

The Church of the Incarnation

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Cantors

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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., DECEMBER 18TH

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

SUNDAY,

DECEMBER 19TH

8:00am— Miguel & Mariana Gaspar

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

11:00am—Michael DiCandio

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

9:00am— Deceased members of the Montella Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

9:00am— Giuseppe Fusco

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

9:00am—Shirley Carrier

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

9:00am—Fred & Joanne Lepore

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

9:00 am Daily Mass – Nancy M. Blonski

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

5:00 pm—For all our Parishioners

12:00 Midnight- For all our parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8:00 am—For all our parishioners

9:30 am—For all our parishioners

11:00 am— For all our parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

8:00 am—Vincent Padula

9:30 am—Marjorie Amodio

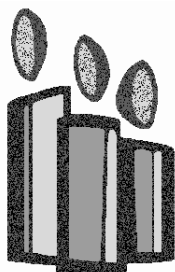
11:00 am—Angeline Nowik

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 12/20/2010 – 12/26/2010 in memory of Joseph Salvatore.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 12/20/2010—12/26/2010 in memory of Domenica Elisa Heinimann Torrance.



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Our Nativity Pageant was once again an enjoyable event.

Thank you very much to our superb organist Theodora

Niver, all of our Soloists, all of

our Choirs, The Liturgy Committee and

Antoniette Munoz, The Tableaux performers, The Reception Planners, Carol Hal-

stead and Eleanor Reddin and all others

involved in making the concert such a spirit

filled event.

The Second collection this weekend is the Retired Religious Collection.

There is a House of Bread collection this weekend. Coffee & sugar are needed.

Thank you for your support of the 33rd Annual HOPES Collection. We received a thank you note from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Our contribution was \$3,858.

BAPTISMS



Connor Jeremiah Presutti

Mason Mark Margiotta

Hayden Kelsey McBride



Our 2011 Confirmation Candidates will attend the Welcome Mass this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Fr. Michael Dolan who is the Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Hartford and Chaplain at the University of Hartford and Trinity College will celebrate Mass and preach the homily. There will be refreshments in the Fr. Crawford Hall after Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is this weekend at the 9:30am Mass. Craig and Audrey Saharek will be the presiders.

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 is a sign-up sheet in the Fr. Crawford Hall.

Reconciliation 2011....There will be a meeting for all parents and Catechists who are preparing our children to receive First Reconciliation on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Faith Formation for Grades K-6 will not meet at Emerson-Williams School until Saturday, January 8th. May all Faith Formation Families and Catechists have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Angel Tree:
Thank you to all who donated to help less fortunate. We thank the Carcia Family and

our Confirmation Candidates for their wonderful help with this giving ministry. Thank you to all!



Thank you to all who have recently donated to our Annual Collection. We continue to graciously accept your donations. We have received over \$88,000 in donations so far.

A Family Perspective...The child born to Jesus and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us “God is with us.” Children are signs of God’s continuing presence in our lives.

Stewardship Message...When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

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

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.

MEN'S RETREAT: Save the Date: This year's men's retreat at Holy Family Monastery will be February 25 -- 27, 2011. This year's theme is ***God Changes Everything***. For information visit their web site at: www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2010**

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means “God is with us.”

— *Matthew 1:23*



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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.**

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

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

**The rectory will be closed on Friday,
December 24th & Monday, December
27th. Emergency calls only please.**

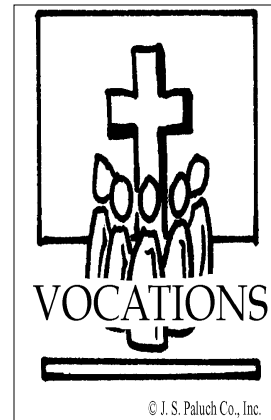
**Mass on Saturday, January 1, 2011 will be
at 10am.**

It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

**There will be a 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Sat.,
January 1, 2011 for the
Feast of the Epiphany.**

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas!!

*Stop asking for a sign and
become one. Consider
becoming a priest or reli-
gious. Call Fr. Michael Do-
lan, Director of Vocations,
Archdiocesan Center at St.
Thomas Seminary, (860)
761-7456 or e-mail voca-
tions@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 Christ-
mas Flower Envelope will be happily received
at any time.

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

**Congratulations to the Incarnation C.Y.O.
Girls Junior Varsity, Boys 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., Farm-
ington, CT. \$50.00 offering. Call (860) 677-
8519.**

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, “God is with us” (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

[1-5, 9-14] Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice

Thursday: St. John of Kanty

Friday: The Vigil of Christmas

Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

FEAST OF FAITH

Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. “Where two or three are gathered together in my name,” he told his disciples, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus’ invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

GETTING EVEN

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

—Anonymous

