

The Church of the Incarnation

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Cantors

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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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SAT., FEBRUARY 20TH

5:00pm - Sister Fernande
Marquis

SUN., FEBRUARY 21ST

8:00am - Mass of
Thanksgiving for a
Special Intention

9:30am - Paolo Matarazzo

11:00am—Frank Cusano

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

9:00am— For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

9:00am— Rocco DiCorleto

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

9:00am— Joanne & Fred Lepore

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

9:00am—Lucille Gagnon

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

9:00 am – Intentions of Donald D'Efemia

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

9:00 am—Myles Connolly Sr.

5:00 pm – Edwin Przybylski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

8:00 am – Mass for a Special Intention

9:30 am— Salvatore, Angel & Grace
Chiaramida

11:00 am – Sebastian & Mary Bianca

**First Sunday of Lent****The Lenten Environment:
cross, violet cloth, stones,
brown cloth, barren trees.**

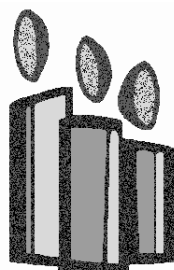
The mission of the Lenten environment is to create an atmosphere of thoughtful reflection: an invitation to prayer, silence, and reconciliation with God. We remove green and flowering plants from the liturgical environment, just as we are to remove clutter from our own lives. It is fitting to have a sense of emptiness or inkling that “something is missing.” The use of color and imagery speaks more than words. Penitential purple draws us not to Christ’s kingship only but also to his passion and death on the cross. Barren branches and the utter simplicity of the season create a setting that will allow us to embrace Lent with a continued, quiet conversation to God that is the most fitting preparation for Easter when the sense of emptiness will be replaced with celebrating the new life of Christ’s Resurrection.

**The Sanctuary Candle**

will burn from 2/22/2010 –
2/28/2010 in memory of
Pietro Cieri.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
2/22/2010—2/28/2010 for
A Special Intention.

**First Sunday of Lent....Gospel...**

stones, three candles on medium pedestal....The stones of the desert were the objects with which the devil tempted Jesus: “If you are the Son of God command that these stones become loaves of bread.” Jesus answered: “One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” Jesus knows of which he speaks since He is the Son of God, The Bread of Life.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Saturday:Grades K-6 will meet at 9:00am for Faith Formation at Emerson-Williams. Parish Family Home will meet as scheduled.

A Lenten Program:

"What Makes Us Catholic?" will take place next Thursday morning, (Feb. 25th) instead of next Friday morning during the holy season of Lent at 9:35am in Father Crawford Hall (after the 9:00am Mass). Please note the change of day. 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.

Our annual Soup Supper for Kid's Café and The House of Bread : Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend in the Narthex. Adult Tickets are \$5.00 and children 12 and under are \$3.00. The Soup Supper will take place next Sunday, February 28th at 5:00pm in Father Crawford Hall. Tickets will also be on sale at the door. Our Confirmation candidates are ready to greet you in the Narthex this weekend after all Masses. 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.

We are most grateful to the following Businesses who donated to help with the Soup Supper: Allegra Printing for the donation of the tickets, Bliss Market, Carbone's Ristorante, Casa Mia Ristorante, D&D Market, Village Pizza, Vito's Ristorante and Westside Market for their soup donations. We also welcome soups from Sister Kristin from Kid's Café and Sebastian from the House of Bread. We are always grateful to the members of our parish family for your support in this effort. Please log on to our website to read our Spotlight article on the Kid's Café.....the address is: www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com.

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 18th birthday, but have not yet marked their 59th are to fast on 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, i.e. milk/juices, are allowed.

To all parishioners.....Please check our website often for important information from cancellations to upcoming events.

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

Parish Council meeting this Sunday, Feb., 21st in the Fr. Crawford Hall at 7pm.

Employment Support Group mtg. Tues., Feb., 23rd at 9:30am, Fr. Crawford Hall.

A Family Perspective......Jesus was led by the Spirit into “the wilderness.” What is the wilderness to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Are there uncharted areas in your marriage or family you avoid? Lent is not about working on our agenda, but letting God work His agenda in us.

The Incarnation Men’s Retreat at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford has been changed to March 5, 6, & 7th. Revive your body, soul and mind by going on retreat. Re-charge through conferences, workshops, prayer services, delicious home cooking, and plenty of free time. Enjoy rest and renewal on our 48 beautiful acres. 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. **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 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. 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.

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2010

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.*

— *Romans 10:8*



BAPTISMS

**Sophia Gianna Bongiovanni
Victoria Gomes Coelho**

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 program. New Day was a God send when I was at low ebb, sad and grieving. Under sensitive and caring guidance, I shared with others hurting like me. We supported each other with kindness, compassionate listening, prayer and cookies on a journey of hope and healing." Call Noranne at (860) 529-6765.

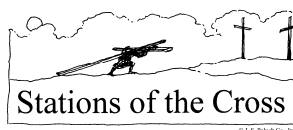
Women's World Day of Prayer is being observed on Friday, March 5, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (371 Wolcott Hill Road). The theme of this year's ecumenical, worship service, written by the women of Cameroon, Africa, is: "Let everything that has breath praise God." In Wethersfield, local participation in this annual, worldwide event is coordinated by women from churches throughout town. All are welcome. Call Connie Baio (860-563-0684) or Anne McAloon (860-529-5358) with ?'s.

The Church of the Incarnation awards two scholarships annually for parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools. Deadline to submit applications is April 1st. Call Noranne Wamester for application 529-6765.

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. Rice Bowl packages are at the church entrances. Please return by 3/31.



Lenten Mass Schedule: During Lent daily mass will be celebrated at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Saturday, April 3rd. **Corpus Christi** will celebrate masses at 6:45am, 12:05pm & 5:30pm Mon-Fri. 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.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center Annual Membership Drive....March 1st to April 16th. 2010 is our 84th Anniversary. We would like to get a jump start on the \$5 million pledge and we need your help! Every year the Auxiliary comes to each parish to seek your support in our endeavors to serve St. Francis. As you may know, St. Francis is the largest Catholic Hospital in New England and provides many excellent services for our communities. Many of our members prefer to serve by monetary donations. As your community ambassador for the Annual Drive, I would like to extend an invitation to all women of the parish to join the auxiliary. Membership letters have been mailed. Call Michele Kalousdian at (860) 563-0860 to newly join. Flyers are in the Narthex.

REMEMBER

Once again the Church invites us to enter the desert of repentance. That desert, as today's first reading reminds us, is also a desert of remembrance. This holy season summons us to remember all that God has done for us. Like the Israelites who recalled their captivity and God's work to free them from the Egyptians, we, too, recall those times when we were held captive by sin and experienced freedom through the gift of God's redeeming love.

Saint Paul tells us that the word of God is near us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts. May that sacred word prompt us to remember God's great work of reconciliation in our lives and in our community. As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart these words of Saint Paul and spend these forty days calling upon the name of the Lord, asking for forgiveness and healing.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalms — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27;
 Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
 Monday: The Chair of St. Peter;
 Washington's Birthday
 Tuesday: St. Polycarp
 Friday: Abstinence

CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION

Those who wish to hold the fortress of contemplation must first of all train in the camp of action.
 —Pope St. Gregory the Great

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.
 —St. Louise de Marillac

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

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who contributed to purchase the Ob/Gyn Ultrasound Machine for St. Gerard's Center for Life in Hartford. It has been shown that about 80% of women who are considering an abortion change their mind and choose life, when they see an ultrasound of their baby in their womb. This machine will eventually be instrumental in saving thousand's of baby's lives right here in the Hartford area. To read more about what the Knights are doing in our area look them up at www.wethersfield-kofc.org. To join, call Mike Klinger at (860) 874-2292.

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.