

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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**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 10TH**
5pm-Rose Mangiafico
SUNDAY, NOV. 11TH

8:00 am-Davide Zavarella
9:30am-Emanuele & Anna Russo
11:00am—Vincent Quagliano

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
9:00am—Dolores & Sal Brunetti

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
9:00am—Deceased members of the Pace &
Santilli Families

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
9:00am—For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
9:00am—Deceased members of the
Bartosiak Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
9:00am-Robert J. Gallivan

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH
5:00pm -Carmelina & Joseph Sipala

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
8:00am-Michele Leone, Lucio Ruzzier &
Angela Leone

9:30 am-Angelo Maffucci
11:00am—Deceased members of the
Benvenga Family

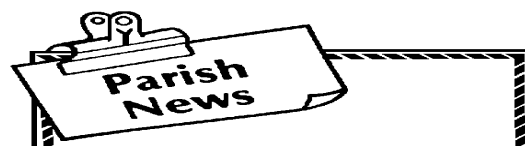
The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 11/12/2012–
11/18/2012 in memory of the
deceased members of the Albino
Family.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from 11/12/2012–
11/18/2012 in memory of Rose Mangiafico.

**On Veteran's Day let us we
pray for all those who served
in the Armed Forces.**

**MASS
INTENTIONS**
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**Thank you for your response to our
Annual Collection.** We have collected
\$75,600 so far and are very grateful. Goal
\$100,000. There are extra envelopes/letters
at the entrances. Donations are still gratefully
accepted.

**The second collection this weekend is the
monthly collection.**

**The second collection next weekend will be
the Catholic Campaign for Human Devel-
opment.** Help fight poverty in America! For
over 40 years, CCHD has funded community
groups that create lasting change.

**The Social Action Committee of The
Church of the Incarnation will sponsor a
Thanksgiving Food Drive for The Weth-
ersfield Social & Youth Services Dept. this
weekend. Items requested:** canned fruit, in-
stant potatoes, stuffing, turkey gravy, 100%
fruit juice in plastic bottles, dessert mixes,
quick bread mixes, cereal, peanut butter &
jelly. Please leave your items in bags after all
masses in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this
Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am in Fr.
Crawford Hall.** Next month marks the 10th
anniversary of our ministry and we celebrate
the presentation of over 1, 600 prayer shawls
to members of our community. Our heartfelt
gratitude goes out to all who have supported
us and the dedicated women who knit & pray.

**The Prayer for Healing Ministry will meet
this Thurs., at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.**



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Veterans Day
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New Day will meet on Monday, November 12th in the rectory at 1pm.

Faith Formation for Grades 7 & 8 will meet this week.

Faith Formation for Grades Pre-K-6 will meet on Sat., November 17th at 9am at Emerson-Williams School.

Parish Family Home communities will meet at designated times.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next weekend at the 9:30am. Last weekends participation in C.L.W. was extremely inspiring. More and more families and Faith Formation communities are participating in the celebration of Mass. I am very grateful to Anne Camilliere & Filomena Marinelli for their excellent leadership and also to all presiders, catechists and mentors.

The Annual Collection for our sisters & brothers for the Town of Weth. Social & Youth Services is taking place this week. All Faith Formation communities are preparing boxes of food and donations. A Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Prayer Service will be held on Saturday, November 17th at 9:45 am at Emerson Williams School.

Angel Tree: We will begin our 14th Advent Giving Program on November 17th. We will begin collecting gifts the week-end of Nov. 24th & 25th and Dec. 1st & 2nd. More details to follow.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

will be administered at The Church of the Incarnation on Sunday, December 9th at 2pm with a Mass. Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will preside.

Confirmation Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 8th at 1pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

A SHOWER OF CARDS

The Bonvisuto Family is coordinating a Shower of Cards for Father Fanelli who was recently released from the hospital and transferred to Saint Mary's Home in West Hartford for rehabilitative therapy. If you would like to include a card in the Shower of Cards gift bag that will be delivered to Father Fanelli, please leave your card in one of the baskets that will be placed at the church entrances next weekend, November 17 and 18. Thank you!



**Ho, Ho, Ho,
SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Santa will soon be on his way to Incarnation for the Men's Association Annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 2nd from 1-4pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. More information to follow!



A Weekly Bible Study

With today's parish bulletin we introduce a new feature, "A Weekly Bible Study." Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent this column will offer background and reflections on one or more of the Sunday readings. To introduce this feature, today's column highlights some of the Church's directives on promoting Scripture study among the laity.

Church Teaching on Scripture Study

As the Second Vatican Council celebrates its 50th anniversary, we call to mind the words of one of its prominent documents, *Dei Verbum*: "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them; and the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her children, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life. Easy access to Sacred Scripture should be provided for all the Christian faithful. In this way, through the reading and study of the sacred books the word of God may spread rapidly and the treasure of revelation, entrusted to the Church, may more and more fill the hearts of all."

Fifty years later, in *Verbum Domini*, Pope Benedict XVI continues to promote Scripture Study among the laity. He writes: "Because in the word of the Bible God comes to us and we to him, we must learn to penetrate the secret of language, to understand it in its structure and its mode of expression. I express my heartfelt hope for the flowering of a new season of greater love for sacred Scripture on the part of every member of the People of God, so that their prayerful and faith-filled reading of the Bible will, with time, deepen their personal relationship with Jesus. We must never forget that all authentic and living Christian spirituality is based on the word of God proclaimed, accepted, celebrated and meditated upon in the Church."

A New Direction

As we celebrate the Year of Faith, the Catholic Bishops encourage us to enter into this deeper relationship with Jesus through study of the Sacred Word. May we all renew our efforts to embrace the Word in our hearts, enjoy a richer encounter with Christ, Word Made Flesh, and come to a fuller understanding of God's revelation.

There will be a House of Bread collection next weekend. Coffee & sugar are requested. Thank you.

All Soul's envelopes should be returned as soon as possible. The remembrance continues through the month of November.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 11, 2012

The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.

— Psalm 146:7



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**IMAIAH MARIE
RODRIGUEZ**



This
poor widow
put in more
than all
the others



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Incarnation Parish Mass of Thanksgiving will be held Thanksgiving morning, Thurs., November 22nd at 9am. We hope you will join us for a Continental Breakfast following Mass in Fr. Crawford Hall. Thanks to

the Incarnation Social Action Committee for sponsoring this event. Help is needed with clean-up. Thank you!

Women's Club Christmas Party

Thursday, December 6, 2012

Wethersfield Country Club

6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner, \$32.00

per person



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Entrée Choices: Chicken Francaise, Broiled Salmon or Petite Filet Mignon...

Reservations will be taken at the November General Meetings or by calling reservations chairwoman Rita Sulick 860-563-7639.

Deadline for reservations and payment is November 29. Please make checks payable to "Incarnation Women's Club". The Past Presidents look forward to hosting this wonderful tradition.

Military Whist - Incarnation Women's Club General Meeting on Thursday, November 15 in Father Crawford Hall.

Delight in an evening of playing Whist, a fun easy to learn card game with instructions from Mike Welch. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. so you can enjoy coffee and dessert before an abbreviated general meeting and then Whist begins. Door prizes and prizes for the high scoring table will be awarded. Donations for playing Whist will be accepted. See the Bi-Lines for more information.

The widow in today's Gospel experienced a miracle of trust. Trust the Lord; then watch for the miracle of plenty in our lives. If the miracle is leading you to discern a vocation to priesthood or religious life, call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service:

Tuesday, November 20th, 7pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 371 Wolcott Hill Road in Wethersfield. Call (860) 529-5397 for info.

The Incarnation Women's Club Annual Membership Renewal Campaign has begun.

Letters were mailed. Dues for the 2012-2013 year remains at \$5.00. New members are welcome to join, call Judi Farinella at (860) 563-0083 or Kirsten Sheehan at (860) 529-3671. There are extra letters at entrances.

The Incarnation Men's Association Annual Membership Renewal has begun.

Letters were mailed. Dues is \$10.00. New members welcome, call Mike White at (860) 667-2099.

SAVE THE DATE: The Incarnation Parish Men's Retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford will be held February 15, 16 & 17, 2013. More info. to follow.



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THE POOR

As Christians, we hear a lot about the witness and service that we are called to render to the poor among us. However, the poor also have a witness and a service to render to us. Like the actions of the widow in today's Gospel, the openness and generosity of many of those who are poor, even in the midst of their own poverty, bear witness to the fact that, ultimately, we can depend only on God. Giving one's all witnesses that God will give all to anyone who trusts in divine goodness.

The poor or disadvantaged also serve. They serve judgment on our individual and corporate ways of acting. At the same time, the poor can act as mediators of salvation. When we care for others they can redeem our indifference and insensibility, lead us to care as well, and save us from ourselves.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

Gospel — This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
 Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18;
 Mk 13:24-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)
 Monday: St. Josaphat
 Tuesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
 Thursday: St. Albert the Great
 Friday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
 Saturday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary


TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

New religious faith gives fresh lenses for viewing human customs, and the wisdom to transform them. In the ancient world, the Romans feared the dead. Funeral customs were designed to hasten the departure of souls to the next world. Cremation was the rule, although burial increased in popularity in the second century. Procession from the place of death to the place of cremation or burial was the most important part of the funeral. Those who carried the funeral bier carried it low, close to the ground, to promote the soul's departure to the nether world.

Christians, on the other hand, did not fear the dead, but cherished them as they consigned them to Christ's love and protection. Gradually, they began to reject customs rooted in fear. Christians carried their dead to their resting places singing, with the bier carried high, away from the ground and toward the heavens. For the Christian, the grave was a sign of hope and a place of remembrance. Superstitious Romans feared burial places, and so the Christians cherished them as places of remembrance and prayer, and in time, even celebrated the Eucharist there. In November, many of us visit the cemetery for prayer and the autumn clean-up. By cherishing our dead, we are responding in faith to a vital part of our Christian tradition.

YEAR OF FAITH²⁰¹²₂₀₁₃

Christ
 was offered
 once
 to take
 away
 sins



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