

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

## Rectory Hours

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

**Rectory**  
(860) 529-2533

**Church Fax**  
(860) 721-6595

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**Website address:** [www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 17TH**

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

**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 18TH**

8:00am—Joaquim Santos  
9:30am - Edwin Beaupre  
11:00am - Pasquale Piccolo

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**

9:00am—Mary, Joseph, Rose & John  
Stefano

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**

9:00 am—Carolina & Giuseppe Ficocelli

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST**

9:00am—For all our parishioners

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND**

9:00am—John Carpino

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD**

9:00am—Della Moser

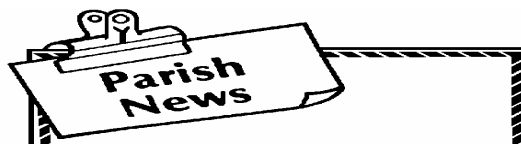
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH**

5:00 pm—Joseph & Rose Coffey

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**

8:00 am – Albina Bellizzi  
9:30 am - Della Moser  
11:00 am – Mary & Gabriel Murphy

**The Sanctuary Candle**  
will burn from 10/19/09 –  
10/25/09 in memory of  
John Carpino.



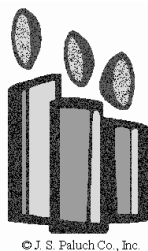
**The Second collection this weekend is the Mission Collection.** Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, calls every Catholic to celebrate, at the Eucharist, our vocation to help Missions. Today is World Mission Sunday.

**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.

**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 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.

**There is a Parish Council meeting this Sunday, 10/18 at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** will burn from 10/19/09 -10/25/09 in memory of Patsy Corracio.



**Thank you to the Incarnation Men's Association for sponsoring the Pasta Night. It was enjoyed by all.**



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

**There will be a meeting for all parents whose children are preparing for First Reconciliation on Saturday, October 24th at 9:15am at Emerson-Williams School.**

**CLW is this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.** Presiders will be Maureen Hilsdon & Noranne Wamester. The Hilsdon Family will host the munchkins.

**Confirmation Rehearsal will be held on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

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

**Our Nativity Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 27th at 6:30pm in the Church.** Anyone interested in taking part in the Living Nativity please see Mrs. Theodora Niver in the Choir Loft. We are in need of both adults and children. The first rehearsal will be held on Saturday, November 7th at 10:30am in the Church.

**There is a House of Bread collection this weekend.** Coffee & sugar are needed.

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

**New Day, A Bereavement Support Group will be held on Monday, 10/19 at 1pm in the Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Employment Support Group will be held this Tuesday, October 20th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**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.

**If a family member becomes seriously ill unexpectedly, while in the hospital, there is a Hospital Chaplain available for emergencies for your loved one to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.** This Sacrament is a Healing Sacrament. When a parishioner is hospitalized, it is always helpful to notify the rectory.

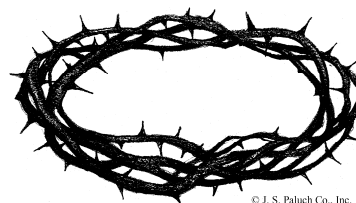
**During October** the ushers take count at the Sunday Masses of the number of persons present & the number at Communion. Thank you for cooperating.

**Quotations about Faith....**

- Faith is like radar that sees through the fog.... Corrie Ten Boom**
- Reason is our soul's left hand, Faith her right. John Donne**
- Faith is reason grown courageous. Sherwood Eddy**
- Doubt is pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother. Kahlil Gibran**
- Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered. An lo, no one was there. Unknown**
- If there was no faith there would be no living in this world. Josh Billings, His Complete Works, 1888**
- Faith, to my mind, is a stiffening process, a sort of mental starch. E.M. Forster**
- Faith is spiritualized imagination. Henry Ward Beecher**
- Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens. J.R.R. Tolkien**
- Faith is courage; it is creative while despair is always destructive. David S. Muzzey**

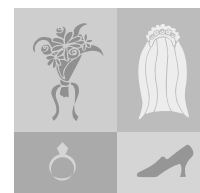
**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 18, 2009**

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many.  
— *Isaiah 53:11b*



**WEDDING BANNERS**

**TODD STILSON  
& MEEGHAN FARRELLY**





**The Incarnation Women's Club Membership** drive continues. 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 for a table 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. 11/04, Living in the World of Possibility...Call 521-0440 to register.

**Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford will sponsor a day or evening retreat** exploring the intellectual and spiritual quest of two of the Catholic Church's most renowned saints and theologians on Oct. 14th from 10am to 2pm and 6pm to 9pm. The same program. The offering of \$30 which includes lunch or dinner. Call 521-0440.

**Pro Life Activities:** A Vigil will be held outside the Hartford GYN. Clinic, 1 Main Street in Hartford from 6am-6pm on 10/19 to show support for Pro-Life. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on 10/20 at 8am, Sacred Heart Chapel, Old Wethersfield. Call Paul at 593-5757.

**Incarnation Women's Club Harvest Pot Luck Supper Saturday, November 14th** (after the 5:00pm Mass) at 6:30pm, Fr. Crawford Hall. Sponsored by the Incarnation Women's Club. Gather friends, make a menu for your table & enjoy! Coffee, tea, ice, paper goods & utensils provided. Cost: \$3.00 p.p. Call Rita Sulick at 563-7639.

**First Church of Christ in Wethersfield will be celebrating their 375th Anniversary in 2010.** As part of their celebration of this milestone, they will have a one-hour talk by Dr. Frank Kirkpatrick, a professor at Trinity College on Sunday, November 8th at 7pm. See the poster in the Narthex. Everyone is invited! **Corpus Christi Women's Club is sponsoring bus trips** to Kittery Maine on 11/14 and 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.

**St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol, will hold their Open House** on October 31st from 10am-1pm and on November 10th from 7pm-9pm. Call 584-0911 for more information.

**Corpus Christi School in Wethersfield, a Pre K-8 school, will host an Open House** on Tuesday, November 3rd at 8:30am at Corpus Christi School. Call 529-5487 for information.

**East Catholic High School Open House will be held** on 11/19 at 7pm at the school. Call



## TOO MUCH INFORMATION!

There is a common expression: “Too much information!” We usually use it when people tell us details about their lives that we don’t want or need to know. Today, when James and John ask Jesus a simple question, making their request for places of honor in the kingdom, a simple answer might have been in order. Instead, as he often does, Jesus answers a question with a question; today it’s about drinking the cup of suffering. Then, once the others are indignant over James and John’s outrageous request, he proceeds to give them what may have been “too much information” for followers who were simply interested in the pursuit of glory. But this information, though it can sometimes seem “too much” for us, is essential for our lives as disciples. In Isaiah, in Hebrews, and in Mark today, we learn this information: it is in suffering, in weakness, in self-giving service to others, that we come to understand the kingdom. It is the information we need to find our place and come to be honored in the reign of God.

## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

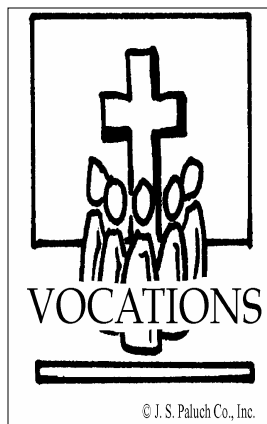
**Psalms** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

**Gospel** — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21  
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38  
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48  
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53  
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59  
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9  
 Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 World Mission Sunday  
 Monday: St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues,  
 and their companions  
 Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross  
 Friday: St. John of Capistrano  
 Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Claret;  
 Blessed Virgin Mary

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As election campaigns move into high gear, sometimes the phrase “the Catholic vote” is heard. It’s an interesting concept, since Catholics started out in this country as a very fragile group: fewer than forty thousand of us at the time of the first census in 1790, and only about 2 percent of the population by 1830. It was a priestless church for all intents and purposes, lay-led clusters of Catholics waiting patiently for the occasional visit of a priest, sustained by gathering when they could on Sunday for devotional prayer like litanies and the rosary. They tried to hold on to their ancestral faith as best they could. Archbishop Jean-Louis Cheverus told one family in Maine to “every day say your prayers on your knees with affection, and every Sunday gather to hear the Gospel, to pray in common, and to quiz the children on the catechism.”

Inevitably, some became Protestant, but many more stayed Catholic from generation to generation, with very little encouragement or sacramental ministry from the clergy. Archbishop John Carroll, the first American bishop, tried to make Church law flexible: shortening the length of the fast before Communion, easing the Lenten fast, and even relaxing the rule of Sabbath rest at harvest time. Catholicism in England had been quietly sustained in this way for two centuries, and the first American Catholics carried on as had their ancestors, providing a fertile soil for the unprecedented success and phenomenal growth of the Church in our country..