that by early 2017 we together will have achieved a model for our Archdiocese that will begin to realize our Archdiocesan vision of a “local church characterized by spiritual vitality, organizational efficacy and accountability and social and financial responsibility- all for the sake of fulfilling our mission.” What is our mission? “In union with the whole Church, the faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford have a mission by Baptism to be living signs of communion with God, and to be his instruments for the redemption of the world. Nourished by God’s Word and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are called to live a holy life, and to bring others into our shared communion with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” For more information, please visit the Archdiocesan website (www.ArchdioceseofHartford.org) and click on the link for the Office of Pastoral Planning.

Pastoral Planning Prayer - Stewards for Tomorrow

Almighty God and Father, we the members of the Archdiocese of Hartford thank you for the gift of our Catholic Faith. As we look to the future during this time of pastoral planning, we ask you to bless us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to discern wisely a way forward to meet today’s challenges and opportunities. May the **virtue of prudence** guide our efforts to be good stewards of the legacy we have inherited from those whose vision in the past helped establish our beloved Archdiocese and its parishes, schools and institutions. May the **virtue of justice** ensure that the voices of the faithful of every generation, ethnicity, state in life, and community in the Archdiocese be heard, welcomed and respected. May the **virtue of fortitude** confirm us in our resolve to acknowledge and address the spiritual and practical realities of our day, and to position ourselves for a more vibrant future. May the **virtue of temperance** help us to look beyond our individual interests and concerns for the sake of the common good of the whole Church in our archdiocese and its mission to draw all people to Christ. At the intercession of Blessed Mary, our Mother, and Saint Joseph her spouse and our patron, may we discern and implement what is truly best for the whole Church and for all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Incarnation Women’s Club June Cooking Team organized by leaders Carol Halstead & Eleanor Reddin prepared meals for Mercy House and Tabor House in Hartford. A picnic dinner was provided which consisted of barbecue ribs, potato salad, baked beans, Klondike Bars and soda. Thank you to helpers Gina Valdesi, Linda Cerati, Connie Morin, Kathie Skinner, Terri Martino, Mary Spellacy and Paula Melillo. Thank you to all the cooking helpers who made the preparation and delivery of all meals possible. We will resume cooking sessions in September.