

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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SAT., FEBRUARY 25TH

5pm-Frank Cusano

SUNDAY,**FEBRUARY 26TH**

8:00am-Evelyn Schultz

9:30am-Salvatore, Angel & Grace
Chiaramida11:00am—Deceased members of the Italia
Family**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH**9:00am—Pasquale & Pasqualina
Iafrancesco**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**9:00am—Myles Connolly Sr. & Sarah Ann
Marie Privitera**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH**

9:00am—For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST

9:00am—Joseph P. Hill

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND

9:00 am-John P. Shea

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD

9:00 am- Frank Palazzolo

5:00pm - Deceased members of the Guinan
& Thrall Families**SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH**8:00 am-For all our deceased parishioners
& benefactors

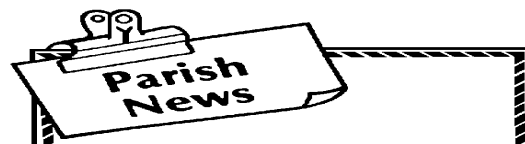
9:30 am—Michael & Pasqualina Brini

11:00am—Stephen Romaine

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 2/20/2012 –
2/26/2012 in memory of
Rocco & Felicia DiCorleto.

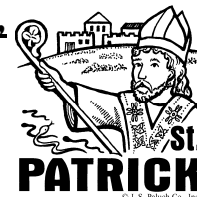


**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
2/20/2012—2/26/2012 in memory of the
Calleri & Perna Families.



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

***Hall 6:30 p.m. Home cooked
corned beef, cabbage, carrots
& potatoes, Irish Soda Bread,
Coffee & Dessert. \$13.00 p.p. Limited seat-
ing so make your reservations early! Call
Michele Kalousdian at 563-0860. Make
checks payable to "The Church of the Incar-
nation" and mail to Michele at 154 Griswold
Road, Wethersfield. Reservation deadline -
February 29th.***



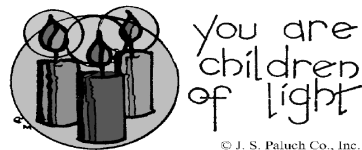
***Incarnation Women's Club Executive Board
meeting will be held this Thursday, March
1st at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.***

***There will be a "Project Baby Love" collec-
tion next weekend. Disposable diapers &
wipes are requested. Thank you.***

***Next weekend is the 2012 Archbishop's
Annual Appeal Kickoff Weekend. The
theme this year is "Making a Difference" and
a DVD will be shown at all the Masses.***

***For the Season of Lent the Eucharistic
Response will be Save us Savior #914,
Sanctus #859 and Agnus Dei #863. These can
be found in your missal.***

***The contribution statements from our enve-
lope company in N.Y. were mailed last week.***



New Day a bereavement support program continues on Mon., February 27th at 1pm in the rectory. Call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-2533. All those who have lost a loved one through death are welcome to begin the healing process.

Faith Formation for Grades 7 & 8 will be held this week in Fr. Crawford Hall. Grade 8 will meet on Tuesday from 6:30-8pm. Grade 7 will meet on Wednesday from 6:30-8pm. The afternoon sessions will be held from 3-4:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Faith Formation for Grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6 will be held at Emerson-Williams on Sat., March 3rd at 9am. The Second Graders will attend their retreat from 1-3pm on Saturday March 3rd in Fr. Crawford Hall. Parish Family Home Communities will meet at their scheduled times.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Join us next week for juice and munchkins in the Fr. Crawford Hall after the 9:30am Mass!

The Catechist meeting has been changed to March 3rd at 10:45am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

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. or tune into WFSB, WVIT or WTIC AM. Please do not call the rectory. Thank you

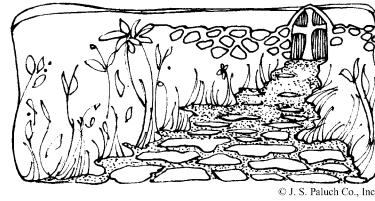
LETTERS FROM HOME IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS ... We be collecting letters and cards of support to be sent to soldiers we've made contact via our care packages so they can distribute them to their team members. **"What a great feeling it is to open a letter from** someone you have never met before and feel 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.*

**First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2012**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— *Psalm 25:4*



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Let us pray for all our parishioners on retreat this weekend at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford.

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.

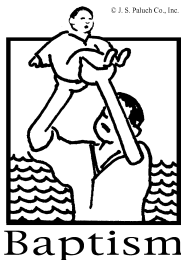
50th Anniversary of our Mother Church, Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will celebrate a Mass in honor of the consecration of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph 140 Farmington Ave. in Hartford, Sunday, May 20th, at 3 p.m.



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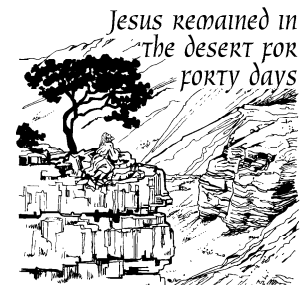
Incarnation Lenten Mass Schedule: During Lent daily mass will be celebrated at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Thursday 9am and Holy Saturday, at 9am. For your information, Corpus Christi will celebrate masses at 6:45am throughout Lent and at 5:30pm Monday-Friday. Saturday Masses at Corpus are 7:30am.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

Please take home the letter from Archbishop Mansell at the exits regarding the new Federal Health Care Insurance Mandate.



Baptism

**JORDAN ANTHONY
OROZCO**



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Men's Association Annual Baseball Trip: Sunday June 3rd 2012, Cardinals vs. Mets at Citi field - Price \$80 p.p. Includes: luxury bus, food, beverages, movie, game ticket and lots of fun. Call Antonio (Tony) Colasacco at (860)-836-3064 to reserve your ticket.

Catholic Relief Services Lenten Program: Rice Bowls are at the exits. Please return by 4/2. Thanks!



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.

The Knights of Columbus has been called by Pope John Paul II "the Strong Right Arm of the Church." Its tireless support of the teachings, doctrines, and positions of the Church on important social issues of the day, has earned this proud reputation down through the decades. Our local council could really do wonders with a few new members, younger or older, who understand this grand mission., who are inclined to serve their beloved Church, and would be willing to offer a few hours of their time on a monthly basis to support its efforts. To join the Knights of Columbus in Wethersfield, call Mike Klinger at (860) 874-2292. March 23rd & 24th members will be at our church to speak and hold their membership drive.

This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand. Let us reform our lives and believe in the Good News. 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 e-mail him at vocations@stseminary.org, or visit the web at www.vocationshartford.org.

Lenten Regulations:

Good Friday is an obligatory day 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 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.

First Sunday of Lent...The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church."

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9: 8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent;

Friday: Abstinence; First Friday;
World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; 1st Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7- 12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the First Sunday of Lent, many people have given up on "giving up." Yet experiencing hunger for favorite things is a sign of a desire to face our deepest hungers. We do not embrace fasting as individuals, but rather as the community's way of life in this season. Sometimes it helps to see Sunday as an oasis in the Lenten desert, a place where fasting is not as strictly observed. If we count the days of the Lenten calendar, starting backward from the end of Lent on Holy Thursday, it is difficult to measure the forty days. Many are surprised to learn that the Sundays are counted as part of Lent, but are not counted in tallying the forty days of the Lenten fast. For that, we count the fast backward into last week, beginning on Ash Wednesday. So, until today we have been in the Lenten fast, days that function as a kind of overture to a symphony of conversion.

Today Lent solemnly begins, marked in many places by the sending of catechumens and candidates to the bishop for the call to the Easter sacraments. Tomorrow with them, we embrace the Lenten fast again. Today we are exactly forty days from the opening of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday.