

The Church of the Incarnation

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Wethersfield, CT 06109



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Mrs. Noranne Wamester
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Musicians

Vanessa Crowley
Lorissa Heath
Rosanne Sweeney Gowdy
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,
OCTOBER 3RD**
5:00pm - Salvatore &
Josephine Uccello

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4TH**
8:00am—For all our
deceased parishioners & benefactors

9:30am - Perley Burns
11:00am - Harold Bannon Sr.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
9:00am - Mary Champ

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
9:00 am— For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
9:00am—Deceased members of the
Quattrocchi & Mistretta Families

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
9:00am—Joseph & Amelia Massed

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
9:00am—Deceased members of the Sulick
& Yaconiello Family and Christopher
Sulick

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
5:00 pm— Antoinette & Anthony Vignone

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
8:00 am – Deceased members of the
Franconi Family

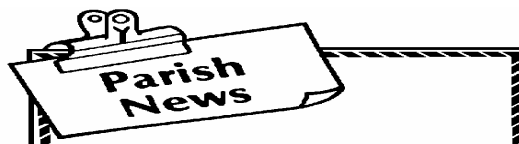
9:30 am - Francesca Maccarone
11:00 am – Wanda Mitchell

The Sanctuary Candle
will burn from 10/5/09–
10/11/09 in memory of Joy
Angelo.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from 10/5/09 —
10/11/09 in memory of Francesco &
Raffaella Filippa.



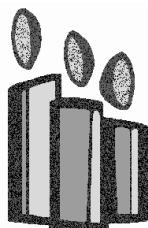
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The Second Collection this weekend is the Annual Collection. Letters have been mailed. This is a special appeal we make each year to our parishioners for our own parish. It is important to write down your four-digit envelope number (found to the left of your name on your church envelopes) - ex.#1234. Goal \$100,000. There are extra 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 this time our contingency fund has been depleted. We would like to begin rebuilding 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 is greatly appreciated. Thank you!
Fr. Moran

Women's Club cooking team will meet this Monday, 10/5—1-3pm, 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.



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

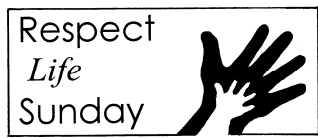
We are still searching for a Sixth Grade Catechist to share their faith at Emerson Williams School on Saturday mornings.

New Day will be held this Monday, 10/5 at 1pm in the Fr. Crawford Hall.

The next CLW will be held on October 18th due to the Columbus Day weekend. Thank you to the Camilliere Family for hosting the munchkins this past wk.

Confirmation 2010:

The Faith Formation Office will be sending out letters this week to invite young people in Grade 9 and their parent/guardian to attend a special session to learn about the process.



**Today is Respect Life Sunday...
Pro Life Activities:**

A vigil will be held outside the Hartford

GYN. Clinic, from 6am-6pm on 10/19. Call number below for directions. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held 10/20—8am, Sacred Heart Chapel, Old Wethersfield. Call Paul at 593-5757.

The Annual Religious Education Congress will be held Saturday, 11/7 at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. Call 243-9465 for information.

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.

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

East Catholic High School Open House on 11/19 at 7pm. Call 649-5336 X 238.

Caritas Christi Center Programs in Hamden, CT: "Surviving Anger" for the divorced and bereaved. October 20th from 7-9pm. "Hope for the Holidays" for the bereaved and divorced, November 22nd 1:30-3:30pm. Call (203) 281-2569. Sister Mauryeen O'Brien, O.P., Director of Divorced and Bereaved Ministries will be the facilitator.

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 Francis Johnson. Let us pray for Fr. Johnson and for all priests and future priests in our daily prayer.

My Journey to Priesthood By: Reverend Francis P. Johnson

Thank you for the opportunity to say hello to the great people of Incarnation Parish, where I spent one third of my priesthood, many fond memories remain. My call to the priesthood was a quiet one, no bells, no whistles, more like a whisper. I grew up in a Catholic neighborhood in the South End of Hartford and went to St. Augustine School for a few years. I remember many kind nuns "and one old terror". One in particular apparently saw a possible vocation and started praying for me. She never said anything, but the prayers kept up for years. I'm sure they still do even though I celebrated her funeral mass a couple of years ago. I don't recall anyone ever saying "You should be a priest". I enjoyed being an altar boy and being part of the ceremonies on the altar—all in Latin in those days. I was very proud that I could be the priest's helper. In the late 40's my family moved back to Elmwood and I transferred to the Cathedral School. The attraction to the priesthood was still there. The priests and nuns encouraged us to think about it. Three of my classmates said that they would be going to High School at St. Thomas Seminary. I stayed at the Cathedral High School and then entered the Seminary as a day student. At that time, ordination was 10 years away. The attraction remained. The little whisper kept saying, "Come on, I need you". On May 26, 1960, 16 of us were ordained in St. Lawrence O'Toole Church for service as priests for the Archdiocese of Hartford. (In 2009 only 2 were ordained). It was simply awesome that I now could do what Jesus told his apostles to do at the Last Supper—change bread and wine into His Sacred Body and Blood. I have been doing this for 49 years and it is still awesome. The priestly ministry I knew and preferred was service to God's people in the parish. I guess you could call parish priests "general practitioners" as opposed to "specialists" whose ministry has a narrower focus. (Because of the shortage of priests, most specialists now also serve in parishes"). The parish priest has to work with a congregation of various ages, problems, marital status, nationalities and income levels. The pastor has to deal with liberals, conservatives, finances, parish councils, sacristans, presidents of Women's Clubs, leaky roofs, deteriorating parking lots, weddings, funerals and telephone calls on Christmas Eve asking "what time is midnight mass?" The parish priest is called to be a healer—like Jesus in the Gospel. His ministry has to let the light of Christ shine into the parish. He cannot do the job all by himself. He has to empower the people to work with him. The Year for Priests inaugurated by Pope Benedict in June calls first of all for ordained priests to think about and prayerfully thank God for the immense gift that he has given them, he also asks the church and parishioners to continue to remember the priests in their prayers and to be thankful for the spiritual blessings that come from their parish priests.

Fr. Johnson is recently retired as Pastor of St. Helena's and now assists there and at other parishes as needed.

Thank you to all who donated to the HOPES (Help Our Catholic Elementary Schools) collection last weekend.

“Project Baby Love” collection this weekend, 10/3 & 4. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Thank you.

Employment Support Group will meet this Tuesday, October 6th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

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

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.

During October the ushers take count at the Sunday Masses of the number of persons present & the number at Communion. Thank you for cooperating.

BAPTISMS

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

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.

Thank you to the Women’s Club for their annual donation to the church. A check was received in the amount of \$5,031.03 from the proceeds of their fundraising efforts. We are also grateful for their \$100.00 donation towards the cost of the flowers for our upcoming Confirmation.

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.

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.

The Wethersfield Food Bank is urgently in need of pasta, pasta sauce, tuna fish, cereal, potatoes, rice, and jelly. Please bring your donations directly to the Social and Youth Services Department located on the ground floor of Town Hall from Monday—Friday from 8am—4:30pm. Call Marita at 721-2977 with any questions. This collection is being sponsored by the Incarnation Social Action Committee. Thank you.



HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God's love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ's love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalm — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

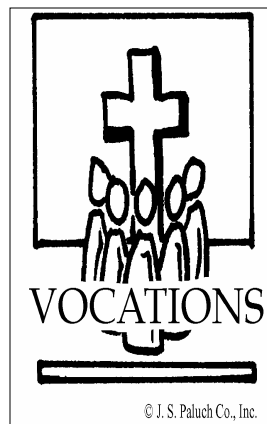
Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16:12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13;
 Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

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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.

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SPEAKING OF GOD

Almost everything said of God is unworthy, for the very reason that it is capable of being said.

—St. Gregory the Great

ENCOURAGEMENT

As vital as oxygen is to the body, so is encouragement to the soul.

—Anonymous

