

# The Church of the Incarnation

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Lorissa Heath  
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.

**Rectory**  
(860) 529-2533

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# MASS INTENTIONS

SAT., FEBRUARY 18TH  
5pm-Shirley Luchini



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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

8:00am-Ellen Pietrandrea  
9:30am-Deceased members of the Daly  
& Malone Families  
11:00am—Assunta & Antonio DiMaggio

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

9:00am—Paolo Matarazzo

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

9:00am— Paul Volpe

## ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

9:00am—William Ryan  
5:30pm--Marino Mattioli

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

9:00am—For all our parishioners

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

9:00 am-Fred & Joanne Lepore

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

9:00 am- Sister Pauline Gibbons  
5:00pm - Frank Cusano

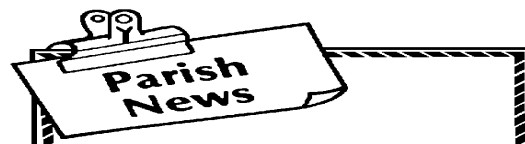
## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

8:00 am- Evelyn Schultz  
9:30 am—Salvatore, Angel & Grace  
Chiaramida  
11:00am—Deceased members of the Italia  
Family

The **Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 2/13/2012 –  
2/19/2012 in memory of  
Francis D. Abbate.



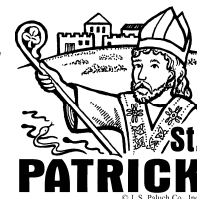
The **Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from 2/13/2012—  
2/19/2012 in Honor of St. Valentine.



The rectory will be closed this Monday,  
February 20th in observance of **Presi-  
dent's Day**. Emergency calls only please!

### St. Patrick's Dinner - Monday, March 12th , Fr. Crawford Hall

6:30 p.m. Home cooked corned  
beef, cabbage, carrots & pota-  
toes, Irish Soda Bread, Coffee &  
Dessert. \$13.00 p.p. Limited seating so make  
your reservations early! Call Michele Ka-  
lousdian at 563-0860. Make checks payable  
to "The Church of the Incarnation" and mail  
to Michele at 154 Griswold Road, Wethers-  
field. Reservation deadline - February 29th.



### House of Bread collection this weekend.

Coffee & sugar are needed. Thank you!

Employment Support Group mtg., Tues-  
day, 2/21st at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.  
Incarnation Men's Club mtg., Tuesday,  
2/21st at 7pm, in the rectory mtg. room.



### ASH WEDNESDAY

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**Ash Wednesday  
is February  
22nd which be-  
gins the Season**

**of Lent.** Masses will be held at 9am and  
5:30pm. Ashes will be distributed during the  
9am Mass at a Scripture Service from 3:30-  
4pm and during the 5:30pm Mass.

We received a lovely note from the Superin-  
tendent of Catholic Schools thanking Incar-  
nation parish for our donation of \$3,503 in  
support of the 2012 High School Collection.



*Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Presiders will be Tina & Mark St Pierre and Karen Susi. Thank you to the Giansiracusa Family for hosting the refreshments! Please join us for juice and munchkins in the Fr. Crawford Hall after the 9:30am Mass!*

*All Faith Formation communities are on February vacation. Have a safe and wonderful Winter Break!*

*New Day a bereavement support program continues on Mon., February 20th at 1pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-2533. All those who have lost a loved one through death are welcome to begin the healing process.*

**Please join us at: The Wethersfield Catholic 2012 HoopFest to be held at Corpus Christi Gymnasium February 23 - 26 from 12 noon until 7:30pm. All C.Y.O. Basketball Teams from The Church of the Incarnation, Corpus Christi Parish and School and Sacred Heart will play in this tournament! Come and cheer on your team!! Good Luck and God Bless all of our players! Concessions will be available.**

**Good Shepherd Religious Education Special Needs Program...**supported by Church of the Incarnation, Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart to minister to our students with special needs. Call Anne Tindal at (860) 742-5288 for information.

*The Church of the Incarnation awards two scholarships annually for parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools. The deadline to submit applications is April 1st. Call Noranne Wamester at 529-6765.*

*For storm related cancellations please log on to our website: [www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com). or tune into WFSB, WVIT or WTIC AM. Please do not call the rectory. Thank you*

**LETTERS FROM HOME IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS ...** We be collecting letters and cards of support to be sent to soldiers we've made contact via our care packages so they can distribute them to their team members. **"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 in the Narthex.

**Lenten Evening Prayer...***Begin your week in a special celebration of prayer and singing at evening prayer (Vespers). Takes place each Sunday during Lent at 5pm at St. James Church, 767 Elm Street in Rocky Hill beginning February 26th. The liturgy is led by Fr. David Baranowski and a cantor. Call (860) 529-8655 for more information.*

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2012**

It is I, I, who wipe out,  
for my own sake, your offenses;  
your sins I remember no more. — *Isaiah 43:25*



***Incarnation Men's Retreat, February 24-26th 2012....Last call for the men's parish retreat. Many men have been thinking about making a retreat - but they haven't done anything about it! Now is the time to make it happen. This year's retreat theme is The Courage to Hope: Finding God in All Things. Join us at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. 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>.***

***The Last Soup Sale of the season to benefit the Copparone Orphanage in Honduras will be held on Sun., February 26th from 9am-12 noon at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wethersfield, 300 Main Street, (Parish Hall). Numerous different soups including vegetarian will be served.***

Churches in Wethersfield are partnering with churches in Rocky Hill this year to jointly present the **World Day of Prayer 2012** service on Fri., March 2nd, - 7pm, at Rocky Hill Congregational Church (805 Old Main Street). This year's service, "Let Justice Prevail," was written by Christian women in Malaysia and will be celebrated in 170 countries around the world. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For a ride call Anne McAloon at (860) 529-5358.

***The contribution statements from our envelope company in N.Y. will be mailed this week.***

**Lenten Mass Schedule:** During Lent daily mass will be celebrated at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Thursday 9am and Holy Saturday, at 9am. For your information, Corpus Christi will celebrate masses at 6:45am beginning Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent and at 5:30pm Monday-Friday. Saturday Masses at Corpus are 7:30am. Corpus will also offer Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:30pm.



***JULIET BELLA  
MAY***

***MALLORY  
HEATHER MIANO***

***LUCAS EMIDIO ZAVARELLA***

**Save the Date...** *Men's Association Annual Baseball Trip to be held Sunday, June 3rd at 1pm. Cardinals vs. Mets at Citi Field. More details to follow on the Yankees trip. Price \$80 p.p. includes: luxury bus, food, beverages, movie, game ticket and lots of fun. Call Antonio Colasacco at (860) 836-3064.*

**The Archbishop's St. Patrick's Day Breakfast, which is hosted by the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools will be on Friday, March 16th from 7:30-9am at the Ct. Convention Center in Hartford. Proceeds provide scholarships and support for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Call (860) 761-7498 for info.**

**February 25<sup>th</sup> – Marriage Enrichment for married couples!** *Don't miss this opportunity for your marital relationship!* The 5th annual Archdiocesan Marriage Enrichment Celebration will be held on Sat., Feb. 25, 2012, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Church, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT. Join with other married couples from around the Archdiocese for (optional Vigil Mass 5 p.m.) dinner, and an enriching and a fun-filled program. This year's theme: "Mysteries of Matrimony: Being Christ to One Another" promises to encourage and inspire all. \$20.00 per couple, including dinner (scholarships are available), with an optional afternoon workshop beginning at 3:00 p.m. for an additional \$10.00 fee. To register call Tom & Donna Finn at 860-621-7858 or Don and Chris Paglia at 203 -230-2460. R.S.V.P. 2/22. Co-Sponsored by Archdiocesan Family Life Office & Catholic Engaged Encounter.

**We have never seen anything like this! What is more amazing, the ability to heal, or the gift to forgive sins? Consider being an instrument of God's forgiveness through the ministry of priesthood. Call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or you may e-mail him at vocations@stseminary.org, or visit the web at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://www.vocationshartford.org).**



### **Lenten Regulations:**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, i.e. milk/juices, are allowed. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted.

### **Catholic Relief Services Lenten Program:**

Rice Bowls are at the exits.  
Please return by 4/2. Thanks!



## FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Isaiah announced the word of the Lord: “[S]ee, I am doing something new!” (Isaiah 43:19). And what was this new thing? A promise for a people who “did not call upon me” and “grew weary of me” (43:22); a promise of forgiveness. “It is I, I, who wipe out . . . your offenses; / your sins I remember no more” (43:25).

Paul told the Corinthians—and tells us—that Jesus is God’s “yes,” and that all God’s promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Does that include God’s promise to forgive sins? Mark gives the answer when he relates how some people lowered a paralytic through a hole in the roof, seeking a cure.

As far as we can tell, no one requested forgiving the man’s sins. But that’s what Jesus did, exactly as Isaiah had announced. Then, lest anyone doubt his authority on earth to forgive sins, Jesus said, “[P]ick up your mat, and go home” (Mark 2:11). The man “rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away” (2:12).

## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25)

**Psalm** — Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you (Psalm 41).

**Second Reading** — God has given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment (2 Corinthians 1:18-22).

**Gospel** — They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this” (Mark 2:1-12).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: Presidents’ Day  
 Tuesday: St. Peter Damian; Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday  
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving; Washington’s Birthday  
 Thursday: St. Polycarp  
 Friday: Abstinence

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, in the streets of Rio and New Orleans and in the canals of Venice, Carnival reaches its height. We stand on the brink of Lenten discipline and order, of sacrifice and prayer, and like a diver for pearls, we take a deep breath of life’s abundance before immersing ourselves. Literally “Good-bye to the Flesh,” these once were days for clearing out the barnyard and having one last good roast before turning to fish, to eggs and cheese and porridges. In some places, masks and disguises are worn as a reminder that all falsehood must be stripped away in Lent and our true identity as the baptized must prosper. In others, the green, purple, and gold beads tossed in playful salute have their origins not only in the gifts of the magi, but also entwine the liturgical colors of Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter.

The message, sadly missed by many, is: embrace the Lenten journey, and find your life transformed. Dedicate the next few days to savoring life’s wonders, to the abundance of tables laden with great food and surrounded by the laughter of dear friends. Then, as you step forward to receive ashes on your brow, you will have already acquired a yearning for the renewing splash of Easter’s waters.

## LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

To love the world is no big chore. It’s that miserable person next door who is the problem.  
 —Anonymous

## HEALING POWER

Stronger than all the evils in the soul is the Word, and the healing power that dwells in him.  
 —Origen