

The Church of the Incarnation

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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,
MARCH 28TH**

5:00pm- Deceased mem-
bers of the Nesta Family



SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

8:00am- Helen & Nashan
Kalousdian
9:30am- Valentino & Rosina Fazio
11:00am- Pasquale Piccolo

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.

MONDAY, MARCH 30TH

9:00 am- Josephine Guzewicz

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST

9:00 am- Edwin Beaupre

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

9:00am- James, Kevin & John Shea

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

9:00 am-Anna & Libby Guala

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

9:00 am- Neil Esposito

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

9:00am —For all our parishioners
5:00pm— Lorraine Zazzaro

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

8:00 am— For all our deceased
parishioners & benefactors
9:30 am- Intentions of Nicholas
Tomaiuolo
11:00 am- Mark & Michael Guerrera

Friday is the First Friday in April...Daily Mass will be held at 9am. Vocations Holy Hour will be held from 9:30-10:30am.

There will be a “Project Baby Love collection next weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are needed.

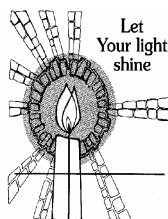
Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday: Consider full participation in the beautiful liturgies. (Holy Thursday) 4/9-7pm, (Good Friday) 4/10, 3pm & (Easter Vigil) 4/11-8pm, Meet Jesus there.

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

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.

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 3/30/09-
4/5/09 in memory of
Special Intention for the
Living.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
3/30/09-4/5/09 in memory
of Domenica Elisa Heinimann Torrance.





The next Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held on Sunday, April 5th at the 9:30am Mass.

Monday: New Day.....A Journey from Grief to Healing continues on Monday, March 30th at 1:00pm, Father Crawford Hall.

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

We received a lovely thank you note from Sister Maureen & Sister Theresa from the House of Bread thanking us for our \$2,100 that was raised at the Soup Supper and the donations given by us throughout the year.

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.

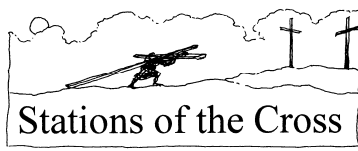


**Catholic Relief Services
Lenten Program:**

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

A Family Perspective.... Today's gospel teaches: "Whoever loves his life, loses it." Letting go and death to self are keys to successful relationships. If we hold-onto another too tightly, we smother them. Unless we die to ourselves, we use others for our needs. Hear Jesus today: "If the grain of wheat dies, there is much fruit." Family life and relationships require sacrifice.

Stewardship Message.... "If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "Let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of Me?



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.

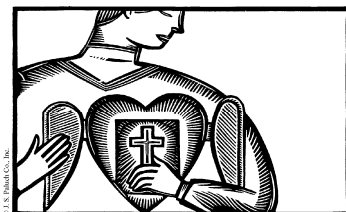
HomeFront Day: We need you on our Team: Date this year is Saturday May 2nd. This project is sponsored by the Office of Urban Affairs of the Archdiocese, and Americares. Parishes all over the state accept a project to repair and fix up the home of a needy family. We need workers with a variety of skills as well as unskilled workers. You must be at least 16 years of age, but young people ages 14-16 may work with a signed release from their parents, and supervision. For more information and to sign-up call Pat McGovern at 563-7773, Brian O'Connor at 563-4888, or Audrey Saharek at 529-2533. This project is sponsored by Sacred Heart, Corpus Christi and The Church of the Incarnation.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2009**

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*



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. Our date is Saturday, April 4th at 9:30am. Thank you.

The 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish and across the Archdiocese. The Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer job training to the unemployed, and make available medical care to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2009 Annual Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services and programs that reach out to so many in need.

Lenten Mass

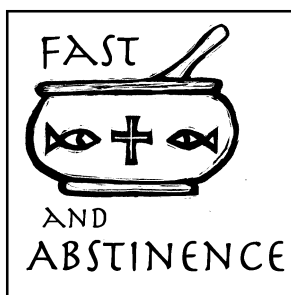
Schedule: Daily mass will be at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Saturday, April 11th. Corpus Christi will celebrate masses at 6:45am, 12:05pm and 5:30pm Monday-Friday. Saturday Masses at Corpus are 7:30 am & 12:05pm.



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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.

Saint Mary School, located at 652 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT, will be holding an Open House on Tuesday, April 7th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Please join us for an evening of information regarding our Pre-K-3 up to our 8th grade program. Please call 666-3844 for questions. We look forward to seeing you!!

Corpus Christi School H.S.A. will hold a Craft Fair/Bake Sale on Sunday, March 29th from 9:30-3pm in the school gym.



SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

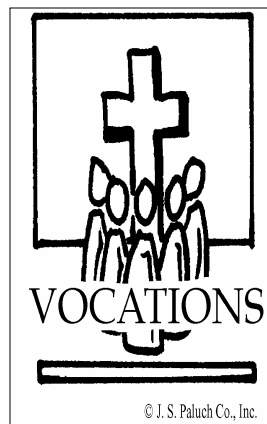
Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or Psalm 130.*

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or Romans 8:8-11.*

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]



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 not been able to reserve a date with the Yankees this year. Our trip this year will be the New York Mets vs. Marlins on May 30th. We only have 108 tickets so please call to reserve a.s.a.p. Call Tony Colasacco at 836-3064.

**Liturgy
Environment**



All through today's Gospel, we hear reference to the "hour" of Jesus. Now the time is fulfilled. Jesus is the "grain of wheat" that can only bear fruit if it "dies." Jesus prays with great honesty: "I am troubled now, yet what should I say? Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour." Jesus is afraid, but he never stops trusting in the Father. He is the profound example for us, as well, to always trust in our heavenly Father who, through the Son, brings us from death to life as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.