

# The Church of the Incarnation

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Rosanne Sweeney Gowdy  
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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](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

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

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(860) 529-2533

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**SAT., FEBRUARY 13TH**

5:00pm - Judith Skinner  
Curcio & Robert John  
Skinner

**SUN., FEBRUARY 14TH**

8:00am - Italo &  
Giuseppina Miceli  
9:30am - Deceased  
members of the Skrzyaniarz Family  
11:00am—Agata, Salvatore & Gino  
Colantonio

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**

9:00am— Sarah Ann Marie Privitera  
and Myles Connolly Sr.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH**

9:00am— Robert Ensign Sr.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**

9:00am— Lucille Gagnon  
5:30pm—For all our parishioners

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**

9:00am— Marie Interlandi & Sebastiano  
Interlandi

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH**

9:00 am – Sister Pauline Gibbons

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH**

9:00am— Albert Devanney  
5:00 pm—Sister Fernande Marquis

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST**

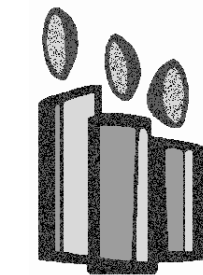
8:00 am – Mass of Thanksgiving for a  
Special Intention  
9:30 am—Paolo Matarazzo  
11:00 am – Frank Cusano

**The Sanctuary Candle**

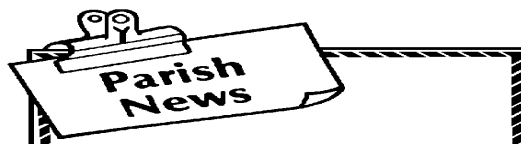
will burn from 2/15/2010 –  
2/21/2010 in memory of  
Francis D. Abbate.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Candle** will burn from  
2/15/2010—2/21/2010 in  
memory of Rose Mangiafico.



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**Thank you to our generous parishioners who donated to aid the victims of the Haiti Earthquake.** The total sent from our parish to Catholic Relief Services was \$15,426.00.

**The Second Collection this weekend** is the monthly collection.

**The rectory will be closed this Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day.** Emergency calls only please. Thanks!

**This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday:**  
Ash Wednesday Masses will be held at 9am and 5:30pm. Ashes will be distributed at both masses and from 3:30-4pm at a Scripture Service.

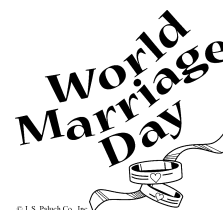
**There will be a House of Bread collection next weekend.** Coffee & sugar are needed!

**The contribution statements from our envelope company in Buffalo, N.Y. have been mailed out.** If you have not received your statement, call Audrey or Teri at the rectory. They will be able to provide you with your 2009 year to date donation figure.

**HOLY UNION**

The union of man and  
wife is from God.

—St. Augustine



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**Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.** Filomena Marinelli, Kathy Stickley and Karen Susi are the presiders. Thank you to the Stickley Family for hosting.

**All Faith Formation Communities will not gather this week of vacation.** Stay blessed and stay safe.

**We will have a Project Baby Love collection in the spirit of love on the feast of St. Valentine weekend.** Families are invited to donate disposable diapers and wipes for Birthright. Parish family home communities are invited to bring your items to Father Crawford Hall on 2/20.

#### **A Lenten Program:**

"What Makes Us Catholic?" will take place each Friday morning during the holy season of Lent at 9:35am in Father Crawford Hall (after the 9:00am Mass). The first gathering will take place on Friday, February 19th. This excellent series of DVD presentations by Thomas Groome, a professor of Theology at Boston College and an international speaker, gives us an opportunity to grow in a new and deeper understanding of our faith. Please pick up at flyer at entrances for details about this wonderful series. All are welcome!!! For more information, please call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765.

**The annual Soup Supper, hosted by the Confirmation candidates will take place on Sun., February 28th at 5:00pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.** This year, the proceeds from the supper will benefit Kid's Cafe and The House of Bread. Sebastian from The House of Bread and Sister Kristen from Kid's Cafe will be our guest speakers. Area restaurants and markets donate the soup. Please log on to our web site to read our Spotlight article about Kid's Café, written by Filomena Marinelli.

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Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend and at the door the evening of the supper. Adults are \$5.00 & children under 12 are \$3.00. Our mission is to respond to the words of Jesus: "Whatever you do for the least of my people, you do it for me." Matthew 25:40.

**Lenten Regulations:** Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted. Catholics who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, but have not yet marked their 59<sup>th</sup> are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

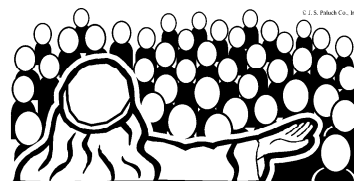
**A Family Perspective.....In order to be with people today's gospel tells us "Jesus came down the mountain and stood on level ground." World Marriage Day reminds us marriage is not lived on the lofty mountain tops but in the nitty gritty of everyday life.**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 14, 2010**

**"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.**

**Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied." — Luke 6:20-21a**



**The Incarnation Men's Retreat** at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford has been changed to March 5, 6, & 7th. Encourage a loved one to go on retreat. A weekend dedicated to rest, spiritual refreshment, friendship and peace is what we all need to live in the world today. Deer graze in our back lawn, homemade cookies are baked in our kitchen, and beautiful music awaits you in our chapel. Enjoy rest and renewal on our 48 beautiful acres. Re-charge through conference, workshops, prayer services, delicious home cooking, and plenty of free time. It begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday about noon. Call the retreat center at (860) 521-0440 or visit their web site at: [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org). Members of the Men's Association will speak before all the masses this weekend about their retreat. **The Incarnation Men's Association will not meet in February.**

**It's time for the wearing of the green! Please join us at our St. Patrick's Dinner on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 made payable to Incarnation Women's Club. Mail to: Michele Kalousdian, 154 Griswold Road, Weth., Reservation deadline is 3/1. Reservations must be paid for in advance. See green flyers.

**Women's World Day of Prayer is being observed on Friday, March 5, at 11 a.m.** The theme of this year's ecumenical, worship service, written by the women of Cameroon, Africa, is: "Let everything that has breath praise God." In Wethersfield, local participation in this annual, worldwide event is coordinated by women from churches throughout town. The site of the program rotates among the participating churches, and this year's service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (371 Wolcott Hill Road). All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, call Connie Baio (860-563-0684) or Anne McAloon (860-529-5358).

### **BAPTISMS**

**JAMES NORRIS FIELD REYNOLDS V  
JULIANA SAMANTHA McGRATH**

**Due to the snowstorm last Wednesday, Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, February 17th at 9:30am.**

**The New Day Program, a bereavement support group will begin on Mon., March 1st at 1:00pm in Father Crawford Hall.** "If you are saddened by the recent loss of a loved one, then you need to give yourself some time to work through the natural process of grieving." says Sister Mauryeen O'Brien, the author of the New Day Journal. The program will meet each Monday for ten weeks. Noranne Wamester, Pastoral Associate and Betty Hebler, a New Day assistant will facilitate the gatherings. The following is a quote from a person who has experienced the New Day Program. "The Bereavement Support Group at Incarnation Church was extremely helpful in gently guiding me through my journey of grief to healing and acceptance after the loss of my loved one. The facilitators of the New Day Program are kind, understanding and compassionate as they lead you through your pain and loss toward hope for the future. This program is truly a worthwhile and rewarding experience. Call Noranne at (860) 529-6765.

**Bus Trip sponsored by St. Mary's Women's Club of Newington on Sun., 4/25 at The Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Merrimack, New Hampshire.** Join us for a tour of the brewery/beer sampling. We will visit the Clydesdale Hamlet, which is home to the world famous Clydesdale Horses. Lunch at Hart's Turkey Farm in Manchester, New Hampshire. We complete our day at Swan Chocolates offering the finest handmade Belgium chocolates. Cost is \$77.00 p.p.. Depart at 8:30am -return at 8:30pm. Call Pat at (860) 563-5676.

**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 sacristy by Wednesday, March 31st. Thank you for making Operation Rice Bowl part of your Lenten journey.

**Congratulations to the Incarnation Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball teams who both won their games last weekend. Good Luck to all of our hard working Incarnation Basketball Teams!!** The February Frenzy begins this week in the Corpus Christi Gym.



**Lenten Mass Schedule:**

During Lent daily mass will be celebrated at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Saturday, April

3rd. For your information, Corpus Christi will celebrate masses at 6:45am, 12:05pm and 5:30pm Monday-Friday. Saturday Masses at Corpus Christi are 7:30am & 12:05pm. Corpus Christi will also offer Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:30pm. As Archbishop Mansell has recommended, the parishes in Wethersfield have consolidated Stations of the Cross at Corpus Christi Church.

**For the Season of Lent,** The Sanctus (Holy, Holy) and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) will be sung. They are hymn numbers 859 and 862 in the Missal.

## PEOPLE OF THE RESURRECTION

In the past weeks we have been hearing about the beginning of Jesus' ministry as written in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus began his ministry in the synagogue in Nazareth by reading, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me / because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor" (Luke 4:18). With those words Jesus announced the whole purpose of his ministry. He himself was to bring the kingdom of God to the poor. This is the good news of salvation that he preached and brought about during his ministry.

Today we hear the Beatitudes, in which Jesus explains more fully what those "glad tidings" mean. The good news is about salvation from suffering on earth and in the life to come. It is about divine favor resting on those who trust in God's love & mercy, rather than on those who trust in human plans, possessions, and power.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings; blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

**Psalms** — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

**Second Reading** — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
St. Valentine's Day; World Marriage Day;

Monday: Presidents' Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Friday: Abstinence

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years.** But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

**Happy St. Valentine's Day to all.....**

