

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 5TH**

5:00pm— Deceased members
of the Bruno Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH

8:00am— For all our deceased
parishioners & benefactors

9:30am—Michael & Pasqualina Brini

11:00am—Paul & Frances Panebianco

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH

9:00am—Pasquale & Pasqualina
Iafrancesco

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH

9:00am— Antonio & Rosa Chiulli

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

5:30pm—Angeline Santomenno

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH

9:00am—Sarah Ann Marie Privitera

FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

9:00 am—Deceased members of the
Gurgigno & Heinimann Families

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

9:00 am—Deceased members of the Small
Christian Communities

5:00 pm—Antoinette & Ede Tobellario

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH

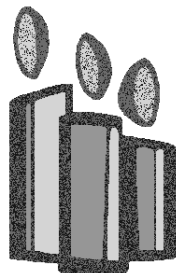
8:00 am—Richard & Julia Manochi

9:30 am—Carmela & Albert Devaney

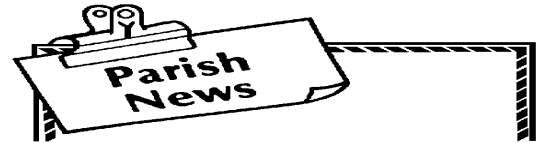
11:00 am— Sebastian & Mary Bianca

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 3/7/2011 –
3/13/2011 in memory of
Philip Beaupre & Lillian
Gaulin.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
3/7/2011—3/13/2011 in
memory of William Cusack.



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This weekend marks the start of the 2011 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish.

This weekend we will show a DVD at all masses showing how this Appeal helps the lives of thousands. 2011 Theme is "The Miracle of Sharing." You will receive a letter from Archbishop Mansell seeking support.

There is a Parish Council meeting this Sunday, March 6th, 7pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Women's Club cooking team will cook this Monday, March 7th from 1-3 in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.

Employment Support Group will meet this Tues., March 8th, 9:30am, Fr. Crawford Hall.

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

Ash Wednesday is on March 9th. It is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at the 9am Mass and the 5:30pm Mass. Ashes will also be given out at a Scripture Service from 3:30-4pm.



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Prayer for Healing: Thurs, March 10th at 9:30am, Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you know needs prayers please join us.

Small Christian Communities will remember the lives of their deceased members at 9am Mass on Sat., March 12th. Refreshments to follow in Fr. Crawford Hall.



This coming week, we begin the beautiful season of Lent, a reflective and hopeful season. Lent invites us to contemplate the days that Jesus went into the desert for forty days to pray and prepare for His destiny. **We are blessed to enter into our own spiritual journey as we experience our parish Mission: Lent, Preparing for the Time of Your Life.** Father Henry Frascadore will help to prepare us for this opportunity as he leads us in a Lenten Mission. Father will speak at all Masses the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd and will present reflections on the evenings of April 4, 5, and 6th from 7-8pm in the main church. See our bulletin, website and local publicity for more about this event.



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We welcome our 7th & 8th Grade Young Women to their Retreat this Sunday, March 6th from 4-7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Please bring your Vision Materials. A special guest will arrive at 4pm from Kid's Café.

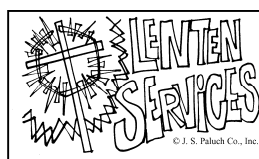
Faith Formation—Grades K -6 will not meet next Sat., 3/12 at Emerson—Williams, due to the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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

Mother-Daughter Getaway...April 9-10th 9am Fri., to 12 pm Sat. Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Ctr, Farmington. (860) 677-8519.

The Church of the Incarnation awards two scholarships annually for our parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools. Application deadline is April 1st. Call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center presents: Amazing Love: A retreat reflecting on the amazing power of God's Love. We remind the women of the parish who attended the first retreat of this series to share in a second evening. Monday, March 21st, Dinner at 6pm/program, 7-9pm. The evening includes presentations, music, quiet reflection/prayer. Call Retreat House at (860) 677-8519 or Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765. We will car pool from parking lot.

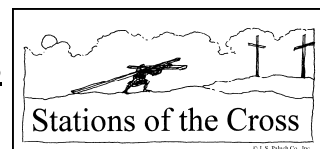


Lenten Mass Schedule:

Daily mass will be celebrated at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Saturday, April 23rd. Corpus Christi will celebrate masses at 6:45am, and 5:30pm Monday-Friday. Saturday Mass at Corpus Christi is 7:30am.

Corpus Christi Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 7:30pm.

As Archbishop Mansell recommends, the parishes in Wethersfield have consolidated Stations of the Cross at Corpus Christi Church.



Thank you to all those who made a reservation for our St. Patrick's Dinner. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, March 14th in Fr. Crawford Hall. Doors open at 6pm.

A Family Perspective...Today's gospel challenges you to build your home on the foundation of fidelity to God, your family and yourself. Fidelity is the key to withstand the "rains, floods and winds" of life?

Stewardship Message... Today's readings call us to active discipleship. It is not enough to know the commandments; we must actively obey them. It is not enough to hear the words of Jesus; we must act on them. Good stewards demonstrate their gratitude for the gift of faith by putting it into action.

**Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 6, 2011**

Be my rock of refuge,
a stronghold to give me safety.
You are my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake you will lead and guide me.
Psalm 31:3-4



Congratulations to the Incarnation Girls Varsity and Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Teams for winning the C.Y.O. League Championships in their divisions! Good luck to all of our teams playing in the Archdiocesan Tournament. We will celebrate our wonderful season with a Basketball Dinner Banquet to be held on Monday, April 11th 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 clean uniforms in bags labeled by team and player name. Parents are invited to share a dessert. Thank you.

Women's Club Communion Breakfast, Sunday, May 1st at 12noon at the Rocky Hill Marriott, 100 Capital Blvd., Rocky Hill. Menu includes, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, oven roasted potatoes, croissants, danish, chilled fruit juices, coffee & tea. For reservations call Eleanor Reddin or Carol Halstead at (860) 529-7183. \$19 p.p.. Deadline 4/18. Checks payable to Incarnation Women's Club. Please mail checks to Eleanor Reddin, 99 Round Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT. 06109

WEDDING BANNERS

**JASON ROBINSON &
LINDSAY D'AMICO**



There is a “Project Baby Love” collection this weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Thank you!

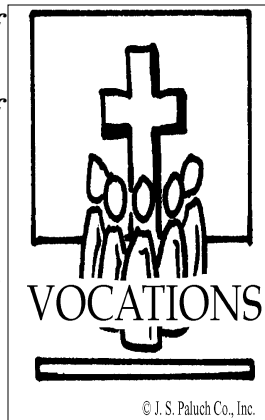
New Day will resume in the Fall. We did not have an ample amount of people this semester. Call Noranne at (860) 529-6765.

Attention BASEBALL Aficionados....The Men’s Association is excited to offer two bus trips this year. The first trip will be the Mets vs. LAA Game on Sunday, June 19th with a 1:10pm game time. What a perfect way to spend Father’s Day! We will also offer a bus trip to the Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Game on Saturday, July 9th with a game time of 1:05pm. The Mets game is \$85 p.p. which includes; game ticket, luxury bus, movie, food and beverages on bus. The Yankees game is \$110 p.p. which includes the above plus 90 minutes in a semi-private room with unlimited food and non-alcoholic beverages at the stadium. Call Tony Colasacco (860) 836-3064.

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.

The Auxiliary of St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center Annual Membership Drive is March 1-April 18th. Please help us help St. Francis by making a small donation, and help us celebrate our 85th Anniversary. 100% of the donations we receive help support St. Francis. Please call our community representative Michele Kalousdian at (860) 563-0860 or the Auxiliary at (860) 714-4558 for more info. A \$25 donation goes a long way! Flyers will be available in the Narthex

Let us build on the rock of the Lord, a sure foundation. Let us live a life worthy of the calling we have received. If you have received a calling to serve the Lord as a priest or religious, please 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.



Did you know that in 2009, the Knights of Columbus reported a record contribution of nearly \$155 million dollars together with 70 million hours of community service to charitable activities last year alone? The Knights of Columbus has been called by Pope John Paul II as “the Strong Arm of the Church.” Local councils have been doing its small part right here in Hartford, but we could use new members. We will recruit new Members at Incarnation March 26/27th. Call Mike Klinger at (860) 874-2292.

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 Ash Wednesday & 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, liquids, (milk/juices), are allowed.

SOLID FAITH

Today we hear Moses and the Lord Jesus summon their followers to listen attentively to their words. Moses reminds the people that a great blessing awaits those who obey the commandments of the Lord. Jesus tells his followers that those who listen to and act upon his words will be like the wise man who built his house on rock. Saint Paul recalls for us the central truth of our faith: that we have been justified freely by God's grace through the redemption of Christ. In a society in which we are constantly bombarded with words, let us take the sacred words we hear today to heart. May these words strengthen our faith and make that faith as solid as that house built on rock.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take my words into your heart and soul Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28,32.

Psalm Lord, be my rock of safety - Psalm 31.

Second Reading — The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law (Romans 3:21-25, 28).

Gospel — Only the one who does the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 7:21-27).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Girl Scout Sunday

Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Tuesday: St. John of God

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday-Fast Abstinence

Friday: Abstinence

FEAST OF FAITH

Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

This coming Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. “Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,” says an eleventh-century hymn. “Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow” (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing “Alleluia” once again when Easter returns.

If you are moving, please notify the rectory at (860) 529-2533. Thank you.