

The Church of the Incarnation

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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.

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(860) 529-2533

Fax
(860) 721-6595

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

5:00 pm – Francesca Maccarone, Corrado
Carlone, Gisele Cyr & Dominick Carlone

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

8:30am– Barney & Anne Deleo

10:30am– Neil R. Esposito

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

9:00am– Marion P. White & the Deceased
members of the Phenix Family

ALL SAINTS DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

9:00am—For all our parishioners

5:30 pm—Joseph (Ed) Burke

ALL SOULS' DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

9:00am—For all the Souls of the
Faithful Departed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

9:00am– For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

5:00pm– Jack Lawlor & Deceased members
of the Murphy & Lawlor Families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

8:30am–Joseph & Amelia Massed

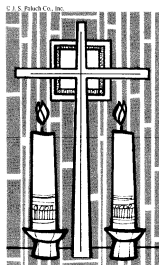
0:30am– Art Boudreau & Aime &
Lucienne Ruel

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 10/31/2016–
11/6/2016 in memory of the
Deceased members of the
Monaco & Diana Families.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
10/31/2016-11/6/2016 in
memory of Neil R. Esposito.



Thank you to all who donated to our 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. Donations will be gratefully received through the end of the year. Goal \$100,000. We have received \$68,248 so far. Extra letters are available at the entrances.

Archbishop Blair has invited our support to those victimized by Hurricane Matthew.

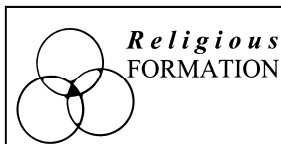
Proceeds will be sent to help Catholic Charities respond to the hurricane ravaged areas. This will be our Second Collection this weekend.

Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 9am & 5:30pm.

Incarnation Employment Support : If you are in need of employment, call Ken Mendoza at (860) 665-1515 to set up an appt.

Next weekend our parish will take up a second collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services. The American Military Services relies solely on private donors in support of its missions, (serving those who serve).

There is a “Project Baby Love” collection next wkd., Nov. 5th & 6th. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Benefits St. Gerard’s Center for Life. Thank you!



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The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to our 10th graders at The Church of the Incarnation this Sun, 10/30 at 2pm with a Mass. Archbishop

Mansell will be the celebrant. All Confirmation candidates are to report to the Fr. Crawford Hall at 1pm on Sunday, wearing their Confirmation robes. May we ask all members of our parish family to hold these very special candidates in prayer as they come forward to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and are welcomed into the fuller community of the church.

Youth Ministry will meet on Sunday, October 30th at 6:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. We encourage & invite all high school aged kids to join us for a relaxing evening of sharing, prayer, music and fun!

7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation classes for Middle School: Tues., Nov., 1st for Grade 8 & Wed. Nov., 2nd for Grade 7 both at 6:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Service of Remembrance: Our annual service will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30pm. All those who have lost a loved one are invited to attend. This is a service with Scripture Readings and Reflections. We will gather after for light refreshments.

Faith Formation K-8 Elementary Program: Sat., November 5th at Emerson-Williams at 9am. Parish Family Home catechists meet at their designated times.

Confirmation 2017 gathering for all 9th grade students will be held on Sunday, November 6th at 12:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. This is for new candidates considering the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Need Help Raking Leaves? Members of Youth Ministry as well as 8th graders in our Faith Formation program, would like to again volunteer their time to assist any parishioners who may have a hard time getting their leaves to the curb for pick-up this November. If you or a parishioner you know could use a lending hand please call the Faith Formation office at (860) 529-6765 and leave them your name and number. Although the date is not set in stone, the most likely date the raking will occur is Sunday, Nov. 20th. Help will be provided on a first come first serve basis.

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host an Election Day Open House on Tuesday, November 8th at 8:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway for prospective students and their families. Corpus Christi School offers an outstanding core curriculum in addition to Spanish, art, music, and band. Extracurricular clubs and activities are available for all grade levels. All are invited to visit while classes are in session. Come and witness firsthand the Corpus Christi School difference!! Faculty, students and parents will be on hand to answer questions. The school encompasses Pre K through 8th grade. For information, please contact the school office at (860) 529-5487.



A Weekly Bible Study

31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wisdom 11:22-12:2

It is often said that we “identify” God based on our human experience of fatherhood. In that regard our perception of God ranges from Creator to just judge to loving Father and much in between. For some the relationship may be rather impersonal. God is out there somewhere keeping tabs on creation. Others may have a more intimate connection to God. He resides deep within our hearts wanting only the good for us at all times.

The reading from Wisdom adds much to our notion of God, offering us characteristics related to his creative power, care of his creatures and merciful love. God is certainly not removed from his creation. But there is much more than meets the eye in this passage. It is what meets the heart.

Spending time with this passage will bring us far beyond its descriptions of God’s actions. Step into the first verse, for example, and experience the vastness of creation beyond our imaginings. Then step back in awe and wonder. Immerse yourself in the verses that follow to know something of the infinite love of God for all creation, and to realize why God has pronounced it “good.” Offer a prayer of praise to the Creator who established the great order and harmony of our world and the magnificence of its creatures. Dare to plunge further into the mystery captured in these verses. Begin to fathom how much we matter to God and how much a part of him we are.

Join with the psalmist who answers the question: *Who are we that you, O God, should even care about us? You have made us little less than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor* (Psalm 8). Offer a prayer of thanksgiving to the One to whom we are intimately connected and who keeps us forever in his care.

We know that God is ultimately beyond any human concept. Words will – and should – fail us as we ponder silently the greatness of God in his many manifestations, and realize that we have a sacred place in his creation and in his heart.



Weekly Reflection

Year of Mercy

To pray for the living and the dead

Why do we need to pray for those who have died? As members of the Mystical Body of Christ, we are united in life as well as in death. Presence does not cease; there is still a vital flow of life between the living and the dead. We pray that the faithful departed may enjoy the fullness of eternal life. Living pure, perfect lives is something most individuals cannot do and in death the faithful departed depend upon the prayers of the living to help in the healing process of their souls as they move toward eternal union with God. Pope Benedict explains that “The souls of the departed can receive solace and refreshment through the Eucharist, prayer and even almsgiving.” The belief that love and affection can reach beyond the limits of death has been a fundamental conviction of our faith as well as a source of great comfort for the bereaved.

Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God as a priest, brother or sister? If your answer is "yes" 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.



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The Social Action Committee of the Church of the Incarnation will sponsor their annual Fall Food Bank Collection for the Town of Wethersfield Social Services....November 12th & 13th after all the masses in Fr. Crawford Hall. Please bring your items in bags.

The following items are always greatly needed; quick bread mixes, plastic bottles of juice, canned peas & soups, peanut butter & jelly, granola breakfast bars, toilet paper, toothpaste, & toothbrushes, shampoo, bar soap, body wash, deodorant, dish detergent & laundry detergent. Thank you!

Join The Wethersfield Knights of Columbus for Dinner at Bertucci's restaurant on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington. Pick up a Flyer & Coupon at the exits of the Church to enjoy a good family meal and help raise money for the Knights of Columbus's local charities. This will be an on going event on the last Tuesday of each month. Thanks for your support!



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October is Respect Life Month....We pray for all who work to defend life that God might reward them for their faithfulness. Amen.

Thank you to those who donated to our 2nd collection last weekend, which supports the Propagation of the Faith.

ABC's of Catholic Relief Services...Pakistan: American Catholics are represented strongly in this Muslim nation, keeping Church and humanitarian values in the forefront, helping communities prepare for a rainy days, engaging families help their young girls to get educated.

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

East Catholic High School Open House Thurs., November 3rd - 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. (860) 649-5336 x 6456.

Newington Memorial Funeral Home will sponsor an "Operation Sweaters for Veterans" event. Collection begins October 15th. You may donate new or gently used sweaters & gloves for veterans in VA hospitals & homes. Drop off at Newington Memorial Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Avenue, Newington. Call (860) 666-0600.

WEDDING BANNERS

**ANDREW COPLAND
AND
MEGAN FOLEY**



GOD IS WITH US

The book of Wisdom tells us that the spirit of God is in all things. What a wonderful thought, and what a wonderful image to keep in front of us as we travel down life's road. For if the path is revealed in the treading, it's good to know that God is with us—and all around us—every step of the way.

But Paul knows that this divine presence is not timid. Instead, God calls out to us, and Paul prays that we, along with the Thessalonians, might be made worthy of that call. And who knows more about God's call than Zacchaeus, the tax collector? Jesus called him out of a tree, for goodness' sake. Or perhaps more correctly, as we reflect upon the end of today's Gospel reading, for heaven's sake.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — LORD, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalms — I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

Gospel — Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday: Halloween

Tuesday: All Saints

Wednesday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Thursday: St. Martin de Porres

Friday: St. Charles Borromeo; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The recent "October count" tracking the statistics of participation at Sunday Mass calls to mind the situations of churches where it is difficult or impossible for Catholics to worship freely. This is especially striking in English Catholic history, as freedom of worship was systematically dismantled at the time of the Reformation. It seems that most English people retained deeply Catholic sympathies throughout the period of religious upheaval. Catholics who refused to participate in the public worship of the Church of England were called "recusants," and beginning with the reign of Elizabeth I, they were subject to strict penalties. Recusant literally means "a person refusing to obey a command." Most of those laws were in force until the early 1800s, and Catholics were not entirely emancipated from the duty of Anglican worship until 1829.

Recusants paid heavy fines for not attending the state church. Holding on to Catholic faith was therefore a luxury of the very rich, who maintained private chapels, and sent their daughters and sons to English convents and monastery schools on the continent. Remarkably, the first among all British peers, the Dukes of Norfolk, the hereditary Earls Marshal of England, have never given up their Catholic faith. Many of these wealthy recusant families founded the colony of Maryland, and later many members of the old Catholic families continued on to the Kentucky frontier in search of greater religious freedom.

The Incarnation Women's Club annual membership drive is underway. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, extra copies are available at the entrances to the Church. Members can also sign up at any General Meeting.

Incarnation Women's Club Cooking Team

The cooking teams have begun another year of planning and preparing food for a shelter in Hartford. Due to financial difficulties, Tabor House has decided to close their two shelter houses in Hartford and the residents have been moved to other facilities. We are now cooking for the residents of St. Elizabeth House of Mercy Housing and Shelter on Main St. in Hartford. We are preparing large portions of side dishes and/or dessert to supplement the meal for the 45 residents. They are most grateful for our continued service. Thank you to the many women of our parish who have volunteered their time to make this ministry possible. The next cooking team will meet on Monday, Nov. 7th, 1-3pm - kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.

27th Annual Holiday Support Program & Service of Remembrance, Sun, 12/4 Wethersfield Community Center, 30 Greenfield St. from 2-4pm. Sponsored by D'Esopo Funeral Chapel. RSVP to Janet (860) 257-7635 or Janet@desopo.com



Friday is the First Friday in November. Mass will be held at 9am. We will have Vocation Holy Hours after Mass in the Chapel.

PRAYER FOR PEACE: Join us Incarnation Church 30 minutes prior to 9am Daily Mass to pray for peace in the troubled areas of our world.

If you are moving, please contact the rectory with your new address. It is much easier for us to update your records before you move, otherwise everything is returned to us from the post office with a yellow sticker on it that doesn't always include the forwarding address.

Hospital Visits: If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital for a period of time, please inform the hospital admissions staff that you are a member of Incarnation Church. Please notify the rectory as well. Both Hartford and St. Francis Hospitals have pastoral care departments with Chaplains available for the **Sacrament of the Sick**. This Sacrament is now referred to as the **Healing Sacrament**.

Thank you to our Incarnation Women's Club & Men's Association for sponsoring the Incarnation Parish Family Italian Pasta Dinner last wk. It was a great!

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. **Our Incarnation parish prayer vigil will be held every Wednesday from September 28th - November 6th after 9am Mass - Blessed Sacrament Chapel.**

All Soul's envelopes should be returned this weekend or on All Saints' Day, November 1st. This will ensure that your loved ones will be remembered at Mass on All Soul's Day and throughout the month of November.



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St. Nicholas

Save The DateHo, Ho, Ho, Santa will be on his way to Incarnation for the Men's Association Children's Christmas Party! Sunday, December 4—1-4pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Sign up sheets will be at the entrances in two weeks.

SAVE THE DATE: The men's retreat for all men of the parish will be FEB 24 - 26, 2017 at the Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. This year's theme is: **The Light of Simplicity.** Visit their web site; www.holyfamilyretreat.org to register.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS AT SACRED HEART: Deacon Jim will present the final two sessions of a four part series entitled **THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** at Sacred Heart Church. Please join us on at 7 PM Thursday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 16 to learn about Luke's telling of the early Christian Church and the apostles responsible for its spread throughout the Roman Empire.

This Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, Isabella Bonvisuto, a member of our Junior Choir, will sing the Communion Meditation.

Thank you to the Incarnation Women's Club for their donation to Incarnation Parish in the amount of \$512.27 which are the proceeds of their fundraising for the 2015-2016 program year. Great job! Thank you for the flower donation for Confirmation as well!

"Come And Follow Me"

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