

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., JANUARY 8TH

5:00pm— George & Sally
D'Esopo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:00am— Sebastiano &
Concetta Boscarino & Sally & Sonny
Vaughn
9:30am— John Carpino
11:00am—Michael Fallon



MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH

9:00am— Sal Brunetti

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

9:00am— Emilio & Theresa Mascaro

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

9:00am— For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH

9:00am—Joanne & Fred Lepore

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14TH

9:00 am—Myles Connolly Sr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH

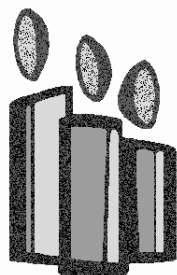
5:00 pm - Rose Airo Mangiafico

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH

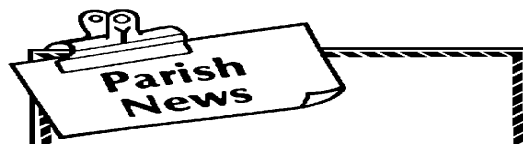
8:00 am— Doris A. Boscarino, Florence
Fischiletti and Tony Boscarino
9:30 am—Peter Gangloff
11:00 am— Tiberio Pace

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from
1/10/2011 –1/16/2011 in
memory of John Carpino.

The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle will burn from
1/10/2011—1/16/2011 in
memory of Edward & Anna-
Marie O'Bremski & Oliver
Pinney.



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

**The Women's Club Cooking Team
will meet this Monday, January 10th
from 1-3pm in the kitchen of Fr.
Crawford Hall.**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this
Wednesday, January 12th from 9:30-
10:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**The Men's Association will meet this
Wednesday, January 12th at 7pm in
Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**First Penance will be held next
Saturday, January 15th at 9:45am in
the Church.**

**A guest speaker from Holy Family
Monastery will be here next weekend
before all the Masses.**

**We received a lovely thank you note
from The Office for Catholic Social
Justice Ministry thanking us for our
\$3,000 contribution this past year to
help with the Cooperative Parish
Sharing Program. With the help of our
church CPS was able to provide assis-
tance to forty-one low-income parish
projects in all three vicariates.**



Grade 7 & 8 Boy's Retreat will be held this Sunday, January 9th from 4-7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

There will be a Grade 9 Boy's Retreat on Sunday, January 16th from 1-3:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Brett Nichols will direct this retreat entitled; "It's Cool to be a Man and Have Faith!"

Children's Liturgy of the Word schedule for the Winter and Spring Sessions. We encourage all families to bring their children to CLW. All sessions are at the 9:30am Mass. The Children are called to Fr. Crawford Hall before the Liturgy of the Word begins.

January 16th 2011	January 30th 2011
February 13th 2011	February 27th 2011
March 13th 2011	March 27th 2011
April 10th 2011	April 17th 2011
May 8th 2011 Final CLW and May Crowning	

These dates may be subject to change. 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 can help call Audrey at the rectory at (860) 529-2533, and she will give you the simple instructions. Sign-up sheet in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Faith Formation for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will meet at Emerson-Williams School on Saturday, January 15th. Grade 2 will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance at Incarnation.

The Little Lambs Faith Formation Community of Connie Mazarella will not gather on Saturday, January 15th at Emerson-Williams School.

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

Congratulations to the following Incarnation CYO Basketball Teams who had games the weekend of December 19th and won! Boys Varsity, Boys JV White, Girls Varsity, Girls JV. Keep up the good work!



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Fourth & fifth grade boys & girls interested in becoming Altar Servers at Incarnation are invited to meet with Fr. Moran at 11am on Saturday, January 22nd in the Church. The meeting will last one hour and will be the first of four consecutive sessions that will prepare those interested in serving at our Eucharistic celebrations.

Holy Family Retreat Center Programs:
January 26th...Day Retreat for Grandparents.
January 26th, Evening Retreat.
January 28th-30th Women's Retreat.
Call (860) 521-0440 for information.

**The Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2011**

A voice came from the heavens, saying,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
— *Matthew 3:17*



A Family Perspective....The words in today’s gospel. “This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased,” are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.

Stewardship Message...Our Baptism, like the Lord’s, is a consecration to service. The bishops’ pastoral on stewardship reminds us that “...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves – at God’s service in and through the Church.”

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.

Thank you to all who have recently donated to our Annual Collection. We have achieved our goal of \$100,000. As always contributions may be made at any time of the year and are graciously received.

To mark a year since the earthquake in Haiti, The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford will host a Mass, followed by a light supper and program, on January 12, 2011. Mass will begin at 6pm at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford. Archbishop Henry Mansell will be the celebrant. Dr. Jeremiah Lowney, President and Founder of the Haitian Health Foundation will be the guest speaker. Call (203) 777-7279 to register.

If you are leaving Wethersfield for the winter, please notify the rectory so that we can place your envelopes on inactive. When you return, kindly call and we will re-activate them. Thank you.

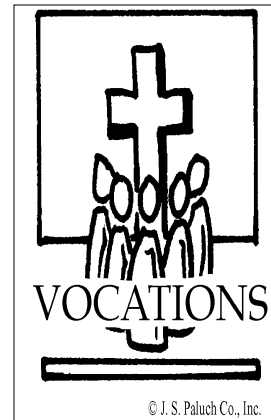
We are trying to close out our 2010 Mass Book. If you have any Mass Offerings that you wish to make for 2010, please send them in when you can.

If you are receiving church envelopes from our envelope company in Buffalo, New York and are not using them, please notify Audrey at the rectory. Unused Church envelopes are an unnecessary expense for the Church. Thank you for your understanding!

East Catholic High School will give a make-up entrance exam on Saturday, January 22nd at 8am, to all eighth graders who were unable to take the December exam. It will be held at the school. Call (860) 649-5336 X238 or X456 for info.

Wethersfield St. Patrick's Day Parade Fundraiser....Saturday, January 29th from 6-11pm at the Wethersfield Community Center. Honoring Tom Gworek as Town Honoree & Johnny Murphy as Town Marshal. Dinner catered by Michael's Catering and music by The Bill Egan Band. Tickets are \$30. Please contact Mike Hurley at (860) 529-3420 or Mairead Sullivan at (860) 721-8657 for tickets. This event sells out quickly!

In baptism we have become children of God. We are called to live a life of holiness. Am I being called to live that life as a priest or religious? Call Father 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.



TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.

—Blessed Henry Suso

SELFLESSNESS REWARDED

Help another's boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore.

—Old Hindu proverb



THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say "in the *names*," but "in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our *yes* to all this, our first profession of faith.

SPIRIT OF LOVE

Holy Spirit,
 who came upon Christ Jesus
 when he was baptized in the waters of the Jordan,
 we pray to you:
 Baptize us in the fire of your love
 so that the Father may say to each of us:
 "You are my beloved Son,
 On whom my favor rests."

