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**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 16TH**

5:00pm - Mary Mudano,
Anne C. Renza & Lillian

Vasquez

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

8:00 am- Robert Smith

9:30am- Michele Leone, Lucio Ruzzier &
Angela Leone

11:00am - Angelo Maffucci

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

9:00am- Deacon Fred Rispoli

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19H

9:00am- For all our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

9:00am- Stephen Procyk

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

9:00am- Thomas Mulcahy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

5:00pm- Barbara Catricala

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

8:00am- Gino D'Alessandra

9:30 am- Deceased members of the Saltarelli
Family

11:00am- Michael & Joan Riccio

The Sanctuary Candle will
burn from 11/18/2013-
11/24/2013 in memory of
Katherine Leardi & Charles
Feroletto.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle** will burn from
11/18/2013-11/24/2013 in
memory of Lisa Albino,
Michael Albino & Deceased members of the
Albino Family..

**MASS
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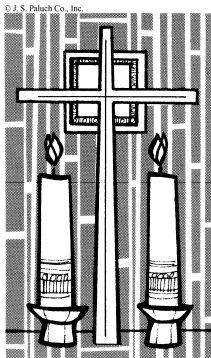
The 2nd collection this wk. is the Collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services. Today we support our family and friends who have served this nation with distinction. The collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to the first-ever national Collection.

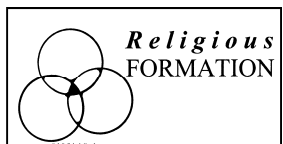
The second collection next weekend will be the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Help fight poverty in America! For over 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that create lasting change. They have also contributed to efforts to implement laws that enforce fair wages.

Employment Support Group Tuesday, November 19th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.
Women's Club General meeting Thurs., November 21 - 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Please see the Bi-Lines for more info.

Special collection on 11/30 & 12/1 for the Philippines to assist Catholic Relief Services in their response to Typhoon Haiyan.

Thank you for donating to the Annual Collection. We have collected \$77,400. Envelopes at exits. This past year we completed numerous renovations. Continued repairs/improvements in the near future necessitate rebuilding this fund. This collection enables us to do so. Goal \$100,000.





The Inspired Parenting session scheduled for Sunday, November 17th has been postponed.

Grade 8 Faith Formation will meet on

Tues., Nov. 19th at 6:30 in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Grade 7 Faith Formation will meet Wed., November 20th at 6:30pm - Fr. Crawford Hall.

Faith Formation for Grade 6 who attend on Saturdays in Fr. Crawford Hall will meet on Saturday, November 23rd at 8:45am.

Emerson-Williams Faith Formation

Communities: Grades 1-5 will meet Nov., 23rd at 9am at Emerson-Williams School.

16 Youth Ministry members will travel to St. Bartholomew parish Manchester on Saturday to attend a Sean Forrest contemporary Christian Concert entitled "Rocking for Grandma". Proceeds to aid Haiti elderly.

Family Advent Wreath Making: Sunday Nov. 24th, 4-5pm in Father Crawford Hall. All K-6 grade children are invited to join us with their families for this beautiful way to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. \$10 per family will be collected to cover the supplies. Reply no later than Nov. 18th to Maggie Seaver at seaver711@aol.com and let her know you are coming so she can plan accordingly. Thank you to our Youth Ministry members for assisting with this activity!

The 6th Grade Faith Formation Community of Angela Keleher & Tammy Luiz would like to thank those who purchased baked goods to make their Bake Sale a success! Proceeds benefit a special family for Christmas.

A Vision for Confirmation 2014

"Since the days of the early church, Christians have realized that the spiritual journey is not meant to be walked alone. We find our way by walking with others who are guided by the same vision. A person who has a sense of direction and who can assist others in learning how to incorporate spiritual practices into daily life is called a mentor. Spiritual mentors can walk with others on the journey whether informally or as a sponsor in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) or for someone preparing for Confirmation. Just as a carpenter or a chef guides an apprentice into the craft, a spiritual mentor can guide others into the way of life known as Catholicism." (Practice Makes Catholic, Moving from a Learned Faith to a Lived Faith. Joe Paprocki)

The 2013 Confirmation community was blessed to have faith-filled mentors many of whom will continue, thanks be to God. The preparation for Confirmation begins in 7th & 8th grade & culminates in the fall of gr. 10. The Confirmandi are then welcomed into the fuller membership of the Church.

I invite you to pray about becoming a spiritual mentor for our Confirmation Community. I am seeking mentors to walk with a small community of our candidates. We gather monthly. All mentors will (or have received) a background check and will be required to attend a Virtus training course, as we are in compliance with the Archdiocese of Hartford for the protection of God's children. College age students are welcome, and parishioners of all ages who share this vision and desire to be a mentor. Please pray about this and seek the Lord's guidance in answering this call. Contact Noranne Wamester at 860-529-6765.



A Weekly Bible Study

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20

This unknown* 5th century B.C. prophet offers us yet another stern warning about final judgment. One line of this very brief reading begs a proper understanding: *“But for you who fear my name...”*

Fear. Its very utterance heightens one’s sense of anxiety. This would hardly characterize a relationship with a loving God. The Hebrew Scriptures often refer to “fear of the Lord.” Solomon, in fact, regards it as the beginning of wisdom. And it is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. But do we have a correct understanding?

In modern vernacular, it is best to think of this phrase not in negative terms, but rather as the reverence, respect and awe owed to God. When we approach God with this attitude we acknowledge that God is sovereign over all. True fear of the Lord recognizes the infinite power, majesty and goodness of God, as well as our place in creation: adopted children of a loving Father.

True fear of the Lord promotes a spiritual life. One who reverences God strives to avoid sin. One who properly respects God has profound reverence in the presence of the Eucharist. One who recognizes fear of God as a gift of the Spirit lives by its fruits: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

Fear of the Lord is true love of God. As we consider our own attitude toward this gift of the Spirit and foundation of wisdom, we might want to ask ourselves: do we love God out of fear or, rather, do we fear God out of love.

There will be a House of Bread collection next weekend. To benefit The House of Bread.

A Special Meeting of the Incarnation Men’s Association Wed., Nov. 20th - 7pm in the Rectory Meeting Room to discuss, debate & decide on the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Members may obtain written copy of the proposed changes by calling Bill Carroll, Association Secretary at 860-604-6793. The **Regular Business Meeting** of the Men’s Association will be held immediately following.

Service of Remembrance: Our annual service will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Monday, November 25th 6:30pm. All those who have lost a loved one are invited to attend. This is a service with Scripture Readings and Reflections. We will gather for light refreshments. All welcome.



Incarnation Parish Mass of Thanksgiving will be held Thanksgiving morning, Thurs., November 28th 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..

The Men’s Association wants YOU. Our annual membership drive has begun and renewal letters have been mailed to all current members. Applications are at entrances. All men are invited to join! Dues -\$10 per year. Call Michael White (860)-667-2099.

Church of the Incarnation Women’s Club Membership letters/programs for 2013/2014 were mailed. Please return your dues in collection baskets. If you did not receive a letter, call Judi Farinella (860) 563-0083 or Kirsten Sheehan (860) 529-3671. Extra letters at exits.

WEDDING BANNES**STEPHEN O'BRIEN &
CARISA CARABASE****The Church of the Incarnation Women's Club will present author Hanna Pearlstein Marcus at the monthly meeting on Thurs., Nov., 21 at 7pm in Father Crawford Hall.**

Ms. Marcus wrote the memoir Sidonia's Thread: The Secrets of a Mother & Daughter Sewing a New Life in America. She presents a lively illustrated talk about the poignant, inspiring true story of a young woman who grew up in Springfield MA with her Holocaust-survivor single mother, a masterful clothing designer. A question & answer session follows the presentation. Refreshments will be served. All parishioners welcome.

Incarnation Women's Club Christmas Party Thursday, December 5th at the Weth. Country Club. Social at 6pm Dinner at 7pm, \$34.00 p.p. Call Rita Sulick for reservations at (860) 563-7639. Deadline is Nov. 30th. Checks payable to Incarnation Church.

SAVE THE DATE: Incarnation Men's Retreat will be February 21, 22, & 23, 2013 at the Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. For retreat info, an alternate weekend or for the five Women's Retreat weekend dates call (860) 760-9705 or visit their web site at www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

Thank you to all who donated to the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Campaign.

By patient endurance you will win your life. Be patient with yourself, and with God as you await the sign of your call. If you have received a call to become a priest or religious, call Fr. Anthony Smith,

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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St. Nicholas

Ho, Ho, Ho, Santa will soon be on his way to Incarnation for the Men's Association Children's Christmas Party Sun., Dec. 8th - 1-4pm in Fr. Crawford Hall. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex on blue sheets.

There are still some 50th Anniversary Books available for purchase at \$25 per book. Call the rectory at (860) 529-2533.

Beginning in January 2014, our Sunday Mass schedule will be: 8:30am and 10:30am only. Our vigil mass will remain at 5pm on Saturday. The Incarnation Parish Council came to this decision based on a number of factors. We appreciate the cooperation of our parishioners in this regard.

BAPTISMS**ROBERT JOSEPH TODARO JR.****MAXWELL AQUINAS
HARDING**

NOT WATCHING FOR THE SECOND COMING

As we near the end of the Church year, the scriptures become more urgent. Both the prophet Malachi and Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke offer graphic pictures of a terrible future. But we are missing the message if we use these passages to speculate about when the world will end. The troubles predicted have already occurred, and then some. In the last century alone we have seen devastation beyond anything the ancient prophets could have imagined.

We weren't given these passages to strike fear in our hearts, but faith. The sun of justice will rise, Malachi assures us, for those who are faithful. And Jesus promises, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." But it is Paul who brings the message down to earth. The Thessalonians were so sure that the end of the world was upon them, some of them had stopped working! Paul states his case clearly: "If anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat." We are not called to worry about how things will end, but to live today faithfully.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Phillipine Duchesne

Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Cecilia

Saturday St. Clement I; St. Columban;

Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro;

Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.



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