

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., MARCH 12TH
5:00pm— Antoinette & Ede
Tobellario

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH
8:00am— Richard & Julia
Manochi

9:30am—Carmela & Albert Devanney
11:00am—Sebastian & Mary Bianca

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH

9:00am—Michael Mozzicato

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH

9:00am— Elizabeth “Beth” Kempf

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH

9:00am—Giovanni & Ida Ficocelli

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH

9:00 am—Vincenza Ficocelli

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH

9:00 am—Rose & John Stavola

5:00 pm—Angeline Vignone

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH

8:00 am—Dr. Salvatore Carrabba

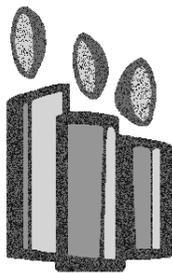
9:30 am—Anthony W. Melillo

11:00 am— Benny Ingenito

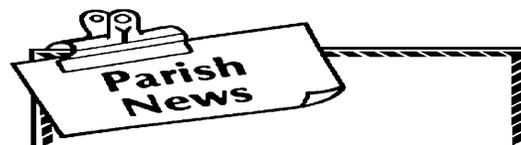


The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 3/7/2011 –
3/13/2011 in memory of
Sebastian Scalora.

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



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The Second Collection this weekend is the
monthly collection.



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The 7th & 8th Grade Retreat
for our young men is **cancelled**
this Sunday, March 13th. It
will be made up in May.

St. Patrick's Dinner: We look forward to
seeing you on Monday, March 14th in Fr.
Crawford Hall. Doors open at 6pm.

“Poor Person’s Soup Supper” to benefit
the House of Bread/Kids’ Café: Sunday,
March 20th, 5pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.
Tickets will be on sale next wkd. after all
Masses. \$5.00 p.p. for adults, children 12
years of age and under are \$3.00. Confirma-
tion candidates will host the entire evening.

**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 pre-
pare for His destiny. **We are blessed to enter
into our own spiritual journey as we
experience our parish Mission: Lent, Pre-
paring 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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Presiders are John & Mary Breton and Regina Cravero. We thank the Cravero Family for hosting the munchkins.

Grade 2 Family Pizza Supper: Friday, March 18th, 5:30 pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Faith Formation—Grades K -6 will meet next Sat., 3/19 at Emerson—Williams.

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.

A Family Perspective...In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful;" fear cripples! Instead "pray for the strength" to be courageous.

.Stewardship Message...What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

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

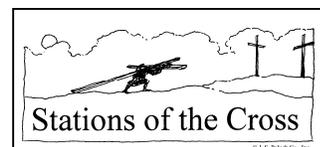


Lenten Mass Schedule:

Daily mass will be celebrated at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy

Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. **Please see the Incarnation Website for the Holy Week Schedule.** For your information 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.

2011 Archbishop's Annual Appeal...Theme is "The Miracle of Sharing." Letters & donation envelopes from Archbishop Mansell seeking support were mailed out. There are extra copies at the entrances of the Church. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are continued. Thank you!



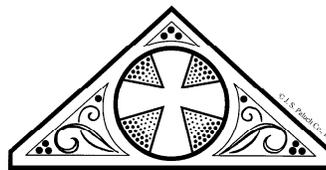


First Sunday of Lent: The Lenten Environment... The mission of the Lenten environment is to create an atmosphere of thoughtful reflection: an invitation to prayer, silence, and reconciliation with God. We remove green and flowering plants from the liturgical environment, just as we are to remove clutter from our own lives. It is fitting to have a sense of emptiness or inkling that “something is missing.” The use of color and imagery speaks more than words. Penitential purple draws us not to Christ’s kingship only but also to his passion and death on the cross. Barren branches and the utter simplicity of the season create a setting that will allow us to embrace Lent with a continued, quiet conversation to God that is the most fitting preparation for Easter when the sense of emptiness will be replaced with celebrating the new life of Christ’s Resurrection.

First Sunday of Lent: Gospel... The stones of the desert were the objects with which the devil tempted Jesus: “If you are the Son of God command that these stones become loaves of bread.” Jesus answered: “One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” Jesus knows of which he speaks since He is the Son of God, The Bread of Life.

**First Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2011**

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.” — *Matthew 4:10*



The Women’s Club March General Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24th at 7:30pm. This is the 4th Thursday of the month and not our usual 3rd Thursday time-frame. Reverend David Cinquegrani, C.P., Director of Holy Family Retreat Center will be our guest speaker. This is our Lenten Program, and is open to everyone in our parish. See the Bi-Lines next weekend for details. If you need a ride please call Laura Decker (860) 721-8284.

Congratulations to the Incarnation Girls & Boys Varsity Basketball Teams, Girls JV and Boys J.V. Blue Team for winning this past weekend and advancing to the State Archdiocesan Tournament. Good luck to our teams playing in this 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 or 2 liter soda. Thank you.

Women’s Club Communion Breakfast, Sun., May 1st, 12noon-Rocky Hill Marriott, 100 Capital Blvd., Rocky Hill. Menu: 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. Mail checks to Eleanor Reddin, 99 Round Hill Road, Wethersfield.

Attention BASEBALL Aficionados....The Men's Association still has seats remaining on the Mets vs. LAA Game on Sunday, June 19th with a 1:10pm game time. What a perfect way to spend Father's Day! The Mets game is \$85 p.p. which includes; game ticket, luxury bus, movie, food and beverages on bus. The Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Game is full! Call Tony Colasacco (860) 836-3064.

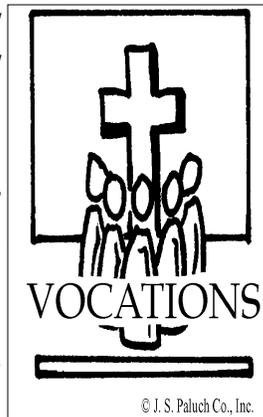
For the Season of Lent, The Sanctus (Holy, Holy) and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) will be sung. They are hymns 859, 862 in the Missal.

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

Archbishop's Annual Appeal: The Vicariate Outreach Program. In the spirit of stewardship the A.A.A. initiated this program in 1997. The Program offers support to local organizations that, by their efforts, are a meaningful extension of the mission of the Catholic Church and its teachings. If you wish to suggest a worthy local charity for funding by the Vicariate Outreach Program, please call the rectory office. Please be sure to include as much information on the program as possible. Not all nominations may be eligible for final selection. The ultimate decision will be made by the Appeal Committee.

We do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Who will proclaim that word to us? Pray for an increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life. If you are called to proclaim the word, 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.



Are you aware that being an active member of the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic family organization in the World, is a great way of expressing your solidarity with the Church, as it strives to spread the "Good News" to all? Your local council is turning a new page in its long history of service to our Parish, but we need new members. We will be at the Masses at Incarnation on 3/26 & 27. 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 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.



STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent;
 Daylight Saving Time begins
 Thursday: St. Patrick
 Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence
 Saturday: St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FEAST OF FAITH

Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

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

BAPTISMS

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