

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 19TH**

5:00pm - Angeline Vignone

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH

8:00am - Dr. Salvatore Carrabba

9:30am—Anthony W. Melillo

11:00am—Benny Ingenito

MONDAY, MARCH 21ST

9:00am—Michael & Lisa Albino & Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND

9:00am— William Nolan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD

9:00am—James Coughlin

THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

9:00 am—Rosemary & Joseph Yaconiello

SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

9:00 am—Edwin, Eugene & Philip Beaupre

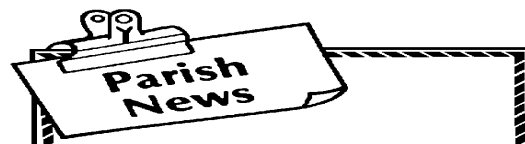
5:00 pm—Edwin Przybylski

SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 am—Manuel & Maria Loura

9:30 am—Valentino & Rosina Fazio

11:00 am— John, Josephine, Michael & Jean Mele



At the recommendation of the Incarnation Parish Council, next weekend, March 26/ 27, we will have a special collection for the extraordinary winter expenses caused by the excessive snow fall we experienced this past winter. We thank you in advance for your consideration of this collection.

“Poor Person’s Soup Supper” will be held on Sunday, March 20th at 5pm in Fr. Crawford Hall to benefit the House of Bread/Kids’ Café Tickets will be on sale this weekend. after all Masses. \$5.00 p.p. for adults, children 12 and under are \$3.00. Our Confirmation candidates host the evening.

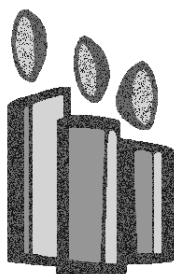
Our Lenten Environment Second Sunday of Lent

In the gospel today, Jesus transfigured before his disciples, His face shines like the sun and his clothes become white as light. Today the light of the candles shine upon our wooden cross where Jesus destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Soon the Risen Savior will shine upon us all.



Our Parish Mission, entitled Lent, Preparing for the Time of Your Life will begin on April 2nd/3rd with Fr. Henry Frascadore speaking at all Masses. It continues on April 4, 5, and 6th from 7-8pm in the main church. An informational flyer with details is at the entrances this weekend. Please take a prayerful question card home this weekend. They are available in the baskets at the entrances.

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 3/20/2011 – 3/27/2011 in memory of Richard Kutyla.



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The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 3/20/2011—3/27/2011 for Deceased members of the Fanelli Family.

Thank you to the Kalousdian Family and all others involved in making the St. Patrick’s Dinner such a success.



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

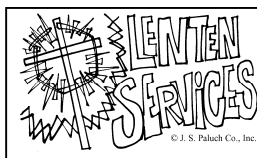
Faith Formation—Grades K -6 will meet next Sat., 3/26 at Emerson–Williams.

Our Faith Formation Apostolate...Being Disciples of Jesus 2011: Last year, Father Honore M. Kombo came to The Church of the Incarnation to speak about the children in the Diocese of Kikwit, Democratic Republic of Congo. The families are very poor and the missionaries are there to serve the Lord's people. It costs \$100.00 per year to send one child from Kikwit to a Catholic School. Our goal for our Lenten sacrifice is to collect \$500.00 to send five children to school for a year. We will send the money collected to Fr. Kombo. Thank you.

A Family Perspective... Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

Stewardship Message... "Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

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

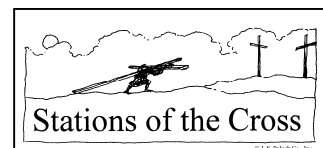


Lenten Mass Schedule:

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.

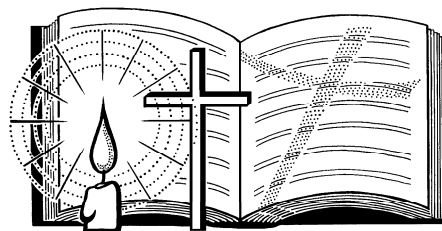
The Church of the Incarnation awards two scholarships annually for our parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools. Application deadline is April 1st. Call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765.

Corpus Christi School Fundraiser: Pasta Dinner to be held on Saturday, May 21st from 4:30-7pm at Our Lady's Hall, (basement of Corpus Christi Church). Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$25 per family. Tickets will be sold at the door. Take out will also be available. More information to follow. Sponsored by the Wethersfield Knights of Columbus. If you are not able to attend but would like to make a donation, please call Mike Klinger at (860) 874-2292. Thank you.

Second Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2011

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death
and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel.

— *2 Timothy 1:10b*

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There is a House of Bread collection this weekend. Coffee & sugar are requested.
Employment Support Group will meet this Tuesday, March 22nd at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you know is in need of employment, please join us!

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 for details. If you need a ride please call Laura Decker (860) 721-8284.

Good luck to our Incarnation Basketball Teams as they play in the Archdiocesan Tournaments this weekend. 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 a 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.

Incarnation Mass of Anointing will be held on Sunday, April 10th at the 11am Mass....If you wish to be anointed, please fill out a sign-up sheet which are available at the exits. Return in collection baskets or mail by April 4th. Thank you.



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.

You may return your Easter Flower envelope anytime from now until Easter.

Preparing for Lent.....Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. It is an outreach to those who live with hunger and poverty. Please return the week before Easter. Thank you.

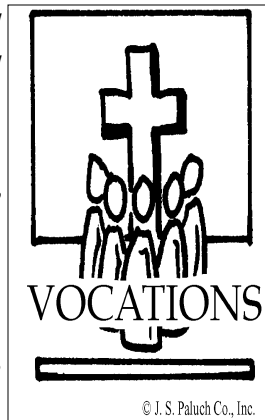
Attention BASEBALL Aficionados....The Men's Association still has seats remaining on the Mets vs. LAA Game on Sunday, June 19th with a 1:10pm game time. What a perfect way to spend Father's Day! The Mets game is \$85 p.p. which includes; game ticket, luxury bus, movie, food and beverages on bus. The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

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.



CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalms — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Archbishop's Annual Appeal...

The A.A.A. helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to this Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries and programs that reach out to so many in need. Thank you!

FEAST OF FAITH**The First Reading**

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."