

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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(860) 721-6595

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**SAT., APRIL 2ND**

5:00pm - Pasquale Piccolo

SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD

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

9:30am—Mary & Dan Richi & Cora, Henry & Mikey Daversa

11:00am—Prospero DePhillips

MONDAY, APRIL 4TH

9:00am—Deceased members of the Connolly Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH

9:00am—Domenica Elisa Heinimann Torrance

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH

9:00am—Esther & William Kirsche

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

9:00 am—Kathleen Brown & Nancy M. Blonski

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH

9:00 am—Marie Pasternak

5:00 pm—Lorraine Zazzaro

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH

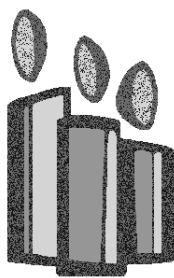
8:00 am—Felix & Marie Pasternak

9:30 am—Francesco & Raffaella Filippa

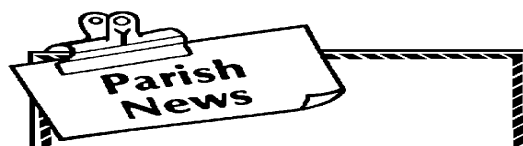
11:00 am— Frank Bulanti

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 4/4/2011 – 4/10/2011 in memory of Patricia Robitaille Strickland.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 4/4/2011—4/10/2011 for Millie Christadore.



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Thank you to all who donated to the special collection for the winter expenses.

Our Parish Mission, entitled Lent, Preparing for the Time of Your Life begins this week-

end with Fr. Henry Frascadore speaking at all Masses. It continues on April 4, 5, and 6th from 7-8pm in main church. Flyers 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

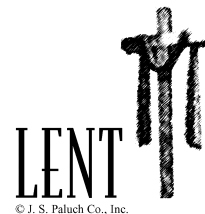
The greatest temptation

The daily story of our lives

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

The Incarnation Women’s Club cooking team will meet this Monday, April 4th from 1-3pm in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.

The Employment Support Group will meet this Tuesday, April 5th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.



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Faith Fair: Our Faith Formation communities, Grades K-6 will present their projects at our Faith Fair, this wk. in Fr. Crawford Hall. Join us for refreshments after all Masses.

We will have our final boys' retreat this Sunday, 4/3 from 4-7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Please do not forget your items for Kids' Café. Thank you.

Registration letters (2011-2012) for the Faith Formation Program are in the mail. Registrations must be returned by **5/16/2011**. Extra forms/welcome letters are at 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.

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.

We are most grateful to the following businesses who donated to help with the Soup Supper: Allegra Printing for the donation of the tickets, Bliss Market, Carbone's Ristorante, Casa Mia Ristorante, D&D Market, Village Pizza, Vito's Ristorante and Westside Market for their soup donations. We are grateful to the members of our parish family who support this effort.

We will have Lenten Confessions Monday, April 18th from 7-8pm in the Church.



Lenten Mass Schedule:

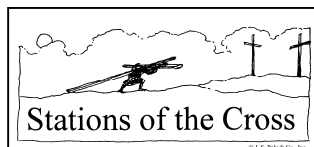
Daily mass will be celebrated at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy

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.

Stewardship Message...The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

A Family Perspective...In today's gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of the society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."

2011 Archbishop's Annual Appeal: Your gift will help so many throughout the Archdiocese.

Our Lenten Environment - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare! Rejoice! We are closer to the renewal of our Baptism and the celebration of Easter - the day of our salvation. Today, light is a primary symbol. We cannot be blind to who Jesus is he says, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." The first reading reminds us that "not as man sees does God see, because the Lord looks into the heart." We pray that God will see in us hearts ready to embrace the Risen Lord. The man born blind can be a model for us as we grow in understating, knowledge, appreciation, and love of Jesus so that our eyes are opened to the salvation Christ offers.



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.

HomeFront Day: We Need You On Our Team on Saturday, May 7th. This project is sponsored by the Office Of Catholic Social Justice Ministry and HomeFront, Inc. Parishes all over the state accept a project to repair/fix up the home of a needy family. We need workers with a variety of skills as well as unskilled workers. You must be at least 16 years of age, but young people ages 14-16 may work with a signed release from their parents, & supervision. Call Audrey Saharek at (860) 529-2533 or Sonny Senatro at (860) 563-4185. Project sponsored by Sacred Heart, Corpus Christi and Incarnation Churches. Please complete and place in baskets.

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Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ I have skills in _____ I am a professional in _____ I am not skilled, but will help with (circle) Yard cleanup, Project cleanup, Painting, other _____.

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.

BAPTISM

SOPHIA LYNN MECHAM

The Auxiliary of St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center Annual Membership Drive is March 1-April 18th. 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.

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

Join us for The Men's Association Bus Trip to the Mets vs. LAA Game on June 19th - 1:10pm game time. \$85 p.p. includes; game ticket, luxury bus, movie, food & beverages on bus. Call Tony (860) 836-3064.

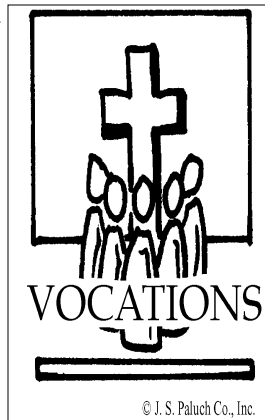
WEDDING BANNES

**JOHN TODARO &
SHANNON HASS**

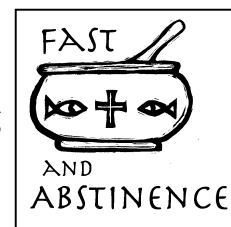
**Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2011**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
— *Psalms 23:1*

Clear the mud from your eyes and see! The one who heals also calls us to follow. Live your life as a witness to God's healing and saving touch. If you feel called to priesthood or religious life, 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.



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 not permitted, liquids, (milk/juices), allowed.

Corpus Christi School Fundraiser: Pasta Dinner - 5/21, 4:30-7pm at Our Lady's Hall, (basement Corpus Christi Church). \$10 adults & \$25 per family. Tickets at the door. Take out will be available. Sponsored by Weth. Knights of Columbus. Call Mike (860) 874-2922.

Fr. Al Fontana's Vacation Pilgrimage to Italy- Sorrento, the Amalfi Coast & Eternal Rome, November 6th-15th -10 days/8nights. Call St. Anthony, Bristol (860) 583-1349.

LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Monday: St. Isidore
 Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer
 Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle
 Friday: Abstinence

FEAST OF FAITH The Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord’s resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—“A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians,” or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly “the word of the Lord” for us.



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.

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.