

# 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](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

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

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## Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

5:00 pm – Felix & Marie Pasternak and  
Joseph Pasternak

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

8:30am– Flora Colasacco  
10:30am– Peter, Sr. & Michele Kalousdian

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

9:00am– Mary MacDonnell

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

9:00am—Deceased members of the Raffalo  
Family

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

9:00am—For all our parishioners

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

9:00am– Anthony DiCiccio

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

9:00am– Vincent Ingenito

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

5:00pm– Pietro Fazio

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

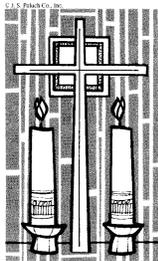
8:30am– Olga Spera  
10:30am– Millie & Charlie Christadore

### The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 9/19/2016–  
9/25/2016 in memory of  
Pasqualino D'Appollonio.

### The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from  
9/19/2016-9/25/2016 in memory  
of Pasqualino D'Appollonio.



**Thank you to the Men's Association for sponsoring the INCARNATION PARISH PICNIC.** It was enjoyed by all! Thank you to the women & families of our parish for the lovely salads and thank you to the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department for sending the fire trucks for the kids to enjoy! Another thank you to George D'Esopo for providing the lovely white tents.

**House of Bread collection** this weekend 9/ 17 & 18th. Coffee & sugar are needed. Thanks.

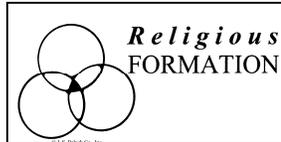
**If you or someone you know is in need of employment,** please call Ken Mendoza, coordinator of The Incarnation Employment Support Group at (860) 665-1515.

### A Call to Support

#### **Our Brothers and Sisters in Louisiana:**

Archbishop Blair has designated this weekend September 17th & 18th as a day for a special second collection to benefit the victims of the Louisiana Floods. Proceeds will be used by Catholic Charities U.S.A. to assist the recovery efforts in Louisiana.

**The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants supporting the funding of safe Catholic school environments, the expansion of innovative educational technology, and the marketing of their Catholic schools as centers of excellence.** Please help us provide a culture of faith & academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2016 HOPES 2nd Collection next weekend, 9 - 24/25th.



**Confirmation Retreat for those receiving the Sacrament in October will be held this Sunday, September 18th** from 1-5pm, Father Crawford Hall.

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

**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. Please call the Faith Formation Office 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 soon.

**Letters have been mailed regarding late registrations.** This will be the last communication sent.. The Faith Formation Elementary Program will begin on Sat., September 24th at Emerson-Williams School. PFH communities will begin after that date. PFH catechists will notify their parents about their calendars soon.

**Catechetical Sunday is September 18th.** We celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. This year's theme is "Prayer: The Faith Prayed."



**Opening Night of Youth Ministry:** How about a campfire on a beautiful fall night? Sunday, Sept. 25th at 6:30. Join us for a fun evening of games, sharing, music, and making s'mores!!! All High School aged students are invited & welcomed to join us. Come see what Y. M. is all about. Feel free to bring a friend. Any questions about Youth Ministry, call Maggie Seaver at (860)529-6765.

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

**The schedule for Children's Liturgy of the Word will be announced in a few weeks.** Parents are strongly encouraged to worship as a family.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered at The Church of the Incarnation on Sun., October 30th at 2pm with a Mass.



Archbishop Mansell will be the celebrant.



**A Weekly Bible Study**  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Amos 8:4-7

Injustice, immorality, complacency, corruption. Sound like today's headlines? These are the very practices that the prophet Amos preached against in the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C.

So what manner of man (and woman) was the prophet? It is a common misconception that the role of these religious spokespersons was to foretell a future event. (Many Old Testament prophecies do, in fact, *point to* fulfillment in the New Testament but that is another column for another day!) Let's examine some of the characteristics of these "gadflies" who brought irritation to the religious sensibilities of God's people.

With an ear inclined to God, the eye of the prophet was always on society. His words were often an indictment against faithlessness, corruption and the kind of exploitation of the poor we see in today's first reading. Acting as God's mouthpiece, the prophet said "no" to society, condemning its habits, waywardness and sprawling pride. His words were designed to shock rather than edify. The corporate dimension of the prophet's message often rang out as well: few may be guilty, but all are responsible! The greedy merchants of today's reading may be tipping the scales and cheating the poor, but those who stand back and watch are just as complicit. Society was constantly called to task for its empty observance of God's commandments as not reflected in love of neighbor.

Lest we think of prophecy only in terms of "doom and gloom," we need also to view the prophet as a precursor of Christ. He sought to reconcile humanity with God, calling the faithful to their covenant roots. The prophet's message essentially might have been that of chastisement, but he also provided words of comfort and consolation, promise and hope to a people struggling to find redemption.



**St. Matthew**

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**Weekly Reflection**

**for the Year of Mercy**

*To admonish the sinner* is a spiritual work of mercy. We might seize an opportunity to: offer fraternal (loving) correction to an individual, assist others to understand the sinfulness of their actions, help another avoid an occasion of sin, urge someone to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation and communicate our own joyous experience with being forgiven. Whatever correction we offer, we do so privately, kindly and charitably.

**We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? To follow Jesus as a priest or deacon, brother or sister**  
**Call Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, email [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://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 Parish Family**  
**Italian Pasta Dinner,**  
**Saturday October 22, 6:00 pm,**  
**Father Crawford Hall**

Join us for an evening of friendship, food and fun after the 5:00 pm Mass for the Pasta Dinner sponsored by the Women's Club and Men's Association.

**MENU:** Ziti, meatballs, sausage, salad, rolls, dessert & coffee.

**COST:** \$10 pp and \$5 per child.  
 Advance purchase only.

**RESERVATIONS:** (by October 18th.)  
 Call Laura Decker (860) 721-8284.  
 Entertainment by John Paolillo, singer/guitarist.

**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 by September 7th.

Come visit **East Catholic High School** during our **Open House on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 6:45 p.m.** The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on **Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 8 a.m.** at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit [www.echs.com](http://www.echs.com) or call 860-649-5336 x6456 for information!



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 18, 2016**

God . . . wills everyone to be saved  
 and to come to knowledge of the truth.

— 1 Timothy 2:4

## OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS

The Second Vatican Council has called us to envision the Church as the people of God. As a community of believers we are responsible for our brothers and sisters, their salvation, their journey of faith, their physical well-being. Many of the documents of Vatican II and volumes of work since the mid-1960s give us advice, guidelines, and encouragement to take care of one another: the poor, the elderly, the unborn, the broken, the infirm.

Because Vatican II is part of our recent history—indeed many of us were already born—this may strike us as a new and revolutionary idea. But today's readings show us the agelessness of the issue of social justice. Eight hundred years before Christ was born, Amos warned the wealthy not to cheat the poor. In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he encourages all prayers to be for all people; and finally, the Gospel urges the wise use of money.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

**Second Reading** — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

**Gospel** — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday  
 Monday: St. Januarius  
 Tuesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions  
 Wednesday: St. Matthew  
 Thursday: Autumn begins  
 Friday: St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Customs surrounding the naming of babies are interesting, and over time the Church has tried to offer some motherly advice to direct parents in this necessary chore. The ritual book used for baptism from the sixteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries advised priests to guard against giving ridiculous or pagan names to babies consigned to their ministry. In 1666 the diocesan ritual of Bourges in France was even more exacting, telling the priests to see to it that boys were named after male saints, girls after female saints, and no one got named after a festival. Yet, records from that very diocese in later years shows a few babies named "Toussaint" (after All Saints Day) along with other creative expressions. In Spain, no one has ever hesitated to name babies after festivals, especially girls after Our Lady, and so there are names like Concepción, Asunción, and of course Dolores (after Our Lady of Sorrows). In Italy and Spain it is likely that a child will receive the name of the saint of the day of its birth.

Today's rites of initiation for adults and infants urge the giving of a Christian name, and in the case of an adult whose given name expresses a pagan or unseemly idea (Baal and Whiskey come to mind), there is a formal rite during the catechumenate for the giving of a Christian name. In such a case, it would make sense for the change to be registered with civil authorities as well. For all Christians, the idea of having a heavenly patron to pray to on life's journey is reason enough to pay attention to this treasure in our tradition.



**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.

**Thérèse: The Story of a Soul**, the moving, live production performed by actress Audrey Ahern and directed by Patti Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Mary Church in Portland on Friday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. In this live, one-woman performance, you will learn, in an entertaining way, how Saint Therese of Lisieux, an ordinary girl, became an extraordinary soul and a doctor of the Catholic Church. We will witness that evening how Therese trusted in God's grace, loved Him beyond measure and knew deep in her heart that with His help all things were possible. The message of St. Therese is timeless. She is a powerful messenger of God's love to the modern world. Come learn her "little way" –how to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. This is a perfect parish event for the year of mercy. This inspiring performance is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for all ages. Admission is \$10 for adults & \$5 for children ages 12 & under. **For tickets call St. Mary Parish Office at 860-342-2328** [st.mary.rectory@sbcglobal.net](mailto:st.mary.rectory@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.stmaryportlandct.org](http://www.stmaryportlandct.org).

### **Take a Stand for Life**

From September 28 to November 6, the Danbury community as well as other parishes will take part in **40 Days for Life** ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We as a parish pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our town – and beyond. Please call Peg Rozzi at (845) 279-4073 in Danbury for more information about their local prayer vigil.

### **BAPTISMS**

**Luke Anthony-Dino D'Allessandro  
Gabriella Rose Valentukonis**

### **Butterfly Garden Reflection Paper by A Confirmation Candidate:**

I cared for the David A. Dolge Butterfly Garden from June 11 to June 25. I watered, weeded, and cleaned the garden. Although these were simple tasks, I feel that they were necessary to keep the garden a beautiful place for visitors who come to meditate. I really enjoyed this ministry and doing my part to help take care of this special place at church.

The garden was a very peaceful place, and every time I entered it, I was overcome with a sense of serenity. I found it the perfect place to pray and contemplate as I completed my care-taking duties. I liked to reflect on the message of the butterfly and its short yet meaningful life, filled with joy and love. It inspires me to make the most of every day and spread the same themes of happiness and beauty into my own life.

I always remember the first time I went into the butterfly garden. My family and I planted a daffodil in memory of my brother Michael. Even then I felt the tranquility of the garden, and I knew what a wonderful place the garden would be to pray. As I visited the garden daily to tend to it, I felt Michael's presence with me; I knew he was right by my side. Like the message of the butterfly, Michael also reminds me to seize the day and fill my life with compassion and spread it to others. Although Michael only lived to be seven, he left an enduring impression on others.

I also had the joy of sharing the beauty of the butterfly garden with two of my friends. We stopped by after dance camp one day to water and weed on our way home. They also really enjoyed the garden and thought it was wonderful that confirmation candidates got to take care of it. Taking care of the garden brings you closer to God and lets you meditate in a lovely place every day while taking care of our church. I greatly encourage new candidates to get involved with this ministry. Taking care of the garden helps us fully appreciate the comfort of the garden and the message of the butterfly.

“Thank you God for filling our spirits with a sense of hope and new life. Please help others to find time to converse with you so they too can experience all that the world has to offer. Help us all to make our lives like the butterfly and fill it with love, joy, and beauty.”

**27th Annual Rosary Rally.....Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Church in Waterbury, CT.....Sunday, October 2nd from 2-3:30pm. Parish Mass at 4pm. See the bulletin board for more info.**