

The Church of the Incarnation

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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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**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 28TH**
5pm - Paul DiMascio

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 29TH**

8:00am-Sebastian & Concetta Boscarino,
Doris Boscarino & Tony Boscarino

9:30am-Domenico Anzellotti

11:00am— Cassandra Elisa Pagliuca

MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH

9:00am—Deceased members of the Lepore
and Bottoni Families

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

9:00am— For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

9:00am—Joseph & Amelia Massed

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

9:00am—Geraldine Beaupre

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

9:00 am-Concetta & Sebastiano Ficocelli

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

5:00 pm- Judith Skinner Curcio & Robert
John Skinner

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

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

9:30 am—Deceased members of the
Lepore Family

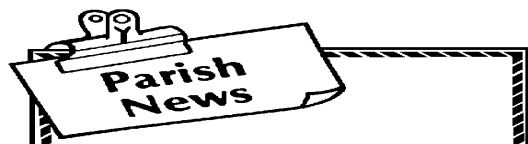
11:00am— Jennie Cusano

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 1/23/2012 –
1/29/2012 in memory of
Domenico Anzellotti.



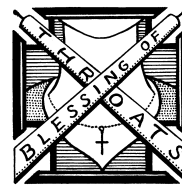
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**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from 1/23/2012—
1/29/2012 in memory of Silvia Bulanti.

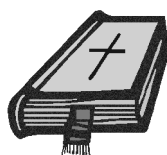


Thank you all who donated to the Diocesan Catholic High Schools collection last weekend.

Blessing of the Throats, in Honor of St. Blaise will take place this weekend after all the Masses. This blessing is a sign of thanks for the gift of breathing, speech, and taste.



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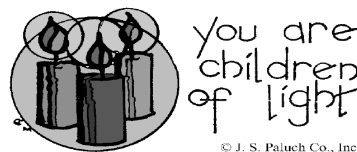
Fourth & fifth grade boys & girls interested in becoming Altar Servers at Incarnation are invited to meet with Fr. Moran at 11am on Saturday, February

5th in the Church. The meeting will last one hour and will be the second of four consecutive sessions that will prepare those interested in serving at our Eucharistic celebrations.

Friday is the First Friday in February...

Mass will be held at 9am. Vocations Holy Hour will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 9:30am-10:30am. Please join us to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

We are trying to close out our 2011 Mass Book. If you have any Mass Offerings that you wish to make for 2011, please send them in a.s.a.p. Thank you so much!



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

Thank you to the Stefano Family for hosting the refreshments last weekend.

We are still in need of Children's Liturgy of the Word refreshment hosts for the following Sundays; February 19th, March 18th, April 29th and May 6th. If you would be willing to host the juice and munchkins please call Audrey at the rectory at (860) 529-2533 for complete and easy instructions. Thank you!!

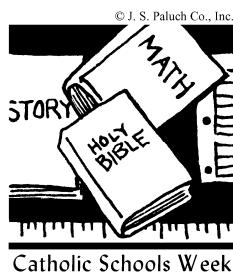
Faith Formation for Grades K-6 will be held at Emerson-Williams on Sat., February 4th. Parish Family Home Communities will meet at their scheduled times.

Young People of Faith will meet at the home of Mrs. Noranne Wamester on Sunday, February 5th 2012 at 12 noon. Our Theme is "A Wing and a Prayer." In celebration of Super Bowl Sunday we will be serving wings. All high school and college students are invited. Please call the Faith Formation Office for more information (860) 529-2533.

The Church of the Incarnation awards two scholarships annually for parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools. The deadline to submit applications is April 1st. Please call Noranne Wamester for more information or for an application at 529-6765.

Enrollment Coordinator Wanted: SS.

Cyril & Methodius School is seeking a part-time Enrollment Coordinator to reach out to the Hartford community and beyond to recruit prospective students for the Pre-K to Grade 8 elementary school. Preference will be given to candidates familiar with Catholic school education and with the city of Hartford. Candidates interested in working in a safe, nurturing, multi-cultural environment where children receive an exceptional faith-based education are urged to submit their resumes no later than January 30th to Joy Chlus, Interim Principal, SS. Cyril & Methodius School, 335 Groton St. Htfd., 06106



Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield encompassing grades Pre-K-8 will host an Open House on February 1st at 8:30am at the School, 581 Silas Deane Highway. Call (860) 529-5487.

For storm related cancellations please log on to our website:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com. or tune into WFSB, WVIT or WTIC AM.

Please do not call the rectory. Thank you

Stewardship Message: Moses told the people, “The Lord will raise you up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen.” God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2012**

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
— *Psalm 95:6*



Incarnation Men’s Retreat, February 24-26th....This year’s retreat theme **The Courage to Hope: Finding God in All Things** is about faith in the power of God and the courage to live that faith. Join us at the parish men’s retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. Rest, reflect on life, and renew your relationship with God, your family, and friends. Call John Ewaski at (860) 563-3887 or Bill Carroll at (860) 604-6793 or visit Holy Family’s website at: <http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org>.

February 25th – A Marriage Enrichment Celebration for all married couples. The 5th annual Archdiocesan Marriage Enrichment Celebration will be held on Sat., Feb. 25, 2012, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Church, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT. Join with other married couples for Mass, prayer, and a good deal of laughter focusing on the theme: **"Mysteries of Matrimony: Being Christ to One Another."** The cost is \$20.00 per couple and includes dinner (scholarships are available.) An optional afternoon program of workshops will also be offered beginning at 3:00 p.m. for an additional \$10.00 fee. To register or to get more information, contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-621-7858 or email to dfinnmspt@sbcglobal.net. Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 20, 2012. Co-Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life Office and Catholic Engaged Encounter.

National Day of Prayer for the African American and African American Family is Sunday, February 5th. For more information go to www.blackcatholicsforlife.org.

We continue our new Eucharistic Acclamation will be 'We proclaim your death O Lord' which can be found in your Missal. It is Hymn #912.

The Church of the Incarnation Employment Support Group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you know is in need of employment, you are invited to attend a meeting. Please bring your resume.

When visiting the rectory, there is a doorbell located on the brick wall. Please ring the bell so that we will hear you. Thank you!

Wethersfield UNICO's 33rd Annual World Famous Macaroni Dinner will be on Sunday, February 12th from 11:30am-4:30pm at the Wethersfield Community Center. Please join us for a delicious dinner of pasta with homemade sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, soda, wine, coffee & ice cream. \$9.00 for adults and \$4 for children 12 & under. This is UNICO'S primary fundraiser for all their charitable activities. Call Morris at (860) 493-3546. See you there!



People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus? The church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider 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 him at 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.

Jesus taught with authority



FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32] Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: St. John Bosco

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day

Friday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats;
First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ's coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna's meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child's birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as "The Meeting," suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord's table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of spring-time. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world's darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

LEADERS

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock.
You find them . . . one at a time.

—Anonymous

NOT WITHOUT LOVE

The soul cannot live without love.

—St. Francis de Sales