

# The Church of the Incarnation

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Vanessa Crowley  
Lorissa Heath  
Rosanne Sweeney Gowdy  
Andrew Russo  
Heather Picard Bonney  
**Cantors**

Toni Munoz  
**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](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Rectory**  
(860) 529-2533

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(860) 721-6595

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**Website address:** [www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

**SAT., MARCH 26TH**

5:00pm - Edwin Przybylski

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH**

8:00am - Manuel &amp; Maria

Loura

9:30am—Valentino &amp; Rosina

Fazio

11:00am—John, Josephine, Michael &  
Jean Mele**MONDAY, MARCH 28TH**9:00am—Santa & James Cobisi and Tina &  
Frank Tummillo**TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH**

9:00am— For all our parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH**

9:00am—Sebastian Scalora

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST**

9:00am—Lucia Zocco

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST**

9:00 am—Neil Esposito

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND**

9:00 am—Helen Corcoran O'Brien

5:00 pm—Pasquale Piccolo

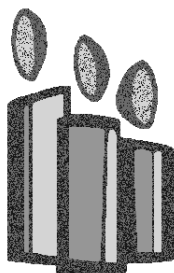
**SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD**8:00 am—For all our deceased  
parishioners & benefactors9:30 am—Mary & Dan Richi & Cora,  
Henry & Mikey Daversa

11:00 am— Prospero DePhillips

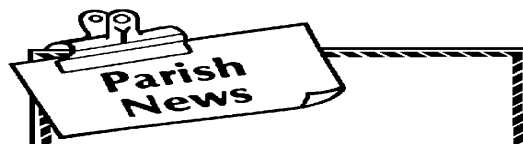
**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 3/28/2011 –  
4/3/2011 in memory of John  
D'Amato.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from  
3/28/2011—4/3/2011 for  
Sebastian Scalora.

**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.



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**At the recommendation of the Incarnation Parish Council, this weekend 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.**

**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 main church. Informational flyers with details are at the entrances this weekend. Please take a prayerful question card home this weekend. They are available in the baskets at the entrances.

**Theme for Monday evening:**

Thanking God for the gift of amazing days  
Giving and taking from life

The heaviest cross we have to carry

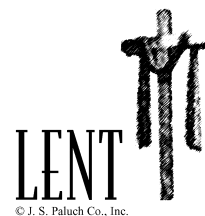
**Theme for Tuesday evening:**

The story of love  
Affecting the present and the future  
Being aware of the uniqueness of our lives.

**Theme for Wednesday evening:**

The gospels as a spiritual way of life  
The greatest temptation  
The daily story of our lives

**Thank you to all who supported the Annual Soup Supper for Kid's Café & The House of Bread.** Through your generosity, our Confirmation candidates raised \$1,750.



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**Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.** Presiders will be Noranne Wamester and Audrey Saharek. We thank the Capasso Family for hosting the refreshments. We thank our Confirmation Candidates who will help this weekend: Anne Davoren, Andrew Lucibella and Christie Slayton.

**Faith Formation—Grades K -6 will meet next Sat., 4/2 for the final session at Emerson—Williams.**

**Faith Fair:** Our Faith Formation communities, Grades K-6 will present their wonderful projects at our Faith Fair, the wk. of April 2nd & 3rd in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Registration (2011-2012) for the Faith Formation Program will be mailed on Monday.** Registrations must be returned by 3/16/2011. Extra forms/welcome letters are at [www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com).

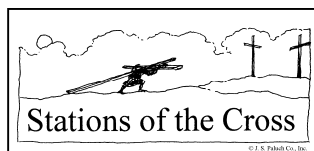
All families of new students must include a copy of child's Baptismal certificate unless baptized at Incarnation. Grade 9 students (Sept.2011) will receive an invitation in Oct. for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Our Faith Formation Apostolate...Being Disciples of Jesus 2011: Last year, Father Honore M. Kombo came to our Church to speak about the children in the Diocese of Kikwit, Democratic Republic of Congo.**

The families are so poor and the missionaries serve the Lord's people. It costs \$100.00 per year to send one child from Kikwit to a Catholic School. Our Lenten sacrifice goal is to collect \$500 to send five children to school for a year. Money will be sent to Fr. Kombo.



**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 sold at the door. Take out will be available. Sponsored by the Weth. Knights of Columbus. Call Mike Klinger (860) 874-292.

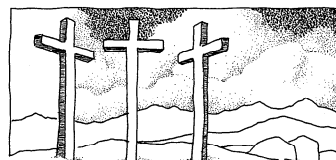
“Project Baby Love” collection next wk. Disposable diapers & wipes needed. Thanks!

### Our Lenten Environment - Third Sunday of Lent

Water refreshes, cools, quenches, rages, crystallizes, sustains life. The Samaritan woman comes with her water jar to draw water from Jacob's well. In Jesus' discourse with her, he eventually tells her he would give her living water welling up to eternal life. The living water reminds us of the waters of Baptism. For through Baptism, a commemoration of Christ's dying and rising, we die and rise with him that we might live in newness of life as adopted sons and daughters of God.

#### Third Sunday of Lent March 27, 2011

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.  
— *Romans 5:8*



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**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.

**Incarnation CYO Basketball Dinner Banquet:** 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,** 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.

**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.



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**Stewardship Message**...When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

#### WEDDING BANNES

JOHN TODARO &  
SHANNON HASS

#### BAPTISMS

COLTON BLAKE ROSTOSKY  
GIADA GIONFRIDDO

**Special Spring Holiday Cleaning for Easter:** If you are able to volunteer an hour or two of your time to prepare our worship space for the glory of Easter, call Toni Munoz at (860)563-9720. Dates are Saturday, April 9th & 16th at 9:30am.

**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. Call our representative Michele Kalousdian at (860) 563-0860 or the Auxiliary at (860) 714-4558 for info. See flyers.

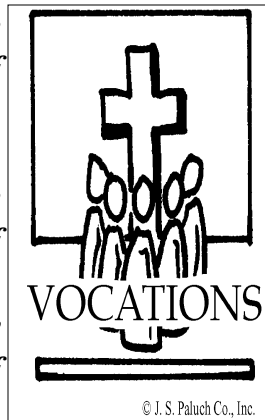
**Archbishop's Annual Appeal:** This appeal provides help to those in need! Every gift makes a difference. If you did not receive a letter/ mailing, they are at the exits.

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

**HomeFront Day:** We need you!...Saturday, May 7th. Sponsored by the Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry & HomeFront Inc. Parishes all over the state accept a project to repair/fix up the home of a needy family. We need skilled/unskilled workers. to sign up. To help call Pat at (860) 563-7773.

**The Men's Association still has seats on the bus to 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.

*No bucket? Deep well? The gifts of the living water of the spirit are yours! Jesus is the living water. Drink from that deep well; hear the good news of salvation. 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](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org), or visit the web at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://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 this weekend. 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 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, but have not yet marked their 59<sup>th</sup> 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.



**THIRST**

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

**Psalms** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

**Gospel** — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**FEAST OF FAITH****The Psalms in the Liturgy**

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God's people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

**A Family Perspective...** Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."