

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.

Rectory
(860) 529-2533

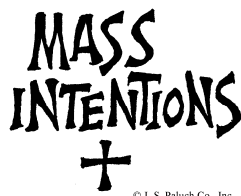
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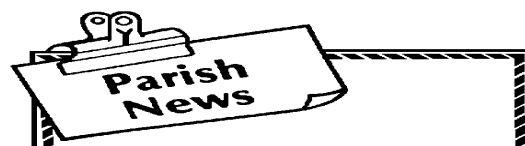
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**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 24TH**
5pm-Deceased members of
the DeRose Family



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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
9:00am—Thomas DiMarco
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
9:00am—Paul & Evelyn Volpe
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
9:00am—Lawrence Skinger & Grandparents
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
9:00am—For all our parishioners
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
9:00am-Helen Stephens
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
5:00pm - Hedwidge, Edwin, Bernard
Coulombe & Rilda Caruso, &
Elise Nadeau

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
8:00am-For all our deceased parishioners &
benefactors
9:30 am-Flora Colasacco
11:00am—Jack Lawlor

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 11/26/2012–
12/2/2012 in memory of Vincent
Diana.



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**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from 11/26/2012-12/2/2012
in memory of the Deceased members of
Vignone & Munoz Families.

Thank you to the Social Action Committee and all others involved in planning/helping with the reception after the Parish Mass of Thanksgiving! It is a wonderful tradition!

There will be a Virtus Training Session at The Church of the Incarnation for any volunteer, catechist or coach who has not yet attended a session on Monday, November 26th in Fr. Crawford Hall at 6pm. All volunteers who participate in various parish ministries that have any involvement with youth, are required by Archbishop Mansell to receive training regarding child abuse as provided by a facilitator for the diocesan program entitled “Protecting God’s Children.” Please call Audrey Saharek, Virtus Training Coordinator at (860) 529-2533 for info.

**50th Anniversary of the Founding of our
Parish, The Church of the Incarnation,
1963-2013:**

Committee work and the planning of events is in place to celebrate our 50th Jubilee Year. In addition to our collection of photographs, relative to church history and events, the Commemorative Book Committee would be pleased to receive any photos that our parishioners may have to add to our collection for publication. If you wish to share your photos, please write your name, address, and phone number on the back of each photograph so they may be returned to you. You may leave your envelope of photographs in the sacristy for Toni Munoz, Coordinator of the Jubilee Celebration. Thank you.



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

All Faith Formation classes will meet this week. Grade 8 will meet Tuesday and Grade 7 will meet on Wednesday in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Changing of the books is December 1st at 11:30 am in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: We thank the following families who were Host Families and recently provided the refreshments: The Laabs Family, The Rocchia Family, The Krawczyk Family, The Odell Family, and The Rocheleau Family.

Pro-Life Thought of the Week

Every day the experience, of our predecessors increases our ability to change nature by using its own laws.

But using this power wisely is what each generation must learn in its own turn.

We are certainly more powerful today than ever before, but we are no wiser.

Technology is cumulative, wisdom is not.

Thoughts, by Jerome LeJeune

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



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.**



St. Nicholas

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!

Thank you for your response to our Annual Collection. We have collected \$85,000 so far and are very grateful. Goal \$100,000. There are extra envelopes/letters at the entrances. Donations are still gratefully accepted.



Prayerful Approaches to Bible Study

Study of the Word of God in an historical and cultural perspective is important. Using tools such as footnotes and written resources can provide a richer understanding of the original intended meanings of the passages. A second component of Bible Study is equally important: the prayerful reflection upon the Word. A few of these approaches to Bible Study are summarized below and will be incorporated each week.

Many centuries ago when most people were illiterate, the faithful would often go to local monasteries to listen to the Word of God or be given a passage upon which to reflect. We carry on this tradition by allowing our daily reading to leave us with thoughts that we can ponder throughout the day. Perhaps as we linger with a special passage or phrase, it is the Holy Spirit's message for us this particular day. This practice was incorporated into four prayerful "movements" known as *lectio divina*: *lectio* (reading of or listening to the Word), *meditatio* (reflecting upon the Word), *oratio* (prayerfully responding to the Word), and *contemplatio* (observing a silent presence before the Word).

St. Ignatius of Loyola and others offered an approach to Scripture based upon imagination. While immersed in a Gospel passage, for example, followers of this approach might imagine the scene, the dialogue, the crowds, the healing, and the preaching, and place themselves into the setting. They would literally "walk with Christ" in his every encounter.

This approach can certainly enhance the meaning of a passage and bring one close to the heart of Christ's activity and message.

Whichever approach we take, the Bible draws us personally – our history, experiences, personalities, emotions, and longings – into its very depths. It is in those depths that we encounter the living Christ.

As we journey through Scripture, may we embrace the Word more deeply and come to know Christ, the Incarnate Word, more intimately.

In your packet of December collection

envelopes you will find an envelope to provide Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones. Kindly return it before Christmas.

Good Luck to all the Incarnation C.Y.O. Basketball Teams as they begin their season!!! Go Incarnation!!!



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**SOPHIA NOELLE
RODRIGUEZ**

**CHARLOTTE
MARIE IGNAFFO**

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. 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**



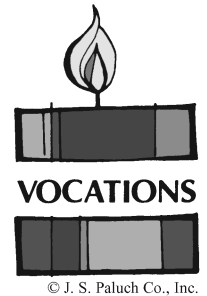
**Entrée Choices: Chicken Francaise,
Broiled Salmon or Petite Filet Mignon...**

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.

**What is the reason I was born?
What is the reason I came into
the world? Am I called to tes-
tify to the truth by becoming a
priest, brother or sister? If you
believe it is, call Fr. Michael
Dolan, Director of Vocations,
Archdiocesan Center at St. Tho-
mas 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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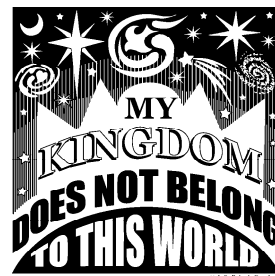
The Incarnation Women's Club Annual Membership Renewal Campaign has begun.

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.

We received a lovely note from The Catholic Mission Aid Society thanking our parish for their generous contribution of \$4,509.00.



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CHRIST, THE KING

The selection from the book of Daniel presented in today's first reading was part of an attempt to weave a vision of ultimate success for the Jews under persecution. Exactly whom the author had in mind when he refers to "one like a Son of Man" is hotly disputed by scholars today. The fact is, we simply do not know if the author meant anyone in particular or if this is a collective, figurative image of Israel's triumph. What we do know is that the early Christian community seized upon this passage and recognized it as a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the ultimate triumph of Jesus as the Christ of God. The Lectionary's juxtaposition of this text with today's Gospel narrative of Jesus before Pilate is a wonderful example of how the liturgy "layers" passages with new meaning by inserting them in a particular context.

The celebration of Christ the King allows us to hear these passages with a new depth of meaning in light of our contemporary understanding of how, in Jesus and his resurrection and ascension, we have seen the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of ultimate deliverance. The veiled admission of Jesus before Pilate that he did indeed have a kingdom "not here" takes on new meaning against the cosmic vision of Daniel, who allows us to glimpse the "Ancient One" on his heavenly throne.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Friday: St. Andrew

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Despite the fact that the feast of Christ the King was established less than a century ago, it has already undergone a shift in focus. When Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925, nationalism and fascism were on the rise. The pope intended that it be a "vehicle for spiritual teaching," one that would recognize the ultimate authority of Christ over all political and social scheming. The last Sunday of October was chosen as the date for the feast because of its proximity to the feast of All Saints, those men and women who bore witness to Christ's reign in so many different ways.

The calendar reforms of 1969 moved the feast to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. There, in the context of November's focus on the end times, Christ's second coming at the end of all time is highlighted. The threefold cycle of readings also expands our imaginations in regard to this feast. In this year's Gospel, Christ stands before Pilate, whose own power blinds him to the truth of the Lord's kingdom. In a world where oppression still holds sway over too many people, this feast is somehow still as timely as when Pope Pius XI first established it.

GRATITUDE

What is gladness without gratitude, and where is gratitude without a God?

—Coventry Patmore

ORIGINALITY

Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others.

—St. Peter Julian Eymard