

# The Church of the Incarnation

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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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**SAT., MARCH 13TH**

5:00pm - Maria Lagana

**SUN., MARCH 14TH**

8:00am - Gildo Colasacco

9:30am - Mary &amp; Dan

Richi and Henry,

Cora &amp; Mikey Daversa

11:00am—John, Josephine,

Michael &amp; Jean Mele

**MONDAY, MARCH 15TH**

9:00am— Thomas &amp; Mary Scully

**TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH**

9:00am— For all our parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH**

9:00am— Giovanni &amp; Ida Ficocelli

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH**

9:00am—Viviana Sofia Gugliotti

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH**

9:00 am – Rose &amp; John Stavola

**SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH**

9:00 am—Angeline Vignone

5:00 pm – Michael &amp; Lisa Albino and Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST**

8:00 am – Manuel Loura

9:30 am—Anthony Melillo

11:00 am – Prospero R. DePhillips

**The Sanctuary Candle**

will burn from 3/15/2010 – 3/21/2010 in memory of John D'Amato.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Candle** will burn from 3/15/2010—3/21/2010 in memory of Rose Mangiafico.

Happy St. Joseph and St. Patrick's Day to all!



### Our Lenten Environment The Fourth Sunday of Lent - Rejoice!



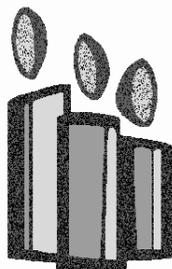
Today is known as Laetare Sunday, a day that marks the half-way point of Lent and that celebrates our joy in being that much closer to the Resurrection of Christ, the Day of our Salvation. In the gospel today, the theme of reconciliation continues. Luke tells us that our Loving Father is always ready to forgive the truly repentant. God constantly remakes us, reverses our distortions, forgives us, and restores our original likeness. The father in Luke's Gospel, joyous in the returning errant son, bestows upon him the robe and the ring - a signal that the boy will not return as a servant but *as a son*. We are sons and daughters of a loving, merciful God. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are provided with the opportunity to remake and restore ourselves to God's Grace. Make the reception of this sacrament part of your Lenten journey to the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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

**Prayer for Healing will meet on 3/16 at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**This weekend marks the start of the 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.** We will show a DVD at all masses showing how this Appeal helps the lives of thousands. Theme for 2010 is Returning the Lord's Goodness.

**You may return your Easter Flower envelope anytime from now until Easter.**



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**Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. We welcome Mary and John Breton and Noranne Wamester as presiders. Thank you to the Breton Family for hosting the munchkins.**

**Family Pizza Supper will be held on Friday, March 19th at 5:30pm for those preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist.** All families are invited to bring a dessert to be shared at your table.

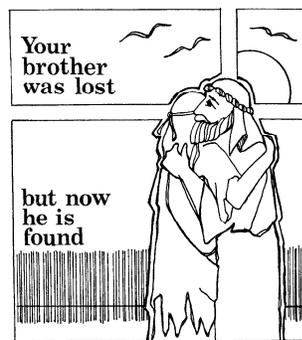
**Salvation Road, A Contemporary Christian Band will be in concert in Fr. Crawford Hall on Sunday, March 28th (Palm Sunday), at 6:30pm.** This concert is a wonderful way to begin Holy Week. Tickets will be available at \$10.00 p.p. after all Masses or by calling Noranne at (860) 529-6765 or by ordering 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. Call Noranne Wamester for info. at 529-6765.

**A Lenten Program:** "What Time Do We Have? - Mining the Treasure of Scripture and Tradition." Friday, March 19th 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.

**The 8th Grade Retreat will be held on Sunday, March 21st 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.



**The March meeting of the Incarnation Women's Club will be held on Thursday, March 25th at 7:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.** (This is one week later in the month than usual.) Our guest speaker is Sister Ann Rodgers, CP, the retreat program director at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington. She will speak about "The Compassionate Father." This is our Lenten program, and it is open to everyone in the parish. Please see the Bi Lines on the wkcd. of March 20 & 21 for details about this and other upcoming Women's Club programs.

**The Incarnation Women's Club is looking for additional members for the club to serve on its Executive Board next year.** Officers and committee chairpersons will be elected in April for two-year terms that begin in June. If you don't feel comfortable taking on a position by yourself, consider asking a friend, a relative, or a neighbor to join you, and the two of you can share the duties of a single position. To volunteer or find out more call Paula Melillo at (860) 563-9506.

**A Family Perspective....**Our words and actions can crush or enhance children. The father in today's gospel did not allow a bruised ego, or "I told you so" come between him and his son but teaches important parenting lessons: (1) never give up on your child, (2) be forgiving, (3) be accepting and (4) show affection.

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

**St. Patrick's Dinner on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Father Crawford Hall. The dinner is sold out.** 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. Parents are invited to share a dessert. Thank you.

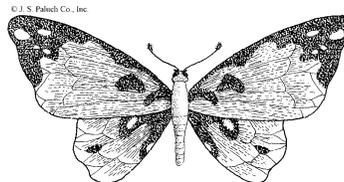


**Incarnation Mass of Anointing will be held on Sunday, March 21st at the 11am Mass....**If you wish to be anointed, please fill out a sign-up sheet which are available at the exits. Return in collection baskets or mail by 3/15.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 14, 2010**

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17



**The New Day Program, a bereavement support group will meet on Mon., March 15th 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 4/1. Call Noranne Wamester for application 529-6765.

**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, call Toni Munoz at (860) 563-9720. Dates are Friday, March 19th & Sat., March 27th both at 9:30am.

**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 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.

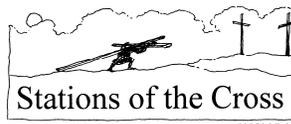
**Men's Association Annual Baseball Trip:** Saturday, May 8th....New York Mets vs. San Francisco Giants. Cost: \$75.00 p.p. includes bus, food, beverage, movie on bus and ticket. Call Tony Colasacco at (860) 836-3064 to reserve.

**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. 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 HEART OF CONVERSION

Today's scriptures bring us to the heart of the meaning of the Christian journey of conversion. Saint Paul sums it up beautifully: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Gospel passage, the parable of the prodigal son, shows us just what this new creation is like. It is all about reconciliation. Just as God removes the yoke of slavery from the shoulders of the Israelites—see today's first reading—so, too, does the father in the Gospel remove the yoke of guilt and shame from the shoulders of his wayward son. That son first needed to turn away from his sin and seek out and ask forgiveness of his father. That is precisely what we have been doing during this season of repentance. We can only begin to imagine the kind of reconciliation feast that awaits us when we are embraced by our forgiving God.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or* Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a *or* Lk 2:41-51a  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;  
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent;  
 Daylight Saving Time begins  
 Wednesday: St. Patrick  
 Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
 Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence  
 Saturday: Spring begins

## SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 19

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as "patron of a happy death." Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.

## CHARACTER

A simple judge of my character is how I treat a person who can do absolutely nothing for me.  
 —Anonymous

## BAPTISMS

JOSEPH LAWRENCE COSTARDO  
 BIANCA BRINO BORGES