

The Church of the Incarnation

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Wethersfield, CT 06109



Rev. James M. Moran
Pastor

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Mrs. Teri Aiudi
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Faith Formation Secretary

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Middle School Coordinator

Mrs. Theodora Niver
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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**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12TH**

5:00pm - Antoinetta
Santilli

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13TH**

8:00am—Ernesto Susi
9:30am - Agata, Gino & Salvatore
Colantonio
11:00am - Reverend John J. Crawford and
Thomas V. Crawford



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

9:00am - For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

9:00 am— Matteo Pugliese

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

9:00am—Millie Christadore

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

9:00am—Margaret, James Sr. & James
Parisi Jr.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

9:00am—Deacon Fred Rispoli

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

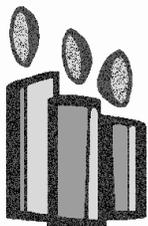
5:00 pm— Pat & Lucy Miele

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

8:00 am – Rose Mangiafico
9:30 am - Josephine & Raymond
McMullen and Delia, John &
Frank O'Brien
11:00 am –Maurice Bottum

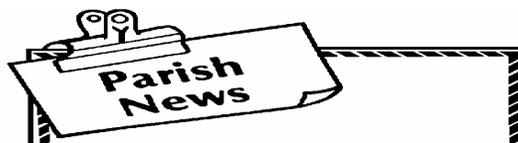
The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 9/14/09–
9/20/09 in memory of
Corrado & Lucy Bordonaro.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
9/14/09 — 9/20/09 in memory of Agata,
Gino & Salvatore Colantonio.



The Incarnation Men's Association wishes to thank the women of the parish for cooking & baking items and for the help in the kitchen for the Parish Family Picnic. Your generosity is appreciated!

The second collection this weekend, is the monthly collection.

The Women's Club cooking team will cook on Monday, Sept., 14th from 1-3pm in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.

Please join us for our Prayer For Healing which will be held on Tuesday, Sept., 15th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. This group is led by our Lay Parishioners.



On Tuesday, September 15th we will observe the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and we will be pleased to welcome Father Joseph O'Neil M.S. who will celebrate Mass with Father Moran. Father O'Neil will deliver the homily and speak to us about Our Lady of LaSalette. We hope many will join us.

The Men's Club will meet this Wed., Sept., 16th at 7pm in the rectory mtg. room.

The Women's Club Membership Tea will be held this Thursday, September 17th, 7:30 pm in the Fr. Crawford Hall. We will enjoy a musical program of classical and Christian favorites by local musician Ted Brundage. Refreshments will be served.



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. Please know that the first grade parish home communities are filled.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

We are in need of one catechist for grade three at Emerson-Williams 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.



C LW is a tremendous blessing to the children of our parish. This year, there is a great need for presiders to bring God's Word to our children.

For various reasons, we have lost many this year. Please consider this ministry. It is such a blessing to prepare for and present our spirituality to the children. We truly grow as adults and the children hear the Good News to carry with them for the rest of the week. The entire parish family benefits from this prayerful process. We pray that this ministry will not be compromised. We know full well, the many directions all families are going in. Please pray about following the Lord's lead in this calling. You may e-mail Anne Camilliere at:

Anthonyannec1@cox.net

Or: Noranne Wamester at
Gotellit@aol.com

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.

BAPTISMS

LUKE
ANTHONY
SARDO



This weekend September 12th & 13th, on the 46th Anniversary of the Founding of The Church of the Incarnation Parish, at the 5:00pm and 9:30am Masses we will prayerfully remember our Pastors Fr. John J. Crawford, Fr. John F. Edwards, and Fr. James M. Moran along with all the priests who have served in our parish. In today's bulletin, we include the first in a series of reflections on the "call" to priesthood written by priests who have served us through the years. The series continues for the next few weeks. As we recognize leadership and service, let us pray for these priests, all priests, and future priests in our daily prayer.

My Journey to Priesthood....

My call to the priesthood happened at a very early age. As far back as I can remember, I always wanted to be a Catholic priest. I entered St. Thomas Seminary at fourteen years of age and was ordained at the age of twenty-five. The Church and priesthood have changed a great deal since 1961. On the occasion of my twenty-fifth anniversary which I celebrated at the Church of the Incarnation, I realized that my love for the Church and the priesthood had to be re-negotiated. I needed to re-commit myself all over again but at a deeper level. I guess that people who have been married for twenty-five years have to do the same thing. Hopefully, my dedication to my vocation is stronger than it was on my ordination day. It won't be long before I will be celebrating my 40th anniversary.

Currently, I have two full time jobs. I am the pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist in West Hartford and the Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education. That office is located at St. Thomas Seminary. I ask for your continued prayers and I promise to keep all of you in mine.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration: Couples observing their 25th, 50th or other anniversaries are invited to this Anniversary Mass on October 25th at 2:00pm. Archbishop Mansell will celebrate the Liturgy at the Cathedral in Hartford. Reception to follow. Call 529-2533 to register.

St. Mary's Women's Club of Newington is sponsoring two trips: Charles Playhouse in Boston October 11th for "Shear Madness" a comedy set in a hairstyling salon. Cost: \$72 p.p. Free time at Quincy Market for lunch & shopping before 3pm show. **The Holiday Show** at the Hu Ke Lau Restaurant in Chicopee, MA on December 10th. Bus departs from St. Mary's School at 10am/returns at 4:30pm. Cost is \$62.00 p.p./ 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.



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 letters have been mailed to all women of the parish. You may return your dues in the envelope provided either in the collection basket, by mail or at the Membership Tea to be held on Thursday, Sept 17th at 7:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you did not receive a letter, you may pick one up at any of the church entrances or call Vera Raffalo at 563-0262.

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.

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

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

We received a lovely thank you note from The Catholic Mission Aid Society, The Society For The Propagation of the Faith, of The Archdiocese of Hartford thanking us for our Mission Appeal response. Our donation was \$5,062.00.

WEDDING BANNS

Dwight Otis &
Sharon Reynolds



The Dominican Sisters were so grateful to our parishioners for purchasing their bread, brownies, and pies last weekend. They were able to raise \$1,202.00 for their mission to support the lepers.

Corpus Christi Women's Club is sponsoring some bus trips this year. 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. See flyers at exits.



LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

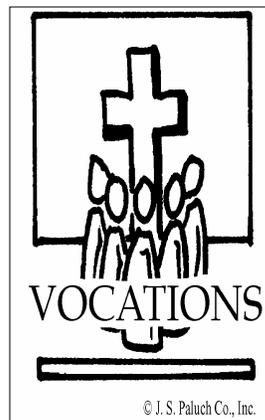
Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37



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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
 Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
 Wednesday: St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian
 Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine
 Friday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5770) begins at sunset
 Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Blessed Mother Teresa.