

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>December 5</u></b>
7:30	Rosa Nelly Valentin
9:00	Lucien Ceran Sr.
10:30	Eugene McLoughlin
12:00	Nelson Azcona.
5:00	Melecio Sr. & Iluminada Eclipse
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>December 6 St. Nicholas</u></b>
8:30	Madison S. Mignon
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>December 7 St. Ambrose</u></b>
8:30	Charles Dunleavy ~1st Anniv
7:30	Special Intention
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>December 8 Immaculate Conception</u></b>
8:30	Andrew Umrieko
10:30	The People of Incarnation
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>December 9 St. Juan Diego</u></b>
8:30	Corhen Jeannot
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>December 10</u></b>
8:30	Delsy Goldstein
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>December 11 St. Damasus</u></b>
8:30	Thanksgiving to O.L. Miraculous Medal
5:00	The People of Incarnation
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>December 12</u></b>
7:30	Honor of O.L. of Guadalupe
9:00	Frances Ganci ~ 10th Anniv.
10:30	Andres & Natividad Pagay
12:00	Elizabeth Sosa
5:00	Magalie LaForest ~ living



Are you called to be “A herald’s voice in the desert” preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people?  
If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, 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:  
*Elvira Grimaldi*

**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

**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.

**“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”**

*Collection for The Week of*

*November 27/28  
\$5153*

*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.

**“REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!”**

**FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN**

*You are all beautiful, O Mary* begins the first of the antiphons for Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The first time I heard it was at the seminary college and I thought no one knows what Mary looked like. Not to be disrespectful but she could have been an ugly girl who turned into an uglier woman! Back in college I was limited in my understanding of beauty. Not only have I learnt a thing or two about beauty over the years but the conclusion of the antiphon tells us about the roots of Mary’s beauty: ***in you there is no trace of original sin.***

As we prepare to celebrate the beginning of Mary’s life free from all sin this week, perhaps we can pause for a moment to remember the ugliness of sin. More often than not we try to play down our sinfulness: “It’s only a white lie.” or “Everyone does it.” And while those sentiments might be true. We cannot get around the reality that sin is nasty and that it is hurtful to ourselves, to others, and to God. Sin is at the expense of others or it distorts our relationship with God or it disfigures our splendor as children of God. Ignoring sin does not make it go away and trying to cover it up does not restore to us our beauty.

But then, what is the answer? Repentance. The Baptist’s call in the Gospel to “repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” is our path to true beauty. The waters of Baptism have already cleansed us of the stain of original sin. Now it is our chance to follow the Herald’s admonition for repentance so that we can accept the reality of Jesus in our lives. Repentance involves sorrow. But it also requires a change of ways.

There is so much work being done on the outside as we clean and decorate for Christmas, let’s not forget the inside. As we try to beautify our homes let’s not neglect ourselves. The Sacrament of Penance is offered at Incarnation each Saturday from 4 to 4:45PM or by making an appointment. You can go to confession at neighboring parishes or at that church by work in the city. But it is important to go before Christmas.

Wednesday’s feast of our Lady (the Patronal Feast of both our diocese and country) reminds us once again not only of Mary’s beauty but of the beauty we all can share when we are free of our sins.

God Bless and I look forward to seeing you at parish caroling this Saturday at 6PM!

*Father O'Connor*

**CHRISTMAS CAROL PROCESSION** returns to Incarnation THIS Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. All carolers are invited to meet in the schoolyard where there will be sheep to pet and ponies to ride for the kids. Then we will be led by the Holy Family through the neighborhood singing Christmas carols! Dress warmly, bring a flashlight and jingle bells and enjoy some of your favorite Christmas carols. Afterwards we will serve hot chocolate and cookies in the auditorium. Capture the true Christmas spirit as Incarnation sings songs of the season!

**FIRST EUCHARIST ENROLLMENT** takes place at the 10:30 AM Mass NEXT Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, there will be a parents’ meeting beforehand at 9:00 AM in the school auditorium. All parents and their children preparing for Penance and First Eucharist are reminded of this special occasion. If you have any questions please contact the Religious Education Office.

**GIFT SALE. HandCrafting Justice** is a project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd who work in cooperation with women struggling for economic justice & independence in the developing world. The Sisters assist them in their efforts to create employment for themselves in order to provide for their families & better their lives by selling their crafts. Stop down in the lower church after Mass.

**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.



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** is celebrated this Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. It is a holyday of obligation for all Catholics. The Mass schedule at Incarnation will be a multi-lingual Vigil Mass at 7:30PM Tuesday evening followed by a procession and 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM on the holyday. You may also find it more convenient to attend Mass by your place of work. Don’t forget to join with all the Church as we celebrate the beginning of Mary’s Life free from sin.

**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.*



**Events For The Week**

<b>Sunday</b>		
8:00am	Handcrafting Justice Gift Sale	MNH
9:00am	Religious Education	MGH
9:00am	CCD Penance	MGH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
11:30am	Rosarians Mtg.	OLPH
2:00pm	Baptisms	CH
<b>Monday</b>		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
<b>Tuesday</b>		
7:30pm	Vigil Mass & Procession	CH
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Immaculate Conception~ Holy Day</b>		
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
<b>Thursday</b>		
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
6:00pm	Steel Band Practice	MGH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
<b>Friday</b>		
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Sp. Prayer Group	MNH
7:30pm	Eng. Prayer Group	OLPH
7:30pm	Spanish Choir	CH
<b>Saturday</b>		
9:00am	SH. Prayer Group	OLPH
3:00pm	Simbang Gabi Sa	MNH
6:00pm	Parish Caroling	
7:30pm	Line Dancing	MNH
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**

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gn3:9-15,20 Eph1:3-6,11-12 Lk1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday</b>	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Mt 17:9a,10-13

**Religious Education Happenings**

**First Communion Parents' Meeting**  
**Next Sunday, December 12—9AM**  
**The children will be enrolled in preparation**  
**for the Sacraments of Penance and**  
**First Holy Communion at the**  
**10:30 Mass.**



**GIFT SUNDAY.** We thank everyone who took gift tag(s) from the Giving Tree last Sunday. The tree remains in the church for those who would like to take part in our giving program. We ask everyone to return their wrapped gifts with the attached tag to church NEXT Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, which we call GIFT SUNDAY. What a beautiful sight it will be with hundreds of wrapped gifts in the Baptistry and Altar area. God bless everyone for their Spirit of Giving!

**ADVENT WREATH.** For those who have an Advent wreath at home for family prayer during this holy season, today you light a second purple candle.

**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.

**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 sooner the better.



**Blessing of Baby Jesus Figures Dec 21**  
**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**

First Semester ends as Report Cards are distributed this Tuesday. Dismissal is at 11:30AM for Parent-Teacher Meetings



For more info log onto [www.incrcc.org](http://www.incrcc.org)  
 or call **718-465-5066**

**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.

**SIMBANG GABI SA.** The Filipino community invites you to prepare for the Savior's Birth on Saturday, December 11 beginning at 3PM in the church.

**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.

**Line Dancing** will take place Saturday, Dec 11 at 7:30PM in Msgr. Nolan Hall. All are welcomed.

**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. 12 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

**LITURGY COMMITTEE.** The next liturgy committee meeting is this Saturday at 10:30 AM in the rectory meeting room. We will begin planning for Christmas and Lent. For more information please contact Fr. O'Connor.

**ANGELIC VOICES YOUTH CHOIR** for students in grades 4 to 8 has begun rehearsals on Thursday, October 28 at 5PM in the church. Under the direction of Mr. Townsend, the choir will sing periodically at the 10:30AM Mass. For further information contact Mr. Townsend at 718-465-8534 ext 27.

**Mass in Tagalog** will be celebrated next Sunday at 2PM. Please share this invitation with others who are interested.