

The Church of the Incarnation

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Cantors

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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,
APRIL 4TH**

5:00pm- Lorraine Zazzaro

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

8:00am- For all our
deceased parishioners &
benefactors

9:30am- Intentions of Nicholas
Tomaiuolo

11:00am- Mark & Michael Guerrera

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH

9:00 am- Deceased members of the
Harrington & Campittello Families

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

9:00 am- Deacon Fred Rispoli

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

9:00am- Frances & Joseph Mancino

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

7:00 pm- For all our parishioners

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

3:00 pm- Liturgical Service

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

EASTER VIGIL

8:00pm- For all our parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

8:00 am- Raymond Keough

9:30 am- Gloria, Carmela, Thomas &
John Andreoli

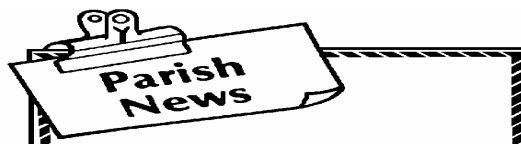
11:00 am- Lillian Vasquez & Mary
Mudano

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 4/6/09-
4/12/09 in memory of
Cornelius "Bud" O'Brien.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
4/6/09-4/12/09 in memory
of Frank Bulanti.



Today is Palm Sunday...Blessed palms will be distributed at all masses this weekend.

There is a "Project Baby Love collection this weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are needed.

The Women's Club Cooking Team will cook this Monday, April 6th from 1-3pm in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.

We will have Lenten Confessions this Monday, April 6th from 7-8pm in the Church.

The Employment Support Group will meet this Tuesday, April 7th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Wednesday, April 8th from 9:30-10:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

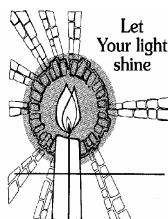
The Second Collection next weekend is the monthly collection.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held from 8:30-10pm on Holy Thursday. Sign-up poster is at the entrances.

Confessions during Holy Week will be held on Good Friday and Holy Saturday from 11-12 noon.

Blessing of the Easter Food will be held on Holy Saturday at 12:15pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.





Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held on Palm Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Presiders are Lisa Brady, Maggie Seaver and Noranne Wamester. The Bonvisuto & Lipka Families will host the munchkins!

Monday: New Day.....A Journey from Grief to Healing continues on Monday, April 6th at 11:00am in Father Crawford Hall.

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.

We would like to thank the children who attended our Lenten Movie Afternoon last week. All rice donations and proceeds from food sales that day will be donated to Kid's Café in Hartford. Thank you to the Tessier Family for donating the pizza.

All Religious Education communities are in recess for Holy Week and Easter Celebrations. All families are invited to share in the most beautiful liturgies of Holy Week!

The Faith Formation Communities of Regina Cravero, Phyllis DiFiore, Rachel Kieselback, and Filomena Marinelli will make Lunch Bags & Easter Treat Bags for the Kids' Café Soup Kitchen in Hartford this week. Thank you to the Beer's Family for the 150 sandwiches & other items that were donated.

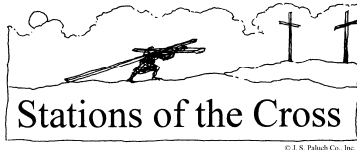
Congratulations to the Incarnation Girls J.V. & Varsity Basketball Teams for reaching the New England Regional C.Y.O. Tournament Level. Great job girls! Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Team who won the First Round Game! What a great season!!

The Women's Club Communion Breakfast, will be held on Sun., April 26th 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. Reservations can be made at the April 16th, Club meeting or by calling Laura Decker at 721-8284.

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. Check the website for info.

A Family Perspective.... Following Christ is not easy. Like Jesus we will experience betrayal, denial, being ignored, falsely accused and left alone. Even friends will “look on from afar.” Family is the gift given to us so we never stand alone. Being together is the stuff of holiness.

Stewardship Message.... Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.



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. Final Stations will be held on Good Friday.

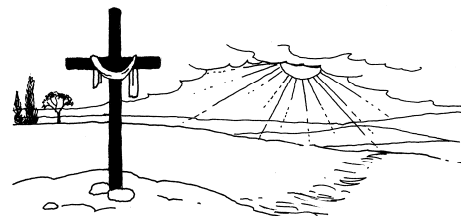
HomeFront Day: We need you on our Team: Date this year is Saturday May 2nd. This project is sponsored by the Office of Urban Affairs of the Archdiocese, and Americares. Parishes all over the state accept a project to repair and fix up the home of a needy family. We need workers with a variety of skills 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.

We have Gluten Free Hosts for parishioners who need them. Please let the priest know prior to Mass of your request. 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.

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
April 5, 2009
[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

— *Philippians 2:8*



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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 plead 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.

The 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish and across the Archdiocese. The A.A.A. provides help to those in need! This year's Appeal goal is a challenge—but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer each and everyday of their lives. Please consider supporting this important effort. Every gift makes a difference. If you did not receive the 2009 A.A. A. mailing, there are extra pledge cards & envelopes at the church entrances. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Open House...St. Augustine School, 20 Clifford St. in Hartford will be held on Thursday, May 7th from 5-7:30pm. Call 249-5661.

Corpus Christi Women's Club will sponsor a Red Sox Baseball Trip...Sunday, May 10th...Tampa Bay Rays VS Red Sox. Call Natalie at the rectory at 529-2545.

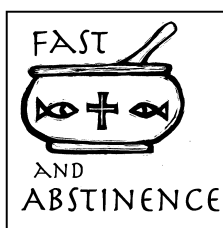
St. Mary's Women's Club of Newington is sponsoring a Bus Trip to Newport Rhode Island Playhouse and Cabaret Restaurant. Cost is \$85.00 for the Bus, Buffet and Play. Call Pat 563-5676 or Pauline at 666-0188. The Play is entitled "Breaking Legs" which is about three Mafia Bosses wanting to invest in a play.

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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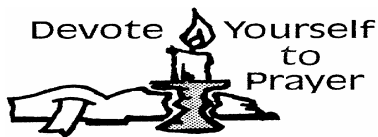
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Lenten Regulations: Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, but have not 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.



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Open House at Saint Mary School, located at 652 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT, on Tuesday, April 7th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. We are a Pre-K-3 - 8th grade program. Call 666-3844 for questions.



PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One Who Is to Come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

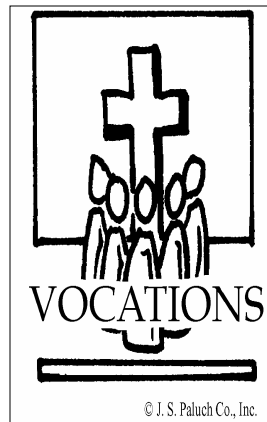
Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Monday:	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday:	Tuesday of Holy Week; World Health Day
Wednesday:	Wednesday of Holy Week; Passover begins at sunset
Thursday:	Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins; Paschal full moon
Friday:	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; Fast and Abstinence
Saturday:	Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter



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:	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	<u>Chrism Mass</u> : Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 <u>Lord's Supper</u> : Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday:	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mk 16:1-7
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

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

Men's Association Baseball Bus Trip:

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. Price \$75.00 p.p....Luxury bus, food, beverages, movies & game ticket. Come and enjoy a beautiful day at the new Citi Field Stadium, the Mets new home.... Call Tony Colasacco at 836-3064.