

ANNOUNCED MASSES

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 26 The Holy Family</u>
7:30	Corhen Jeannot
9:00	Bonnie Gail Bufford
10:30	Hugh Falvey
12:00	Anselmo Picardo
5:00	Manuel, Sr & Maximinia Ramirez, Adoracion Dacanoy
<u>Monday</u>	<u>December 27 St. John, apostle</u>
8:30	Geneviva & Julio Paul
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>December 28 Holy Innocents</u>
8:30	Charles Dunleavy
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>December 29 St. Thomas Becket</u>
8:30	Rosa & Francesco Fracasso
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>December 30</u>
8:30	Thomas Burke
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 31 St. Sylvester I, pope</u>
8:30	Steven Rayappa ~ In Thanksgiving
11:00pm	The People of Incarnation
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>January 1 Mary Mother of God</u>
8:30	Brady & McMahon Families ~ Dec'd
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>January 2 Epiphany of the Lord</u>
7:30	Mesguet Jean-Baptiste
9:00	Chemene Denis
10:30	Natalie Lamarque ~ living
12:00	Divino Nino
5:00	John Levy



By Baptism, Catholic families are holy families and are the seed beds for the vocations of their children. Pray generously as a family for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among your children. Should God be calling one among you, call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or write: vocations@diobrook.org.

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

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



The Gifts of **Bread and Wine** have been donated this week in **loving memory** of **Resurreccion Deperalta** with prayers of the family

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

"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

Collection for The Week of

December 18/19
\$5,310

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.

**JOSEPH ROSE AND TOOK THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER BY NIGHT
AND DEPARTED FOR EGYPT.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

While the Christmas season is short it is very rich with feasts and liturgical celebrations. There is a more profound movement in the Christmas Celebrations: Christmas-Holy Family-Mary, Mother of God-Epiphany-Baptism.

The movement is that of expansion and inclusion in God's "Plan of Salvation." The first **Christmas** night was an intimate event for St. Joseph, the Infant and His Mother. Perhaps the people who gave them the rough lodging knew but no one else. It was truly a personal moment. The scriptures tell us that soon after the angles brought the message to the shepherd boys who came to take a look. But first and foremost it was an event for the **Holy Family** of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

But because Jesus was God's Son and not St. Joseph's there were much larger ramifications. In God's mysterious plan, **Mary is Mother of God**. Through her cooperation she raises up all humanity. In her sinlessness, she almost returns all her brothers and sisters to the splendor of the earthly garden. But Christ must be recognized, followed and adored. The arrival of the wise men from the East in the **Epiphany** demonstrates how the Christ-Event expands: beyond the Holy Family, beyond the People of Israel. What King Herod could not recognize and accept is precisely what the wise men understood as they risked safety, resources and time to behold: the Infant King.

But even that was not enough to satisfy God's desires. In the **Baptism** of Jesus the voice of God beckons: This is My Beloved Son; Listen to Him. Anyone and everyone can be included in the mystery, the plan, if they simply listen to Jesus. Jesus received the same baptism that John was offering to everyone. Christ sanctified the waters for everybody.

So enjoy the richness of the entire Christmas Season. Keep your lights on and your house decorated. Invite people over or do special things. Even if the holiday music ends on the 26th we celebrate Christmas until January 9th.

Merry Christmas!

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 this 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 718-465-8534- Don't be left on the waiting list.

First Communion Parents and children are reminded that the second parent-child preparation session will take place Saturday, January 8 beginning at 4:15PM in the church. We invite you to make plans to remain and attend 5PM Mass together.

Announced Mass Intentions ~ Remember your love ones, deceased and living in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our **Mass Intention Book for 2011** is open for your intentions: anniversaries, birthdays, thanksgivings. Please come to the Rectory to make these arrangements. A prayerful and thoughtful gift this Christmas.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets every Thursday at 8PM in the OLPH Meeting Room for those in need of it..





Events For The Week

Sunday		
	No Religious Education	
1:00pm	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:30pm	Haitian Mass	CH
3:30pm	Haitian Christmas Party	MGH
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
7:00pm	Jornada	OLPH
Thursday		
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
New Year's Eve		
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
11:00pm	Te Deum Mass	CH
Saturday		
New Year's Day		
No Rectory Office Hours		
8:30am	Mass	CH
No Confessions		
No 5:00pm Mass		

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	Sir 3:2-7,12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2: 13-23
Monday	1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a,2-8
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday	1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40
Friday	1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18
Saturday	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Religious Education Happenings

**Sunday School resumes next ,
 Sunday, January 2nd.**

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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.

ATTENTION ALL TEENS! YOUTH GROUP'S NEXT MEETS SUNDAY, JAN 9: 5PM MASS & 6PM MEETING. Parish young people aged 13-17 are invited to join in Incarnation's youth group that will be centered around Mass and a gathering on Sunday nights. Our young people will have the opportunity to form and guide this new youth experience. Don't miss out. Be there on the 9th.

Church Etiquette: As we move further into the winter months, the men of the parish reminded that it has been centuries long tradition that they remove their hats upon entering church. Also kindly help the ushers to keep the church doors shut so the church will be warm for those worshipping at the next celebration. Thank You.

Lessons & Carols on Epiphany Sunday. Join us next Sunday, 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.

AN EXCITING AND PERFECT GIFT. Still unsure of what to get for Christmas? How about a trip to Exotic China in October, 2011? Call the rectory for more info.

2011 MASS BOOK. The opportunity to pray in a special way for the repose of the soul of a loved one or other prayerful intention is made available each day with announced Mass offerings. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance or simply pray in thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15.00. Please come to the Parish Office to make special Mass offerings for your loved ones. You may also inquire about dedicating the bread and wine or the sanctuary lamp.

The **Food Pantry** is open in the lower church (207th Street entrance) on Fridays at 12:30PM for those in need of assistance. The recent economic downturn has swelled the numbers of those visiting the pantry each month to well over a thousand. Periodic Food drives here at the parish and elsewhere, and you continued generosity allows Incarnation to continue to assist needy families.

INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

**Classes resume
 Monday, January 3**



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

Feast of Faith Series: *The Church & the Sacraments . . . Perfect Together* ~ We invite everyone who would like to explore our Catholic Faith more deeply to come and reflect on the Sacraments though out this coming year. The third of the four session—"The Sacraments: I have touched you and you have grown" takes place Wednesday, Jan 12 at 7:30PM. The discussion will focus on the Sacraments of Healing: Anointing of the Sick and Penance. Save the last date for May 11 as well- all Wednesday Evenings at 7:30PM.

CHRISTMAS PLANTS that 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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL continues in the Diocese and will conclude at the end of December. We can all be proud that so many (316) in the parish have participated in this year's Appeal. However, we are behind in actual monies pledged to the Diocese. As of December 20th, we pledged \$72,713.20 as a parish and so far the Appeal Office has received \$64,225.20. ***There is a difference of \$8,488. We kindly ask you to try and complete your pledge agreement as best you can even with the recent financial strains on all.*** Any other parishioners who have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, extra pledge envelopes are in the church today. Thank you for your support of the Diocese & the parish.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on New Year's Day. However all emergency calls will be answered promptly.

Incarnation School Alumni Association is looking for information on our illustrious graduates. The association is planning on sponsoring future events to reconnect graduates with each other. Please feel free to share this information with your children and others who attended Incarnation School. Further information will likewise be on the internet: www.incrcc.org.

Name _____ Maiden _____

Address _____

Phone Home _____
Work _____

Email _____

Graduation Year _____

Occupation _____

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



**The Octave Day of Christmas
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Not a Holy Day)**

December 31st: New Year's Eve
11PM – *Te Deum Mass*

January 1st: New Year's Day
8:30AM
No 5PM Mass & Confessions

The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 1st: Saturday
No 5PM Mass & Confessions

January 2nd: Sunday
7:30AM
9:00AM
10:30AM
12Noon (Spanish)
5PM
*3PM A Ceremony of
Lessons & Carols*

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for adults who have not received the sacrament will be offered after Easter. If you or a family member needs to be confirmed please call Ms. Gladys Garcia at the Religious Education Office (718) 465-8534. The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Pentecost Sunday.

CALENDARS for 2010 are available for parishioners. They can be found by the doors of the church and we ask you to take one for your household. We thank Bernard F. Dowd Funeral Home for the beautiful Catholic calendar this year.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS. We are grateful to those merchants and businesses that support our weekly bulletin by placing an ad. We ask all parishioners to patronize these merchants and anyone is welcomed to take an advertisement by calling the bulletin company at (631) 249-4994.

THANK YOU. Father O'Connor and the entire staff express sincere thanks for the wonderful gifts you gave at Christmas. The many cards, candies, baked goods and wrapped gifts under the Christmas tree were greatly appreciated. God bless you!

First Saturday: Because of the New Year's Holiday there will be **no** Holy Hour of Prayer on, January 2 from 6PM to 7PM. Next date is February 5.