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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

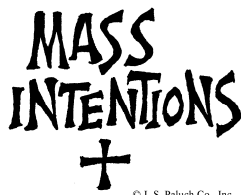
Rectory Hours

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

50th Anniversary Jubilee
Founding of The Church of the Incarnation Parish
1963 - 2013

SAT., MARCH 9TH

9:00am-Frances A. Pouzar
5pm-John & Angeline
Santomenno



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SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

8:00 am- Michael & Pasqualina Brini
9:30am- Maria Lagana
11:00am - Sebastian & Mary Bianca

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

9:00am- Sarah Ann Marie Privitera & Myles
Connolly Sr.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH

9:00am- Antonio & Rosa Chiulli

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

9:00am- For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

9:00am- Pasquale & Pasqualina Iafrancesco

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

9:00am- Salvatore & Rose DiCioccio &
Atilio & Livia Popalardo

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

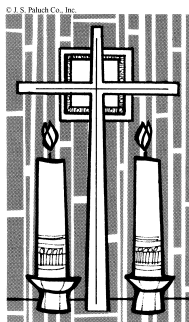
9:00am- Alice Lebrun
5:00pm - Lillian Vasquez, Mary Mudano &
Anne Renza

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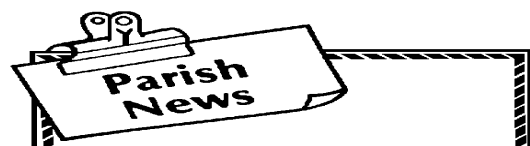
8:00am- Sebastian & Concetta Boscarino,
Doris Boscarino & Tony Boscarino
9:30 am-Valentino & Rosina Fazio
11:00am- Benny Ingenito

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 3/11/2013-3/17/2013
in memory of John D'Amato.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
3/11/2013-3/17/2013 in memory of
Lisa Albino, Michael Albino
& The Deceased members of
the Albino Family.



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The Second collection this weekend is the
monthly collection.

**Father Moran will speak briefly about our
Annual Report for 2012.** Take a copy home.

Incarnation Parish Council meeting on
Sunday, 3/10, 6:30pm in the Chapel.

**St. Patrick's Dinner Monday,
March 11th, 2013, Fr. Crawford
Hall - Doors open at 6:15
pm.** For questions call Michele at
(860) 563-0860.



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Wed.,
March 13th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.
Prayer For Healing will meet Thursday,
March 14th at 9:30 am in Fr. Crawford Hall.
If you or someone that you know is in need
of prayers, please join us!

**Incarnation Mass of Anointing to be held
on Sunday, March 17th at the 11am Mass.**
If you wish to be anointed, fill out a sign-up
sheet available at the exits. Please return it in
the baskets or mail by March 13th.

Project Baby Love: St. Gerard recently has a
great need for clothing for toddler boys &
girls ages 2-8, blankets, sheets & towels of
any size. To donate, please leave items in a
labeled bag in Fr. Crawford Hall. Thanks!

The 2014 Mass Book is not yet available
for Mass Bookings until further notice.
For the Season of Lent, The Sanctus (Holy,
Holy) and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) will be
sung. They can be found in the Missal.



Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sunday. Thanks to the Giansiracusa, Brush & Lipka families who hosted/helped last wkd.

Faith Formation: Grade 8 on Tuesday and Grade 7 on Wednesday in Fr. Crawford Hall. Grades Pre K, K, 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6 will meet on Saturday, March 16th at Emerson Williams at 9am. Parish Family Home communities will meet at regularly scheduled times.

Second Grade Retreat: Sat., March 16th for our Second Graders preparing for First Communion - 1-3pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

YOUTH IN SERVICE TO THE LORD:

The Annual Incarnation Poor Person's Soup Supper and Bake Sale to benefit Kid's Café and The House of Bread was an amazing success. We are so thankful to our Confirmation candidates who sponsored these events. A very special thank you to the Edwards and Hrды Families for picking up all the soups. A special thank you also to Gabrielle and Dora Garofalo, Monica and Laura Kelly, Melissa and Sheryl Matarazzo, Tracy Scutari, and Teresa Giolito for setting up the Fr. Crawford Hall and serving in the kitchen. A special thanks to Phil Pasternak for his tremendous support. We are grateful to: Allegra Printing for donating the tickets, Bliss Market, Carbone's, Casa Mia, D&D Market, Village Pizza, Vito's, West Side Market & Sebastian from House of Bread for donating the soups! The whole weekend raised over \$3,200.00. We thank our wonderful parishioners who supported the efforts of our youth!

Teen Prayer Corner

This feature highlights the ministries of our Confirmation Candidates. Candidates are invited to write a prayer about their Christian Service Experience. God bless our teens. They do so many things that reflect the Good News of Jesus Christ.

"Dear God:

Please help all of the children and families that we helped to raise money for and help them all have a decent meal during the day and a safe shelter at night" Amen.

Thank you to those who attended our first Inspired Parenting session. – your presence was truly a gift. The Holy Spirit, our guest of honor, was incredibly active and alive! Please join us at the next gathering Sunday, March 24th at 6:30pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Incarnation Catholic High School Scholarship Applications are available to parishioners entering area Catholic High Schools. Call Noranne Wamester at (860) 529-6765. Deadline to submit is April 1st.



Catholic Relief Services Lenten Program: Operation Rice Bowls are available at the exits.

ABC's of Catholic Relief Services: CRS and orphans...children face the world alone. Huge challenges face survivors of families stricken by HIV/AIDS. American Catholics, via CRS, can help hundreds of thousands For info visit: www.crs.org

A Weekly Bible Study
4th Sunday of Lent
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Are we blind to sin?

We have often heard today's parable referred to as "The Prodigal Son," the "Forgiving Father" or the "Jealous Brother." We have sometimes even assumed certain of the roles in our own lives. How easily we identify with a wayward child being welcomed by a forgiving father, or a jealous brother being chastised by a loving parent. But there are other significant characters in this story that we often overlook. Perhaps we are so familiar with the story itself that we miss the invitation!

Even before Jesus begins to relate the details of the parable, Luke tells us that the tax collectors and sinners were drawing near to Jesus. What an amazing lesson for us: that something in our fractured self should *seek out* the one who saves; that our hearts should be *drawn* to the merciful love of Christ. But there is more to the story.

Luke tells us that the Pharisees and scribes were also present. True to form, these murmuring and indignant leaders again complained that Jesus associated with sinners. Did they not recognize their *own* sinfulness? If we read closely, it was to **them** that Jesus addressed the parable. It was to **them** that Jesus issued the invitation to conversion. Their own self-righteousness, seen in the actions of the older brother, calls them to task.



Why should we even be concerned about their presence and reaction in this story? Perhaps the real call to conversion lies not in the actions of the sinners and tax collectors who eagerly gather at the feet of Jesus. Perhaps it lies with those who *fail* to recognize and repent of their blindness to sin.

In this parable, we never really find out if the brother came to the celebratory banquet. Like the Pharisees, did he reject or accept the invitation? And like we, in our own blindness to sin, will we accept or reject our loving Father's invitation to become whole?



Lenten Mass Schedule:

Daily mass will be at 9am
Monday-Saturday excluding
Holy Saturday, March 30th.

Corpus Christi will celebrate masses at 7am,
and 5:30pm Monday-Friday. Saturday Morning
Mass at Corpus Christi is 7:30 am.

Please return your Easter Flowers envelopes by Easter Sunday.
Thank you!



Special Spring Holiday Cleaning for Easter:

If you are able to volunteer an hour or two of your time to prepare our worship space for the glory of Eastertime, call Toni Munoz at 563-9720. We will clean on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:30 -11:30am. Thank you.

Congratulations to the Incarnation J.V. Boys Basketball Team for winning the League Tournament and congratulations to the Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys Blue and the J.V. Boys Teams for advancing to the Deanery State Tournaments!

The 2013 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward. Together we can impact the lives of thousands *As Our Witness to Faith!*

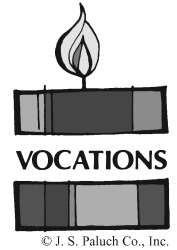
Incarnation Women's Club General Meeting Thurs., March 21 - 7p.m. in Fr. Crawford Hall presents ***God is the Bigger Elvis***, The 2012 Academy Award nominee for Best Documentary Short. The 36 minute film tells the story of actress Dolores Hart who abandoned her career in Hollywood to become a Benedictine nun in 1963. Mother Prioress Dolores Hart of the cloistered Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, CT reveals in this film details about her life and provides us with a look inside the Benedictine monastery.

The Incarnation Women's Club will sponsor an elegant event: A Catered Luncheon Fashion Show by Soft Surroundings on Sat. April 20, 2013 in the Fr. Crawford Hall. Pink flyers available at the entrances. Call Josephine LaCava (860) 563-7001 to reserve a.s.a.p. as they are going fast! Call Rita Sulick, Chairperson (860) 563-7639 to make a donation to have names printed in the Fashion Show Program Memorial Sponsor Book, mail to Rita Sulick, 15 Monticello Dr., Weth.

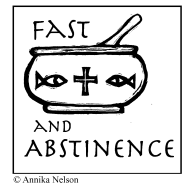
BAPTISMS

SHAWN WILLIAM JORDAN
ARIEL ELIZABETH O'NEILL
MARK JAMES ROBITAILLE
RYLEE SANDRA STILSON

Like the father in the Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to life as a priest or religious? Call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail at: vocations@stseminary.org.



Lenten Regulations: Catholics ages 14 & older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted. Catholics who are 18 years old, but have not yet marked their 59th are to fast on Good Friday. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk & juices, are allowed.



Archbishop Mansell has encouraged parishes to cooperate in the scheduling of masses and liturgical services to help ease pressure caused by the shortage of priests. Stations of the Cross will be held at Corpus Christi Church, the Fridays of Lent at 7:30pm with Stations of the Cross & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. **Easter Communion Regulation:** Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the 1st Sunday of Lent & Trinity Sunday.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday: Consider full participation in the beautiful liturgies. (Holy Thursday) 3/28, 7pm, (Good Friday) 3/29, 3pm & (Easter Vigil) 3/30-8pm, Meet Jesus there.

PASSAGES

The point of today's first reading is fulfillment. The forty-year trek of the Israelites is over; they now camp in the Promised Land and celebrate the Passover. The manna that has sustained them in the desert ends; from now on they will eat of the produce of the land. Our Eucharist—the manna of our journey—will end when we enter heaven.

Paul, in the second reading, speaks of change. The old order has passed away: all is new. Reconciliation has been secured in Christ. The message has to be proclaimed everywhere by the ambassadors for Christ.

The beautiful parable of the prodigal son is given to us by Christ in answer to the criticism of the Pharisees, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Jesus tells the story not to illustrate some vague human ideal of being broadminded or tolerant. He wants us to identify the father with God—a God who reaches out across rules, regulations, and even common sense to embrace and to forgive.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or Psalm 23*.

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or Ephesians 5:8-14*.

Gospel — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;

Jn 8:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scout Sunday

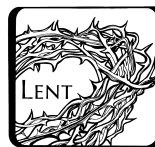
Friday: Abstinence

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, "Laetare Sunday," breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today's Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning "spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness," and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the "elect" were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That's you!

Our Incarnation Basketball Teams will celebrate their wonderful season at an awards banquet on Monday, April 8th at 6pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. A note to all parents...If you would like...you are invited to bring a bottle of soda or a dessert. Thank you.



LENTEN CONFESSIONS: Let the light in this Lenten season by going to confession. Every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Mondays during Lent from 6 to 7pm. Visit Light4you.info.