

# The Church of the Incarnation

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Rev. James M. Moran  
**Pastor**

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**Pastoral Associate**

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**Pastoral Assistant**

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**Rectory Office Assistant**  
**Faith Formation Secretary**

Mrs. Theodora Niver  
**Director of Music**

Robert & Diana Hamel  
**Musicians**

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](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

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

**Rectory**  
(860) 529-2533

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(860) 721-6595

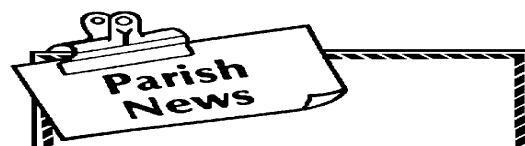
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**SAT., MAY 5TH**5pm-Florence & Stephen  
Romaine**SUNDAY, MAY 6TH**8:00 am-For our deceased parishioners &  
benefactors

9:30am-Russ, Helyn &amp; Russell Richards

11:00am—Antoinetta &amp; Giuseppe Leone

**MONDAY, MAY 7TH**

9:00am—Michael Morano

**TUESDAY, MAY 8TH**

9:00am—For all our parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH**9:00am—Gaetano & Domenica Truilli &  
Betina & Giuseppe Truilli**THURSDAY, MAY 10TH**9:00am—Sebastiano, Concetta & Cristino  
Ficocelli**FRIDAY, MAY 11TH**

9:00am- Byrnece Baldyga

**SATURDAY, MAY 12TH**

5:00pm - Joseph &amp; Amelia Massed

**SUNDAY, MAY 13TH**

8:00am-Maria Dias Silva &amp; Maria Loura

9:30 am-In memory of Sophie, Carl & Tom  
Marinelli

11:00am—Peter LaCava

**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 5/7/2012—  
5/13/2012 in memory of Paul  
Miano & Lucille Miano.



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**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from 5/7/2012—5/13/2012  
in memory of Sophie Marinelli & Eleanor  
Mazzarella.

**Women's Club Cooking Team will cook  
this Monday, May 7th** from 1-3pm in the  
kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet this  
Wednesday, May 9th from 9:30-10:30am in  
Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Prayer for Healing** will meet this Thursday,  
May 10th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall. If  
you or someone you know is in need of  
prayers, please join us.

### **Incarnation Women's Club**

The Installation Ceremony of the officers and  
Executive Board members will be held on  
Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.  
A reception with coffee and dessert will fol-  
low in Father Crawford Hall. All family and  
friends are welcome. Please see the Bi-Lines  
for more information.

**There is a "Project Baby Love" collection  
this weekend.** Disposable diapers & wipes  
are requested. Thank you!

**The Second Collection next weekend** will  
be the monthly collection.



**First Communion: On Sat., April 28th & Sat., May 5th, 57 beautiful children received the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time.** It was truly a beautiful day in the lives of our children and their families. **We would like to thank each family** for their participation and witness to the Sacred Sacrament of First Holy Communion. May the Eucharist always be at the center of your family life. The children prepared very well for this moment. We invite our parishioners to view the prayer center in the Narthex. Each child came to the quiet on their retreat day and pondered the prayer starter "Jesus lives in me when..." The prayer of each child reflects the true simplicity and beauty of the relationship that children have with Jesus. May we, as a community grow from the prayers of the children. Each child also created a blessing cup on their retreat as a Communion remembrance.

**We are very grateful to all of our catechists for preparing the children.**

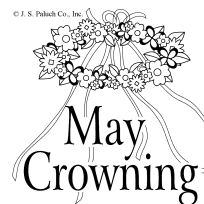
**A sincere gratitude to Toni Munoz, our Sacristan** for preparing the vessels and the vestments for the First Communion.

**Gratitude sings out to Theodora Niver and the beautiful voices of the cantors and sounds of the musicians.**

**Our sincerest thank you to Father James Moran** for celebrating such a beautiful Mass for our families **and to Noranne Wamester**, Pastoral Associate, whose leadership and spiritual direction has made this time such a beautiful witness of Christ's enduring love for His children.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.** Pre-sider will be Filomena Marinelli. Thank you to the Davoren Family for hosting the refreshments. Please join us! This will be our final C.L.W. for the Spring/Summer season.

**The Crowning of Our Blessed Mother** will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am Mass. Gianna Bielenda, a Confirmation candidate and Samantha Crowley, who received her First Communion on April 26<sup>th</sup> will carry the Crown. All children who have received First Communion this year are invited to process. First Communion children are invited to process in their First Communion attire. All children who attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday will also process.



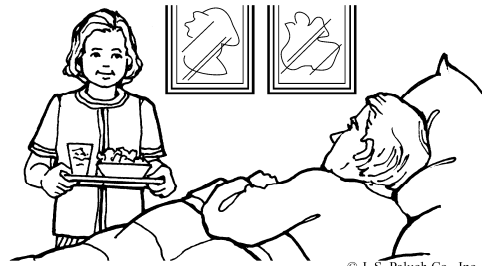
**We thank all the Faith Formation Communities** and parishioners who donated to our Congo outreach. We have collected \$2,158. which will guarantee 21 children the ability to attend Catholic School for one year in the Diocese of Kikwit in the Congo.

**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 or any change.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 6, 2012**

Let us love not in word or speech  
but in deed and truth.

— *1 John 3:18*



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**SMALL TASKS**

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

**HomeFront Day:** Thank you to Sonny Senatro and all others who helped make it possible.

**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](http://www.ctcatholic.org) or [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org).

**Thank you to our parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.** This month, after years of study, 8 men are being ordained to the priesthood. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends - and everyone who made a gift to this appeal. When you make a gift to the A.A.A., you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education, since a portion of Appeal funds are used for this purpose. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today. Visit [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) for more information. There are extra letters at all entrances of the church. Thank you!

**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.



**If you live in me and my words stay part of you, you may ask what you will and it will be done for you. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. To discern a vocation to priesthood or religious life, 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.**



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

**“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.



## BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

**Psalms** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

**Gospel** — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Thursday: St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Molokai

Saturday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The month of May has not only good weather, but an interesting pedigree. It is named after the Roman goddess Maia, said to be the mother of Hermes, or Mercury. The Romans saw it as “love’s month,” while in England, more practical farmers called it “Three Milks,” since the cows grazing on springtime’s bounty could produce at a phenomenal rate. Old customs die hard, and Christians have never made peace with May-time frolics. No wonder that popular tradition dedicated the month’s prayers and devotions to Mary, although we cannot lose sight of the fact that the liturgy always has Easter at the center of celebration. Recent developments have enriched Mary’s place in a cycle of feast days woven through the whole year, dedicated Saturday as a weekly day for devotion, and highlighted Mary’s role in the Advent story. In fact, every day of the year Evening Prayer centers on the singing of Mary’s Canticum of Praise. The fifty days of Easter culminate on Pentecost with Mary, present of course for Christ’s birth, waiting in the upper room for the birth of the church.