

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

Rectory Hours

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

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MASS INTENTIONS



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SAT., APRIL 28TH

5pm-Deceased members of
the Murphy & Dursa
Families

SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH

8:00 am-Frank S. Pac III

9:30am-Lucy Reale Leone

11:00am—Mike & Nella D'Onofrio

MONDAY, APRIL 30TH

9:00am—Frank C. Garber Jr.

TUESDAY, MAY 1ST

9:00am—Pauline Dolge

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND

9:00am—Marion Dellafera

THURSDAY, MAY 3RD

9:00am—For all our parishioners

FRIDAY, MAY 4TH

9:00am- Richard Cornelio

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH

5:00pm - Florence & Stephen Romaine

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH

8:00am-For our deceased parishioners &
benefactors

9:30 am-Russ, Helyn & Russell Richards

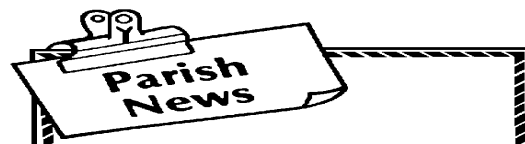
11:00am—Antoinetta & Giuseppe Leone

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 4/30/2012—
5/6/2012 in
memory of Marion Dellafera.



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The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn
from 4/30/2012—5/6/2012 in memory of
Peter LaCava.



**Employment Support Group meeting this
Tuesday, May 1st at 9:30am in Fr. Craw-
ford Hall. If you or someone you know is
in need of employment, please attend.**

**Women's Club Board Meeting this Thurs-
day, May 3rd at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.**

**Friday is the First Friday in May. Mass
will be held at 9am and Vocations Holy
Hour will be held from 9:30-10:30am in
the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.**

**Thank you to our parish families who have
made a gift or pledge commitment to the
2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.** It is im-
portant that when you give to any charitable
organization, you are confident that the funds
are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to
the A.A.A. only supports the ministries and
programs indicated in the 2012 Appeal litera-
ture. Visit Archdioceseofhartford.org. for
more information. There are extra letters at
all entrances of the church.

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

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



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Presiders will be Steve Ellis and Karen Susi. Thank you to the Clerkin Family for hosting the refreshments. Please join us!

New Day, bereavement support will be held on Monday, April 30th - 1pm in the rectory. *This will be out final session.*

We thank all the communities who collected for the children of the Congo and we thank many of our parishioners who contributed to this cause. Donations are still coming in. We have collected over \$1,500 which will guarantee 15 children the ability to attend Catholic School for one year in the Diocese of Kikwit in the Congo. God bless you all.

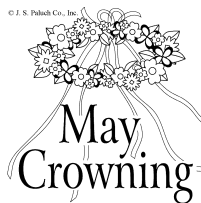


First Communion rehearsals for May 5, 2012: Wednesday, May 2nd from 3:30-5:00pm in Father Crawford Hall and Friday, May 4th from 3:30-5:00pm in

Father Crawford Hall. Parents do not have to stay. Please bring your child promptly and pick your child up promptly at 5pm. Both rehearsals are mandatory. Graham crackers and juice will be served as the children arrive.

The Catholic Book Store in Bloomfield will close on June 29th. Management attributes poor sales to the bad economy and the convenience of purchasing religious texts online. All books and merchandise must be sold, and all sales will be final. Call (860) 246-5628.

Registration letters have been mailed out. Extra forms may be downloaded from our website. One registration form per child. Any new child not baptized at the Church of the Incarnation must include a copy of their baptismal certificate with their application. Please highlight your form if there has been a change of address, phone number or e-mail address.



The Crowning of Our Blessed Mother will take place on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at the 9:30am Mass. All children are invited to process. First Communion children are invited to process in their First Communion attire. Father Moran and myself are extremely grateful to and proud of our Faith Formation team. Your ministry to our children and teens is a sign of the Holy Spirit moving within our Parish. We thank our parishioners for their prayers and support.

HomeFront Day: Can you help repair the home of a needy family? We need You On Our Team on Saturday, May 5th. HomeFront Day is sponsored by HomeFront Inc., where parishes all over the state accept a project to repair and fix up the home of a needy family. Working together Incarnation, Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart have always had excellent teams participate for many years now. We need workers with a variety of skills as well as unskilled workers. You should be at least 14 years of age but young people ages 14-17 may work with a signed release from their parents, & supervision. Please complete the following sign-up form and place in collection baskets. Call Sonny Senatro at (860) 563-4185 or Audrey Saharek at the rectory at (860) 529-2533 for info. Thank you.

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Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ I have skills in _____ I am a professional

in _____ I am not skilled, but will help with (circle) Yard cleanup, Project cleanup,

Painting, other _____.

The Wethersfield Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday April 28 from 4:45 to 7:00 p.m. The dinner will take place in the hall in the basement of the Corpus Christi Church. Menu items will include ziti, meatballs, fresh Italian bread, salad and dessert. The price for this fun night out is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Thank you!

You are invited!! 50th Anniversary Mass for the consecration of the Cathedral of St. Joseph. May 20th at 3pm 140 Farmington Avenue.....in Hartford. Join Archbishop Henry J. Mansell as he celebrates the Golden Anniversary of our Mother Church. A reception will follow!

Defending Our Religious Liberty #8...Hello Friends, I am Archbishop Henry Mansell. Why does the government think it does not have to respect our Catholic Church and our moral convictions? Has it forgotten the contributions that the Catholic Church has made to the poor and needy for centuries? Catholic social service agencies, including adoption and foster care agencies, parish food banks, and soup kitchens, all will be impacted tragically if the federal health care mandate is not overturned. Please contact the office of your Congressional Representatives and U.S. Senators to express your opposition to the mandate. Visit www.ctcatholic.org. or www.archdioceseofhartford.org.

Men's Assoc. STEAK NIGHT Tuesday, May 15th. Refreshments - 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm, Fr. Crawford Hall. Guest Speaker is Jean Berquist from Jefferson House in Newington, who will discuss building a healthy plate. For Men's Assoc. members & prospective members. Call Bill Carroll (860) 667-4947 by 5/14. \$25.00 p.p. Pay at the door.

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. We were unable to secure Yankees tickets this year, therefore the Mets Game will be the only baseball outing this year. Thank you.

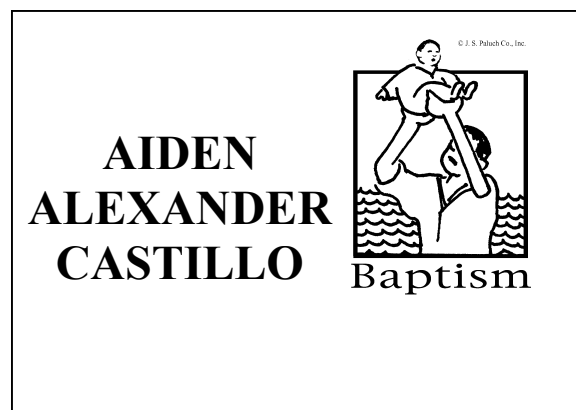
The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford... Choosing a family cemetery lot is inevitable. Instead of leaving this decision to a loved one, a friend or perhaps even a stranger, why not make this a family decision now? For a limited time all Catholic families have the opportunity to purchase pre-need graves with upright monument rights or shrine graves with interest-free installment payments up to 4 years at Holy Cross Cemetery in Glastonbury, St. Mary Cemetery in East Hartford and St. James & St. Bridget Cemeteries in Manchester. Please call St. James Cemetery in Manchester at (860) 646-3772 until May 15th.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate and religious life. May God raise up good shepherds in our

midst. To serve as a shepherd of the Lord's flock as a 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.



“The CT. Right TO Life Corp. is having its 38th Annual Convention on Saturday, May 12th at the Courtyard Marriott, Cromwell starting with a 9am Mass. Call Janet at (203) 878-4097 for registration information.



RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalms — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-34; Mt 13:54-58
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;
 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Monday: St. Pius V
 Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker
 Wednesday: St. Athanasius
 Thursday: Ss. Philip and James; National Day of Prayer
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are few openings for “Shepherds” in the classified ads today, but few occupations are as dear to the Christian heart. Most of us tenderly place shepherds by our Christmas cribs, name the Twenty-third Psalm as our favorite, and recognize “Good Shepherd” as a title of Jesus. Bishops carry a staff, called a crozier, modeled after the shepherd’s walking staff. Long before Christian artists painted Jesus on the cross, they traced on the walls of their worship places images of a strong young shepherd, shouldering a lost sheep and bringing it to safety. Springtime is the season of lambing, a time when the shepherd not only learns the faces of the new arrivals, but also when the newborn sheep become attuned to the voice of the shepherd. This is exactly what we do as a community in Easter as we shelter and guide the newly received Christians, and also put our Lenten muscles to good use: listening more attentively to God’s Word, and responding with springtime vigor to God’s call.

SILENCE

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God. —St. Vincent Pallotti

AT WORK

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world. —Anonymous