

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 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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**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 29TH**

5:00pm - George & Sally
D'Esopo

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 30TH**

8:00am—Eleanor Kelly
9:30am - Frank & Charlotte LaPorte and
Shirley Quaile
11:00am - Nina Montanile

MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST

9:00am - Franklin R. Mandera

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

9:00 am— Emma Camarco

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

9:00am—For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

9:00am - Deceased members of the
Pistritto, Aglieco & Gibilisco Families

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

9:00am—Franklin R. Mandera

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

5:00 pm—Deceased members of the
DeRose Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

8:00 am – For all our deceased
parishioners & benefactors
9:30 am - Mary & Constance D'Ambrosio
11:00 am –Perley & Betty Burns

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 8/31/09–
9/6/09 in honor of St.
Valentine.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
8/31/09 — 9/6/09 in
memory of Judith Skinner
Curcio & Robert J. Skinner.



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

food/beverages, pony rides from 1:30-3:30pm, moon bounce & a new raffle. Seating inside and outside (under tent) in Fr. Crawford Hall. Tickets sold at the door only.

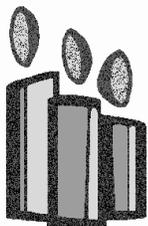
The Dominican Sisters will be here next weekend to sell their bread, brownies, apple and blueberry pies. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for our mission to support the lepers.

Women's Club Executive Board meeting this Thurs., 9/3, 7:30pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.

Friday is the first Friday in September... Mass at 9am. Vocations Holy Hour on Friday from 9:30-10:30am in the Chapel.

There will be a "Project Baby Love" collection next wkd., September 5th & 6th. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested.

The Incarnation Parish Bible Study program is accepting new registrations. Spaces are limited. Classes meet twice monthly on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm, beginning September 9th. The focus of this year will be the Acts of the Apostles and other New Testament writings. Call Barbara at 257-8949 or email bgawle@juno.com.



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

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.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

We are in need of two catechists for grade three at Emerson-Williams School and one catechist for grade four at Emerson -Williams School. There is also a need for two catechists in grade seven and two catechists in grade eight.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

The Middle School formation program is taking on a new look. It will be based on a youth ministry retreat model. Students will gather (grade 7 and grade 8 separately) once a month on Sunday evenings for three hours late afternoon to early evening. These times will be formalized when the calendar is in place. Therefore, grades seven and eight will no longer meet on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. There will be an orientation for all parents in September. Letters will be sent out to all families of the day and time.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedication directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the *mensa*, or “altar table.” Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today’s rite states a clear preference for “martyr,” and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition’s desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means “witness” in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn’t count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr’s tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a “cult”) was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains “the seed of the Church.”

In celebration of the Year for Priests, we offer the following for your reflection: Priest: The priest is the person who receives the second step in the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the priesthood, whereby he becomes the mediator authorized to offer the true sacrifice by which God's supreme dominion over all people is acknowledged and atonement for their sins occurs. The priest's essential privileges are to offer The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, to distribute Divine graces to the faithful by the administration of the sacraments, and to preach the Word of God. **“You are a priest forever, in the priestly order of Melchizedek.”**

Hebrews 5:6

The Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference will be held this year on October 3rd at the Chevrolet Theatre, (Oakdale) in Wallingford. Visit their website at www.ctcatholicmen.org. More information to follow in this bulletin.

To Walk With Those Who Mourn....Facilitator Training for Parish Bereavement Programs to be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 9am-4pm at Family Life Office in Hamden. Call (203) 230-2460 to register.

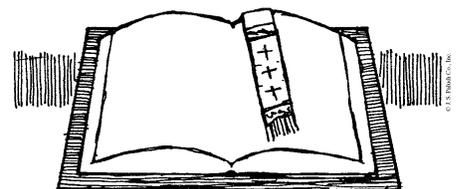
Wedding Anniversary Celebration: Couples observing their twenty-fifth, fiftieth or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to the Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00pm. Archbishop Mansell will celebrate the Liturgy at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Reception to follow. Call 529-2533 to register.

St. Mary's Women's Club of Newington is sponsoring two trips: The first is to **Charles Playhouse in Boston** on Sunday, October 11th to see “Shear Madness” a comedy set in a hair-styling salon. Cost: \$72 p.p. Free time at Quincy Market to enjoy lunch & shopping before 3pm show. The second is **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 return at 4:30pm. Cost is \$62.00 p.p. and choice of Prime Rib au jus or Baked Stuffed Breast of Chicken. Call Patty at 563-5676 or Pauline at 666-0188 to attend either show.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2009

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

— *James 1:21b*



Welcome the Word

Baptisms

Ethan Charles Aiello
Ava Rose Aiello
Jacob John Hallisey



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. New members are welcome. Please see Mrs. Niver in the Choir Loft after any of the Masses.

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.

The Incarnation Women's Club Membership Drive has also begun. Letters have been mailed to all women of the parish. Dues remains \$5.00. Please return your envelope in the baskets or mail to the rectory. Thank you.

BIG, BEAUTIFUL FALL MUM SALE: Fundraiser to benefit the Incarnation Prayer Shawl Ministry: Deadline to order is 9/14. Plants will be available for pick-up on 9/17. Order forms are at the exits of the church. Please complete form and include it with your check made payable to Church of the Incarnation. Mail to: Michele Kalousdian, 154 Griswold Rd., Wethersfield. Please call Michele with questions at 563-0860.

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" then "Shop till You Drop in Kittery Maine on November 14th and finally Dinner & Theatre in Westchester, NY on December 17th. Call Natalie at Corpus at 529-2545. Flyers 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.

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

Military Whist Party....Sacred Heart Church Hall on Tuesday, September 22nd at 1pm, 56 Hartford Avenue, Wethersfield...Admission \$5.



THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others’ attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. What Jesus teaches today is that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

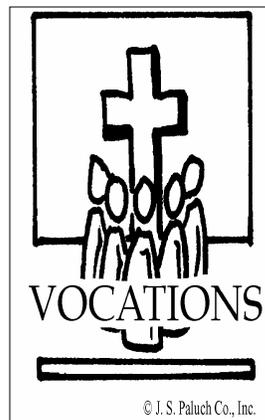
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalms — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).



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: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Thursday: St. Gregory the Great
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

