

The Church of the Incarnation

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Cantors

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

Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 11TH**

5:00pm—Deceased members
of the DeRose Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER
12TH**

8:00am— Lillian Gogulski

9:30am— Stanley Malinowski & George
& Jerome Czaja

11:00am—Pietro G. Cieri & Salvatore
Santilli

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

9:00am— John Vignone, Sr. & Anna Maria
Pedemonti

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

9:00am—Rose Mangiafico

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

9:00am—Loreta Susi

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

9:00 am – John Pontillo & Angeline
Vignone

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

5:00pm – Maria Frederica and Vincenzo
& Loreto DiMattia

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

8:00 am—Miguel & Mariana Gaspar

9:30 am—Deceased members of the
Champ & Aiudi Families

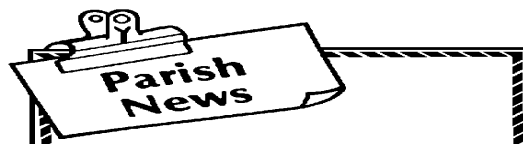
11:00 am—Michael DiCandio

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 12/13/2010 –
12/19/2010 in memory of
Nicholas & Mary Champ and
Joseph Aiudi.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from

12/13/2010—12/19/2010 in
memory of Nicholas F. Rago Jr.



Please join us for our Incarna-
tion Nativity Pageant this Sun-
day, December 12th at 3:00pm
in the church. A reception will
follow in Fr. Crawford Hall.

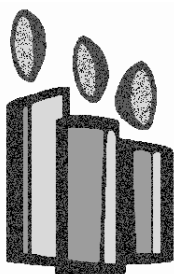
**Thank to the Men’s Association for spon-
soring their 9th Annual Children’s Christmas
Party last weekend.**

**The Second Collection this weekend is the
Monthly Collection.**

**Employment Support Group will meet
Tuesday, December 14th at 9:30am in Fr.
Crawford Hall.** This group assists those
who are seeking employment. If you or
someone you know is in search of employ-
ment please have them attend our meeting. If
you have an updated resume, please bring
that to the meeting. Thank you.

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

**The Second collection next weekend will
be the Retired Religious Collection.**



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We welcome our 2011 Confirmation Candidates to our Welcome Mass this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Fr. Michael Dolan is the Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Hartford and Chaplain at the University of Hartford and Trinity College. Fr. Dolan will celebrate Mass and preach the homily.

Retreat for Grade 7 & 8 young men will be cancelled this Sunday in Fr. Crawford Hall from 4-7pm. In place of the retreat, please attend the Nativity Pageant this Sunday at 3:00pm in the Church.

Faith Formation for Grades K-6 will not meet at Emerson-Williams School on Saturday, December 18th. May all Faith Formation Families and Catechists have a Blessed Christmas.



Families in the Light
Please let your light shine as a family or as a religious education community and sign-up to light the Advent wreath. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming

of the Christ Child. There is a sign-up poster in the Narthex. When it is your time to light the wreath, please tell the celebrant prior to mass that you will be lighting it.

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

Thank you to the Kelly Family for hosting the refreshments for the Fall Season. We invite our families to sign up to host the refreshments for the Winter C.L.W. Season. It is a very simple task. Two families may sign up together. One family picks up the munchkins on Sunday morning and the other sets up the table and juice. If you are willing to help out as a family, call Audrey at the rectory at (860) 529-2533, and she will give you the simple instructions. Thank you! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fr. Crawford Hall bulletin board at our December 19th C.L.W.



Angel Tree:

This is our 12th Advent Giving Program. Please return your gifts by

this weekend. God Bless you for helping those less fortunate. Thank you to all!

We are in need of one Middle School Catechist to join our 7th/8th grade gentlemen's retreat team. This is a once a month commitment. Please call Noranne (860) 529-2533 if you are able to help share your faith with our young parishioners. We need to create smaller classes at this level.

Thank you to the Incarnation Women's Club for arranging the Christmas Party. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Thank you to all who have recently donated to our Annual Collection. We continue to graciously accept your donations. We have received over \$86,000 in donations so far.

A Family Perspective... The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

Stewardship Message... Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

The Incarnation Men's Association Annual Membership Renewal Campaign has begun.

Letters were mailed to members. Dues for the 2010-2011 year remains at \$10.00. New members are always welcome to join, call John Ewaski at (860) 563-3887.

The ABC's of Annulment will be held on Tuesday, January 11th from 7-9pm at Most Holy Trinity Church Hall, 68 N. Colony St., Wallingford, CT. This is a follow up workshop wherein people come to actually write their annulment paper in a quiet, supportive setting with staff available to assist writers confidentially. Call (203) 230-2460 for more information.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2010

**Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.**

— Isaiah 35:10a



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We will begin accepting the year 2012 Masses, Sanctuary Candles and Blessed Virgin Mary Candles on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 10am. Please keep in mind that our parish has a large number of parishioners who remember their loved ones with Memorial Masses and we request that you limit your Masses to two per household. Thank you for understanding....Fr. Moran

Christmas Schedule Of Confessions & Masses:



Advent Confessions will be held on Monday, December 20th from 7-8pm. Confessions will be held on Friday, December 24th from 11-12 noon only.

Christmas Eve Masses will be held at 5:00pm and 12 midnight.

Christmas Day Masses will be held at 8am, 9:30am & 11:00am.

There will be no 5pm Mass or confessions on Saturday, December 25th.

The rectory will be closed Friday, December 24th, and Monday, December 27th.

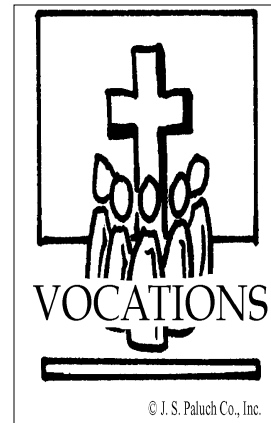
Emergency calls only please.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas!!

The Choir will sing 20 minutes prior to the 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve and 15 minutes prior to the Midnight Mass.



Be patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask the Lord what he wants of you. If you feel he wants you to serve as priest, brother or sister, 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.



Some of our parishioners have expressed an interest in remembering their loved ones with Christmas Flowers. To help with this request you will find a new Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. This Special Christmas Flower Envelope will be happily received at any time prior to Christmas.

We welcome our newest Lectors.....Najib Habesch, Mary McKenna and Alessandra Tessier. We thank all lectors for their ministry of proclaiming God's Word.

Congratulations to the Incarnation Boys Junior Varsity (Blue), Girls Junior Varsity and Girls Varsity Basketball Teams who won their games last weekend.

Winter Escape: A Weekend Experience for Young Adults (18-25), Jan., 7-9 at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT. \$50.00 offering. Call (860) 677-8519.

REASON TO REJOICE

Indigo is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing. The dead are raised to new life! (Matthew 11:2-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
 Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. Lucy
 Tuesday: St. John of the Cross

FEAST OF FAITH

The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

WATCHING AND WAITING

In his love Christ has filled us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes at the end of time he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. —Adapted from the second Preface for Advent, *Roman Missal*

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?
 It has feet to go to the poor and needy.
 It has eyes to see misery and want.
 It has ears to hear
 the sighs and sorrows of others.
 —St. Augustine

