

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

Rectory Hours

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

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(860) 529-2533

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

5:00 pm – Pietro Fazio

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

8:30am– Olga Spera

10:30am– Millie & Charlie Christadore

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

9:00am– Nico Filippa

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

9:00am—Deceased members of the Alasso & DiLorenzo Families

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

9:00am– Waldemar Podolski

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

9:00am– John Stefano

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

5:00pm– Michael & Rose Casparino

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

8:30am– Marjorie Courneen

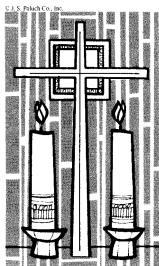
10:30am– Salvatore & Josephine Uccello

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 9/26/2016–
10/2/2016 in memory of Peter
Quatrocelli.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
9/26/2016-10/2/2016 in memory
of Nico Filippa.



Our Brothers and Sisters in Louisiana:

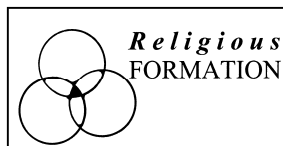
Thank you to all who donated so generously to the special second collection to benefit the victims of the Louisiana Floods.

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 this weekend.

Members of our Finance Council will speak at the masses this weekend and will present the Semi-Annual Financial Report. Copies are available at the entrances.

The Second Collection next weekend will be the Annual Collection. This is a special appeal we make each year to our parishioners for our own parish. Numerous repairs and improvements anticipated in the near future necessitate rebuilding our contingency fund. Our annual collection enables us to do this. Please write down your four-digit envelope # (found to the left of your name on your church envelopes) - example #1234. Goal \$100,000. Your generosity to this important collection is appreciated. Letters were mailed. If you did not receive a letter, there are copies at the entrances or call the rectory (860) 529-2533.

“Project Baby Love” collection next wk., October 1st & 2nd, disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Thank you to all of our parishioners who donate to this cause.



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 and a lawn/beach chair. Any questions about Y. M. call Maggie at (860)529-6765.

This Sunday at the 10:30am Mass we will have our first Children's Liturgy of the Word for the 2016/2017 Season....

This is a most beautiful ministry to our children. We welcome all children from ages 4-grade 6 to leave the assembly after the opening prayers and experience the Word at their level. For children who are new to the ministry, we encourage parents to accompany them for the first few times. We also advocate that children who are accustomed to the CLW experience should come along to Fr. Crawford Hall independently. They are all familiar with the format.

Also, parents are encouraged to remain in the main church to hear God's Word and Father's homily at the adult level. Thank you for your participation and cooperation for this ministry for the children. We welcome Maura Buyak, as presider, along with Emily Provost and Connie Morin as catechists and presiders. We also welcome catechists Connie DiGiacomo and Mena Niro and their communities. Please take home a schedule found at the entrances. Parents are strongly encouraged to worship as a family. Please join us for refreshments after Mass in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Family Day is Monday, September 26th

Did you know that sitting down for a family dinner on a regular basis can promote healthier, happier and better adjusted children? According to studies by the National Center on Addiction and Substance abuse (CASAColumbia), family dinners can help prevent smoking, drug and alcohol abuse in children. Please take home a family prayer.

The Faith Formation Elementary Program continues Sat., Oct., 1st at Emerson-Williams at 9am. Parish Family Home catechists will meet at their designated times.

7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation classes for Middle School Faith Formation will continue on Tues., October 4th for Grade 8 and Wed. October 5th for Grade 7 both at 6:30pm. in Fr. Crawford Hall.



Students entering Grade

9 will receive a letter of invitation at the end of September to consider embarking on the journey toward Confirmation 2017.

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.

All who serve as a catechist/coach/volunteer 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.



A Weekly Bible Study
 26th Sunday in
 Ordinary Time
 1 Timothy 6:11-16

To conclude his recent homily, a priest posed an interesting question: We follow Jesus, but who follows us? Perhaps Paul can offer us some clues in today's reading from 1 Timothy.

We can best understand this passage against its background. Timothy has assumed leadership of the church at Ephesus and he must guard his members against the influences of false teachers. Paul exhorts Timothy to stand firm in the faith he "nobly confessed" at Baptism. Timothy recognizes that those who *presume* to teach often engage in envy, insults and friction, actions contrary to those qualities of leadership introducing today's passage. Would these "leaders" be true followers of Christ?

There is much to be said for leading by example. But have we correctly translated the message of Christ into our own? Standing firm in the faith for us means that we embrace a sacramental life, make honest efforts to understand tenets of our faith we find difficult, trust in the magisterium of the church, look to our pastors for guidance, search the Word of God for its wisdom and go to prayer for direction. But there is more. We must become the model of that firmness for others, lest we become just another false teacher.

And what about following? It is so tempting to stray from our foundations and jump on the bandwagons of those offering a more effortless, more alluring or instant religious satisfaction. These seemingly attractive promises are often transitory, only leaving us unsettled in spirit. Do we depend upon the church's many gifts as the bedrock of our understanding, or do we continue to look to the false teachers so prevalent in our society.

We make many choices throughout our day to lead or to follow. Perhaps the real question we need to ponder is this: do these choices *all* reflect the faith we nobly confessed at Baptism.



Weekly Reflection
for the Year of Mercy

In an address given in June, 2014, Pope Francis stated, "I like to dream of a Church who lives the compassion of Jesus." What can you do to help make this dream of Pope Francis a reality? Is there a small step you can take today to show the compassion of Jesus to a family member, friend or perhaps more importantly, a stranger.

Fight the good fight of faith. Take a firm hold on the everlasting life to which you are called. Pray for those who are called to run the race as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters Call Fr. Jeffrey Gubiotti, 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 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.

Padre Pio Holy Hour: Holy Apostles College & Seminary in Cromwell on Sat., October 1st, 10 am Mass, followed by Rosary Benediction. Consecration to Immaculate Heart of Mary. Celebrant Rev. Skip Thompson, M.S.A.

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 info.

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.

Xavier High School Open House is Sunday, October 23rd from 1-3:30pm for 6th, 7th, & 8th boys & their families. Please go online to www.xavierhighschool.org for info.

Northwest Catholic High School Open House is Sunday, October 30th from 1-3pm at the school. E-mail Andrew Selig at aselig@nwcath.org.

East Catholic High School Open House on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. The entrance exam for eighth graders will be **Sat., Nov., 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 or 860-649-5336 x6456.

LOOKING BEYOND OURSELVES

The message found in today's readings is an oft-told story. Citizen Kane, Daddy Warbucks, and King Midas are only a few of the familiar fictional characters who thought enormous wealth could buy happiness and fulfillment. Daddy Warbucks admitted stepping on a few people in his climb to the top. Kane tried to buy the printed word and stardom for his young wife, while King Midas conjured immense wealth and tragedy by his very touch.

We learn clearly in today's readings that none of this is really possible. True happiness comes from caring for someone other than ourselves. It comes from the pursuit of the virtues Paul described to Timothy: faith, love, gentleness, godliness, righteousness, and endurance. The Gospel reminds us that we dare not ignore the needs of others, acting as though we don't notice their suffering. God's call to us is much too clear to disregard for even one more day.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

Gospel — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8;
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Tuesday: St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;
St. Wenceslaus

Thursday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,
Archangels

Friday: St. Jerome

Saturday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus;
First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We've been thinking about names lately, and there is hardly any tradition older than changing one's name when accepting a new vocation in life. In the time of Jesus, people would normally wait until the eighth day after birth for the naming of a child, partly because of the fragility of infant life, when the eighth day would mark the end of a survival crisis, and also because the elders would look for some clues as to the child's identity. In Jewish life then as now, it was not the custom to name a child after a living parent; notice there are no "juniors" in the genealogy of Jesus. Remember also how the relatives complained to Zachary and Elizabeth that no one in their family was ever named John. Then there are the changed names, Abram became Abraham, Sarai became Sarah, Saul became Paul, Simon became Peter. This spills over into Western culture in many ways, such as British royalty taking new names at coronation. It's anybody's guess, for example, whether the Prince of Wales intends to be King Charles II, or become Henry, or Edward, or George if he wishes.

Members of religious orders have until recent years swapped baptismal names for new ones, and the latest pope made a switch as well. Secular life has many parallels, and movie stars like Cary Grant, Judy Garland, and John Wayne might not have shone so brightly as Archie Leach, Frances Gumm, and Marion Morrison. There are some compelling reasons in our tradition for taking a new name when undertaking a new mission, yet also a clear preference for choosing the right baptismal name from the start!

UNRECOGNIZABLE

All God's angels come to us disguised.
—James Russell Lowell

The Church of the Incarnation Women's Club is currently conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is open to all women beyond high school age. Renewal letters were mailed to previous members at the end of August, but new members are always welcome. If you did not receive a letter, extra copies are available at the entrances to the Church. Dues can be mailed in the return envelope included with the letter. As part of the membership renewal process, members are being asked to complete a survey about their preferences for future activities of the club. This information will be used to plan events for later in the current program year as well as the next program year. If you have any questions about the club or the survey, please call Anne McAloon at (860) 529-5358.



PRAYER FOR PEACE: join us at The Church of the Incarnation 30 minutes prior to 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, is suitable for all ages. \$10 for adults & \$5 for children ages 12 & under. **For tickets call St. Mary Parish Office at 860-342-2328**

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

**MIA CARMELA BLARDO
SAMUEL ANTHONY MILLER
LANDYN ISABEL MISENTI**

A Confirmation Candidate:

Reflection Essays Assisting Faith Formation Class:

The past year, I was involved in helping teach a fourth grade faith formation class. I assisted my dad's class during this. A gift that I brought to this activity was having a fresh understanding of what kids that age understand and I was able to use this and make it more fun and interesting for the kids. I did this by creating activities that I know the kids would love and would help them better understand the teachings of the church. A gift that I received from this activity was patience and understanding. A lesson that I learned is that everyone learns differently and at different speeds. I feel a closer presence to Jesus by reaching out and bringing him to the kids at the faith formation classes. This is because, not only teaching these lessons help me better understand the teachings of Jesus, but also these classes show Jesus' love through the kids smiling faces. Something that I would tell a new candidate about assisting a faith formation class is that it's very easy and you can easily fit it into your schedule, also it is very worth it.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for giving me this experience to teach the children. Please help them pass these teachings along and continue to love one another. Amen.

Altar serving:

For the past six years I have been Altar serving. A gift that I brought to this activity was helping out the church about twice a month. I did this on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings throughout the years. A gift that I received from this activity is being able to better understand the mass, and paying close attention to it. A lesson that can be learned from this experience is that, if you pay attention and understand the teachings of Jesus, the mass becomes more exciting and not boring. I definitely feel a closer presence to Jesus by reaching out and bringing Him to others. This is because, serving the mass helps me pay attention to the little things and really listen to the teachings of God. I would tell a new candidate that this is a very good way to get involved with the church and pay attention during mass.

Prayer: Thank you for giving me this experience of the mass, and showing me your teachings. Amen.

Angel Tree:

The Christian service outreach that I was involved in was the angel tree. During December, I helped organize gifts that parishioners brought to the church for less fortunate families. The angel tree is in memory of one of our parishioners who lost their daughters. A gift that I brought to this activity was patience and hard work. In order to organize these gifts, it took a lot of patience to make sure they were organized right. A gift that I received from this activity was, I realized that I am very fortunate to have what I have. Seeing what other people asked for made me become very fortunate and thankful. A lesson that I learned is to not take everything for granted. I definitely feel a closer presence to Jesus by doing this because it made me very thankful for everything he has blessed me with. I would tell a new candidate that this is a very great and easy way to get involved with the church.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for giving me this experience to learn how much you have given me, which caused me to become more thankful. Amen.



**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2016**

[K]eep the commandment without stain
or reproach

until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— *1 Timothy 6:14*