

The Church of the Incarnation

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Youth Minister**

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Rosanne Sweeney Gowdy
Andrew Russo
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Cantors

Toni Munoz
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.

Rectory
(860) 529-2533

Fax
(860) 721-6595

Church E-Mail
cincarnation@sbcglobal.net

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

Mass Schedule



SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

5:00 pm – Frank Mandile

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH

8:30am– Gina Fitzsimmons

10:30am– Nancy & Dorothy St. Pierre

MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH

9:00am– Walter Lagosh

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

9:00am—Thomas, Mary & Vincent Scully

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH

9:00am– Eleanor Mazzarella

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH

9:00am– Deceased members of the
Armentano & Placino Families

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH

5:00pm– Sally & George D'Esopo

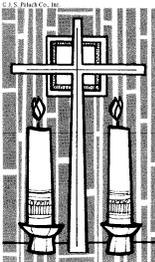
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST

8:30am– Peter Quatrocelli

10:30am–David Dolge

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 8/15/2016–
8/21/2016 in memory of
Frank Antolini.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
8/15/2016-8/21/2016 in
memory of the deceased members of the
Calleri & Perna Families.

The Second collection this weekend is the monthly.

Monday, August 15th is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Daily Mass will be held at 9am on Monday.

If you are in need of employment please call Ken Mendoza, employment support chairperson at (860) 665-1515 to set up appointment.

Men's Association Meeting: Wednesday, August 17th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

House of Bread collection next weekend. Coffee, sugar and powdered drink mixes are requested. Thanks for the support!

SAVE THE DATE!

**THE CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION
PARISH PICNIC**

SEPTEMBER 11TH FROM 1 - 4 PM.

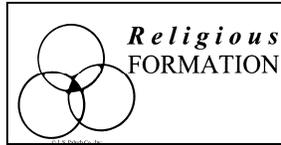
The Men's Association will host this event.

We will have a traditional picnic menu, entertainment from 2:30 to 3:30 PM and activities for the children.

Please call John Ewaski at 860-563-3887 with the number of adults and children attending so we can plan for food and activities.

The cost for the picnic is \$10 per adult and \$25 per family (children under 12).

The event will be held in our air-conditioned Fr. Crawford Hall and seats will also be available under a cool, shady outdoor tent.



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

Elementary Faith Formation K-6: Only families who have registered for 2016-2017 Faith Formation will receive the mailing for the 2016-2017 Emerson-Williams schedule. This will be mailed in two weeks.

All present PARISH FAMILY HOME communities are filled. There will not be any more PFH communities formed. Families will be notified by the PFH catechist regarding their schedules only if a family has been registered.

Students entering Grade Nine will receive a letter of invitation in September to consider embarking on the journey toward Confirmation 2017.

Registration for Faith Formation is available for new students only. Call Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate at (860) 529-6765.

The First Communion pictures and videos have arrived. Please pick them up at the rectory between 10am & 4pm Monday - Friday.

Our Faith Formation Program will begin at the elementary level at the end of September. Please consider answering Gods' call to become a catechist, a teacher of our Catholic Faith. The classes that meet on Saturday mornings at Emerson-Williams School have the following openings for catechists. 3 catechists are needed for Grade One, 1 catechist is needed for Grade Two and 2 catechists are needed for Grade Four. All who serve as a catechist must fill out a background check and attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop. This is mandated by the Archdiocese of Hartford as we are called to be in compliance for the safety for all children. Call Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate at (860) 529-6765.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, LADIES GUILD, WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL TAG SALE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2016 FROM 8:00AM TO 2:00PM IN THE FATHER O'CONNOR CENTER, 183 CHURCH ST., NEWINGTON

THE PREVIEW DATE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, FROM 9:00AM TO 1:00PM. A \$5.00 PER PERSON ADMISSION FEE IS CHARGED THIS DATE ONLY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL JEAN FUZIE (860)667-0690 OR SHARON CASHMAN (860)665-7574



A Weekly Bible Study

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 12:49-53

Harsh, impatient words seem so out of character for the one who calls us to be peacemakers. And Jesus's command to love one another certainly appears incongruous with the household divisions he suggests. But, as the reading tells us, Jesus has come to set the earth on fire!

In order to understand his words, we must place them in their proper context, a vital part of all scripture study. Jesus and his disciples are on the way to Jerusalem. "Journey" is one of the key themes of Luke's gospel and serves as a continuing backdrop for Jesus's teaching on the cost of discipleship. Along the way, there will be hard work to do, work that will foreshadow his suffering and death. The minds and hearts of his disciples will need to be set on fire, their souls refined and purified that they may accept their mission. They, as Jesus, will meet with disappointment and rejection as they learn the true cost of discipleship. The words of Jesus will produce controversy not only for unbelievers, but within the community of the faithful and families as well. And we, as disciples, will be asked to embrace similar suffering as we face the challenges of our faith, even within our very households. Jesus comes to bring comfort to the afflicted – a role we know, cherish and seek to imitate readily. But he comes also to bring affliction to the comfortable – a role we are often reluctant to embrace.

The very same sermon that calls blessed the peacemakers offers this invitation: *Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold your reward will be great in heaven. (Luke 6:22-23)*

Now that is a contradiction truly worth pondering and worthy of a *true* disciple of Christ!



Weekly Reflection for the Year of Mercy

We can *shelter the homeless* by becoming actively involved in Habitat for Humanity, supporting causes such as Covenant House (a place for runaways and troubled teens), sponsoring underprivileged children in foreign lands, offering to take care of a needy relative or friend who may need temporary assistance, taking in a victim of fire or natural disaster, helping neighbors with house repairs or clean-up, considering becoming a foster parent, and donating to programs that work to alleviate homelessness.

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 information, brochures are available in the narthex, or contact Barbara at (860) 257-8949.

Following Jesus sometimes means being rejected by others. Speak an encouraging word this week to someone you know who is trying to follow Jesus through the fire. Say a prayer for those who are discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Ask them to call, Father Jeffrey Gubbiotti, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. 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 First Friday of the month at 9:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, for Vocations Holy Hour.

Third Annual “Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage”
St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield on Sat., Sept 10th. Known for their charism of defense of the Catholic faith & service to the sick & poor, the Order of Malta conducts this one-day pilgrimage to allow those unable to make the trip to Lourdes, France to experience the joy, grace & healing promised by Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858, Our Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a poor peasant girl, and revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception. Her instructions were to drink and bathe in the waters of the stream, which now holds the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and the baths that are infamous there. She also asked us to pray, process and build a chapel – all done at the site of the apparition. Mass & candlelight processions are a daily celebration in this small town tucked in the Pyrenees Mountains. You will experience many of these healing ministries and hear inspirational reflections during this spiritual journey. 9:30 am reconciliation; Mass with Archbishop Blair at 10am, lunch at noon & workshops for the sick & their caretakers afterwards. Ends at 4:30pm. Free of charge. Call Mark 860-523-1405.

Physical Therapy Position Open in Catholic Home Health Care Agency

Are you looking for a mission-based position in home health care? Franciscan Home Care and Hospice, Meriden, seeks full-time physical therapist. Call 203 238-1441.

Married couples observing their 25th, 50th, 60th & other special wedding anniversaries in 2016 are invited to attend the Archdiocesan Anniversary Mass on Sun., October 16th, 2pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows, followed by a simple reception & photo opportunity with Archbishop Blair. Family members & friends are invited. Call Audrey/Teri at (860) 529-2533 to RSVP.

WEDDINGS

**RICHARD COMEAU &
CHRISTINA MOTTA**

**JAMES KSIAZEK &
ELIZABETH WINIARSKI**



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 the troubled areas of our world.

THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalms — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57;

Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Tuesday: St. Stephen of Hungary
 Friday: St. John Eudes
 Saturday: St. Bernard

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them "papal bulls."

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or "Ring of the Fisherman." It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope's name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope's death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2016

[Jesus] endured the cross,
 despising its shame,
 and has taken his seat
 at the right of the throne of God.
 — *Hebrews 12:2*



**Archdiocese of Hartford
Office of Safe Environment
467 Bloomfield Ave.
Bloomfield, CT 06002**



**HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE
TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD**

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

**Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org**

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
**State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288**

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
**Abuse Investigations Division of the Office of Protection and Advocacy
for Persons with Disabilities
1-800-842-7303**

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
**Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225**

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Church of the Incarnation Women's Club Installation -- Save the Date

This year, the Women's Club Installation Ceremony will be held as part of the annual **Membership Tea at 7 pm on Thurs., September 15th**, in Fr. Crawford Hall. Due to several resignations among the women previously elected to the 2016-18 executive committee, a brief business meeting will be held at the start of the evening to elect members to fill those vacancies. Immediately after the election, all of the women taking office for 2016-18 will be sworn in during a simple, brief ceremony in Fr. Crawford Hall. This will be followed by refreshments & socializing. Women's Club renewal letters will be mailed in August, and the full slate of members up for election to the executive committee will be listed in the September Bi-Lines.

Join Archbishop Leonard P. Blair to Honor First Responders at the 2016 Blue Mass Sunday, Sept. 11th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 11am, Police, Fire, Emergency Responders, the Department of Corrections and other organizations who are in the service of protecting the public's well-being, will participate in an opening procession on Farmington Avenue in Hartford on Sept. 11th. It will lead into the Cathedral, the mother Church of the Archdiocese, where Archbishop Leonard P. Blair will celebrate the Sunday Liturgy. While this annual event will once again honor the courage, generosity, personal sacrifice and life-saving competencies of first-responders, it will also be an occasion to reflect prayerfully on our unity as "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Defending Our Religious Liberty

As you assess the Presidential candidates for the United States, review their positions on safeguarding our first amendment right to religious freedom. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to listen to us.

F.Y.I. We have low gluten hosts available for those who require them. There is always a Minister of Holy Communion available at communion time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please come to the Sacristy and see either Fr. Moran or Toni prior to mass, to let them know you will be needing one. Thanks.