

The Church of the Incarnation

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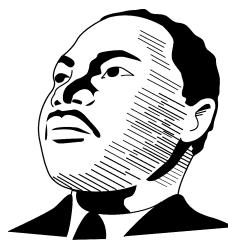
Thank you to all who recently donated to our Annual Collection Fund. We have exceeded ninety-four percent of our goal. We continue to gratefully receive donations. Fr. Moran.

There is a House of Bread collection this weekend, coffee & sugar are requested.

Prayer for Healing will meet this Tuesday, January 19th after the 9am Mass in Fr. Crawford Hall. We invite you to come join us in prayer for healing for yourself or a loved one.

The Men's Association will meet this Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Crawford Hall. Please note change in venue. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

In this difficult economy, Catholic High Schools remain a sound financial investment. 100% of Catholic High School students graduate, and 100% go on to pursue higher education. These young people will provide the foundation for the Church in years to come. Please be generous to the Diocesan High Schools collection next wk. which is our second collection. Thank you.



The rectory will be closed this Monday, January 18th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Emergency calls only please. Thank you.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH
5:00pm - Luke Orsini

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH
8:00am - Giuseppina & Antonio Mazzei
9:30am - Deceased members of the Karas Family
11:00am—Tiberio Pace

MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH
9:00am— Jane & Edwin Sullivan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19TH
9:00 am—Deceased members of the Phenix & White Families

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20TH
9:00am— Adam Karatkiewicz

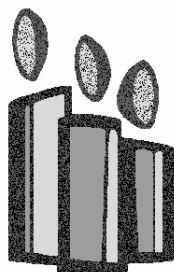
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21ST
9:00am— For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22ND
9:00 am – Walter Napierata

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD
5:00 pm— Frank Mandile & Frank Toscano

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH
8:00 am – Paul DiMascio
9:30 am— Lillian Vasquez
11:00 am – Vincenza Bulanti

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 1/18/2010 – 1/24/2010 in memory of Flora Salvatore.



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The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 1/18/2010—1/24/2010 in memory of Silvia Bulanti.

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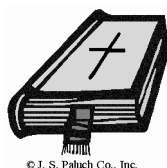
Saturday: Faith Formation for grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6 will meet at Emerson-Williams on Saturdays at 9am. Our Parish Family Home Communities will meet as scheduled.

Grade 8 Faith Formation will have their retreat on Sunday, January 17th from 4-7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at 9:45am next weekend, Saturday, January 23rd in the church.

Our Confirmation candidates (2010) will be attending a retreat entitled, "Be Not Afraid" on Sunday, January 24th at The Holy Family Monastery. We ask our parishioners to continue to hold all of our children and families in your prayers.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place this Sunday 1/17 at the 9:30am Mass. Our presiders will be Anne & Daniel Camilliere and Maggie Seaver. Children ages 4 through Grades K—6 are escorted by CLW Team Members to Fr. Crawford Hall to hear the Gospel in words that are understood by children. We then gather after Mass for fellowship in Fr. Crawford Hall for juice and munchkins. If you would like to be a host family for our munchkins, please call Audrey at the rectory at (860) 529-2533. Our C.L.W. dates for the winter/spring season are: 1/17, 1/31, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, and 5/2. Thank you.



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Fourth & fifth grade boys & girls interested in becoming Altar Servers at Incarnation are invited to meet with Fr. Moran at 11am on Saturday, January 30th in the Church. The meeting will last one hour and will be the first of four consecutive sessions that will prepare those interested in serving at our Eucharistic celebrations.

Congratulations to the Incarnation Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team who won their game last weekend.

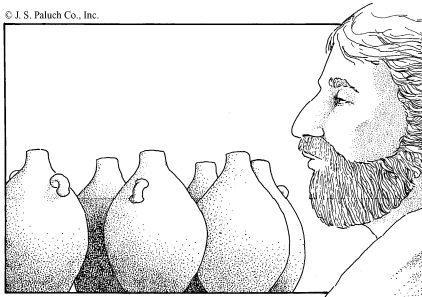
East Catholic High School make-up exam will be held on January 23rd at 8am to all eighth graders who were unable to take the December exam. Call (860) 649-5336 x 238.

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.

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Stewardship Message...In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good, but the generosity of God knows no limits—the miracles at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

A Family Perspective....the “power of the Spirit” which anointed Jesus “rests upon” you urging you to see yourself as “the captive, the blind and the prisoner” of today's gospel. Are you a “captive” needing release from exhausting schedules? Is life so hectic you are “blind” to the needs of others? Are we “the captives” who need to be set free?

If you are receiving church envelopes from our envelope company in Buffalo, New York and are not using them, please notify Audrey at the rectory. Unused Church envelopes are an unnecessary expense for the Church. Thank you for your understanding!

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.

We received a lovely thank you note from The Children's Home in Cromwell thanking us for all the lovely gifts that were donated as part of our Angel Tree outreach program.

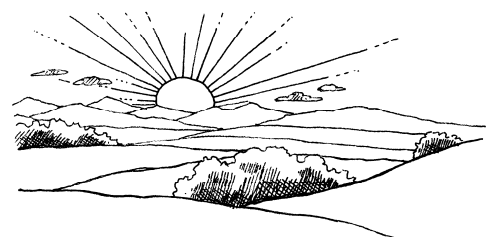
Registration for Corpus Christi School is now opened for grades Pre K-3 year olds to grade 8. Open House for Pre K is January 26th at 8:30am. Open House for Grades K-8 is January 28th at 8:30am. Call (860) 529-5487 or visit the website at corpuschristischoolct.com.

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2010**

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.

— *Isaiah 62:2*

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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.

Corpus Christi Women's Club Bus Trip to the Bushnell on February 14th to see The Lion King. Call Natalie at the rectory at (860) 529-2545.

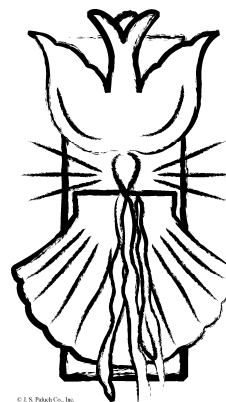
March For Life in Connecticut to be held on January 22nd at the State Capitol in Hartford at 11:30 am. Before that there will be a 9:30am Mass at Holy Trinity Church, 53 Capitol Avenue in Hartford, followed by one hour of Adoration. The March for Life in Washington, D.C. will be held on January 22nd. A bus will leave Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell at 10pm on Thursday evening, January 21st. Call Jean Sipper at (860) 379-1543 to attend.

Third Annual Marriage Enrichment Celebration....Sunday, February 6th from 5pm-9pm at Mary Our Queen Church, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT. Cost \$15.00 per couple, (includes Pasta Supper). Call Tom & Donna Finn at (860) 621-7858.

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.

BAPTISMS



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SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — Celebrating at a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply by changing water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
 Tuesday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
 Wednesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
 Thursday: St. Agnes
 Friday: St. Vincent; Day of Penance for
 Violations to the Dignity of the Human Person
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT AGNES (died 304)**January 21**

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin's birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr's heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!" Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: "to make holy," to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers' hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church's only Eucharistic Prayer.

YOUR BEST

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

—Anonymous

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

No one who understands the reality that God is can think that God does not exist.

—St. Anselm of Canterbury

You have kept
the good wine



until now