

The Church of the Incarnation

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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

Rectory Hours

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

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MASS INTENTIONS



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SAT., DEC., 17TH

5pm- Joseph Aiudi and
Nicholas & Mary
Champ

SUN., DEC., 18TH

8:00am - Miguel & Mariana Gaspar

9:30am - Carroll Noonan

11:00am— Marjorie Amodio

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

9:00am—Maria, Frederica, Vincenzo &
Loreto DiMattia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

9:00am—Loreta Susi

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

9:00am—Maria & Sebastian Amato

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

9:00am—Daniel J. Payne

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

9:00 am-Giuseppa Calafiore

CHRISTMAS EVE SAT., DEC. 24TH

5:00 pm-For all our Parishioners

12 Midnight- For all our Parishioners

CHRISTMAS DAY SUN., DEC. 25TH

8:00 am- For all our Parishioners

9:30 am—For all our Parishioners

11:00am— For all our Parishioners

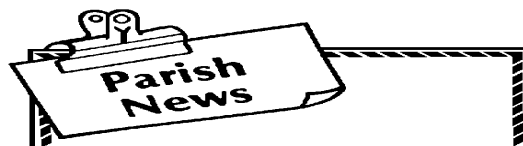
The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 12/12/2011
–12/18/2011 in memory of
Salvatore Genovese.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 12/12/2011—
12/18/2011 in memory of
Sue Plasino.



The Second Collection this weekend is
the Retired Fund for Religious.

The Incarnation Women's Club Soldier
Care Package Collection is this wk'd. to
support our military personnel. If you
would like to donate 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 collect-
ing 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. Recom-
mended items: Nuts, Trail Mix, Chex
Mix, Beef Jerky, Microwave Popcorn,
Cookies, Crackers, Dried Fruits, Tuna
Packs, Gatorade Powder, Granola/
Cereal Bars, Instant Soups, Instant Cof-
fee, Salsa, Chips, Canned Fruit (pop-
tops), Mints, Hard Candy, Chocolate,
Gum, AT&T Phone cards, CD's/DVD's.



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

Presiders will be Steve Ellis and Craig & Audrey Saharek. Many thanks to the Giarratana Family for hosting the refreshments.

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. The pictures with Santa are now available in the rectory.



Thank you to all who donated and returned their gifts! All of the

agencies were overwhelmed with the generosity of our parish!! Thanks to your kindness we hope for a special Christmas morning for those less fortunate! God Bless You!

No Faith Formation at Emerson-Williams on December 17, 24, 31st. We 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.



Families in the Light - 4th 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.

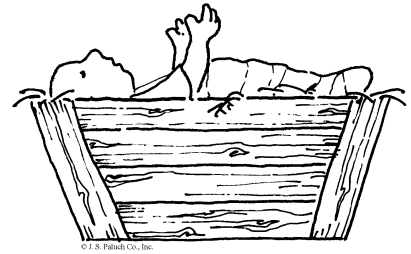
Young People of Faith: To all 9th -12th grade young men & women: Young People of Faith is a gathering of young men & women who want to talk about their faith and how to help others. The group meets twice a month on Sunday mornings at 11am and gatherings are usually 1 hour long. The group meets at the home of Noranne Wamester at 39 Clovercrest Road. Next gathering is Sun., January 8th. If you have any questions or would like to attend e-mail Noranne at gotel-lit@aol.com. "Young People of Faith is a great way for teenagers to talk about their faith, the problems that they face in this world and it is also a wonderful way to find Christian friends, while having a lot of fun!" Please consider joining us! Our teens will speak this weekend after communion at the 5pm Mass, and the 9:30 & 11am Masses.

Written by: Nicole Y.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2011**

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of
God.

—*Luke 1:35*



There is a House of Bread collection this weekend. Coffee & sugar are needed.
Thank you.

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.*



Employment Support Group will meet this Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you know is in need of employment, please attend!

Stewardship Message: Fourth Sunday of Advent.....In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" -- "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment. **See Luke 1:38**

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 \$84,000.

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."

Mary received and responded to the Lord's will through the invitation of an angel. Who are God's messengers in your life? Listen to God speaking to you through them. If a "messenger" is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, 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.



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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

BAPTISMS

**Valencia Lucia
Gugliotti**

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalms — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are approaching the darkest, longest night of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!