

# 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](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

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

**Rectory**  
(860) 529-2533

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**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 26TH**

5:00pm - Giuseppe  
Maltese

**SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 27TH**

8:00am—Raymond  
Keough

9:30am - Lillian Vasquez

11:00am - Carmelo Reale

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH**

9:00am - Altillo Lalama

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH**

9:00 am— Sebastian Gianni

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH**

9:00am—Arthur Lantiegne

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST**

9:00am— Thomas & Mary Scully

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND**

9:00am—John Stefano

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

5:00 pm— Salvatore & Josephine  
Uccello

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

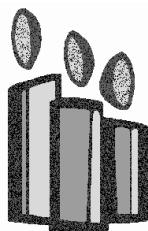
8:00 am – For all our deceased  
parishioners & benefactors

9:30 am - Perley Burns

11:00 am – Harold Bannon Sr.

**The Sanctuary Candle**

will burn from 9/28/09–  
10/4/09 in memory of  
Prospero R. DePhillips.



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**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Candle** will burn from

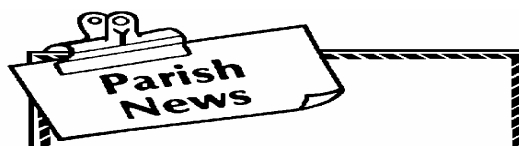
9/28/09 — 10/4/09 in

memory of Millie Christadore.

**Friday is the First Friday in October.**

**Mass will be at 9am. Vocations Holy**

**Hour will be Friday from 9:30-10:30am.**



**The Second Collection this weekend is the HOPES** (Help Our Catholic Elementary Schools) collection. Catholic schools offer “learning that reaches higher.” Please help Catholic elementary school students by supporting this collection. Thank you.

**The Second Collection next weekend will be our Annual Collection.** Letters have been mailed out. This is a special appeal we make each year to our parishioners for our own parish. It is important to write down your four-digit envelope number (found to the left of your name on your church envelopes) -ex.#1234. Goal \$100,000. There will be envelopes at the exits. This year our Collection takes on even more importance due to the expense of recent major projects and major organ repairs. These repairs have cost us over \$1 million dollars. At the present time our contingency fund has been depleted. We would like to begin rebuilding our this fund for the purpose of future maintenance and capital improvements to the church/rectory. The contingency fund is supported by the annual collection. Your generosity to this important collection will be greatly appreciated. Thank you! Fr. Moran

**Women’s Club Executive Board Meeting**

Thurs., Oct. 1st, 7:30pm Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Incarnation Men’s Association is sponsoring Pasta Night on Sat., 10/10 at 6:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.** Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Coffee, tea, soda, & bottled water. \$8 p.p. or \$20 per family. Tickets at the door.



**Saturday: Faith Formation for Grades 1-6 at Emerson-Williams at 9:00am.**

**Our first CLW of the Fall Season will take place this Sunday, 9/27 at 9:30am Mass. Lisa Brady & Maggie Seaver will be our presiders.**

### **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 (grades 7 & 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 7 & 8 will no longer meet on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. There is a parent only meeting for the new middle school faith formation program on Wed., Sept. 30th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. **New Day will begin again on Monday, October 5th at 1pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Incarnation Church CYO Basketball: Boys & Girls in Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 who have been registered parishioners of Incarnation for at least two years and who are attending Faith Formation Classes may register for the 2009/ 2010 season.** Registration will take place on Monday, October 5th from 7:30-9pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Please bring copy of birth certificate. Call Director Craig Saharek with questions at 257-9841.

**Parenting, the Watering Can Theory: An Evening for Parents...**

**Presented by Noranne S. Wamester, M.A. will be held Tuesday, October 6, 2009 from 7-9pm at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St. in Farmington, CT.**

When your baby was placed in your arms for the very first time, this precious child did not come with an instruction manual. Parenting is an ongoing 24/7 ministry. The gardener nurtures and nourishes each and every flower. The watering can pours out the water of life on each flower and plant. Yet, the watering can needs to be refilled. This analogy reflects the ministry of parenting. A parent pours out so much energy upon a child that one can become incredibly drained. Evening includes a presentation, discussion, humor, small group activities, silent reflection time and prayer. Call 677-8519.

**Congratulations to our Small Christian Communities who celebrate their 25th Anniversary this year.** From the innovative beginnings of the Renew Program we at Incarnation have built three strong communities who will join with our other groups in the Archdiocese at a celebratory Gala event on October 1st at St. Thomas Seminary. Congratulations to all!

**To Walk With Those Who Mourn...**

Facilitator Training for Parish Bereavement Programs on October 3rd from 9-4 at Family Life Office in Hamden. Call (203) 230-2460.

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

**In today's bulletin, we continue with the series of reflections on the "call" to priesthood written by priests who serve or have served here at Incarnation. We honor their leadership and service. Today we welcome the reflection written by Father James Fanelli. Let us pray for Fr. Fanelli and for all priests and future priests in our daily prayer.**

**My Journey to Priesthood            By: Reverend James Fanelli**

As most priests, my journey to the priesthood did not start with a single event or special "sign". It was a gradual development of an interest and attraction which grew slowly, beginning at the age of 13 or 14. Attending a Catholic school, St. Augustine's School in Hartford brought many occasions to learn about the priesthood from superb teachers—mostly sisters of St. Joseph. I was also fortunate to grow up in a parish with excellent priests who served the people with dedication, strong faith and a happy spirit. Their example impressed me. The priesthood seemed to be a wonderful way of living one's life—serving God and his people as a priest – and so it has proved to be. I entered St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield as a high school day student, and subsequently was sent to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore where I completed studies for a B.A. Degree. Through my years in the seminary, the priests and the faculty were a primary influence— as teachers, counselors and confessors, and as examples of a strong and living faith. I came to value the church and its sacramental life and its rich teachings more and more. The "atmosphere" of the seminary with its regular schedule of daily mass, study, community prayer and Eucharistic Devotion helped to foster our spiritual and intellectual growth. There was also the encouragement of fellow seminarians, many of whom became good and life-long friends. My parents were happy with my interest in the priesthood, but never pushed or pressured me in any way. Their religious faith and love for their family was a great influence. The moral support of my brother and two sisters was also a blessing. During the years in the seminary, I worked at a variety of summer jobs. They were good opportunities to get to know more about people, their lives and their work, and about my self. My attraction to and understanding of the priesthood grew. All through those years, our prayer and study opened up a growing understanding of the Church and its mission. It showed me the possibility of a priest's life as full of meaning and challenge, inspired by the Word of God, the teaching of the Church, the lives of the saints, and the faith of those around us. It was exciting to think about being able to help others to know the purpose and value of their lives, to help them grow closer to God, and assume their responsibility for transforming this world through life in Christ. At several points in a man's preparation for the priesthood, he is asked to reaffirm his desire to continue—or to withdraw from the seminary. Personal reflection, prayer, reading and discussion with faculty members and others were important helps in these decisions. I completed college at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and was then sent for four years of study of Scripture and Theology at the American College of the University of Louvain in Belgium. In addition to the academic studies, there were opportunities to travel and to get to know more about the daily life of the people of various countries. The final step of the journey to the priesthood was the formal call or invitation by the bishop to be ordained. I received that invitation from Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien and was ordained to the Priesthood on July 1, 1956.

**Father Moran, We, as a parish family, express our deep gratitude to you for the commitment to the Lord that you made by answering the call to the vocation of the priesthood.** We are so grateful to share in the celebration of the Eucharist daily and weekly by the grace of your priesthood. We, as a parish family are thankful for your presence to all of us through your meaningful homilies. We are touched by your presence to all of us as you bring us the sacraments of our Church. We thank you for being by our side in moments of joy, in moments of despair and in moments of crises. The Lord shines through you in your ministry of presence. In this, The Year for Priests, we pledge our prayer and support as you continue to minister to all of us, your parishioners.

May your priesthood and your presence to God's children, inspire and encourage others to answer the call to the priesthood. May your vocation inspire all religious and laity to be grateful for our call to our individual vocations so that together we may build the kingdom of God. **Thank you Father Moran, Our Pastor and our friend.**

Noranne Wamester, September 2009

## BAPTISMS

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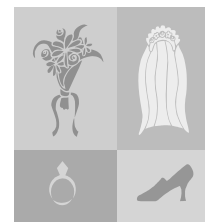
**Sara Marianna  
D'Agostino**

**Peter Joseph Mirabelli IV**



## WEDDING BANNERS

*Dwight Otis &  
Sharon Reynolds*



**The Incarnation Liturgy Celebration Calendar is available at all the entrances.**

**“Project Baby Love” collection 10/3 & 4. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested.**

**2ND Annual CT Catholic Men's Conference:** October 3rd from 8-5pm at Chevrolet Theatre in Wallingford, Call (203) 710-0440. **The Knights of Columbus, Council 4193 of Wethersfield, is continuing its series of Evenings of Enrichment, which are open to all Catholic men.** The next event will be held on Wednesday, October 7th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. The speaker is Dan Holdridge, a September 11th, 2001 Pentagon Survivor.

**The Incarnation Women's Club Membership** letters have been mailed to all women of the parish. Please return your dues in the envelope provided in the collection basket. There are letters at the church entrances or call Vera Raffalo at 563-0262 or Ann Hock at 563-0728.

**Corpus Christi Women's Club is sponsoring bus trips** to Kittery Maine for on 11/4 & to Westchester, NY 12/17. Call Natalie 529-2545.

**Incarnation Men's Association is sponsoring Day & Eve. Retreats** for all parishioners at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. 10/14, Amazing Grace and 11/04, Living in the World of Possibility...Call 521-0440 to register.



## NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time! He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones": the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

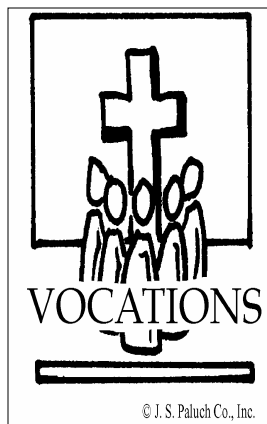
**Psalms** — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

**Second Reading** — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50  
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
 Jn 1:47-51  
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62  
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12  
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24  
 Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11;  
 Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]



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](http://www.vocationshartford.org).

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary  
 Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions;  
 St. Wenceslaus  
 Tuesday: St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael  
 Wednesday: St. Jerome  
 Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus  
 Friday: The Guardian Angels; First Friday  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday;

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of "Anglicizing" the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of "hedge schools." In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and "civil disobedience" ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith.