

# The Church of the Incarnation

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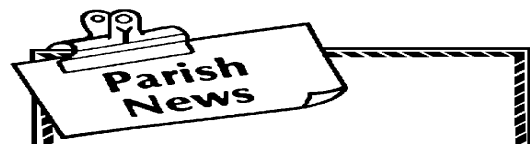
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**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 17TH**  
5pm-Carmelina & Joseph  
Sipala

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**  
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**SUNDAY, NOV. 18TH**  
8:00 am-Michele Leone, Lucio Ruzzier &  
Angela Leone  
9:30am-Angelo Maffucci & Benny Ingenito  
11:00am—Deceased members of the  
Benvenga Family

**Thank you for your response to our  
Annual Collection.** We have collected  
\$79,000 so far and are very grateful. Goal  
\$100,000. There are extra envelopes/letters  
at the entrances. Donations are still gratefully  
accepted.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**  
9:00am—Deacon Fred Rispoli  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH**  
9:00am—Sarah Ann Marie Privitera

**The second collection this weekend is the  
Catholic Campaign for Human Develop-  
ment.** Help fight poverty in America! For  
over 40 years, CCHD has funded community  
groups that create lasting change.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST**  
9:00am—John Sugrue

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND**  
9:00am—For all our parishioners

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**  
9:00am-Deceased members of the  
Saltarelli Family

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH**  
5:00pm -Deceased members of the DeRose  
Family

**Employment Support Group will meet this  
Tuesday, November 20th at 9:30am in Fr.  
Crawford Hall. Those seeking employment  
are invited to attend.**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH**  
8:00am-Michael & Joan Riccio  
9:30 am-Anne C. Renza, Mary Mudano &  
Lillian Vasquez  
11:00am—Vincent Diana



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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 Break-  
fast 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!

**The Sanctuary Candle** will  
burn from 11/19/2012—  
11/25/2012 in memory of Frank  
Morelli.



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**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from 11/19/2012-  
11/25/2012 in memory of Joseph &  
Carmelina Sipala.

**The rectory will be closed on Thanksgiving  
Day and on Friday, November 23rd.  
Emergency calls only. Thank you!**



**Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held this weekend at the 9:30am Mass. Presiders are Maggie Seaver & Mike Stefano. Thank you to catechists Bonnie Bahouth, Nicole Cruz and Melissa Doyle for their participation with C.L.W.**

A special thank you to our incredible presiders and elementary grade catechists for your commitment to Children's Liturgy of the Word. You are all wonderful and gifts to our parish. We are overwhelmed and overjoyed with the response to the invitation to CLW as we see so many more and new families coming to CLW and Fellowship. The Holy Spirit is working so wonderfully within our parish. Thank you for your devotion and dedication to CLW and our Faith Formation Program!

**Angel Tree: We begin our 14th Advent Giving Program this weekend** and will collect gifts next weekend Nov. 24th & 25th and Dec. 1st & 2nd. Please take home a purple flyer with more information. Angels are available this weekend.

**New Day will meet on Mon., Nov., 19th - Fr. Crawford Hall, 1pm for final session.**

**All Confirmation candidates and their families are asked to meet in Fr. Crawford Hall on Friday, Nov. 23rd at 10am to change the worship books. Thank you.**

**All Faith Formation communities will not meet during the Thanksgiving break. Have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!**



**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.**

**Thank you to all Families and Catechists for the generous support of our Turkey Annual Collection for our sisters & brothers at the Town of Weth Social & Youth Services.**



**Ho, Ho, Ho, Santa will soon be on his way to Incarnation for the 11th Annual Men's Association Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 2nd from 2-4pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. There are green registration flyers at the entrances, which can be returned in the collection baskets.**

Santa will arrive from the North Pole at 3pm. Each child will receive (2) 5x7 color photos with Santa. Pictures will be available the following weekend in Fr. Crawford Hall after all masses. Free of charge to all parishioners. Special Christmas Story Presentation by Fr. Moran. Magic and Balloon Show. Coffee & Italian cookies for the adults, cookies, ice cream & juice for the kids. Hope to see you!



## A Weekly Bible Study

### *What is Bible Study?*

Bible Study is a personal encounter with the revealed Word of God through reading, study, prayer and reflection. With ongoing study we come to a deeper understanding of revelation, of God's plan of salvation and of the meaning of our call to Christian living. Bible Study enhances our faith and increases our love both for God and for one another. Ideally this study is conducted in a group setting. When this is not feasible, individuals may wish to spend time alone with the Sacred Word.

### *How Can I Begin to Approach Bible Study?*

Set aside time each day for this encounter with Christ.

Choose a reading from the day's liturgy or one of the Bible's 66 books. If a book is selected it is best to start at the beginning and continue to completion. "Jumping around" or selecting favorite passages is not recommended.

Begin with a short prayer invoking assistance from the Holy Spirit. **It is the same Spirit who inspired the writing of the Word.**

Read a passage through until there is a natural break or if you feel the need to stop and ponder.

As this is a "study," it is recommended that all footnotes be read as well. This will provide additional background information and will enhance your understanding of the passage or event.

Spend time pondering the passage, observing its context, its characters, and its tone.

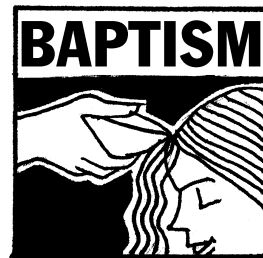
Allow time to listen quietly for a deepening of its meaning and message.

Work slowly through a book; there is no timetable for completing an encounter with mystery.

Read with expectation...for intimacy, for understanding, with empty hands and hearts, with an interior silence, with no agenda, with humility.

If you are new to Bible Study, you may want to begin with a Gospel or one of the Letters of the New Testament. As you become more comfortable encountering the Word, select core books from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). These might include Exodus, a Wisdom book or prophet. You may be pleasantly surprised and moved by these rich writings. It is recommended that a good study Bible be selected, such as the recently revised **New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE)** or the **New Revised Standard Version (NSRV)**.

**Next Week:** Prayerful Approaches to Bible Study.



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**ZOEY AMANDA  
AYERS**

**EVAN MARC  
BARTOS**

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

### **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 area available at the church entrances this weekend. Thank you!

**Incarnation Women's Club  
Christmas Party  
Thursday, December 6, 2012  
Wethersfield Country Club  
6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner,  
\$32.00 per person**



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

Reservations will be taken at the November meetings or call chairwoman Rita Sulick (860) 563-7639. Reservation deadline is November 29. Please make checks payable to "Incarnation Women's Club". The Past Presidents look forward to hosting this wonderful tradition.

### **CHRISTMAS HANDBELL CONCERT:**

The Hockanum Valley Ringers along with the Incarnation Choir will be performing a concert at The Church of the Incarnation on Friday, December 7th at 7:30pm in the Church. Call (860) 375-0333. Please come celebrate the Advent and Christmas Season. Donations will be accepted that night.

**As to the exact time or hour, no one knows it, BUT who will claim God's reign? Consider a life of service to the priesthood or religious life, call Fr.**

**Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail at: vocations@stseminary.org. Let us pray for an increase to the vocation of priesthood and for the priests who serve us.**



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**Incarnation Church 2013 calendars are available this wknd. One per family please.**

### **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.

## GOD'S REIGN

By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

**Psalm** — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

**Gospel** — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES



Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

Saturday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days (“change-of-season days”) as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvests. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. (The ones on the old calendar fit a Mediterranean climate, and on the new calendar it was imagined that each nation knew best when to schedule such seasonally oriented days.)

The United States bishops have not yet resurrected Ember Days, Rogations Days, and other national days of prayer. However, tucked within *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (a book published by the U. S. bishops) is a chapter on Ember Days that proposes, among others, the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for an official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year?