

# The Church of the Incarnation

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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.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

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**SATURDAY, DEC. 31ST  
NEW YEAR'S EVE**

5pm - David Dolge

**SUNDAY,**

**JANUARY 1, 2012  
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

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

9:30am-Nicholas & Mary Champ

11:00am— Anthony W. Melillo

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND**

9:00am—Donald Gorman

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD**

9:00am—Ruth & Steven Cushman &  
Abigail Johnson

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH**

9:00am—Larry Manoni

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH**

9:00am—Giuseppe & Carolina Ficocelli

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH**

9:00 am-Raffaele Crocitti

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH**

5:00 pm-George & Sally D'Esopo

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH**

8:00 am- Emilio & Teresa Mascaro

9:30 am—Desneige Lamore

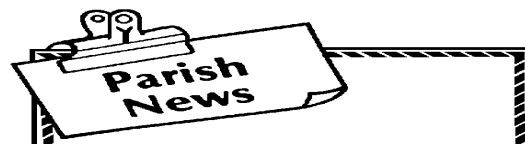
11:00am— John Carpino

**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 12/26/2011 –  
1/1/2012 in memory of Joseph  
Salvatore.



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**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from 12/26/2011—  
1/1/2012 in memory of  
Desneige Lamore.



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## Mass Schedule for The New Year:

**There will be a 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on  
Saturday, December 31, 2011.**

**Masses on Sunday, January 1, 2012  
will be at 8, 9:30 & 11am.**

**Friday is the First Friday in January.  
Mass will be held at 9am.**

**Vocations Holy Hour on Friday from  
9:30-10:30 am in the Chapel.  
Join us to pray for Vocations!**

**The Second collection next weekend will  
be the monthly collection.**

**Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center**  
invites women of our parish to Rest-Re-  
discover-Be Renewed. Jesus gently calls us  
to surrender our burdens and to come away  
and rest awhile. In the midst of our busy  
lives, full of so much “doing”, it’s easy to  
become lost in the chaos. This year’s theme  
invites us to slow down, quiet ourselves, pon-  
der and listen. We are trying to encourage  
women from our parish to attend the January  
20-22nd weekend with the women of St.  
Dunstan’s in Glastonbury and St. John Fisher  
in Marlborough. Please call (860) 677-8519  
to make your reservation. You will be happy  
you did. Noranne Wamester will be serving  
on this weekend’s staff.



**Parent Meeting for those who are preparing their children for First Reconciliation on Mon., Jan., 2nd 7pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Faith Formation for Grades 7 & 8 will take place this week in Fr. Crawford Hall. Grade 8 will meet on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm and Grade 7 will meet on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. The afternoon session will meet from 3-4:30pm on Tuesday.**

**We resume Faith Formation at Emerson-Williams on Saturday, January 7, 2012. We wish each and every family a Happy, Holy and Healthy New Year.**

**On January 7th, 2012 all children who are preparing to receive First Penance both in Emerson-Williams communities and parish family home communities will meet in the media center of Emerson Williams School at 9:15 am for a First Penance practice.**

***Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.***

**The following is the C.L.W. schedule for the Winter/Spring Sessions. We encourage all families to bring their children to CLW. Sessions will be held at the 9:30am Mass on the following Sundays:**

January 8th & January 22nd  
 February 5th & February 19th  
 March 4th & March 18th  
 April 1st, April 15th & April 29th  
 May 6th Final CLW.....May Crowning  
**Dates may be subject to change.**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Refreshment hosts are requested:**

We invite our families to sign up to host the refreshments for the Winter/Spring C.L.W. Season. It is a very simple task. Two families may sign up together. One family picks up the munchkins on Sunday morning and the other sets up the table and juice. If you are willing to help out as a family, call Audrey at the rectory at (860) 529-2533, and she will give you the simple instructions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Attention Young People of Faith:**

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 [gotellit@aol.com](mailto:gotellit@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.

**Fr. Moran wishes to thank all parishioners** for the cards, prayers, good wishes, and gifts for Christmas. Thank you and God's Blessing upon you and yours! Fr Moran is most grateful to all who work during the year in any capacity from Parish Council members to the youngest Altar Server to make our parish function with such devotion. Thank you to all who helped prepare and decorate the Church so beautifully for Christmas, to all who donated to the special flower collection, and to all choir members/musicians who helped to make our Christmas Masses so moving. All of us at the rectory wish you a Happy, Holy, and Healthy New Year.



**There will be a "Project Baby Love" collection next weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested! A big thank you to all parishioners who donate throughout the year to our collections for the needy.** Your donations help to make the lives of those who are less fortunate much better!!

**Stewardship Message: The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!**

**For your information....**We are trying to close out our books for the year 2010. If you booked a 2010 Mass, and wish to make a Mass offering, please do so as soon as you can. Thank you!

**Prayer for Our Men and Women in the Military Service...**O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
January 1, 2012**

Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart.

— *Luke 2:19*



Thank you to all those who have recently donated to our Annual Collection! We are happy to report that thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we have reached our goal of \$100,000.

Our new musical translation of the Holy Holy and Eucharistic Acclamation is as follows:

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.

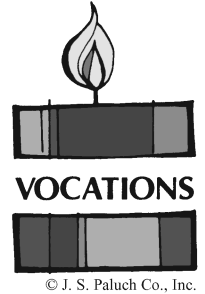
"O Lord Until You Come Again."

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*Mary, Mother of Vocations, grant us an increase in those willing to devote their lives to the priesthood or religious life. If Mary is telling you to discern a vocation to 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](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org), or you may also visit the web at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://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

If you are leaving Wethersfield for the winter, please notify the rectory so that we can place your envelopes on inactive. When you return, kindly call and we will re-activate them. Thank you.

### THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

**Psalm** — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38  
 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Octave of Christmas; New Year's Day; Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace  
 Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen  
 Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
 Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
 Thursday: St. John Neumann  
 Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday  
 Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence.

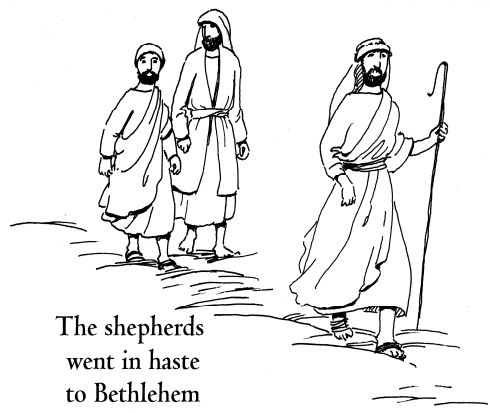
Dorothy Day once recalled St. Bonaventure's remark that after the Lord's long forty days of fasting in the desert, when he was diminished and weak from his struggle, the angels who ministered to him went first to the Blessed Mother's house. There they saw the soup that was on her stove, and took some to the Lord so that he would delight in it even more since his mother had prepared it. "Of course," said Dorothy Day matter-of-factly.

In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched.

### TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.  
 —Benjamin Franklin

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The shepherds  
 went in haste  
 to Bethlehem