

The Church of the Incarnation

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Director of Music

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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 and Faith Formation Registration

The Church of the Incarnation welcomes new parishioners. All forms are available at the main entrance of the church. Please mail or place in the collection basket.

You may also visit our website for printable forms at:
www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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(860) 529-2533

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(860) 721-6595

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**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 22ND**

5:00pm - Frank Mandile

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 23RD**

8:00am—Stefan Wojcik

9:30am - Anthony &
Emelia Camilliere

11:00am - Deceased members of the
D'Ambrosio Family



MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH

9:00am - Deceased members of the
Bartosiak Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH

9:00 am— John P. Shea

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

9:00am—Maria Latina

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH

9:00am - For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH

9:00am - Biagio "Gino" Lagana

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

5:00 pm—George & Sally D'Esopo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

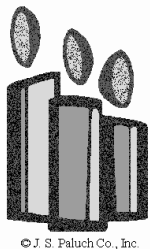
8:00 am –Eleanor Kelly

9:30 am - Frank & Charlotte LaPorte and
Shirley Quaille

11:00 am –Nina Montanile

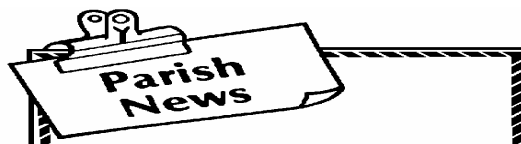
The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 8/24/09–
8/30/09 in memory of
Rocco & Madeline Lattanzio.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
8/24/09 — 8/30/09 in
memory of Edward Campittello.



There will be an Employment Support Group meeting this Tuesday, August 25th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you know is in need of employment, have them attend this meeting. It is always best to bring an updated resume to these meetings. Thank you.

Faith Formation registration for new students in ongoing. Call 529-6765 to receive information about this program. Please know that the first grade parish home communities are filled.

The first day of Faith Formation for Emerson-William School will be held on Saturday, September 26th for grades 1-6.

We have printed more DVD copies of our Christmas Concert. They are \$20.00 per copy. Please see Mrs. Niver in the Choir Loft.



The Incarnation Men's Association is again sponsoring the Annual Parish Family Picnic next Sunday, August 30th from 1-4pm. Cost is \$5.00 p.p. or \$10.00 per family. This

includes food & beverages, pony rides from 1:30-3:30pm, moon bounce and a new raffle this year. Seating will be available both inside Fr. Crawford Hall and outside under a tent. Tickets will be on sale on the day of the event at the door only. Please join us!



Year for Priests

This year has been dedicated as the Year for Priests by Pope Benedict the Sixteenth from June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010. And so as laity and religious who have responded to the call of each individual's vocation in life, we step back and reflect on the vocation of the priesthood. With a spirit of gratefulness as a faith community, let us reflect on the ministry of all priests and in particular, the gift of who presently serve in our parish, our Pastor Father James Moran and our assistant on weekends Father James Fanelli. **We will also celebrate all priests who have served our parish since its founding on the weekend of September 12th & 13th and in a special way at the 9:30am Mass on Sept. 13th.**

Let us all spend a few moments and plant a seed of reflection for these priestly men who have served in the vocation of the priesthood. As Jesus gave us His life, the priest continues to extend the hand of Christ to us in the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. The priest brings us the sacraments of the Church. The priest is a spiritual director, a comforter, a companion on our journey. When thinking about the source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist, the acronym PEAK spells out four areas of reflection. And so as a community we commit ourselves to:

P. Prayer: For all priests, that they may feel the strength of Our Heavenly Father; that they may be grounded in the determination of Jesus and that they may feel the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit as they serve the people of God.

E. Encouragement; May the example of the priestly life offer encouragement to young men who are being called to the vocation. May we be willing to tap a shoulder, to plant a seed of wonder, to invite them to consider the vocation of priesthood.

A. Affirmation: May we, as the people of God, affirm the gifts of our priests. May we offer appreciation for an inspiring homily, a sacramental moment, a friendly smile, a visit in the hospital or at home, an understanding and compassionate heart.

K. Knowledge: May we recognize in a deeper way the gift of priesthood in our church. May we celebrate the good news of the priesthood. Let us raise our consciousness to the critical importance of this vocation.

In closing we pray:

Heavenly Father, Listen to the heart of your sons and strengthen them to shepherd the elders to the little ones.

Loving Lord and Faithful Brother.

Help us to see as a people, the gift of the priest and of one another.

Holy Spirit, infuse in each and every priest an energy and spirit to reach the people of God, the lowly and the least.

Blessed Mother, surround each priest with your mantle of Compassion and comfort. Let your maternal love nourish and affirm the ministry that they have followed through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Pray Encourage, Affirm and Know: With God's grace the vocation to the priesthood will be inspired to grow. Amen.

Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate
August, 2009

Wedding Anniversary Celebration: Couples observing their twenty-fifth, fiftieth or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to the Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00pm. Archbishop Mansell will celebrate the Liturgy at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Family, friends, and all married couples are welcome to attend the Mass. A brief reception immediately follows. Registration for anniversary couples is requested by calling Pastoral Assistant Audrey Saharek at 529-2533. Thank you.

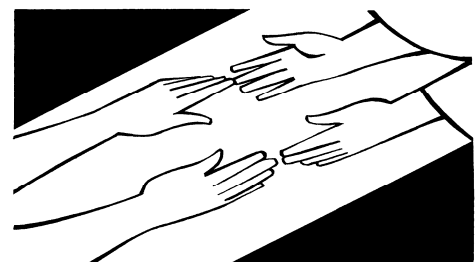
Pilgrimage to Italy: Consider joining us as for 11 days as we tour the beautiful cities of Venice, Padua, Turin, Florence, Assisi and Rome from April 20-30, 2010. Our pilgrimage will be a joyful journey designed to highlight our Catholic faith, help us appreciate its historical roots, and be inspired by the art and tradition that are such a treasure of our church. Two special highlights will be a rare chance to see the Holy Shroud of Turin, believed to be the burial cloth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and an audience with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. Contact Fr. Jeff Gubbiotti at Most Holy Trinity Church in Wallingford (203) 269-8791 or e-mail him at jag628@yahoo.com.

St. Mary's Women's Club of Newington presents The Holiday Show....at the Hu Ke Lau Restaurant in Chicopee, MA on Thursday, December 10th. The bus will depart from ST. Mary's School at 10am and returning at 4:30pm. Cost is \$62.00 p.p. and choice of Prime Rib au jus or Baked Stuffed Breast of Chicken. If interested in attending please call Parry at 563-5676 or Pauline at 666-0188. Thank you!

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2009**

As for me and my household, we will serve the
LORD.

— *Joshua 24:15b*



**Incarnation
Choir
Rehearsals
begin Monday,
September**



14th at 7:30pm in the Choir Loft. Every year we begin rehearsals the first Monday after Labor Day. We welcome new members. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Niver in the Choir Loft after any of the Masses. We are blessed to have such a wonderfully talented Choir Director and Choir.

The Incarnation Men's Club Membership Drive has begun. Letters have been mailed out to all members. Dues remains \$10.00. Please return your envelope in the collection baskets or mail to the rectory. Thank you. Visit the church website for their calendar.

Adult Confirmation Classes for Baptized Roman Catholics who have made their First Communion and are over the age of 18 to be held this fall. Call Mary Marsan at (860) 243-9465 or Donna Yatchko at (203) 248-6958. Confirmation will be on October 28th at St. Thomas Seminary Chapel.

What is a lector? A lector is a person who proclaims the first and/or second reading at Mass. This person may also lead the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. A new lector receives instruction in the formation process. The lector also receives a workbook to prayerfully prepare for the readings. This workbook helps the lector to properly prepare, read aloud and PRAY the readings during the preceding week. If you are being called to this ministry, please call Noranne Wamester, Pastoral Associate/Lector Formation facilitator at 529-6765 about the ministry.

Corpus Christi Women's Club is sponsoring some bus trips this year. These trips are not fundraisers, but are meant to build community amongst parishes. Several Incarnation parishioners have attended these trips in the past. The next trip will be September 30th to "Wine & Dine in Hudson Valley, NY" and the final will be; "Shop till You Drop in Kittery Maine on November 14th. Call Natalie at Corpus Christi at 529-2545. Flyers are at exits.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at Incarnation on Sunday, October 25th at 2pm. Bishop Peter Rosazza will celebrate the Confirmation Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is always looking for new presidors to spread the Word. At your summer gatherings around the pool, please be a spokesperson for CLW and consider friends, and family that would perhaps be a good candidate. Please let them know that no experience is required. People often feel they are not knowledgeable enough about scripture to be a presidor, Please convey to them that the only requirement is a willing Spirit. We begin again in the Fall and welcome anyone willing to share God's Word to the children of our church -- the future of our church. Call Noranne Wamester at 529-6765.

Are you or is someone you know ready to explore the Bible? Registrations for the 15th anniversary class of the Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School will be considered through August 15th. Classes will be held at locations around the diocese and both in the evening and during the Day. Call Barbara Jean (BJ) Daly Horell at 243-9465, ext. 11 or on the web at cbs@orehartford.org.



HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD'S SERVICE

In the ancient world, "household" was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn't think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the "households" of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many "strangers" every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are "next door" to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a "household" that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

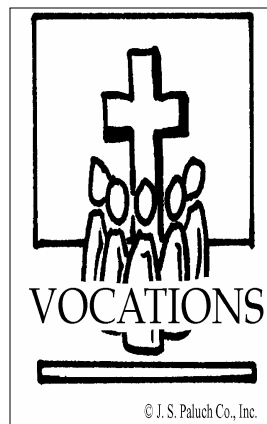
Psalms — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

THE WAY

It's hard to train a child in a way the parents don't go themselves. —Anonymous



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: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29
 Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

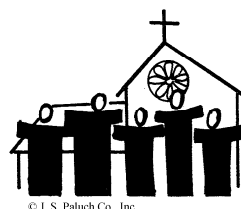
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Bartholomew
 Tuesday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
 Thursday: St. Monica
 Friday: St. Augustine
 Saturday: The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymous



WE ARE
MEMBERS OF
CHRIST'S BODY