

The Church of the Incarnation

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Musicians

Vanessa Crowley
Lorissa Heath
Rosanne Sweeney
Andrew Russo
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 31ST**

5:00pm- Judith Skinner
Curcio & Robert J. Skinner

**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 1ST**

8:00am- For all our
deceased Parishioners & Benefactors

9:30am- Deceased members of the
Paczynski Family

11:00am- Stanley & Eleanor Winiarski

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

9:00 am- Paolo & Giuseppa Matarazzo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

9:00 am- Deceased members of the
Champ, Bailardo & Fanelli Families

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

9:00am- For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

9:00 am- Michele Mozzicato

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

9:00 am- Marie Interlandi &
Sebastiano Interlandi

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

5:00pm — Francesca Maccarone, Mario
Carlone & Tommaso Maccarone

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

8:00 am- Emidia & Rocco Summa

9:30 am- Deceased members of the
Skrzyniarz Family

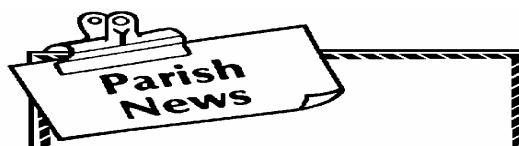
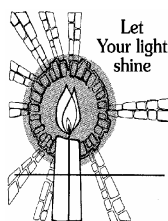
11:00 am- James Crowley

The Sanctuary Candle

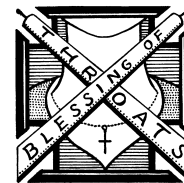
will burn from 2/2/09-
2/8/09 in memory of
John Carpino.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from

2/2/09-2/8/09 in memory of
Stanley & Eleanor Winiarski.



**Blessing of the Throats, in
Honor of St. Blaise will
take place this weekend
after all the Masses. This
blessing is a sign of thanks
for the gift of breathing, speech, and taste.**



**The Women's Club cooking Team will
cook this Monday, February 2nd from 1-
3pm in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Friday is the First Friday in February
Mass will be held at 9:00am. Vocations
Holy Hour will be held from 9:30-10:30am
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.**

**The Second Collection next weekend will
be the monthly collection.**

**There will be a "Project Baby Love"
collection next weekend...Disposable dia-
pers & wipes are needed. Thank you!**

**Fourth & Fifth grade boys & girls inter-
ested in becoming Altar Servers at Incar-
nation are invited to meet with Fr. Moran at
11am on Saturday, February 7th in the
Church. The meeting will last one hour and
will be the second of four consecutive ses-
sions that will prepare those interested in
serving at our Eucharistic celebrations.**



Religious Education

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next weekend at the 9:30am Mass.

Thank you to the Camilliere Family for hosting the munchkins last weekend!!

Together in Christ...Our Family Newsletter is available to all parish family home catechists at the chapel entrance.

New Day,A Journey from Grief to Healing will begin the next ten week session on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 1:00pm in Father Crawford Hall. New Day will meet for 10 consecutive Mondays. This is a very beautiful process of compassion and understanding for those who have lost a loved one through death. This program is facilitated by Noranne Wamester and Betty Hebler. Please contact Noranne at 529-6765 for more information. It is a monumental step to reach out after the loss of a loved one...be assured that you will be welcomed in a safe and loving environment.

When visiting the rectory, there is a doorbell located on the brick wall. Please ring the bell so that we will hear you. Thank you!

Diaconate Inquiry Sessions...The Office of Diaconate Formation is preparing to admit a new class of candidates for the Diaconate in the fall of 2009. Any Catholic man between the ages of 35 and 60 who may be interested in the Diaconate is encouraged to speak to his pastor. Call 761-7447 to pre-register.

Tuesday: Grade 8 will meet this week.

Wednesday: Grade 7 will meet this week.

Friday is the Grade 7 retreat.....Healthy Choices For Young Christians. 6:30-8:30 in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Saturday Grades K—6 will meet at Emerson-Williams on Saturday at 9:00am. Each Saturday morning, our religious formation communities will be saying The Rosary for peace in our world. Our Blessed Mother has always called upon children to say the rosary and our children have responded to the call in a beautiful way.

Saturday, February 7th we will have out first planning meeting for those who signed up to serve on the First Communion Planning Team. This meeting will be held at 9:15am in the cafeteria of Emerson-Williams School. **The Church of the Incarnation awards two scholarships annually for parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools.** Deadline to submit applications is April 1st. Call Noranne Wamester for an application at 529-6765.

The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. will award two scholarships of \$1,000 each to Catholic students who are high school seniors and who plan to attend a four year college in the fall of 2009. The applicant must reside in Hartford Country. Information can be obtained by contacting guidance counselors or principals in area high schools.

BAPTISMS

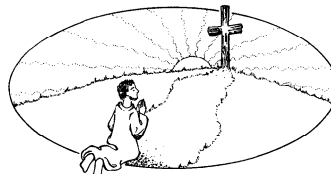
Michael Anthony Manocchio

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2009

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

— *Psalm 95:6*



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Congratulations to The Incarnation Junior Varsity Boys, and The Junior Varsity Girls who won their basketball games this past weekend! Great work!!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration, even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

**Incarnation Men's Retreat,
February 27—March 1st....**

**Looking for peace of mind? Sign up now
for our Parish Men's Retreat at Holy
Family Passionist Retreat Center in West
Hartford.**

Why other parishioners make the Retreat:
"I have attended retreats at Holy Family for
the past 20 consecutive years and plan to
continue for as long as I am able to do so.
The retreats have different themes each year
and all have been very interesting. After each
retreat I feel spiritually and physically
relaxed and refreshed" George Steinmetz
**Members of our Retreat League will speak
after all the masses next weekend.**

World Day for Consecrated Life will be
held the weekend of February 7-8. In 1997,
Pope John Paul II called for consecrated life
to be promoted throughout the universal
Church. Those who choose to live a conse-
crated life give public, intentional witness to
the universal call to a life of holiness.

**If you are new to the parish, and have re-
quested to receive church envelopes,** please
allow approximately one month for them to
be mailed out to you. They are mailed from
the envelope company in Buffalo, N.Y.

**Wethersfield UNICO's 30th Annual World
Famous Macaroni Dinner will be held
Sunday, February 8th from 11:30-4:30pm
at the Weth., Community Center.** Please
join Unico, your family & friends for a deli-
cious dinner of pasta, homemade sauce,
meatballs, garlic bread, salad, soda, wine,
coffee & ice cream. \$8 adults & \$4 for
children under 12. Tickets will be sold at the
door.

**It's time for the wearing of the green!
Please join us at our St. Patrick's Dinner
on Monday, March 16th at 6:30pm in Fa-
ther Crawford Hall.** Menu: corned beef,
cabbage, carrots & potatoes, homemade Irish
soda bread, coffee & dessert. There will be a
raffle. \$15.00 p.p. Reserve a table with your
family and friends! You won't be disap-
pointed. Call Michele Kalousdian at 563-
0860. See green flyers at exits.

**If you have reserved a Mass for a loved
one and would like to bring up the gifts,**
please notify the ushers in the Narthex
that you will be doing so prior to Mass.

**The Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of
Hartford has already been in contact with
the Deans and with parish pro-life repre-
sentatives concerning a project this month
sponsored by the U.S. Conference of
Catholic Bishops. This project involves a
post-card campaign to protest FOCA. The
Freedom of Choice Act.** In the history of
this nation, FOCA is the most aggressive and
insensitive assault on religious freedom.
FOCA would enshrine abortion rights as ab-
solute—so absolute that no State or Congres-
sional limitations would be tolerated. In your
parish family, for example, the parents of a
14 year old girl must give consent if she is to
have her ears pierced or if a school nurse is to
offer her two aspirin tablets. But that young
girl could have an abortion procedure with no
parental notification. (Please bear in mind
that under CT law, a physician who is dis-
cussing abortion with this minor child is
asked only to suggest that she communicate
with her parents but cannot require such.)
Postcards and flyers are available at the exits.



TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God. There are, no doubt, both false and true prophets around us today. The whole history of our church is filled with both. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of church authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

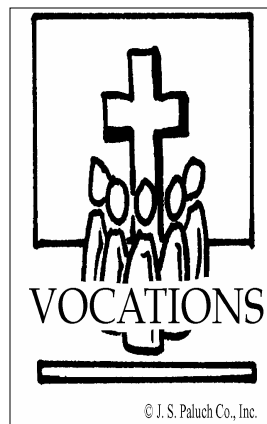
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; Groundhog Day

Tuesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats

Thursday: St. Agatha

Friday: St. Paul Miki and his companions
First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



Jesus taught them as one having authority