

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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**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 7TH**
5pm - George & Sally
D'Esopo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH

8:00am-Emilio & Teresa Mascaro
9:30am-Desneige Lamore
11:00am— John Carpino

MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH

9:00am—Sal & Dolores Brunetti

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

9:00am— Richard Herms

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH

9:00am—Joanne & Fred Lepore

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH

9:00 am-Myles Connolly Sr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH

5:00 pm-Santa & Paolo Zocco

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH

8:00 am- Rose Mangiafico

9:30 am—Gildo Alberto Colasacco

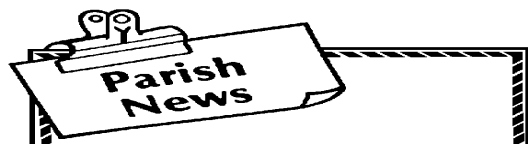
11:00am— Mass of Thanksgiving, 40th
Wedding Anniversary for Kieran
and Elaine Daly

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 1/2/2012 –1/8/2012
in memory of Rose Man-
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**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from 1/2/2012—
1/8/2012 in memory of Desneige Lamore.



**The Second collection this weekend is the
monthly collection.**

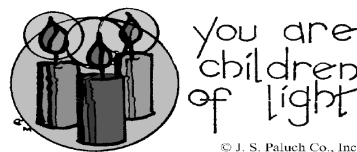
**The Incarnation Women's Club Cooking
Team will cook this Monday, January 9th
from 1-3 in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford
Hall.**

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will
meet this Wednesday, January 11th at
9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

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. Noranne Wamester
will be serving on this weekend's staff.



**There is a “Project Baby Love”
collection this weekend. Dispos-
able diapers & wipes are re-
quested! Thank you.**



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. A special thank you to the Camilliere Family for hosting the refreshments.

Kid's Café Outreach Program will be held this Sunday at 1pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Our Confirmation Candidates will gather to assemble 300 packed lunches which will be donated to Kid's Café in Hartford. All Confirmation candidates are asked to donate 10 apples or 10 oranges. Thank you.

Faith Formation will meet at Emerson-Williams on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 9am for Grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6. Parish Family Home Communities will meet at their scheduled times.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, January 14th at 9:45 am in the Church. All families are invited to share a nut free breakfast food. Families with children in other grades who attend Emerson-Williams are invited to join their siblings in attending the Service. All families are asked to bring a candle to be lighted as a family after each child receives the Sacrament.

Faith Formation for Grades 7 & 8 will take place next week, January 17th & 18th 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 be 3-4:30pm on Tues.

There will be a very important gathering of Confirmation candidates and Children's Liturgy of the Word Presiders next Sunday, January 15th after the 9:30am Mass. We also invite anyone interested in becoming a Children's Liturgy of the Word Presider or refreshment coordinator. See you there!

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.

Stewardship Message: The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2012**

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— *Psalm 72:11*

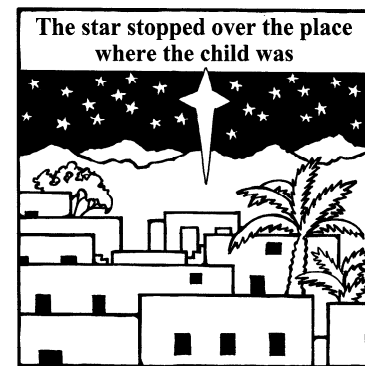


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**This is My
Beloved Son**



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“Because the assembly gathers in the presence of God to celebrate his saving deeds, liturgy’s climate is one of awe, mystery, wonder, reverence, thanksgiving and praise.”
(Environment and Art in Catholic Worship, The Liturgy Documents, 1991)

We trust that the reverence, dignity and beauty of our Christmas floral decoration praised God and created an environment of prayer and as in all liturgical environment became a vehicle to meet the Lord and encounter one another. It is in this spirit that our Flower Ministers invite you to take home on Tuesday, January 10th, immediately following the 9:00am Mass, any of the poinsettias that decorated our sanctuary and church. It is our hope that these flowers which enhanced our Christmas liturgy celebration will now be a source of prayerful thanksgiving and praise of God for you and members of your household. We kindly ask that you take the potted plant but please leave the plastic tray. Thank you.

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."

If you are receiving church envelopes from our envelope company in Buffalo, New York and are not using them, please notify Audrey at the rectory. Unused Church envelopes are an unnecessary expense for the Church. Thank you for your understanding!

The Employment Support Group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone that you know is in need of employment, please attend a meeting. We re-

The Magi brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

What gifts do you have to give? Is God calling you to

be a priest, brother or sis-

ter? If He is, call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at

St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail vocations@stseminary.org, or you

may also visit the web at

www.vocationshartford.org.



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

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.

Wethersfield St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, January 28th from 6pm-11pm at the Wethersfield Community Center. Tickets are \$30.00p.p. Corned beef & cabbage dinner. Call Maria Sullivan for tickets at (860) 721-8657 or Rynagh Peak at (860) 563-4725. Town Honoree is Chuck Flynn. Town Marshal is Mary Burke.

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 — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord;
National Vocation Awareness Week
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Friday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont