

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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MASS INTENTIONS



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SAT., MARCH 17TH

5pm-Paolo & Francesca
Panebianco and Sebastiano
& Antonino Zocco

SUN., MARCH 18TH

8:00am-Dr. Salvatore Carrabba
9:30am-Anthony W. Melillo & Sebastian
& Josephine Uccello
11:00am—Mary & Dan Richi & Henry,
Cora & Mikey Daversa

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH

9:00am—Rose & John Stavola

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH

9:00am—Benny Ingenito

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST

9:00am—Marion Dellafera

THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND

9:00am—For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD

9:00 am-Lucille Miano

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

9:00 am-Leo LaPlante

5:00pm -Angeline Vignone

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH

8:00 am-Maria & Manuel Loura

9:30 am—Valentino & Rosina Fazio

11:00am—John, Josephine, Michael & Jean
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The Sanctuary Candle will

burn from 3/12/2012—

3/18/2012 in memory of
John D'Amato.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

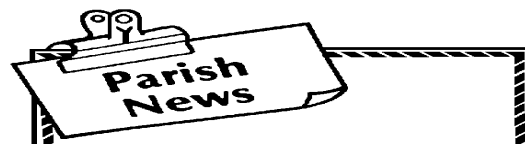
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3/18/2012 in memory of Sebastian Scalora.



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We remember this month our Dear Saints
Patrick and Joseph.



**Incarnation Mass of Anointing this Sun-
day, March 18th at the 11am Mass.**

**House of Bread collection this weekend.
Coffee & sugar are requested.**

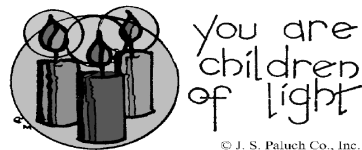
**Employment Support Group meeting on
Tuesday, March 20th at 9:30am in Fr.
Crawford Hall.**

**Men's Assoc. meeting on Tuesday, March,
20th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall**
**Prayer For Healing will take place on
Wed., March 22nd from 9:30-10:30am in
Fr. Crawford Hall. If you or someone you
know is in need of prayers, please join us!**

**Women's Club General Meeting on Thurs-
day, March 22nd at 7:30pm in Fr. Craw-
ford Hall. See Bi-Lines for information.**

**On Sunday March 25th, we will bless the
portrait of our dearly missed former pastor,
Reverend John F. Edwards after 11am Mass.
Reception to follow in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**A morning/evening Lenten Reflection will
be offered on Thurs., March 29th in the
church.** Our theme is "Enter Into The Spa of
the Lord" Morning session: 10-11am - Eve-
ning session: 7-8pm. Refreshments to follow.
Noranne Wamester, M.A. will present a time
of prayer/reflection as we enter into the Sa-
cred Time of Holy Week. **Flyers available.**
Each session contains the same reflection but
please choose either the am/pm session.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sun., March 18th at 9:30am

Mass. Mary & John Breton and Steve Ellis will preside. Mrs. Odell and Mrs. Mandile's Grade 6 Faith Formation class will hold a gently used toy and book tag sale after 9:30 AM mass. Prices start at \$.25 and will be donated to the children of the Congo. They will host refreshments after in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Bake Sale: The 2012 Confirmation Candidates will hold a bake sale this weekend to benefit Kids' Cafe. Items will be sold after all masses and at the Soup Supper. Please be sure to stop by our tables and support our effort to raise funds to feed the 450 children who attend Kids' Cafe in Hartford daily.

Annual Poor Person's Soup Supper is this Sunday, March 18th at 5pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. It will benefit the House of Bread and Kid's Café. Sebastian from the House of Bread and Wanda from the Kid's Café will be our guest speakers. Confirmation Candidates will sell tickets at all Masses and all exits this weekend. Tickets will also available at the door. \$5.00 for adults, Children 12 and under \$3.00 each, and toddlers are free. Thank you to Bliss Market, Carbone's Ristorante, Casa Mia, D & D, Village, Vito's and West Side Market for their soup donations and Allegra Printing for donating the tickets. Hope to see you there!!

Wow!! What a weekend highlighting our youth. See in this bulletin how the Lord is alive and well in the hearts of our children, teens, catechists/workers for social justice. We are excited to have so much going on to celebrate the gift of giving in this season of Lent. Please support our Soup Supper/Bake Sale to benefit House of Bread and Kid's Café, and our tag sale to benefit the children in Congo.

New Day, bereavement support continues on Mon., March 19th - 1pm in the rectory.

Saturday, March 24th Grades K-6 will meet at Emerson-Williams School at 9am.

Children of the Diocese of Kikwit in the Congo; Once again we are raising funds to send children to a Catholic School in the Congo. It costs \$100.00 a year to send a child. Last year, Father Honore Kombe was overwhelmed as we presented \$2,100 to send 21 impoverished children to Catholic School.

To the C.L.W. Team, our 4th grade Faith Formation class would like to thank you for your March 4th Children's Liturgy of the Word lesson. Your lesson taught us about Jesus' transfiguration. We loved your idea of the butterflies and how we can remember to make ourselves better people during Lent. Thank you, Matt Fields and Ashley Woods.



Incarnation Lenten Mass Schedule: During Lent daily mass will be celebrated at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Thursday 9am and Holy Saturday, at 9am. **Corpus Christi** will celebrate masses at 6:45am throughout Lent and 5:30pm Monday-Friday. Saturday at 7:30am.

Corpus Christi will also offer Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:30pm.

C.Y.O. Basketball: We will celebrate our wonderful season with a catered **Basketball Dinner Banquet to be held on Monday, April 16th at 6pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.** Parents are invited to share a dessert or 2 liter soda. All players and their families are invited to attend. Please let your coach know if your family is able to attend. Return to your head coach that night all clean uniforms in bags labeled by team and player name. Thank you!

Thank you so much to all who attended the St. Patrick's Dinner. A special thank you to Michele Kalousdian and Family and all others who worked so hard to make this event possible! The food was great and everyone had such a fun time!



LETTERS TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS We continue to collect 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. Please drop your letters/cards off in the Narthex.

You may return your Easter Flower envelope any time until Easter. Thank you!

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2012 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries to many in need. Letters at the exits.

Easter Communion Regulation: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the 1st Sunday of Lent & Trinity Sunday.

**WEDDING
BANNES**



**MARK MAZZONE &
DIANE DiBERNARDI**

**TYLER RAYMOND
COLLETTE**

**SORAYA ROCHELLE
PHAM**

ANTHONY MICHAEL GRIGAS



Special Spring Holiday Church Cleaning for Easter:

If you are able to volunteer an hour or two of your time to prepare our worship space for the glory of Eastertime, please call Toni Munoz at (860)563-9720. Saturday, March 31st at 9:30am.



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.

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.

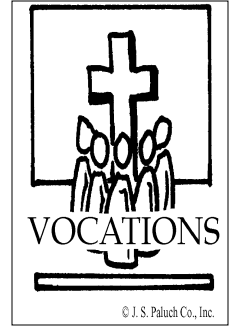
Preparing for Lent.....Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. It is an outreach to those who live with hunger and poverty. Please return the week before Easter.



The Knights of Columbus has been called by Pope John Paul II "the Strong Right Arm of the Church." To join the Knights of Columbus in Wethersfield, call Mike Klinger at (860) 874-2292. March 23rd/24th members will speak/hold their membership drive.

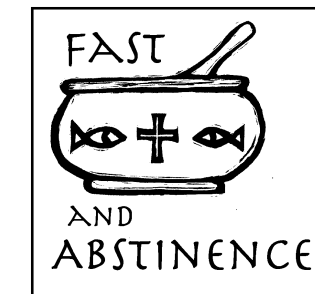
Pope John Paul II Catholic School...New Britain....Open House, March 20th from 6-9pm. Call (860) 225-4275 for information.

God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son. What can we give in return? If you are called to give yourself to serve as priest or religious, 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.



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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.

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

GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalms — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) - *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a *or* Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent;

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Spring begins

Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius de Mogrovejo

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the years, our tradition has come to see this Sunday as a transition, a midpoint, an oasis in the middle of six long weeks of preparation for Easter. The key is the Latin word *Laetare*, or "Rejoice," which was for centuries the first word sung in the Mass for this Sunday. In southern Europe, the first roses of springtime are appearing now, and there used to be a custom of honoring those to be baptized at Easter with roses on this Sunday. Long ago, this was also seen as a day for celebrating the ordination of priests. Many parishes retain the custom of using rose-colored vestments on this day. Normally flowers are banned from worship in the restrained season of Lent, but here, midway, these signposts of festivity pointing to the renewal of Easter springtime sometimes make a quiet appearance.

NOT ENOUGH

It is not enough for me to love God, if my neighbor does not love God.

—St. Vincent de Paul

BE AWARE

We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open.

—Anonymous