

The Church of the Incarnation

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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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MASS INTENTIONS



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**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 3RD**

5:00pm - Benito Santini

SUNDAY, DEC. 4TH

8:00am - For all our

deceased parishioners & benefactors

9:30am - Jack Lawlor

11:00am— Michael J. Fallon

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

9:00am—John L. D'Onofrio

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

9:00am—Tomasso Macccarone

5:30pm - Richard E. & Richard H. Cowles

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

9:00 am-Mary & Richard Collins

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

5:00 pm-Michael DiCandio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

8:00 am- Richard Herms

9:30 am—Angelina Nowik

11:00am— Richard Cornelio, Jason

DeLucco, and Anton & Stefanie Begusch

The Sanctuary Candle will

burn from 11/28/2011 –

12/4/2011 in memory of

Giuseppa Calafiore.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

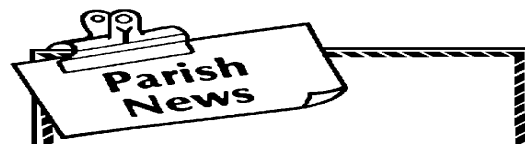
Candle will burn from

11/28/2011—12/4/2011 in memory of

Vincent Diana.



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Incarnation Children's Christmas Party this Sunday, Dec. 4th from 1-4pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Sponsored by the Men's Association. All children of the parish and their families are invited to attend.



St. Nicholas

The Incarnation Women's Club Cooking Team will meet this Monday, December 5th from 1-3pm in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall. These members cook meals for the residents at Mercy and Tabor House.

There will be an Employment Support Group meeting this Tuesday, December 6th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you know is in need of employment please attend this meeting. Bring a resume!

This Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 9:00am & 5:30pm.

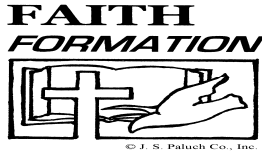


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**Families in the Light -
2nd Sunday of Advent.**

Please let your light shine as a family or as a religious education community and sign-up to light the Advent wreath. This is a wonderful

way to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. There is a sign-up poster in the Narthex. When it is your time to light the wreath, tell the celebrant prior to mass that you will be lighting it.



Monday, December 5th...Mandatory Parent/Teen Grade 9 Confirmation Retreat. Fr. Crawford Hall from 7-9pm.

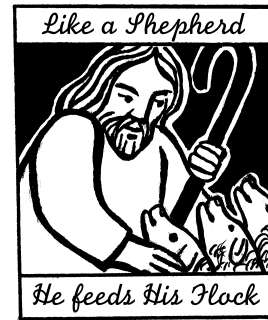
Middle School Faith Formation: Tuesday from 3-4:30pm. Tuesday eve., Grade 8 -6:30-8pm. Wednesday, eve. grade 7 - 6:30-8pm. Takes place in Fr. Crawford Hall. Theme this week is “Celebrating the Season of Advent.”

Grades K-6 will meet at Emerson-Williams on Saturday, December 10th at 9am.

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

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

Thank you to those who purchased baked goods from our Congo Fundraiser last weekend.



Angel Tree: We continue our 13th Advent Giving Program. Flyers are at the exits. Please

pick up your angels at various locations throughout the church. Return your unwrapped gifts by December 11th and place them under the Christmas Tree in the Narthex. God Bless you for helping those less fortunate.

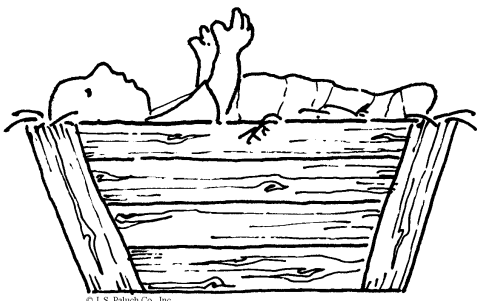
**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

“I am the Immaculate Conception.”
—Words of Our Lady to St. Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes, 1858



The Catholic Book Store wishes to thank all who supported the Book Store Sale last month. They look forward to returning next year.





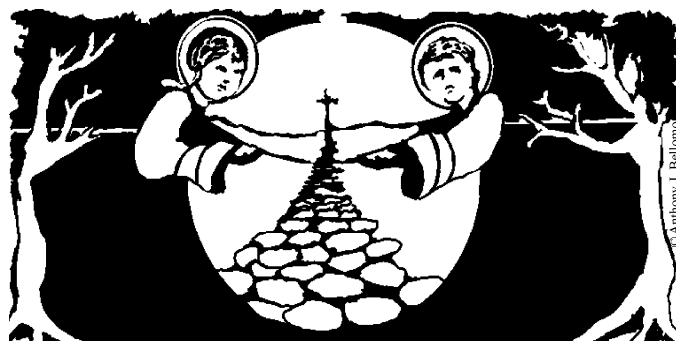
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We wish to thank parishioners Bob Gaynor and George Cataldi for their hard work refurbishing our lovely nativity scene which has been placed in front of the Church for the Advent Season. Each piece was hand repaired and hand painted to restore this beautiful set to it's original beauty. Thank you again! It is greatly appreciated!
Fr. Moran and the entire Incarnation Parish Family.

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2011

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

— *Mark 1:3*



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Stewardship Message: Second Sunday of Advent, We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

FEAST OF FAITH

Prayer after Communion

The rites following the reception of Communion are very short. It is as if the Church is saying to us that the only way to respond to this great gift is to go forth and live it! But there are some significant rites yet before we are sent forth from the Mass. After Communion, we pray together in silence or sing a hymn; both are ways to thank God for the gift of the Son. Then the priest prays another prayer, the Prayer after Communion. This prayer, usually very short, gathers our prayers into one. It reminds us of what we have already experienced: in receiving the Eucharist, we have received a foretaste of the heavenly banquet; we have eaten the bread of angels. This reality, this knowledge, should transform us, so that we may journey through this life with our hearts set on eternal life, and find in the Eucharist - which is food from heaven and daily bread - the strength and hope we need to work toward God's kingdom of justice here and now.

Thank you to all who have donated to our Annual Collection! Goal \$100,000. Envelopes are at the exits. Your generosity to this collection is appreciated. Envelopes are available at the exits. Donations will be gratefully received through the end of the year. So far we have collected \$80,000.

We continue our new musical translation of the Holy Holy and the Eucharistic Acclamation: The Holy Holy will now be sung as: **“Lord God of Hosts.”**

The Eucharistic Acclamation will now be sung as:

When We Eat This Bread And Drink This Cup We Proclaim Your Death..

“O Lord Until You Come Again.”

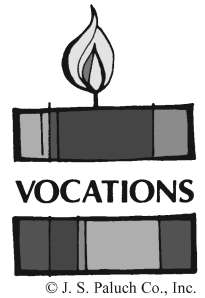


MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.

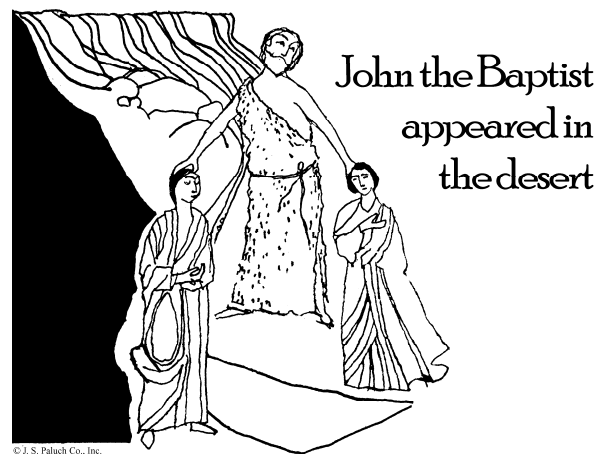
—Booker T. Washington

What we’ve done to the least of our brothers and sisters we’ve done to Christ. Choose to serve in every instance; listen for a call to service as a priest, brother, or sister. 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.



The Blessing of the portrait of Reverend John F. Edwards will be rescheduled to a later date.

Annual memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held at Giuliano-Sagarino Brooklawn Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30pm. This is an evening of celebrating and remembering loved ones. Call (860) 721-0087 for more information.



GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley

(Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tieltacks and earrings twinkle with "microlights." Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today's Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. "Give some evidence that you mean to reform!" he cries.

What meaning do our holiday lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: "May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word." One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope.