

The Church of the Incarnation

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Wethersfield, CT 06109



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Vanessa Crowley
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

Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**MASS
INTENTIONS**
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SAT., MARCH 31ST

5pm-Deceased members of
the DeRose & Nesta
Families

SUN., APRIL 1ST

8:00am-For all deceased parishioners &
benefactors

9:30am-Deceased members of the
Beaupre Family

11:00am—Pasquale Piccolo

MONDAY, APRIL 2ND

9:00am—Anna & Libby Guala

TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD

9:00am—Edward Lyman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH

9:00am—Fr. Keene

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH

7:00pm—For all our parishioners

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH

3:00 pm- Liturgical Service

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH

8:00pm -For all our parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

8:00 am-Deceased members of the Vaughn
& Augusta Families

9:30 am-Gloria, Carmela, Thomas & John
Andreoli

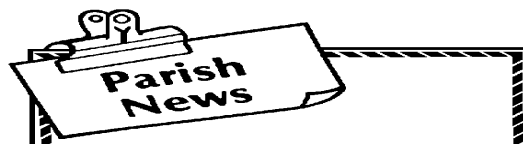
11:00am—Mary Mudano, Anne C. Renza &
Lillian C. Vasquez

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 3/26/2012—
4/1/2012 in memory of
Angela & Ben Quattrocchi.

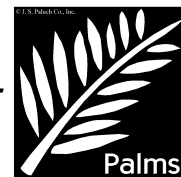


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The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle will burn from 3/26/2012—
4/1/2012 in memory of Joseph & Amelia
Massed.



This Sunday is Palm Sunday.
Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.



**Women's Club Cooking Team: Monday,
April 2nd from 1-3pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.**

We will have Lenten Confessions Monday,
April 2nd from 7-8pm in the Church.

Employment Support Group: Tuesday,
April 3rd at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Vocations Holy Hour will be held on
Wednesday of Holy Week from 9:30-
10:30am in the Chapel.



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Holy Thursday Silent Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel,
Thursday, April 5th, from 8:30pm-
10:00pm. In Attendance 8:30pm-
9:00pm—Sister Betty; In Attendance
9:00pm-9:30pm—Mary Lou Gates & Felix
Kessel. In Attendance 9:30pm-10:00pm—
Frank & Emily Monaco. All are welcome.

Confessions during Holy Week will be held
on Good Friday and Holy Saturday from
11-12 noon. No afternoon Confessions on
Saturday, April 7th.

Blessing of the Easter Food will be held on
Holy Saturday, 12:15pm Fr. Crawford Hall.
**Rectory closed on Good Friday and Easter
Monday, emergency calls only please.**



New Day, bereavement support continues on Mon., April 2nd - 1pm in the rectory.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sunday at 9:30am Mass. Our Presiders will be Leona Clerkin and Noranne Wamester. Thank you to the Giansiracusa family for hosting the refreshments in Fr. Crawford Hall after Mass! Please join us!

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.

There will be a "Project Baby Love" collection next weekend. Disposable diapers & wipes are requested. Thank you so much!

Registration letters (2012-2013) for the Faith Formation Program will be mailed at the end of next week. Regis. deadline 5/20/12. All families of new students must include a copy of child's Baptismal certificate unless baptized at Incarnation. Gr. 9 students (Sept.2012) will receive an invitation in Oct. for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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.

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 this week.



Thank you to Eleanor Reddin, Carol Halstead and all those who helped to make the Mass and reception after the blessing of Fr. Edwards's portrait such a memorable event.

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield: Grades Pre-K-8, Special Kindergarten Open House. April 2nd at 7pm in the Kindergarten Annex, 581 Silas Deane Hwy. Call (860) 529-5487 for more details.

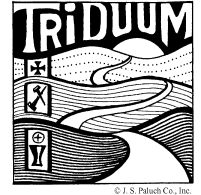
POPE JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL – NEW BRITAIN – OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, April 3rd, 6pm – 7:30pm. Tours of the school, distribution of information packets and refreshments. Call Pope John Paul II School, 221 Farmington Ave. (corner Eddy Glover Blvd. across from Holy Cross Church) in New Britain at 860-225-4275.

BAPTISMS

RILEY MICHAEL DAIGLE

Holy Week Mass Schedule: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 9am Mass will be held. Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7pm. Good Friday Liturgical Service 3pm, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 8pm & Easter Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11am.

The Holy Week Schedule is also available on our website.



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 to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the many good works of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. There are extra letters at all the entrances of the church if you did not receive one.

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

Low Gluten Altar Hosts are available for those parishioners with Celiac Sprue Disease. The gluten content of these altar breads is 0.01 percent. If you wish to receive a low gluten host, please inform the priest prior to Mass. Thank you.

Parish Communion Supper

Thursday, April 19, 2012, Father Crawford Hall 6:00 p.m. Mass, 7:00 p.m. Dinner, \$22.50 per person....Guest Speaker: Father Edmund O'Brien

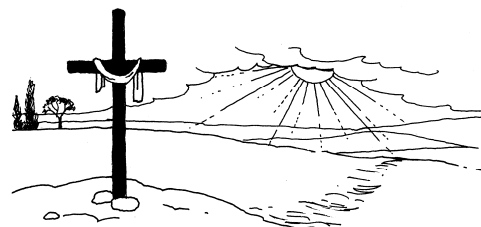
Buffet Dinner Menu Includes: Garden Salad, Pasta Marinara, Chicken Francaise, Roast Sirloin of Beef, Baked Scrod, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Call Paula Melillo (860) 563-9506 for reservations. Deadline April 13th. Please make checks payable to "Incarnation Women's Club" and mail to Paula Melillo, 17 West Ledge Drive, Wethersfield, CT 06109. All men & women of the parish and friends are welcome.

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

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 1, 2012**

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
Even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*



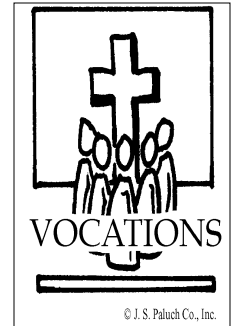
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We extend congratulations to Barbara Gawle of our parish who on March 25th was awarded the Fr. Lawrence Boadt Award at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. The Fr. Lawrence Boadt Memorial Award is given to a student or graduate of the Catholic Biblical School who exemplifies the ideals of the school in terms of personal scripture study and promotion of Bible Study within the Archdiocese. Barbara has conducted a bible study group at The Church of the Incarnation for a number of years and we are so pleased that her excellent presentations have been recognized by the Archdiocese.

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. Call Tony Colasacco (860) 836-3064 to reserve.

Defending Our Religious Liberty #5.....A law enacted in 1973 says that no individual is required to take part in "any part of a health service program or research activity funded in whole or in part under a program administered by the Secretary of health & Human services (HHS), if it is contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions" (42 USC 300a-7 (d)). Why, then, does the HHS and the federal government think they can do it in 2012 with the federal health care insurance mandate? Please contact your Congressional Representatives & U.S. Senators to express your opposition to the mandate. For addresses and phone numbers visit: www.ctcatholic.org. Thank you.

Blest are they who come in the name of the Lord. Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, Deacon, Brother or Sister? If you are, 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.



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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.

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

HOLY WEEK

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday: Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence

Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday;

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mk 16:1-7
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although the procession with palms has an unforgettable grip on our imagination, the real emphasis of this day's liturgy is contained in its name: The Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Since 1955, the old custom of a blessing of palms with procession of the people has marked the entry of the Church into a time so rich that it is called "Holy Week." The center of today's liturgy, however, is the solemn reading of the Passion, this year taken from Mark's Gospel. Our community is to be transformed by its celebration of Easter, and so this week everything is made new. Soon, the bishop will celebrate the "Chrism Mass" when the holy oils for the sacraments will be completely replenished and blessed, and transported from the cathedral to every parish. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. Be on the lookout later this week for this "paschal" moon, rising in the east at the precise moment the sun sets in the west. Imagine: a day when there is not a single moment when the earth is not bathed in light from the heavens. We are on the threshold of the three great days (Triduum): Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, beginning at sunset on Thursday when the parish gathers in response to the Lord's command: "Do this in memory of me."