

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.

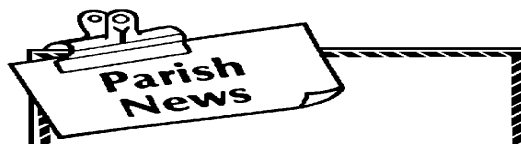
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH
 5:00pm - Jennie Cusano

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST
 8:00am - Ellen Pietrandrea
 9:30am - Domenico & Dolinka Anzellotti
 11:00am—Brian Heffernan

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
 9:00am— Joseph & Amelia Massed

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
 9:00 am—For all our parishioners

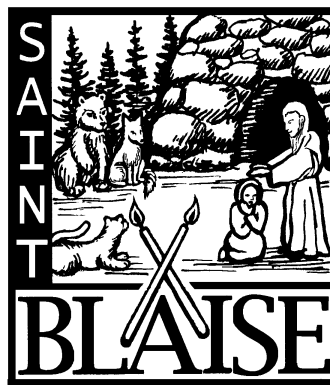
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
 9:00am— Michael & Josephine Bailardo

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
 9:00am— Deceased members of the Carlino and Daley Families

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
 9:00 am – Deceased members of the Marco Festa Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
 5:00 pm— Deceased members of the Bonaquisto & Martino Families

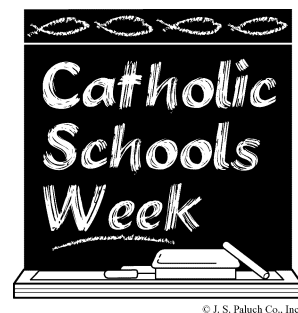
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
 8:00 am –For all our deceased parishioners & benefactors
 9:30 am—Deceased members of the Paczynski Family
 11:00 am – Reverend John F. Edwards



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In Honor of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, we will bless throats at all masses this weekend Jan. 30th/Jan 31st. This blessing is a sign of our belief and trust in God and asking for his protection against any disease or malady of the throat.

THANK YOU! The Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dale R. Hoyt, extends his gratitude to all who participated in last week's Catholic High School Collection.



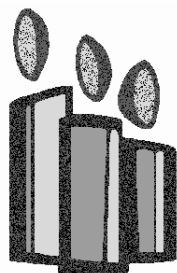
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The Women's Club cooking team will cook this Monday, February 1st from 1-3pm in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.

Friday is the First Friday in February. Mass will be held at 9am with Vocations Holy Hour from 9:30-10:30 am in the Chapel.

There is a "Project Baby Love" collection next weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Thank you.

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 2/1/2010 – 2/7/2010 in honor of Celia Pernal.



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The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 2/1/2010—2/7/2010 in memory of the Harrington Family.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place this Sunday 1/31 at the 9:30am Mass. Presiders are Tina & Mark St. Pierre and Noranne Wamester. The Saharek family will host the munchkins.

Saturday: February 6, 2010: All grades except grade five will meet at 9:00am for Faith Formation at Emerson-Williams. Parish Family Home will meet as scheduled.

Saturday, February 6th: Grade 5 will gather for their annual retreat. "Be a Believer, Follow Jesus" with Bret Nichols. This retreat will take place in Father Crawford Hall from noon-2:pm. Bret is a former professional basketball player and current motivational speaker. He is a high school counselor, basketball camp director and family man driven to help others follow the ways of Jesus.

Sunday: February 7, 2010.. A Confirmation retreat will be held in Father Crawford Hall: "You Gotta Believe" will be the theme of the retreat and is based on the book: You Gotta Believe, A Journey to Fulfillment written by Bret Nichols. This is required retreat for all candidates. We will gather from 1-3:30pm.

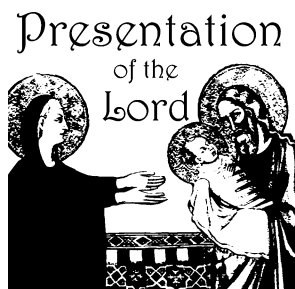
The Confirmation candidates wish to thank the members of our parish family for the prayers for their retreat at the Holy Family Monastery. It was a very beautiful day and it was a blessing to all who attended..

Sunday: Our grade Seven monthly retreat will be held on February 7th from 4-7:00pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Upcoming Incarnation events:

There will be a Project Baby Love collection from our Faith Formation Communities at Emerson-Williams on 2/13 and 2/20 to be dropped off in Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Poor Person's Soup Supper will be held on February 28th at 5:00pm in Father Crawford Hall. This supper will benefit both The House of Bread and Kid's Cafe in Hartford. More information to come. Our Confirmation candidates will host this event.



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Congratulations to the Incarnation Varsity Girls and J.V. Girls Basketball Teams who won their games last weekend.

A Silent Directed Retreat will be offered for women from Thursday, Feb 11th to Sunday morning, February 14th at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington. For more info. call (860) 667-8519.

Stewardship Message....Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

A Family Perspective....The folks in Nazareth were proud of Jesus, their home-grown celebrity. When he told them his mission was to those outside his family and friends, they felt cheated and angry. Jesus did not back down: It is important to care for those entrusted to us in our family but we must go beyond family and care for strangers also.

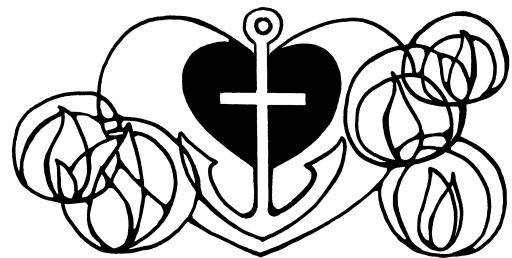
Men's Retreat: The Incarnation Men's Retreat at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford has been changed to March 5, 6, & 7th. **Looking for peace?.....**sign up now for our parish retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. It begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday about noon.. Enjoy some free time and a chance to think about those things that really matter—like your relationship with your family, friends and God. Call the retreat center at (860) 521-0440 or visit their web site at: www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

It's time for the wearing of the green! Please join us at our St. Patrick's Dinner on Monday, March 15th at 6:30pm in Father Crawford Hall. Menu: traditional corned beef, cabbage, carrots & potatoes, homemade Irish soda bread, coffee & dessert. A raffle with LOTS of great prizes! \$15.00 p.p. Always a sell out so don't delay! Get your family and friends together and reserve a table! You won't be disappointed. Make your reservation by calling Michele Kalousdian at 563-0860. Checks should be made payable to Incarnation Women's Club and mailed to: Michele Kalousdian, 154 Griswold Road, Wethersfield, Deadline for Reservations is Monday, March 1st. All reservations must be paid for in advance. Thank you for your continued support and loyalty!!! See green flyers at exits. See you there!!

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2010**

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

— *1 Corinthians 13:13*



Priests Appreciation Day...1/31/10

As part of the Year for Priests which the Pope announced last June, the Weth., Catholic Community will hold a Priest Appreciation Day 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 The Church of the Incarnation from 1:30-3:30pm. The reception is the only event that will be held at Incarnation as part of this celebration.** 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 seminarians and for vocations to the priesthood. Father Michael J. Dolan, Director of Vocations, will join us for this special day. He will be bringing some seminarians for us to pray for and support. At the reception you will have a chance to thank all of our priests and seminarians. Please bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvre dish to the reception. This will help us keep the cost to a minimum. Hot and cold drinks will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Our priests have requested no gifts for themselves please. Instead, we will be accepting donations for Haitian relief through the Catholic Relief Services or you may donate to help support our seminarians with their studies. Of course, prayers for our priests and seminarians and for vocations are requested both now and always.



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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, February

6th in the Church. The meeting will last one hour and will be the second of four consecutive sessions that will prepare those interested in serving at our Eucharistic celebrations.

Preparing for Lent....Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. It is an outreach to those who live with hunger and poverty. Operation Rice Bowl connects fasting and almsgiving and inspires sacrifices and contributions of money saved to the poor. During Lent we encourage you to set your own goals for personal Lenten sacrifices and to please consider participating in Operation Rice Bowl. Rice Bowl packages can be found at all the church entrances. Please return your Rice Bowl to the rectory or bring to the sacristy by Wednesday, March 31st of Holy Week. We thank you for making Operation Rice Bowl part of your Lenten journey.

Stop Abortion Funding in Health Care Reform! The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to be advocates of health care reform. Health care reform should not advance a pro-abortion agenda in our country....Contact your representative and Senators today...to send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress.... go to www.usccb.org/action.

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

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.

STRENGTH AGAINST OPPOSITION

In appointing Jeremiah to stand up to the people and announce the truth, God at the same time promised him the strength to do the job. “They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you” (Jeremiah 1:19).

Jesus also faced opposition, right from the start. In his home town of Nazareth the people couldn't accept the idea that someone from among their own could be God's messenger. “[F]illed with fury,” they expelled Jesus from town and would have hurled him over the edge of the hill. “But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away” (Luke 4:28, 30).

Although the true prophet has strength from God, Saint Paul says there's something even more important than suffering death for the sake of God's word. “[I]f I hand my body over so that I may boast, but have not love, I gain nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:3).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalms -I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue. (Luke 4:21-30).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day

Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats

Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday

Saturday: St. Paul Miki his Companions; First Saturday

SAINT AGATHA (died 251)

Feast Day is February 5th

“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman's offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I).

This following is a prayer to St. Agatha;

Patroness against breast diseases

Lord God, you showered heavenly gifts on the virgin Agatha. Hear the prayers of those who recall her devote life and who ask her to intercede for them in their necessity.

(Petition).

Help us to imitate her virtues during our earthly life and enjoy eternal happiness with her in heaven. Amen

5 Hail Mary and 5 Glory Be

