

ANNOUNCED MASSES

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 12</u>
7:30	Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00	Frances Ganci 10th Anniversary
10:30	Andres & Natividad Pagay
12:00	Elizabeth Sosa
5:00	Magalie LaForest ~ living
<u>Monday</u>	<u>December 13 St. Lucy</u>
8:30	Sybil Barratt
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>December 14 St. John of the Cross</u>
8:30	Iliminada Terrenate
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>December 15</u>
8:30	Edward & Alma Voneski
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>December 16</u>
8:30	Eclipse, Rosen & Corracchinlo Fam.
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 17</u>
8:30	Patrick & Mary Sullivan
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 18</u>
8:30	Manuel Cabeza, Jr.
5:00	Resureccion Deperalta
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 19</u>
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Elizabeth Persaud ~ living
10:30	Ramon Grijalvo
12:00	Jose Chacon&Carlos Edgardo Chacon
5:00	Madison S. Mignon

Vision Statement

Incarnation Parish is a Roman Catholic community centered around the Lord Jesus, a living sign of hope to all that the Word made flesh dwells among us. His presence and love is encountered in all areas of our life together, especially in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in Sacred Scripture and in the Sacraments. We seek to make the Lord's presence and love known through service and education, through evangelization and through continual conversion and renewal in Him. We entrust our life together and our sharing in the mission of Christ to the protection and intercession of Mary, Mother of the Lord and our Mother.

Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty from Incarnation



If you have family members from Incarnation who are presently serving on Active Duty, please let us know so that we can include their names below. Please give name, rank and branch of service for each person.

Please pray for:

- Maj. Michael Boyle, U.S. Army*
- Pfc. Spec.2 David R. Collins, U.S. Army*
- Pfc. Juan Carlos Escudero, U.S. Army*
- BM2 Otelo Rodriguez, U.S. Navy*
- 1st Class Joseph Romulo, U.S. Air Force*
- LTJg Michel Santana, U.S. Navy*
- Maj. Brian Sterling Smith, U. S. Army*
- LCpl. Erick Ricardo Toledo, U.S. Marines*



"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or write: vocations@diobrook.org.



*The Gifts of **Bread and Wine** have been donated this week for **the special intentions of Antoinette Mignon***

If you would like to offer the bread and wine in memory of a loved one please contact the parish office.

LET US PRAY...



We ask God's healing and strength for:

- Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Anna Barron*
- Nicole LaForest, Rose Marie Jauregui, Felipe Galo,*
- Luis R. Lopez, Sr., Dorothy Winters Hall, Rocco Moreo,*
- Allan Caicedo, Ms. Wilson Despeignes, Gregg Ortiz,*
- Antonine Mignon, Joyce Kumar, Sr. Carol Anton,*
- Gerardo Guerrero, Sr. Edna Cook, Bernard Marcellus,*
- Jared Velez, Leone Adrien, Vincent Adrien*

*May eternal rest be granted to:
All our deceased relatives and friends*

"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

Collection for The Week of

*December 4/5
\$6025*

*Thank you for your generosity
and support of your parish.*

ONE COLLECTION. Please remember that as part of our increased giving opportunity there is only one (1) collection at the offertory of each weekend Mass. **Please place all your offerings in the one offertory collection.** There will no longer be a collection after Communion. You can now use that time for prayerful reflection.

**“ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS TO COME,
OR SHOULD WE LOOK FOR ANOTHER?”**

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

So what makes you happy? With Christmas this close I’d imagine you have already got your list off to Santa. But those are usually just things. What brings excitement and joy to your daily existence? The entrance antiphon for Mass this Sunday is “Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.”

This passage from St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians is the reason this Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday*. But it also brings up a good point for reflection. Paul is telling the Christians of Philippi to get excited for the Lord is near. Is our own personal relationship with Jesus something that gets us excited? Sadly, for many Christians Christ and His Gospel message is painful - something to be endured almost. The kids who have to be dragged to Mass or the parents who drop their children off at Religious Ed and then return later at 11:30 to pick them up after class and Mass without worshipping themselves.

How can it be so exciting for St. Paul and his friends and then have lost so much through the centuries? I think we forget all of Christianity is about a Person. People make for excitement (True, sometimes, drama, but real excitement). Our learning about Jesus should have similar aspects of young couples learning about each other as they begin to date. Our desire to be with Jesus should build as a military family awaits a reunion after an overseas deployment. Our contentment to be united with the Lord should be like a child napping on the couch while using mom’s thigh as a pillow. It’s our relationship with a real Person, a divine Person—the person of Jesus that empowers each instance to be special, to be exciting.

This Third Sunday of Advent reminds us that this season of preparation is more than half over as the color rose replaces purple and adds to our rejoicing. But are we excited that Christmas is near or that Jesus is near? I’m not against Christmas, believe me, but Christmas Day comes with some baggage that can distract us from the Christ. No to mention the Lord is near 365 days a year. But how keen is our awareness? How excited are we to be in proximity to the person of Jesus?

So while Christmas will come and go with varying speed for various people, may we always rejoice that in the Plan of Salvation the Lord is near!

God Bless & Joyous Advent!

Father O'Connor

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH. A special Christmas collection for the parish is being taken up now before Christmas Day. The Christmas letter from the pastor asks that every parishioner prayerfully make a fair share offering during this holy season. Extra Christmas collection envelopes are in the church today for those who did not receive the mailing. The whole Pastoral Staff thanks you in advance for your “Christmas Gift to My Church” this year.

PARISH WEBSITE contains a special link to Advent suggestions, prayers and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Click onto www.incrcc.org and enjoy all the news and information about our parish including the weekly bulletin, current schedules, parish history and much more.

WHITE WELCOME ENVELOPES are located in the church for those who are new in the parish, for those who would like to receive weekly envelopes and for those who may have forgotten their envelope today. Place the envelope and offering in the collection and thank you for your support.

A **TE DEUM NEW YEAR’S EVE MASS** will be celebrated in the church at 11:00 PM on Fri, Dec 31st. Everyone is invited to prepare for the New Year by attending.

The Best Cities of China! October of 2011.

Start saving and dreaming about a once in a lifetime trip to the East. “The Best Cities of China” trip is scheduled for October 10-21, 2011. Come and explore the Far East and the ancient dynasties of China, the Great Wall, tombs of emperors and much more. All breakfast meals, ten lunches, nine dinners and superior hotels included. Brochures are located by the church doors and at the rectory. Call the rectory today— Don’t be left on the waiting list.



The “O” Antiphons. Wednesday, Dec 15 at 7:30PM in Our Lady’s Meeting Room. Come and reflect on the theological aspects of the Great Advent Antiphons that are used to herald the Christ in the Old Testament and are the basis for the hymn *O Come, O Come, Emanuel*.

ADVENT WREATH. For those who have an Advent wreath at home for family prayer during this holy season, today, Gaudete Sunday, you light the rose (pink) candle and two purple candles. Next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, please light all four of the candles of the Advent wreath.



Please plan ahead. There will be no Confessions and No 5PM Mass on Saturday Christmas’ and New Year’s days.



Events For The Week

Sunday		
9:00am	Religious Education	MGH
9:00am	Parents Mtg. First Communion	MGH
10:30am	First Communion Enrollment	CH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:00pm	Filipino Mass	CH
Monday		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:00pm	Caribbean Association	MGH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
Tuesday		
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
7:30pm	The "O" Antiphons	OLPH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
Thursday		
6:00pm	Steel Band Practice	MGH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
7:30pm	Choir	MNH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
7:30pm	Bible Study Group	OLPH
Saturday		
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	MNH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH

CH = Church; MNH = Msgr. Nolan Hall (Lower Church);
 RB = Rectory Basement; OLPH=Our Lady's (Rectory) Meeting
 MGH = Msgr. Griffin Hall (School Auditorium)

Readings For The Week

Sunday	Is 35:1-6a,10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11
Monday	Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30
Friday	Gr 49:2,8-10 Mt 1:17
Saturday	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

Religious Education Happenings

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS. Once again this year at the 5:00 PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve there will be a LIVE Nativity Pageant during the Gospel. It will feature children dressed as angels, shepherds and choir as well. Please contact Mrs. Vais (718-465-8534) if you are interested in assisting with the celebration



GIFT SUNDAY. We thank everyone who took gift tag(s) from the Giving Tree last two Sundays. What a beautiful sight it will be with hundreds of wrapped gifts in the Baptistery and by the Altar. Gifts can be returned to the church up till this Wednesday. Thursday morning they will be collected by the various charities. God bless everyone for their Spirit of Giving!

Parish Registration ~ We invite anyone who attends our Masses to register in our parish. This will give you the opportunity to be acquainted with the various events, ministers and activities of our parish and enable us to serve you better with your needs. Please come to the Rectory for a registration form.



Blessing of Baby Jesus Figures Dec 19 10:30 Mass. We invite all our parishioners and families to bring the statue of the Baby Jesus from the nativity scenes in their homes, under their Christmas Trees or from

their front lawns. May the blessing and these images of Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, remind us that it is Christ's Mass that is celebrated every December 25th.

INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

Box Tops for Education
 May be left in the church's main vestibule.



For more info log onto www.incrcc.org
 or call 718-465-5066

There are booklets by the doors of the Church for NEW EVANGELIZATION TELEVISION (NET), the diocesan cable station, on Time Warner Channel 97 or Cablevision Channel 30. The station features programming for children and young teens as well as local productions highlighting different parishes, catechesis and much more particularly during this Advent/Christmas Season. Please take home a flier and check out the diocesan cable station, NET.

Lessons & Carols on Epiphany Sunday. Join us January 2 at 3PM for a Celebration of Scripture and Singing that continues the Joy of the Christmas Season. All the parish choirs will participate in this event as the Christmas Season continues until January 9. Light refreshments will be served in the lower church after the service.



Congratulations to the children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion this Spring. With their parents and families around them, they are to be enrolled in special period of preparation at the 10:30 Mass on this Sunday of Advent Joy.

CHRISTMAS PLANTS that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas Season may be donated. You may wish to donate IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF a loved one. The donation is \$15.00. Christmas donation envelopes are available in the church today. Please return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office.

ADULT CHOIR. The Music Ministry is accepting new choir members. Any parishioner interested in giving prayer and praise through church music feel free to see Mr. Perry Townsend in the choir loft after any Masses on the weekend. No previous choral experience needed. The choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30PM in the church.

2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL continues throughout the Diocese and at Incarnation. We can all be proud that so many in the parish (303) have already participated in this year's Appeal which helps the various diocesan services including vocations, migration, Catholic Charities, etc. Have you made a pledge? Extra pledge envelopes are in the church today. Please consider making a pledge before the Appeal concludes in December. The parish and diocese is grateful to all those who have made pledge. Please make sure all pledges are paid off by month's end. Thanks for supporting the Diocese & the parish.

ADVENT PARTICIPATION. This year we invite individuals and families to light the Advent wreath placed in the sanctuary space. On the four Sundays of Advent, at the 10:30Mass, would you like to come forward and actively participate in the lighting of the Advent wreath? We hope that this liturgical practice in church will be repeated in everyone's home around their family Advent wreath throughout the holy season. Please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket next Sunday or drop it off at the Parish Office during the week. You will be contacted. Thank you in advance for your interest and help.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

I ____ We ____ would like to participate in lighting the Advent wreath in church at the 10:30 Mass.

Preference: Please circle as many as possible:

Sunday: Dec. 19

INCARNATION INFORMATION

Organization	Contact	Phone
Adult Confirmation	Gladys Garcia	718-465-8534x24
Adult English Choir	Perry Townsend	718-465-8534x27
Adult Faith Formation	Gladys Garcia	718-465-8534x24
Alcoholics Anonymous	Rectory	718-465-8534
Altar Servers	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Baptism Registration	Rectory	718-465-8534
Caribbean Association	Lynette Jerome	718-479-9260
Children's Choir	Perry Townsend	718-465-8534x27
Extraordinary Ministers	Sr. Ellen Patrice	718-465-8534
Evangelization	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Family Life Committee	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Filipino Choir	Ricky Matela	718-357-4894
Finance Committee	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Food Pantry	Deacon Francois	718-465-8534x25
Fundraising	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Friendship Club	Terry Forgione	718-464-8762
Girl Scouts	Nalda Gomes	646-320-9355
Haitian Prayer Gp	Occide Pierre	718-776-0523
Homebound Min	Sr. Ellen Patrice	718-465-8534
Hospitality Committee		
Incarnation School	Principal Satti Marchan	718-465-5066x28
	Alumni HSA	
Jornada	Lorraine Marrero	718-468-9029
Lectors	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Legion of Mary	B. Innocent	718-464-2167
Liturgy Committee	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Marriage Registration	Rectory	718-465-8534
Mustard Seed Ministry		
Nocturnal Adoration	Gabriella Krill	718-464-4658
Pag-Asa Filipino Com	Lucita Romulo	718-740-0417
Parish Pastoral Council	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Publicity Coordinator	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
RCIA	Gladys Garcia	718-465-8534x24
Religious Education	Amalia Vais	718-465-8534x23
Rosary/Altar Society	Gabriella Krill	718-464-4658
Sacred Hearts Group	Dcn Clemenceau	718-341-2653
Spanish Prayer Group	Nereida Urena	347-612-2400
Spanish Choir	Norma Allongo	718-465-8534
St. Vincent dePaul	Deacon Francois	718-465-8534x25
Vine & Branches Prayer Gp	Ofelia Villar	718-465-0087
Vocations Com	G. Pierre-Antoine	718-341-2653

Angelic Voices Youth Choir for students in grades 4 to 8 rehearses on Thursdays at 5PM in the church. Under the direction of Mr. Townsend, the choir will sing at selected 10:30AM Masses. For info call 718-465-8534.

The Word Among Us. This Advent a special and attractive periodical entitled "Hail, Full of Grace" is on sale in the back of the church. What a unique means to participate in Advent and prepare for Christmas by reading a daily reflection alone or with the family. A donation of \$2.00 per copy is requested. Please use the white envelopes provided.

Need CPR? Confession-Penance-Reconciliation is offered every Saturday from 4PM-4:45PM.