

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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**MASS
INTENTIONS**

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SAT., DEC., 10TH

5pm- Michael DiCandio

SUN., DEC. 11TH

8:00am - Richard Herms

9:30am - Angelina Nowik

11:00am— Richard Cornelio, Jason

DeLucco, & Anton & Stefanie Begusch

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

9:00am—John A. Vignone Sr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

9:00am—Rose Airo Mangiafico

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

9:00am—Pietro & Salvatore Santilli

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

9:00 am—John Pontillo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH5:00 pm—Joseph Aiudi and Nicholas &
Mary Champ.**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH**

8:00 am- Miguel & Mariana Gaspar

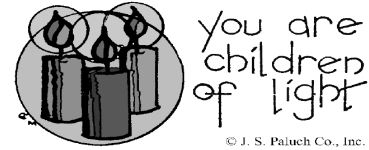
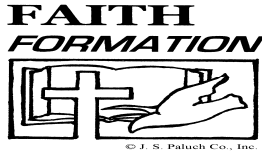
9:30 am—Carroll Noonan

11:00am— Marjorie Amodio

The Sanctuary Candlewill burn from 12/5/2011 –
12/11/2011 in memory of
Brian Heffernan & Marie
Taylor.

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The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will
burn from 12/5/2011—12/11/2011 in
memory of Concettina Genovese.**The Second Collection this weekend is
the monthly collection.****The Incarnation Prayer
Shawl Ministry will****meet on Wed., December
14th at 9:30am in Fr.
Crawford Hall. Over****1,400 prayer shawls have
been presented to members of our com-
munity. A sincere thank you to all who
have so generously supported this min-
istry. May God bless all the dedicated
women who create these gifts filled
with prayer.****The Prayer For Healing Ministry will
meet on Thursday, December 15th at
9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or
someone you love is in need of prayers,
please join us.****The Second Collection next weekend
will be the Retired Fund for Religious.****There will be a House of Bread collec-
tion next weekend. Coffee & sugar are
needed. Thank you.**



There will be a "Virtus" Protecting God's Children Training Session at Incarnation on Monday, Dec. 12th from 6:30-9:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. All coaches, catechists and any church volunteer who works directly with children is required to attend this one time meeting. Call Audrey Saharek, Parish Coordinator to register at (860) 529-2533.

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

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

Presiders will be Mary & John Breton and Noranne Wamester. Thank you to the 6th grade Faith Formation Community of Anne Camilliere & Audrey Saharek for hosting the refreshments.



Thank you to all who donated and returned their gifts! Thanks to your generosity, we hope for a special Christmas morning for those less fortunate!

Thank you to Larry & Mary Spellacy, the Men's Association and all others involved in sponsoring the 10th Annual Incarnation Children's Christmas Party last Sunday. It was such a joyous day! The pictures with Santa will be available in Fr. Crawford Hall this weekend.



Families in the Light - 3rd 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. 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.



There will be no Faith Formation at Emerson-Williams on December 17, 24, 31st. We will resume on January 7, 2012. We wish each and every family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Holy and Healthy New Year. Parish Family Home Communities follow the same schedule.

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2011**

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— *1 Thessalonians 5:16*



Christmas Confession Schedule:

Advent Confessions will be held on Monday, December 19th from 7-8pm.
Confessions will also be held on Saturday, December 24th - 11-12 noon only.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Masses will be held at 5:00pm and 12 midnight.
Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day Masses will be held at 8am, 9:30am & 11:00am.

The rectory will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th.

Emergency calls only please.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas!!

*The Choir will sing 20 minutes prior to the 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve
and 15 minutes prior to the Midnight Mass.*

The Incarnation Women's Club Soldier Care Package Collection will be held the weekend of December 17th & 18th to support our military personnel. If you would like to show your support by donating an item on the list below it would be greatly appreciated. Please place your item in the marked box in the Narthex. We are also collecting letters and cards of support. "What a great feeling it is to open a letter from someone you have never met before and feel so loved by a complete stranger. It can be hard and lonely here and every letter helps. They help us pass the time. They help us get our minds out of things for a little. It also really helps with morale, which may be the most important way it helps". Please drop your letters/cards off at the collection box and they will be sent along with the care packages.
Recommended items: Nuts, Trail Mix, Chex Mix, Beef Jerky, Microwave Popcorn, Cookies, Crackers, Dried Fruits, Tuna Packs, Gatorade Powder, Granola/Cereal Bars, Instant Soups, Instant Coffee, Salsa, Chips, Canned Fruit (pop-tops), Breath Mints, Hard Candy, Chocolate, Gum, AT&T Phone cards, and CD's & DVD's.
Thank you for caring!!

Stewardship Message: Third Sunday of Advent.....All of the people in today's readings - the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist - seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

—Georg C. Lichtenberg

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 \$82,000.

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.”

Be patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask the Lord what he wants of you. If you feel he wants you to serve as priest, brother or sister Call Fr. 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.

We will begin accepting the year 2013 Masses, Sanctuary Candles and Blessed Virgin Mary Candles on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 10am. Please keep in mind that our parish has a large number of parishioners who remember their loved ones with Memorial Masses and we request that you limit your Masses to two per household. Thank you....Fr. Moran

Thank you to the Incarnation Women's Club for arranging the Christmas Party. It was a very enjoyable evening.

We received a lovely thank you note from Birthright of Newington for our donations of diapers, wipes and other baby items. Thank You and God Bless You!

JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalms — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:16a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday: St. Lucy

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass tomorrow we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may blossom.