

The Church of the Incarnation

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Heather Picard Bonney
Cantors

Toni Munoz
Sacristan

Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:45 - 4:30p.m.
Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 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 1:00 p.m. in the
Baptistry of the Chapel

Weddings

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

New Parishioners

The Church of the Incarnation welcomes new parishioners. Please fill out the large white index card (registration form) found at the main entrance, and place in the collection baskets.

Rectory Hours

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

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**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 3RD**
5:00pm- Mary Champ

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 4TH**
8:00am- For all our
Deceased Parishioners & Benefactors
9:30am- Deceased members of the
Phenix & White Families
11:00am- Vincenzo & Teresa Ottati

MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH
9:00 am-Benedict Mull

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH
9:00 am- Irene Atwood

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH
9:00am— John Carpino

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH
9:00 am-Desneige Lamore

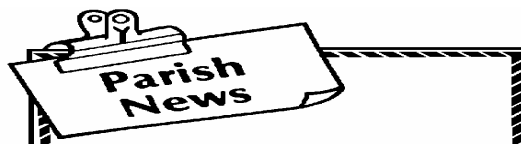
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH
9:00 am- Salvatore Brunetti

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH
5:00pm — George & Sally D'Esopo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH
8:00 am—Sebastiano & Concetta
Boscarino and Sally & Sonny Vaughn
9:30 am- Peter Gangloff
11:00 am- Raffaele Crocitti

The Sanctuary Candle
will burn from 1/5/09–
1/11/09 in memory of
Anthony Melillo.

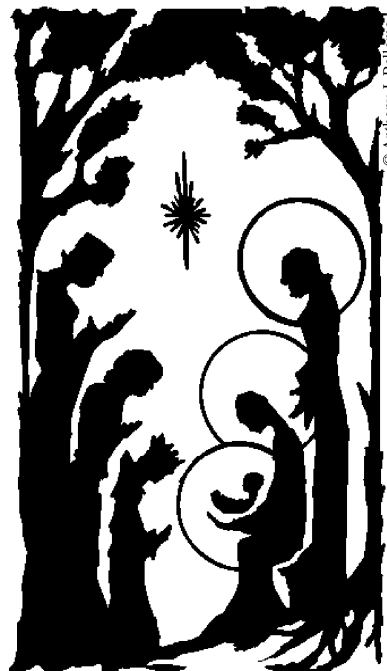
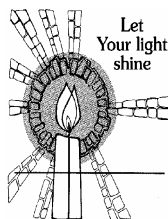
**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
1/5/09-1/11/09 in memory of
The living & deceased members
of the Shea Family.



**There is a “Project Baby Love”
collection this weekend January 3rd &
4th...Disposable diapers & wipes are
requested. Thank you.**

**The Second Collection next weekend will
be the Monthly Collection. Thank you.**

**We will be accepting Memorial Mass
Reservations for the year 2010 beginning
on Monday, January 5, 2009.** Please keep
in mind that our parish has a large number of
parishioners who remember their loved ones
with Memorial Masses and we request that
you limit your Masses to two per household.
Thank you for understanding....Fr. Moran.





Religious Education

A Family Perspective.....The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in 2009 to be the guiding star in the life of your children.



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Stewardship Message.....Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

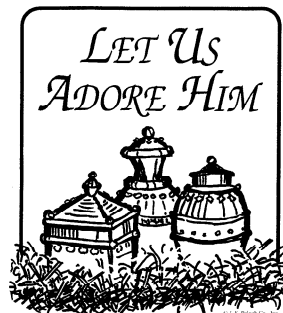
Monday: There will be a Parent Meeting in the Fr. Crawford Hall at 7:00 pm. This meeting is for all parents of children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Tuesday.....Grade 8 will meet in Fr. Crawford Hall from 7-8:30pm.

Wednesday.....Grade 7 will meet in Fr. Crawford Hall from 7-8:30pm. All Parish Family Home Communities will meet as scheduled.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday, January 11th at the 9:30am Mass.

The Incarnation Parish Census should have recently arrived in the homes of all of our registered parishioners once again. If you already returned your copy you may disregard the 2nd letter. We are trying to complete our master list for the entire parish by the end of the year. For those who have not yet returned your census letter, please do so as soon as possible.



LITURGICAL INFORMATION

The special garments worn by a priest when celebrating Mass or the other Sacraments are called vestments. The principle vestments worn for Mass are three: the alb, the stole, and the chasuble.

Traditionally, when vesting or putting on these vestments for Mass, a priest offers special prayers that reflect their spiritual meaning.

The alb derives its name from the Latin word for “white”, albus. In Church tradition, the color white is used to signify innocence and purity. This full-length white garment symbolizes the garment in which King Herod clothed Jesus.

The stole is a liturgical vestment in the form of a long strip of cloth, worn around the priest’s shoulders, that hangs down the front of the alb. It represents the yoke of Jesus, Who said, “take My yoke upon YOU...FOR My yoke is easy and My burden light.”

The stole symbolizes the priest’s desire to take on the “yoke of Jesus” by unselfishly serving the Lord and His people, especially through the graces he receives at Mass.

The Mass vestment that covers both the alb and the stole is called a chasuble. Like the stole, the chasuble’s color reflects the season of the Church year or the nature of a particular feast. For example, chasubles are green during Ordinary Time, and they are red when the feast of a martyr is celebrated.

The word chasuble comes from the Latin for “little house” because this garment houses or completely covers a person. It symbolizes how the individuality of the priest is covered both by his priestly role of offering the Mass in persona Christi, in the person of Christ.

The chasuble also signifies the charity or love of God that flows from the Mass, and should cover the daily lives of both the priest and the Faithful.



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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2009
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

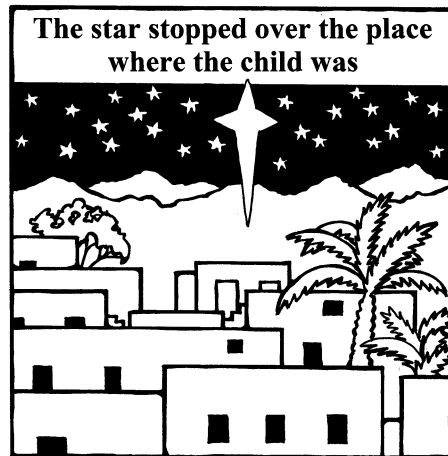
— *Psalm 72:11*

Fr. Moran wishes to thank all parishioners for the cards, prayers, good wishes, and gifts for Christmas. Thank you and God's Blessing upon you and yours! Fr Moran is most grateful to all who work during the year in any capacity from parish Council members to the youngest Altar Server to make our parish function with such devotion. Thank you to all who helped decorate the Church so beautifully for Christmas, to all who donated to the special flower collection, and to all Choir members and musicians who helped to make our Christmas Masses so moving. All of us at the rectory wish you a Happy, Holy, and Healthy New Year.

Please take home a copy of the 2008 sheet of deaths and births.

Recently there has been some damage to our church parking lot and railings. We ask all to use extreme caution when driving on church property, especially when Masses and church activities are in progress.

Thank you to all who have donated to the Annual Collection. This collection is particularly important this year and all donations are appreciated. Envelopes are at all the exits and donations will be gratefully received throughout the year. We have collected over \$72,000 towards our goal of \$100,000.



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Year of Saint Paul

The year of St. Paul will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Hartford through two special events surrounding the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Office of Religious Education, The Office of the Diaconate and the Office for Divine Worship are sponsoring an evening Scripture workshop on St. Paul's Conversion. Fr. Frank Matera, Ph. D., a priest of the Archdiocese and a Professor of the New Testament Studies at Capital University of America will speak on "St. Paul's Conversion as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles and in his own writings." This will take place at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield on Saturday, January 24th, 2009 from 8:30am-12 Noon. Cost p.p. is \$10.00. To register call 243-9465. Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will celebrate a special Mass on January 25th, 2009 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 2pm in Hartford. All are invited.



GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

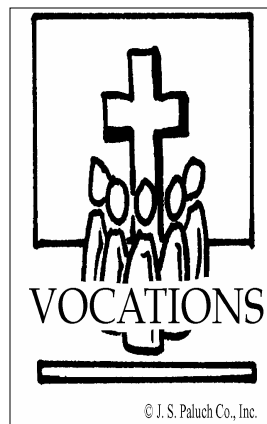
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).



Are you being called to the Priesthood or Religious?

If you would like more information please call Fr. Michael Dolan at the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield 286-7670 or on the web: www.vocationshartford.org.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
New Year Blessing of the Home;
National Migration Week

Monday: St. John Neumann

Tuesday: Blessed André Bessette

Wednesday: St. Raymond of Peñafort;

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:13-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29 or Is 12:2-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9;
Mk 1:7-11

THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant