

The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



Rev. James M. Moran
Pastor

Mrs. Noranne Wamester
Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Audrey Saharek
Pastoral Assistant

Mrs. Teri Aiudi
Rectory Office Assistant
Faith Formation Secretary

Mrs. Gina Burby
Middle School Coordinator

Mrs. Theodora Niver
Director of Music

Robert & Diana Hamel
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.

Rectory
(860) 529-2533

Church Fax
(860) 721-6595

Incarnation Church E-Mail Address
cincarnation@sbcglobal.net

Office of Faith Formation
(860) 529-6765 gotellit@aol.com

Website address: www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 10TH**

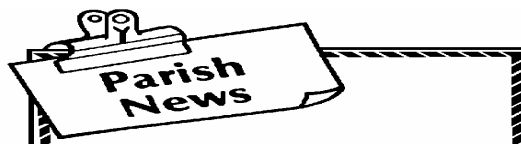
5:00pm - Antoinette &
Anthony Vignone

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 11TH**

8:00am—Deceased
members of the Franconi
Family

9:30am - Francesca Maccarone

11:00am - Wanda Mitchell



The Second collection next weekend will be the Mission Collection. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, calls every Catholic to celebrate, at the Eucharist, our vocation to help the Missions.

Thank you to all who recently donated to the Annual Collection. This is a special appeal we make each year to our parishioners for our own parish. Goal \$100,000. There are envelopes at the exits. This year our Collection takes on even more importance due to the expense of recent major projects/major organ repairs. These repairs have cost over \$1 million dollars. Our contingency fund has been depleted. We would like to begin rebuilding this fund for the purpose of future maintenance/capital improvements to the church/rectory. The contingency fund is supported by the annual collection. Fr. Moran.

Prayer for Healing Prayer Group will meet this Tues., 10/13 - 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you would like to pray for yourself or someone that is special to you, please join us! This prayer is led by lay parishioners.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Wed., 10/14—9:30-10:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Incarnation Men's Club will meet this Wed., 10/14 at 7pm in the rectory mtg. room.

Women's Club General Meeting this Thursday, 10/15 at 7:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Please see Bi-Lines for info.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

9:00am—Joseph Aiudi

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

9:00 am— Rose Mangiafico

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

9:00am—John Stefano

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

9:00am—Giovanni & Carmela Ficocelli

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

9:00am—Joy Angelo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

5:00 pm— Deceased members of the
Hickey & Shea Families

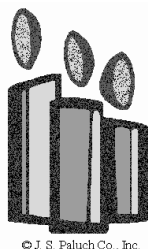
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

8:00 am – Joaquim Santos

9:30 am - Edwin Beaupre

11:00 am – Pasquale Piccolo

The Sanctuary Candle
will burn from 10/12/09 –
10/18/09 in memory of
Roger Leardi.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
10/12/09 -10/18/09 in
memory of Antonio & Raffaella Stocco.



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

New Day will be held this Tuesday, 10/13 at 1pm in the Fr. Crawford Hall. (Please note change of meeting day due to Columbus Day).

CLW will be held next Sunday, October 18th at the 9:30am Mass. Presiders will be Maureen Hilsdon and Noranne Wamester. The Hilsdon Family will host the munchkins.

Confirmation 2010:

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

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. See sheets at exits.

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

Full Time Position available at Northwest Catholic High School for a Director of Advancement. Please send a cover letter & resume to Katie Rose at

krose@nwcath.org.

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

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.

Office of Urban Affairs’ Annual Social Justice Dinner to be held on Tuesday, October 20th. Call (203) 777-7279 for more details.

Archdiocesan Office for People with Disabilities will have a seminar focusing on the life, works and words of Jean Vanier and Henri Nouwen and their relationship with people with disabilities on Wednesday, November 4th at St. Thomas Seminary, in Bloomfield, CT. Call (860) 761-7444.

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

There will be a House of Bread collection next weekend. Coffee & sugar are needed.

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

My Journey to Priesthood **By: Reverend Francis P. McDonnell**

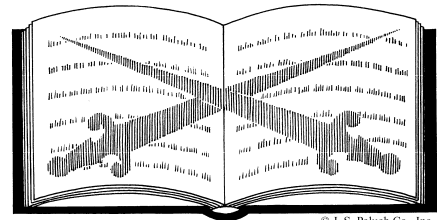
Where or when the actual call to Priesthood came, I don't know, all I know is it was in my early years. I was about five or six years old. As the second oldest of five children, we lived at the top left of a rented 4 family building. In eighth grade, the parish priest drove nine of us students to see St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. I signed up and started my first of 12 years of education ending in ordination to the Priesthood by then Bishop Henry J. O'Brien in 1958. My second parish assignment was Incarnation Parish. The church was not yet finished. The hall of the public school was used for Sunday Mass. As the parish grew, so did I. I had all Religious Education grades one-twelve, twelve being C.Y.O. I loved it. The people of Incarnation were and are so kind, caring, helpful and holy. The Pastor, Reverend John J. Crawford was the greatest. I'm sure it's been the continued prayers of Incarnation Parish that brought me to celebrate 50 years of Priesthood, two years ago. I'm still a happy priest today with the Grace of God and wonderful friends as yourselves.

Fr. McDonnell is still working during his retirement at St. Mary & St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Windsor Locks, CT.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2009

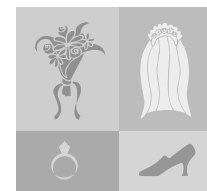
**The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword.**

Hebrews 4:12a



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

WEDDING BANNERS
TODD STILSON
& MEEGHAN FARRELLY



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.



© J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Rectory closed this Monday, in observance of Columbus Day.

Emergency calls only please. Thank you!

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. If you are unable to bring your items to the Town Hall, Incarnation will also have a collection site in Fr. Crawford Hall on 10/17 & 18. Thank you.



BAPTISMS

CHLOE ORTIZ

ANNABELLE
ORTIZ

ISABELLA GRACE TORRES

BRENDAN JAMES PELING

The 2009/2010 Incarnation Liturgy Celebration Calendars are 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.

The Incarnation Women's Club is looking to do some Holiday shopping at our meeting on Thursday, November 19th at 7pm. If you have your own business and would like to participate in this event, please call Laura Decker at 721-8284. We are looking for a variety of products. Space is limited, call early. The fee per participating business is \$20.00.

Thank you to the Men's Club for their recent donation to the church. A check was received in the amount of \$1,250.00 from the proceeds of their fundraising efforts.

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 11/14 & to Westchester, NY 12/17. Call Natalie 529-2545. **Xavier High School Open House** will be held on 10/25 from 10am-4pm at the school. Call (860) 347-6079.

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



WORDS OF WISDOM

The spirit of wisdom, as we discover in today's first reading, comes to those who pray for her. Wisdom, like the word of God, carries a message of consolation as well as of great challenge. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the word of God, infused with the wisdom of God, is "sharper than any two-edged sword." We cannot shrink from the wisdom of God, or from the word that has the power to penetrate our hearts and minds. Jesus, the living word of God, the embodiment of wisdom, has strong, deeply penetrating words for the rich young man who comes to him seeking answers to his most profound questions. Just when the young man thought he had done enough to fulfill God's commands, more was asked of him. This is no less true for us.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

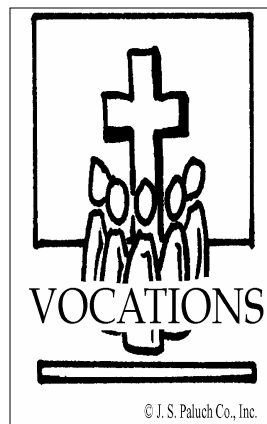
Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16;
 Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 National Children's Day
 Monday: Columbus Day
 Wednesday: St. Callistus I
 Thursday: St. Teresa of Jesus
 Friday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;
 National Boss Day
 Saturday: St. Ignatius of Antioch; Sweetest Day



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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

They say that it is not so much that Columbus discovered America, but rather that after he arrived, the new world "stayed discovered." The sponsorship of Ferdinand and Isabella assured that the news would flash around Europe with an air of authority that other "discoverers" lacked. One of the oft-mentioned early visitors is Saint Brendan the Navigator, a sixth-century Irish monk who had trouble staying at home. He is said to have sailed to "the Isle of the Blessed" in a leather-bound boat, and to have been away from his monastery for seven years. Upon his return, the stories of adventures to a new land attracted pilgrims to his monastery in the Blasket Islands, off the west coast of Ireland. Columbus is said to have referred to *The Voyage of Saint Brendan*, a very popular adventure in those days. Only after his American journey is Brendan said to have gone to tamer lands to the east, England and Scotland.

In 1976, Tim Severin set out on a two-year voyage to America from Ireland in a leather-bound boat, traveling in summer and hopscotching from the Faroes to Iceland to Newfoundland, and encountering along the way exactly what Saint Brendan describes: icebergs, whales, and porpoises. Scholars warn not to dismiss this too quickly: just as the ancient Egyptian monks sought to live in the desert, for the Celtic monks exile in a boat was the Irish equivalent. Five centuries after Brendan, other Irish monks may have visited here as a refuge from Viking terror.

