

The Church of the Incarnation

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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,
MARCH 21ST**

5:00pm- Edwin Przybylski

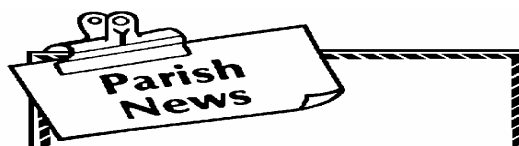
SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:00am- Manuel Loura

9:30am- Mary & Dan

Richi and Cora, Henry and Mikey Daversa

11:00am- Prospero R. DePhillips



MONDAY, MARCH 23RD

9:00 am- For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

9:00 am- Thomas Cacchillo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

9:00am- Rose Mangiafico

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

9:00 am- Santa & James Cobisi and Tina
& Frank Tummillo

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

9:00 am- Deceased members of the
Bartosiak Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

9:00am — Paul Panebianco

5:00pm— Deceased members of the
Nesta Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

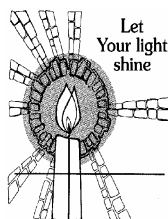
8:00 am— Helen & Nashan Kalousdian

9:30 am- Valentino & Rosina Fazio

11:00 am- Pasquale Piccolo

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 3/23/09–
3/29/09 in memory of
Rose Mangiafico.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
3/23/09-3/29/09 in memory
of Thomas Cacchillo.

Thank you to the Social Action Committee of The Women's Club, Michele Kalousdian The Kalousdian Family and all others involved in making the St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner such a wonderful evening! The food was delicious and all of the hard work to put an event of this magnitude together is greatly appreciated!!

There is a House of Bread collection this weekend. Coffee & sugar are requested. Over 300 guests are served a meal each day at this soup kitchen. There are approximately 400 children are served a warm meal each day at Kid's Café, which is also part of the House of Bread. Thank you for your continued support of this most worthy cause.

There is a parish council meeting this Sun., March 22nd at 7pm in the Fr. Crawford Hall.

There is an Employment Support Group meeting this Tuesday, March 24th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. Anyone seeking employment is welcome to attend our meeting.

Lenten Movie Afternoon for Grades 4, 5 & 6 will be held on Thursday, March 26th from 1:30-4pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. The admission will be a bag of rice for Kid's Café in Hartford. Pizza & soda will be available for \$1.00 per slice. Popcorn will be offered free of charge. Registration forms are at the exits. Call Filomena Marinelli at 721-0538 for more information.



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

Presiders will be Maura Buyak, Anne Camilliere and Karen Susi. The Bahouth and Dunn Families will host our refreshments.

Monday: New Day.....A Journey from Grief to Healing continues on Monday, March 23rd at 1:00pm, Father Crawford Hall.

Tuesday: Grade 8 will meet.

Wednesday: Grade 7 will meet.

Saturday: Grades K-6 will meet at Emerson-Williams School at 9am.

Registration (2009-2010) for the Faith Formation Program will be mailed on Monday. All registrations must be returned no later than May 15, 2009. Extra registration forms and the welcome letter may be downloaded from our website.....

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com. All families of new students must include a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate unless your child was baptized at the Church of the Incarnation. Those entering Grade 9 (Sept. 2009) will receive a special invitation in October for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Faith Formation (Religious Education) formally begins in First Grade. First Communion preparation begins in First Grade. The Kindergarten program entitled "Little Lambs" which begins in October is offered as an optional program.

The Women's Club Communion Breakfast, will be held on Sunday, April 26th immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Cost is \$19.00 per person which includes a delicious breakfast buffet at the Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill at 12:15pm. Guest speaker, Regina Cram, a writer for The Catholic Transcript, will join us to share her story, "The Journey of a Lifetime: Kicking and Screaming into the Catholic Church". Don't miss this delightful speaker who uses humor to engage her audiences as she talks about God's hand in our spiritual journey. Reservations can be made at the following Women's Club meetings: March 19th, and April 16th or by calling Laura Decker at 721-8284.

Easter Communion Regulation: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the 1st Sunday of Lent & Trinity Sunday.

2008 Christmas Concert...This concert was dedicated in loving memory to Reverend John F. Edwards. We have DVD's available for purchase by calling the rectory or by visiting Mrs. Niver in the Choir Loft. They are \$20.00 per DVD. Thank you. They make a wonderful Christmas present! There will be more detailed information available on the website.



**Catholic Relief Services
Lenten Program:**

Operation Rice Bowls... They are available at the exits.

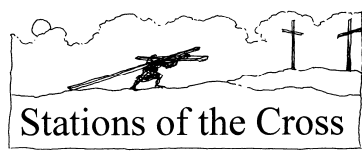


BAPTISMS

Brooke Skye Kulvinskas

A Family Perspective... Notice in today's gospel: "God so loves us, He GAVE His Son." Love is about GIVING, not getting! Love is not selfish.

Stewardship Message... All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."



Stations of the Cross

Archbishop Mansell has encouraged parishes to cooperate in the scheduling of masses and liturgical services to help ease pressure caused by the shortage of priests. In this spirit, the parishes of Wethersfield have agreed to centralize the commemoration of the Stations of the Cross at Corpus Christi Church, on the Fridays of

Lent at 7:30pm with Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

In preparation for Easter our Small Christian Community groups invite you to join us for a Day of Reflection on Thursday, April 2nd at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington. Noranne Wamester will guide through our day. For reservations contact Gilda at 563-9848 or Betty at 563-9274.

For those of you that winter in Florida or are away during the winter, please call the rectory to put your envelopes on inactive when you leave and call to put them back on active when you return. This will save both paper and money. Thank you!

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2009

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17



Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday: Consider full participation in the beautiful liturgies. (Holy Thursday) 4/9-7pm, (Good Friday) 4/10, 3pm & (Easter Vigil) 4/11-8pm, Meet Jesus there.

Our Incarnation Basketball Teams will celebrate their wonderful season at an awards banquet on Monday, March 30th at 6pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. A note to all parents...If you would like...you are invited to bring a dessert. Thank you.

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 application 529-6765.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center is having their Annual Membership Drive. 3/2nd-4/17th. 2009 is our 83rd Anniversary and we just made a 5,000,000.00 pledge to the hospital! Help us help St. Francis by becoming a part of our proud tradition. Flyers are at the exits or call Michele Kalousdian at 563-0860.

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Special Spring Holiday Cleaning for Easter: If you are able to volunteer an hour or two of your time to prepare our worship space for the glory of Eastertime, call Toni Munoz at 563-9720. Dates are Saturday, March 28th and Saturday, April 4th both at 9:30am. Thank you.

You may return the Easter Flowers envelopes anytime until Easter Sunday. Thanks!

The 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish and across the Archdiocese. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are sustained and expanded. Thank you.

Lenten Mass

Schedule: Daily mass will be at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Saturday,

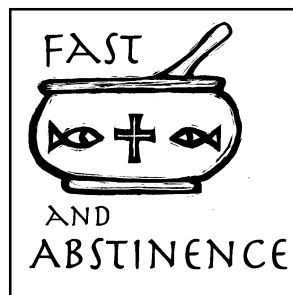
April 11th. Corpus Christi will celebrate masses at 6:45am, 12:05pm and 5:30pm Monday-Friday. Saturday Masses at Corpus are 7:30 am & 12:05pm.



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Lenten Regulations:

Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted.



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Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, but have not yet marked their 59th are to fast on Good Friday. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Mercy High School, Middletown, CT. Please join us for Discover Mercy on Saturday, April 4th from 9am-12:45pm. The program is open to 6th and 7th grade girls and parents. Activities, food and fun! Call (860) 346-6659.

For the Season of Lent, The Sanctus (Holy, Holy) and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) will be sung. Hymn numbers 861/ 864 in the Missal.



COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated, rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the Temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) *or* 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

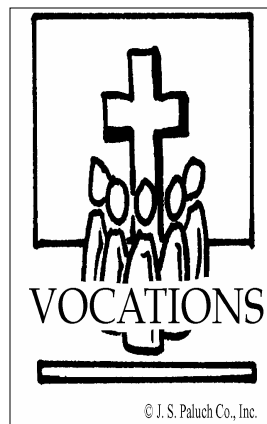
Psalms — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



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.

Men's Association New York Yankees Bus Trip Update: We have been in contact with the Yankees representatives for the past few months and have not been able to confirm a date as of yet. Please continue to check this bulletin for more information. Thank you for your patience.

**Liturgy
Environment**



Today, the fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, is designated by the first words of the Latin Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice, Jerusalem!" In mid-Lent, we pause to revel in the ultimate victory to be won. Our music is joyful; vesture is festive, too. Rose vestments replace violet. We adorn our sanctuary with flowers. The desert blooms with the hope of spring and new life reminding us of the new life in Jesus Christ we will soon encounter by His glorious Resurrection. We are not a people of darkness but rather a people of light. We come to Christ our Light with the hope that all our works may clearly be seen as don in God.