

The Church of the Incarnation

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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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860-529-2533

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**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 7TH**

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

**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 8TH**

8:00am- Emidia & Rocco Summa
9:30am- Deceased members of the
Skrzyniarz Family

11:00am- James Crowley

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

9:00 am-Concetta & Sebastiano Ficocelli

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

9:00 am- For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

9:00am—Mass of Thanksgiving to Our
Lady of Lourdes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

9:00 am- Lorenzo Cicchiello

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

9:00 am- Sarah Ann Marie Privitera &
Myles Connolly Sr.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

5:00pm —Pietro Cieri

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

8:00 am—Vienna Susi

9:30 am- Salvatore, Angel &
Grace Chiaramida

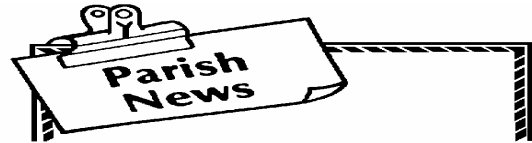
11:00 am-Albert & Carmela Devaney

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 2/9/09–
2/15/09 in Honor of St.
Valentine.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
2/9/09-2/15/09 in memory of
Pietro Cieri.



The Second Collection this weekend is the monthly collection.

There is a “Project Baby Love” collection this weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are needed. Thank you!

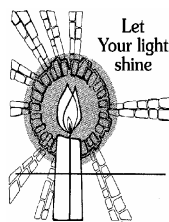
The Employment Support Group will meet this Tuesday, February 10th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you know is in need of employment please attend.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Committee will meet this Wednesday, February 11th from 9:30-10:30 am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Fourth & Fifth grade boys & girls interested in becoming Altar Servers at Incarnation are invited to meet with Fr. Moran at 11am on Saturday, February 14th in the Church. The meeting will last one hour and will be the third of four consecutive sessions that will prepare those interested in serving at our Eucharistic celebrations.

We are very pleased to announce that the new Website for The Church of the Incarnation will be launched on March 15, 2009. Our website will be a wonderful resource for our parishioners to follow the events and happenings in our parish.

Today is World Marriage Day. Marriage is a healing sacrament because everyone comes to marriage with flaws of which we are ashamed. The love of a spouse allows us to admit our flaws and see our value through the accepting eyes of our spouse.





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

Presiders are Yolanda Antoniak, Matt DeAngelo & Noranne Wamester. We welcome and thank the Hilsdon Family as our host family this Sunday.

Sunday: Our Confirmation candidates will be traveling to the Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. The theme of their retreat is "We Are Called." They will experience inspirational talks, small group activities, a prayer service and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will close the evening with dinner at the Monastery. We incite our parishioners to pray for the Lord so that their hearts will be opened to the love that He has for each of them.

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

Monday: 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.

Religious Education

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.

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.

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.

BAPTISMS**Teagan Shae Ferrara**

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!

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford is sponsoring an evening retreat on February 11th at 6pm....Is This the Church We Want for Our Children? Shawnee Baldwin will identify strategies for reaching out to young people and challenging our parishioners to think about ministry in an intergenerational way. Call 521-0440 for more information. See bulletin boards.

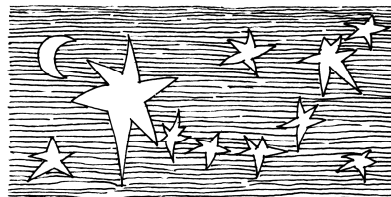
Saint Mary School, 652 Willard Avenue in Newington will hold a Pancake Breakfast School Open House.....on Sunday, February 15th from 9am-12 noon. Call 666-3844 x17 to register. See bulletin boards for more details...

Lenten Mission at Saint Mary's Church, 626 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT. Monday through–Thursday....March 9-12...God Calls & God Sends. We welcome all to join us for a spiritual journey as we explore our call to holiness. Fr. Terence Kristofak, C.P. will be the Mission Director. Join us Monday–Thursday, 8:30 am Mass followed by Mission talk and dialogue and 7:00 pm Mass followed by Mission talk and dialogue. Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated on Tuesday, March 10th at a 7pm service. See bulletin boards for details.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2009**

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars
and calls them by name.

— *Psalm 147:4*



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

**Encourage a loved one to go on Retreat!
Loved ones need your encouragement and
support to go on retreat. Sign up now for
our Parish Men's Retreat at Holy
Family Passionist Retreat Center in West
Hartford. For financial assistance call
George Steinmetz at 563-4065 or Bill
Carroll at 667-4947.**

Why other parishioners make the Retreat:

"To renew and recharge my life, the beautiful music, to pray, and prepare for the future."

Bill Carroll

Members of our Retreat League will speak after all the masses this weekend. For further information contact the retreat center at 521-0440 or visit their website at

www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

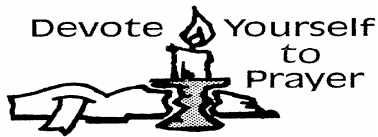
If you are new to the parish, and have requested to receive church envelopes, please allow approximately one month for them to be mailed out to you. They are mailed from the envelope company in Buffalo, N.Y.

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 delicious 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 Father 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 disappointed. 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 representatives 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 absolute—so absolute that no State or Congressional 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 discussing 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.



TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The Gospel of Mark, unlike those of Matthew and Luke, has no infancy narrative, nor does it have a lengthy prologue to introduce it, as John's Gospel does. In Mark's account, one could say, Jesus hits the ground running. The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

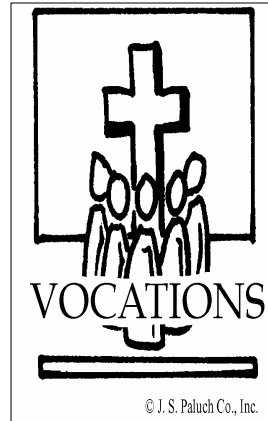
Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
World Marriage Day; Boy Scout Sunday;
Tu B'Shvat (Jewish new year of trees)
begins at sunset
- Tuesday: St. Scholastica
- Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
- Thursday: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Saturday: St. Cyril and St. Methodius; Valentine's Day

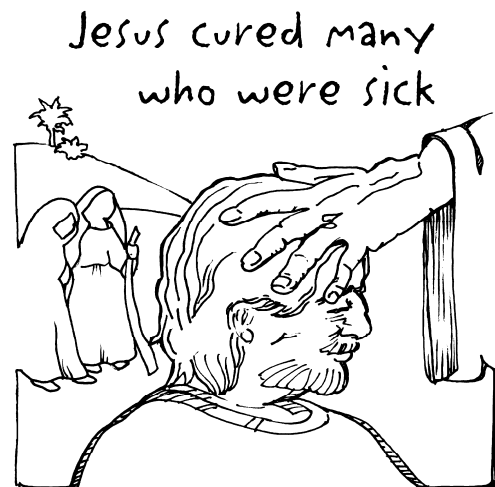


Are you being called to the Priesthood or Religious?

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: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



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