

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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**SATURDAY, MAY
15TH**

5:00pm - Richard Curtin

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH

8:00am - J. Michael

Kelly

9:30am - Russ, Helyn &
Russell Richards

11:00am—Brian Heffernan & Marie
Taylor

MONDAY, MAY 17TH

9:00am— Deceased members of the
Gaetani Families

TUESDAY, MAY 18TH

9:00am— Vincenza Uccello

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH

9:00am— James & Honora Shea

THURSDAY, MAY 20TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, MAY 21ST

9:00 am – Antonio Chiulli

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND

5:00 pm – Lorraine Zazzaro

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD

8:00 am – Salvatore Genovese

9:30 am—Francesco & Raffaella Filippa

11:00 am—Jane Courneen & Mary
Gustafson

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 5/17/2010 –
5/23/2010 in memory of
The Deceased members of
the O'Connell Family.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from
5/17/2010—5/23/2010 in memory of
Dottie Amadio.



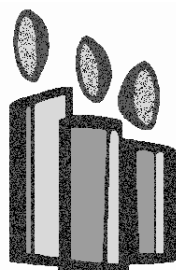
Help us Connect the World with God's Word! The Second Collection this weekend is the Catholic Communications Campaign. This collection supports the Office of Radio & Television evangelization programs in the Archdiocese of Hartford and throughout the country.

There is a Parish Council meeting this Sunday, May 16th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

There will be an Employment Support Group meeting this Tuesday, May 18th at 9:30 am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you know is seeking employment please attend this meeting.

The Men's Association STEAK NIGHT is Wed., May 19th at 6:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. This year's guest speaker is Eileen Hurst, who will discuss the CCSU Veterans History Project—recording and archiving veterans' histories from all wars and conflicts. For Men's Association members and prospective members. Call Bill Carroll at (860) 667-4947. \$20 p.p. Pay at the door.

The Incarnation Women's Club Installation of officers for the coming year will take place on Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. A reception will follow in Father Crawford Hall. All family and friends are welcome.



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(2010-2011) Registration for the Faith Formation Program for returning students is now closed. Parish Family Home Communities have been arranged for grades 2-6. New students must include a copy of their Baptismal certificate unless your child was baptized at the Church of the Incarnation. Extra registration forms/welcome letter may be downloaded from our website address: www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com. Those entering Gr. 9 (Sept. 2010) will receive a special invitation in Oct. for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Faith Formation (Religious Education) formally begins in First Grade. First Communion preparation begins in First Grade. The Kindergarten program entitled "Little Lambs" begins in October and is offered as an optional program.

Thank you to all who donated to the collection for the Town of Wethersfield Food Bank last weekend. This collection was sponsored by the Incarnation Social Action Committee. We received a call from the town thanking us for the generous amount of items that were collected. Thank you for your caring response to this worthy cause.

Foodshare Walk Against Hunger: A team of our 8th graders and their parents raised \$300.00 for House of Bread's Kid's Café. Thank you to Lisa Stefano for organizing this event.

Thank you for Homefront Day! On, May 1st about 50 parishioners from The Church of the Incarnation, Sacred Heart and Corpus Christi came together to participate in Homefront Day. The Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Hartford Archdiocese and Americares sponsor this project. Parishes all over the state participated in HomeFront Day to repair and fix up the home of a needy family. This year, we worked on a house in Wethersfield to do much needed yard work, paint inside and out, install new windows and new front steps, provide electrical work, grout tile, and clean the basement/garage. It was a huge undertaking, but thanks to the many wonderful hard working volunteers we completed the job. Many thanks to those who provided the food and drinks. Thank you to Brian O'Connor from Corpus Christi who coordinated this project, to Pat McGovern who assisted him, and to everyone who helped in any way. God bless!

Message from The Archdiocese of Hartford.....On April 30, 2009, and subsequently on September 8, 2009, you were asked by Archbishop Mansell to implement special guidelines in the face of the H1N1 flu epidemic. The Connecticut Department of Public Health has recently informed us that there is now little or no flu activity in the State of Connecticut. Therefore, we are withdrawing those special guidelines and ask that you resume normal practices. You may return to the traditional way of giving the sign of peace. Thank you for your cooperation.

A Family Perspective..... In the gospel Jesus prayed “that all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you.” Unity is the goal of families, not uniformity. With uniformity everything is exactly alike. With unity, differences are accepted and reconciled. In a family we do not lose our individual personalities but create something greater, a family which is a sign of God’s presence.

Stewardship Message....The second reading today contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, “Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!”?

BAPTISMS



Kasey Clerkin

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2010

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

— *Revelation 22:13*



WEDDING BANNERS



EDWARD BLAKE & ROBYN SAIDI

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

Volunteers Needed: The Garden Ministry is looking for a few additional volunteers to help maintain the garden beds at the entrances to the church and around the rectory. Activities include spring and fall clean-up, occasional planting, and the watering of these gardens during the summer months. The time demand is minimal. Anyone interested should call Bob Quinn at (860) 563-4049, day or night.

St. Mary's Women's Club Bus Trip to Newport, Rhode Island....Sunday, June 13th...Bus leaves at 8:30am from St. Mary School in Newington and returns at 6:30pm. Comedy at the Newport Playhouse entitled "Lovers Leap" and a great buffet....\$86.00 p.p. There will be a Cabaret performance after the show. Call Patty at (860) 563-5676.



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Pray for Vocations



The Lord said "I will not leave you orphans." Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood

and religious life. If you feel a calling to follow the Risen Lord call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail vocations@stseminary.org, or visit the web at www.vocationshartford.org.

The Incarnation Men's Association Third Annual Golf Tournament August 8, 2010 at the Wethersfield Country Club. The Club has held it's prices of last year for golf. We are asking for non-player volunteers to help at the tournament, such as measuring closest to a pin on a par 3, raffle or monitoring play. To help call Earle Munroe at (860) 563-0848 or Don Peterson at (860) 529-8482, leave a message.

2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal....Next weekend is Commitment Weekend!! As we near the end of our push to meet and exceed last year's totals we thank those who have given, and encourage those who have not to join us in this important endeavor. This special appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Your gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, and the services provided by the archdiocese. Please consider donating. Your gift will help continue the ministries and programs that help so many in our Archdiocese.

WORTHY WITNESSES

It may seem odd that, so soon after celebrating Jesus' glorious ascension into heaven, we hear the gruesome tale of Stephen's martyrdom. But even in our most celebratory times, Christianity is a faith that always recalls the difficulties of living the will of God in the world. That is why the Church places Stephen's feast day, December 26, immediately after our celebration of the birth of Christ. In the rhythm of today's readings, the account of Stephen's martyrdom is a reminder that, with Christ ascended into heaven, the mission of giving witness to him—including his suffering and death—falls to those who have been baptized into the Holy Spirit and bear his name. In his final moment, Stephen shows himself a true namesake of Jesus, as he echoes the words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. The prayer we hear Jesus offer in today's Gospel was also a prayer for Stephen, who came to believe in Jesus through the word of the apostles. No matter what fate life holds for us, we always have this consolation of our Easter faith: Christ has prayed to the Father on our behalf. Let us, like Stephen, be worthy witnesses to our name "Christian."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death (Acts 7:55-60).

Psalms — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading — I, the Alpha and the Omega, am coming soon (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

Gospel — Father, I pray that they may all be one, as you and I are one, that they may be brought to perfection (John 17:20-26).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Tuesday: St. John I
 Wednesday: Shavuot (Jewish celebration)
 Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena
 Friday: St. Christopher Magallanes and His Companions
 Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA (1381-1457)**May 22**

If you're ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita's shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. "Divine Savior," Rita prayed, "let me suffer like you!" Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita's two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven.

THE POINT

Love is an outstretched finger pointing to God.

—Anonymous

A GARDENER'S CREED

One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.

—Anonymous