

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

Rectory Hours

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

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**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 2ND**

5:00pm - Michael & Lisa
Albino & Family

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 3RD**

8:00am - For all our
deceased parishioners & benefactors
9:30am - Irene Atwood
11:00am—Nicholas & Mary Champ



MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH

9:00am— Mary Ferrante

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH

9:00 am—Raffaele Crocitti

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

9:00am— Sam Paixao

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH

9:00am— Desneige Lamore

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH

9:00 am – John Carpino

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH

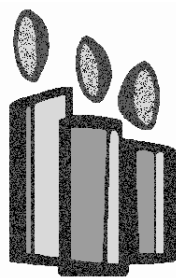
5:00 pm– Emeddia & Rocco Summa

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

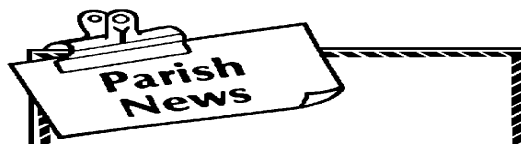
8:00 am – Sebastiano & Concetta
Boscarino and Sally & Sonny Vaughn
9:30 am— Peter Gangloff
11:00 am – Deceased members of the
Krupa Family

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 1/4/2010 –
1/10/2010 in memory of
Raymond & Vera Zurowski.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
1/4/2010—1/10/2010 in
memory of John Carpino.



Our Nativity Pageant was once again an enjoyable event. Thank you to our superb organist Theodora Niver, all of our Soloists, all of our Choirs, The Liturgy Committee and Antoniette Munoz, The Tableaux performers, The Reception Planners, Carol Halstead and Eleanor Reddin and all others involved in making the concert such a spirit filled event.

There is a “Project Baby Love” collection this weekend, January 2nd & 3rd. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Thank you!

Please take home a copy of the 2009 sheet of deaths and births.

Thank you to all who recently donated to our Annual Collection Fund. We have exceeded ninety-two percent of our goal. We continue to gratefully receive donations. Fr. Moran.

The Second Collection next weekend will be the Monthly Collection.

The Women’s Club cooking team will meet Monday, January 11th from 1-3pm in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.



Saturday: Faith Formation will meet at Emerson-Williams on Saturday, January 9th at 9am. Parish Family Home Communities will meet as scheduled.

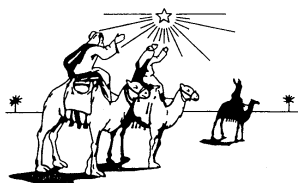
Sunday: Our Confirmation Candidate Caring Couriers will be visiting some homebound parishioners at 1pm on Sunday, January 3rd. We will be meeting in the Narthex at 12:30pm. The parishioners being visited have been notified by mail. God Bless You All as you share in this ministry of visitation.

The next meeting for New Day will be held on Monday, January 4th at 1pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Grade 7 will have their retreat on Sunday, January 10th from 4-7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

All parents whose child is receiving First Reconciliation on January 23rd, will gather on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7pm for a parent only meeting in Fr. Crawford Hall.

East Catholic High School make-up exam will be held on January 23rd at 8am to all eighth graders who were unable to take the December exam. Call (860) 649-5336 x 238.



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LITURGICAL INFORMATION

The special garments worn by a priest when celebrating Mass or the other Sacraments are called vestments. The principle vestments worn for Mass are three: the alb, the stole, and the chasuble.

Traditionally, when vesting or putting on these vestments for Mass, a priest offers special prayers that reflect their spiritual meaning.

The alb derives its name from the Latin word for “white”, albus. In Church tradition, the color white is used to signify innocence and purity. This full-length white garment symbolizes the garment in which King Herod clothed Jesus. The stole is a liturgical vestment in the form of a long strip of cloth, worn around the priest’s shoulders, that hangs down the front of the alb. It represents the yoke of Jesus, Who said, “take My yoke upon YOU...FOR My yoke is easy and My burden light.”

The stole symbolizes the priest’s desire to take on the “yoke of Jesus” by unselfishly serving the Lord and His people, especially through the graces he receives at Mass.

The Mass vestment that covers both the alb and the stole is called a chasuble. Like the stole, the chasuble’s color reflects the season of the Church year or the nature of a particular feast. For example, chasubles are green during Ordinary Time, and they are red when the feast of a martyr is celebrated.

The word chasuble comes from the Latin for “little house” because this garment houses or completely covers a person. It symbolizes how the individuality of the priest is covered both by his priestly role of offering the Mass in persona Christi, in the person of Christ.

The chasuble also signifies the charity or love of God that flows from the Mass, and should cover the daily lives of both the priest and the Faithful.

Stewardship Message...The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

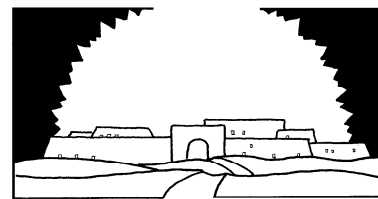
We will be accepting Memorial Mass Reservations for the year 2011 beginning on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 9:30am. Please keep in mind that our parish has a large number of parishioners who remember their loved ones with Memorial Masses and we request that you limit your Masses to two per household. Thank you for understanding....Fr. Moran

A Nun Run is a twenty-four hour experience for women, ages, 18 to 45, who may be considering a vocation to the religious life. The January 16-17, 2010 Nun Run will acquaint the participants with life in religious communities in Connecticut. Sisters from other religious communities will be joining us for prayer and faith sharing. You will have the opportunity to pray with us, eat with us, hear our stories and laugh with us. So plan to be part of a whirlwind weekend that will give you and inside look into the life of a Religious Sister. There is no fee for the weekend and transportation will be provided. Call Sister Maria Iannuccillo, SSND at (203) 762-4152 to receive a flyer. Hosted by the CT. Vocation Council of Women Religious.

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2010**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— *Isaiah 60:1*



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St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol....Open House on Sunday, January 24th from 2-4pm, 1001 Stafford Avenue in Bristol. The Second Placement Exam for St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol will be given on Saturday, January 30th from 8am-12 noon at St. Paul Catholic. Call (860) 584-0911 for information.

Men's Retreat: The Incarnation Men's Retreat at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford has been changed to March 5, 6, & 7th. Call 521-0110 or visit their web site at:
www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

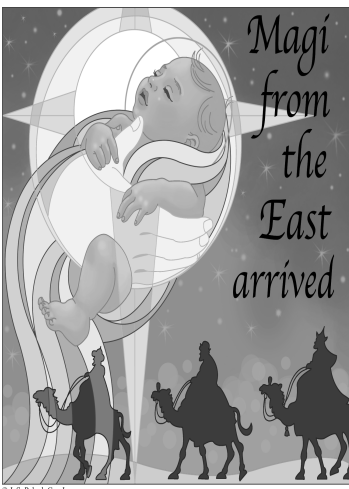
BAPTISM

KATELYN MARY ROLPH

Year for Priests Appreciation Day

As part of the Year for Priests which the Pope announced last June, the Weth., Catholic community will hold a Priest Appreciation Day on Sunday, January 31, 2010. Three events are planned — one at each parish. There will be a Rosary prayed at Sacred Heart at 9:15am, a Mass at Corpus Christi at 10:30am and a Reception held at Incarnation from 1:30-3:30pm. This will be a special time to pray for priests that have served Wethersfield in the past as well as today. We will also pray for vocations for our future priests. At the reception you will have an opportunity to express your appreciation to all of our priests. More details to follow.

For your information....We are trying to close out our books for the year 2009. If you booked a 2009 Mass, and wish to make a Mass offering, please do so asap. Thank you!



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A Family Perspective

The Magi looked first in Jerusalem and Herod's palace but did not find Jesus until "they entered a home." Like the Magi we often look for God and our fulfillment in the wrong

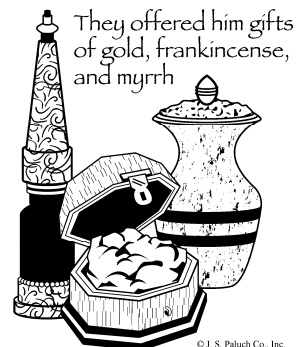
places only to discover that God is waiting for us in the loving acceptance of our home.

If you are leaving Wethersfield for the winter, please notify the rectory so that we can place your envelopes on inactive. When you return, kindly call and we will re-activate them. Thank you.

Wethersfield St. Patrick's Day Parade

Fundraiser honoring Sheila Glynn as Town Marshall and Joseph Hickey Jr. as Town Honoree will be held on Sat., January 23rd, 2010, at the Wethersfield Community Center. Corned Beef Dinner/dancing to the Billy Eagan Band. Call Mike Hurley at (860) 529-3420 or Sue Dudley (860) 529-5866.

ABC'S of Annulments, an informational program designed to answer questions about the process of Annulments, will be held on Friday, January 8, 2010 from 7pm to 9pm, at St. Vincent DePaul Church, 80 Taylor Avenue in East Haven, CT. This program will be held in the Church Hall. Pre-registration is not required. Brother Larry Lussier, CSC, Pastoral Associate at St. Gabriel Church, Milford, will be the presenter. The event is open to all seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church. Call Brother at (203) 937-7040. Sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford.



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RISE UP IN SPLENDOR

This great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord opens with these words: “Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you” (Isaiah 60:1). That reading goes on to describe a world covered with darkness. Even in that world, the prophet announces that the glory of the Lord will shine on Jerusalem. Many would agree that our world is covered with darkness—the darkness that war, terrorism, and famine bring. Today we announce that even in today’s world, the Lord can scatter that darkness, if only we would welcome Epiphany’s light. As we remember the visit of the magi to the manger, let us pray that one day our weary world will rise up in splendor—the splendor of peace and justice.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: St. John Neumann
Wednesday: Blessed André Bessette
Thursday: St. Raymond of Peñafort;

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29 or Ps 104; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821) January 4

Though her liturgical designation is “religious,” Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also “wife, mother, educator, foundress.” Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William’s tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family’s disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: “Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!”