

The Church of the Incarnation

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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., MARCH 6TH

5:00pm - Deceased members of the Bruno Family

SUN., MARCH 7TH

8:00am - For all our deceased parishioners & benefactors

9:30am - Michael & Pasqualina Brini

11:00am—Antonietta & Ede Tobellario

MONDAY, MARCH 8TH

9:00am— Annmaria Parker

TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH

9:00am— Sarah Ann Marie Privitera

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH

9:00am—Bernice Mik

FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH

9:00 am – Michele Mozzicato

SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH

9:00 am—Santa & James Cobisi

5:00 pm – Maria Lagana

SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH

8:00 am – Gildo Colasacco

9:30 am—Mary & Dan Richi and Henry,
Cora & Mikey Daversa

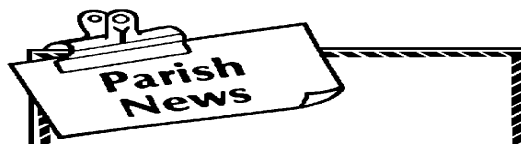
11:00 am –John, Josephine, Michael &
Jean Mele

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 3/8/2010 – 3/14/2010 in memory of Michael & Josephine Bailardo.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 3/8/2010—3/14/2010 for a Special Intention.

**Our Lenten Environment****Third Sunday of Lent**

In the gospel today, Jesus tells us to reform and repent.

Time will run out, and no

one can ever count on another year. Now is the time! The gardener, entrusted with the care of the orchard, is dedicated to giving his plantings particularly the fruitless fig tree every chance to recover and be productive. Give it a year, he pleads. We are given opportunity to recover and repent through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During this holy season of Lent, prayerfully consider this means of letting go of the things that keep us from God and through the sacramental grace of Reconciliation return to Him and live in the fullness of His love.



“Project Baby Love” collection this wkd.

Disposable diapers & wipes are requested.

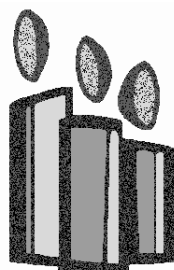
There will be an Employment Support Group meeting this Tuesday, March 9th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

There will be a Prayer Shawl Ministry gathering this Wednesday, March 10th from 9:30-10:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Second Collection next weekend will be the monthly collection.

Next weekend marks the start of the 2010 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal in our parish.

Next weekend we will show a DVD at all masses showing how this Appeal helps the lives of thousands. The 2010 Theme is Returning the Lord’s Goodness.



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Salvation Road, A Contemporary Christian Band will be in concert in Fr. Crawford Hall on Sunday, March 28th (Palm Sunday), at 6:30pm. This concert is a concert for all and it is a wonderful way to begin Holy Week. Tickets will be available at \$10.00 p.p. after all Masses for the next three weeks or by calling Noranne at (860) 529-6765 or by ordering through our website via registration and forms under comments. This is going to be an amazing experience and will embrace all ages, youth and adults alike. Featuring Heather Bonney, our Cantor and Choir Member.

Thank you to all who supported our annual Soup Supper for Kid's Café & The House of Bread Through your generosity, our Confirmation candi-



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dates raised \$1,768.77. 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.

All Faith Formation communities will meet as scheduled.

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 info. at 529-6765.

The 7th Grade Retreat will be held on Sunday, March 7th from 4-7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Each year at Easter time, the Faith Formation Families from Incarnation Church participate in a special outreach to help the children from Kids' Café in Hartford. Beginning this year, our Middle School Program has adopted Kids' Café as one of its major community service outreach organizations. Our Christmas collection was a huge success and we hope to do the same for Easter. Parents and students please be mindful that informational flyers were e-mailed to all and will also be available on hard copy at all retreats.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.

The 8th Grade Retreat will be held on Sunday, March 21st from 4-7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

A Lenten Program: "Are We Made For Each Other? - Getting Together For Good." Friday, March 12th at 9:35am in Father Crawford Hall (after the 9:00am Mass). 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. Flyers at entrances. All are welcome!!! Call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765.

A Family Perspective.....The owner of the orchard in today's gospel was disappointed with the fig tree and ordered it cut down. When others disappoint us today's gospel tells us to imitate the gardener. Don't cut them out of your life by silence or ignoring them. Rather give them more time and assistance. Families don't give up on each other. When others reject, family accepts!

St. Patrick's Dinner on Monday, March 15th at 6:30pm in Father Crawford Hall. The dinner is sold out. Thank you to everyone who made a reservation. If anyone is interested in donating something for the raffle please call Eleanor Reddin or Carol Halstead at (860) 529-7183. Thank you.

Congratulations to the Incarnation Boys Varsity, Girls Varsity and Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Teams for making it to the Archdiocesan playoffs! Good luck Incarnation! We will celebrate our wonderful basketball season with a Basketball Banquet to be held on Monday, April 5th at 6pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. All players and their families are invited to attend. We ask that all uniforms be returned at the banquet. Please be sure they are washed and return in bags labeled with players' names. Thank you.

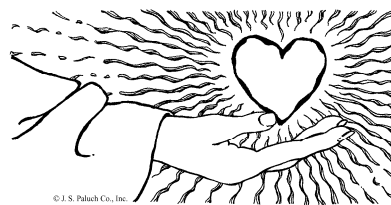
Bus Trip sponsored by St. Mary's Women's Club of Newington on Sun., 4/25 at The Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Merrimack, New Hampshire. Join us for a tour of the brewery/beer sampling. We will visit the Clydesdale Hamlet, which is home to the world famous Clydesdale Horses. Lunch at Hart's Turkey Farm in 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.

Are you being called to the Priesthood or Religious? If you would like more information please call Fr. Michael Dolan at the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield 286-7670 or on the web: www.vocationshartford.org.

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2010**

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— *Psalm 103:8*



Incarnation Mass of Anointing will be held on Sunday, March 21st at the 11am Mass....If you wish to be anointed, please fill out a sign-up sheet which are available at the exits. Return in collection baskets or mail by 3/15.

The New Day Program, a bereavement support group will meet on Mon., March 8th at 1:00pm in Father Crawford Hall. 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.

You may return your Easter Flower envelope anytime from now until Easter. Thank you!

Special Spring Holiday Cleaning for Easter: If you are able to volunteer an hour or two of your time to prepare our worship space for the glory of Easter, please call Toni Munoz at (860) 563-9720. Dates are Friday, March 19th and Saturday, March 27th both at 9:30am. Thank you.

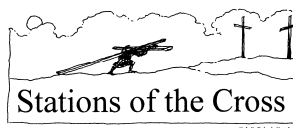
Lenten Regulations: Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, but have not yet marked their 59th are to fast on Good Friday. On 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.

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.

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 join. Flyers are in the Narthex.

THE MYSTERIOUS ONE

Last Sunday we gathered with Peter, John, and James at the mountain where Jesus was Transfigured and were summoned to listen to God's chosen Son. This week the scriptures draw us into the mystery of just who that God is. The first reading, perhaps one of the best known in the Bible, recounts the story of Moses and the burning bush, when the mysterious divine name is revealed. The responsorial psalm is a hymn extolling the attributes of God. Saint Paul and the Lord Jesus describe a God who judges and metes out punishment. No matter the lengths to which the scriptures go, we know that no amount of words will ever come close to capturing who God is. Our lives and our Lents are really journeys toward that mysterious One who will one day welcome us into the heavenly home that awaits those who put their trust in God alone.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; Girl Scout Sunday

Monday: St. John of God

Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor

5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINT FRANCES OF ROME (1384-1440)

March 9

Nature and human nature—plagues and wars—turned late medieval Rome into a living hell, particularly for the sick and poor. Frances, by birth and marriage well provided for, was a devoted wife and mother; but like Benedictine Oblates who, to this day, “pray and work” while living with their families and working in the world, she joined like-minded laywomen friends in ministering to society's most vulnerable. Frances' charity was not only “hands on” but “in home.” Her palace becoming a hospital after the plague claimed two of her three children. When her husband's death ended their loving marriage of forty years, Frances joined other widowed Oblates in community. In an interesting link to the United States, our nation's premier religious congregation for women of color, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, in 1833 established bonds of spiritual communion with these “Oblates of Saint Frances” in Rome. Though Black History Month is past, take a moment to learn about the good work that Mother Lange's spiritual daughters are doing still and consider supporting them as a Lenten project: www.oblatesisters.com.