

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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SAT., MARCH 20TH

5:00pm - Michael and Lisa
Albino and Family

SUN., MARCH 21ST

8:00am - Manuel Loura
9:30am - Anthony Melillo
11:00am—Prospero R.
DePhillips

MONDAY, MARCH 22ND

9:00am— Vincenzo Ficocelli

TUESDAY, MARCH 23RD

9:00am— Santo J. Listro

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24TH

9:00am— Thomas A. Cacchillo

THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH

9:00am—Helen & Nashan Kalousdian

FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH

9:00 am – Raffaele Crocitti

SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH

9:00 am—Leo LaPlante

5:00 pm – Pasquale Piccolo

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:00 am – Richard Kutyla

9:30 am—Valentino & Rosina Fazio

11:00 am – Deceased members of the
Masajada and Clark Families



Our Lenten Environment
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Who will cast the first stone?



In today's Gospel, when the religious leaders push him for a decision about the woman's fate, Jesus' response expressed the great truth embedded in this encounter: all are sinners; all are in need of God's mercy; no one can point a finger, or they will find it pointing right back at them; none can "cast the first stone." At the heart of this story is the merciful love of God. Everyday God comes not to condemn, but save. That is why Jesus came. This is why the church was formed—to be an agent of that divine mercy. The Sourcebook—Parish Almanac of Liturgy

There is a House of Bread collection this weekend. Coffee & sugar are requested.
Employment Support Group meeting on 3/23 at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.
Men's Club: 3/24-7pm Fr. Crawford Hall.

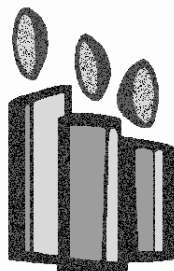
Thank you to the Social Action Committee of The Women's Club, Michele Kalousdian, The Kalousdian Family and all involved in making the St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner such a wonderful evening! The food was so tasty and the hard work is appreciated!!
The 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are sustained. Pledge packets are at the church entrances.

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 3/22/2010 – 3/28/2010 in memory of Catherine Muth.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 3/22/2010—3/28/2010 in memory of Thomas A. Cacchillo.



Incarnation Mass of Anointing is this Sunday, March 21st at the 11am Mass.....



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

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 are 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 & 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/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 1st. Call Noranne Wamester for info. at 529-6765.

The **Maryknoll Sisters** will celebrate their centenary in 2012 but will have a pre-centennial celebration at Incarnation on Sunday, April 11th at the 11am Mass. Sisters Anastasia Lott and Ellen McDonald will join us at the 11am Mass. Maryknoll is the first community founded in the U.S. for mission support. A brief program will show us who the Maryknoll Sisters are today and where they serve as they go into their second hundred years of mission. Members of our Small Christian Communities will provide refreshments.

We received a thank you note from the Office of Catholic Schools thanking us for our generous contribution of \$3,754.00 in support of the 2010 High School Collection.

A Lenten Program: "In What Will We Invest? - Risking the Leap of Faith" Friday, March 26th at 9:35am in Father Crawford Hall (after 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 this 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 flyers were e-mailed to all and will also be available on hard copy at all retreats.

Corpus Christi School in Wethersfield Open House on March 25th at 8:30am for anyone interested in full day or half-day kindergarten. Call (860) 529-5487.

Mercy High School, Middletown, CT - Join us for Discover Mercy on March 27th from 9am-12:45pm. Program open to 6th & 7th grade girls and parents. Activities, Food and Fun! Call (860) 346-6659 to register.

The March meeting of the Incarnation Women's Club is this Thursday, 3/25 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. See the Bi Lines.

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, and the two of you can share the duties of a single position. To volunteer call Paula Melillo at (860) 563-9506.

Congratulations to the Incarnation Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Teams for winning the Archdiocesan Deanery Playoffs...They will play in the New England Finals in two weeks! Good Luck to our girls! We will celebrate our wonderful basketball season with a Basketball Banquet 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 return washed uniforms in bags labeled with players' names. Parents are invited to share a dessert.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel....The contemporary design of The Church of the Incarnation is in the general form of a crucifix. In the east transept or east wing, we have our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. It is a sacred place where we can find the intimacy and quiet of our prayer to be in the presence of Our Lord. It is a sacred place of worship originally designed for the celebration of daily Mass. While all people are welcomed to worship in the main church, we do offer the Chapel as an alternative for families and children living with disabilities to fully participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist. Historically, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel has been reserved for children with their parents, since Mass being offered on the main altar can easily be observed; as well as reserved for those in the faith community with disabilities. We continue to honor those objectives today with the sincere hope that our parents will see the great advantage the Chapel provides for children to learn about participating in the Mass. Parents can use the Picture Books depicting the Mass with their children in the main church or the west transept, these Picture Books can also be found in the chapel pews. Additionally, we invite parishioners with disabilities to the comfort and privacy that our chapel can provide. As our parents prepare their children for Mass and as our disabled are welcomed to participate at Mass in a comfortable setting, we offer our continued support, patience, and understanding. It is with this trust and gentleness of spirit that we listen to what Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them: because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19: 14

The Liturgy Committee



WEDDING BANNES

Christopher Palazzo & Jamie Campanello

The New Day Program, a bereavement support group will meet on Mon., March 22nd at 1:00pm in Father Crawford Hall.

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. Final cleaning date is Saturday, March 27th 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 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.

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.



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

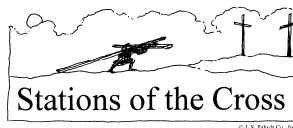
Easter Communion Regulation: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the 1st Sunday of Lent & Trinity Sunday.

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.

SOMETHING NEW

“See, I am doing something new!” (Isaiah 43:19). All during this Lenten season, the scriptures have revealed the truth of these words, proclaimed in today’s first reading from the prophet Isaiah. We have heard about a bush in the desert aflame but not consumed. We have listened to a parable about a father, the depth of whose love for his prodigal son was almost inconceivable. Today, instead of condemning a woman caught in the act of adultery and joining in stoning her to death, the Lord Jesus sends her on her way, away from what would have been certain death, admonishing her to sin no more. Indeed, God has been doing something new in our midst. Even when we are trapped in sin, with no perceivable way out, we are offered forgiveness when we turn to the Lord with repentant hearts. Let us remember that God has done something new in the heart of each of us.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or Psalm 130*.

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) *or Romans 8:8-11*.

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) *or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Tuesday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
 Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord
 Friday: Abstinence

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday: Consider full participation in the beautiful liturgies. (**Holy Thursday**) 4/1-7pm, (**Good Friday**) 4/2, 3pm & (**Easter Vigil**) 4/3-8pm, Meet Jesus there.

SAINT TORIBIO DE MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)**March 23**

In times of crisis, God always “surprises” the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ’s light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the Reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Toribio de Mongrovejo, was God’s “saintly surprise” in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Toribio was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Toribio was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives’ devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayer books in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomes Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invokes “the shining example of San Toribio.”

A Family Perspective....Each day we hurl verbal stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs and they are killers. Jesus admonished us: “Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone.” In other words, no one is qualified to throw stones. Rid your home of violence and stop the verbal stoning.

BAPTISMS

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