

The Church of the Incarnation

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Sacristan

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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.

Rectory
(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, AUGUST 20TH

5:00 pm – Sally & George D'Esopo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST

8:30am– Peter Quatrocelli

10:30am– David Dolge

MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND

9:00am– For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD

9:00am—Elvira Hughes

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH

9:00am— Bette & Jim Boyle and Wency Lobo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH

9:00am– Michele Orsini and the Deceased members of the Orsini & Nicotera Families

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH

9:00am– Rautio Casale and the deceased members of the Castagna Families

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

5:00pm–Anna Maria Pedemonti

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

8:30am– Lillian & Carmelo Vasquez

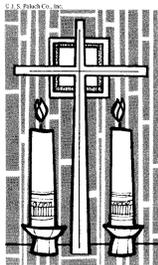
10:30am–Mary & Dan Richi and Cora, Henry & Mikey Daversa

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 8/22/2016–8/28/2016 in memory of Burt Vaughn.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 8/22/2016-8/28/2016 in memory of Elvira Hughes.



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

THE CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION PARISH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 11TH FROM 1 - 4 PM.

The Men's Association will host this event.

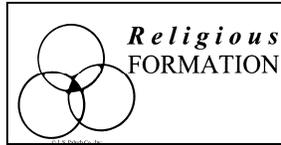
We will have a traditional picnic menu, entertainment from 2:30 to 3:30 PM and activities for the children.

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

\$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.

We received a thank you note from The Catholic Mission Aid Society thanking us for our gift of \$4,528.00 to the 2016 Mission Co-Op Appeal. Thank you for your faithful support to the missions!



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.

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.

7th & 8th grade Faith Formation:

Middle School Faith Formation classes will begin on Tues. Sept. 20th for Grade 8, and Wed. Sept. 21st for Grade 7. All registered students will be receiving their welcome letter and schedule for the year in the mail over the next 2 weeks. Enjoy these last final days of summer and we pray for a smooth transition to the new school year for all.

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.



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.



A Weekly Bible Study
21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21 and Luke 13:22-30

Can narrow-mindedness be a good thing after all?

Third Isaiah, author of today's first reading, paints a colorful picture of God's people journeying to their homeland. Nations of every language stream toward Jerusalem. Distant coastlands proclaim God's glory. New followers come in many and diverse ways. It is a glorious image of a temple reborn as well as of a future "church" where all are welcome. In some ways Third Isaiah is a visionary. Many returning exiles for whom he writes would have been rather narrow-minded about his view of the kingdom of God. Their chosenness would have given them a sense of entitlement, placing them first in line to reap God's eternal benefits. And the first shall be first?

Let us, in our imagination, continue to paint Isaiah's canvas. The returning exiles have now arrived at the feet of Jesus. We can well imagine them jockeying for position in front of the audience. How will his message resonate for them? They pose to him the question: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus responds by describing a "narrow gate" through which many will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

And as we sit at the feet of Jesus none of us wants to hear from the Lord: "I do not know where you are from." Similarly, as we stand at the door and knock we do not want to be the one unrecognized by the Lord even as we eat and drink with him in the Eucharistic banquet.

The gate is narrow and the strong will enter: those whose faith is rooted in God, those who do the heavy lifting for the sake of the kingdom, those unshaken in the face of adversity, those who carry the burdens of others, those who place their trust in God. Our salvation is not guaranteed and its work must continue. Each day through our prayers, good works and sacramental life we are strengthened. And each day we enter more gracefully through the narrow gate that leads to eternal life.

Weekly Reflection for the Year of Mercy

Pope Francis speaks of the "apostolate of the ear" in his book, *The Name of God is Mercy*. He urges us to be better listeners to those suffering, to be better teachers to those who need direction, and to be better models of Christian living to those for whom we witness our faith. Let us reflect this week on how we can practice this "apostolate of the ear" more deeply and seize whatever opportunities come our way.



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.

The Lord is calling people from the east and west and north and south as priests and deacons, sisters and brothers. Are you one of them? 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.



Incarnation Choir Rehearsals will begin on Monday, September 12th at 7:30pm in the Choir Loft. We welcome new members. If interested, see Mrs. Niver in the Choir Loft after any of the Masses. We are also looking for new members for our Bell Choir. No musical experience is needed. See Mrs. Niver in the Choir Loft. We are blessed to have such a talented Choir Director and Choir!

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

**JAMES KSIAZEK &
ELIZABETH WINIARSKI**



DISCIPLINE

It is no accident that the words “disciple” and “discipline” are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as “disciplines.” We are mistaken, however, to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews assures us of that today. Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory or a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. This discipline comes from desire, not from regulations. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to his cross. It is that same desire he encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalms — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the “discipline” of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21;
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima

Wednesday: St. Bartholomew

Thursday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz

Saturday: St. Monica

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent decades, attention has shifted away from headgear as a symbol of a bishop’s authority to a more substantial symbol: the chair, called the *cathedra*. The word comes from the Latin word for a chair with armrests. It is exactly the reason why dining room sets were marketed in this country a few years ago with only one chair with armrests, the captain’s chair. In many rectories of a certain vintage, you will see only one chair with arms at the dining table, a sign to the assisting priests of their proper place in the constellation. For us, as with most Anglicans and some Lutherans, the *cathedra* is a sign of the teaching authority of the bishop. We inherited the symbolism of the chair from Roman civil life in the fourth century. A church that houses a *cathedra* is called a cathedral, and the chair may be used only by the bishop of that diocese. Priests who preside at liturgy there must use a different presidential chair.

You may find the *cathedra* in its most traditional place at the head of the apse, or against a side wall as was favored in medieval times, but increasingly bishops are locating the *cathedra* in the midst of the assembly of the faithful. In the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, visitors will find no barrier to their trying out the *cathedra*, an expression of hospitality that helps the archbishop be mindful of those whom he serves.



**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*****Installation***

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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."

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.