



ANNOUNCED MASSES

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 20</u>
7:30	The People of Incarnation.
9:00	Sister Neil Ventricelli OP ~ living
10:30	Andres Emilio Arrindell ~6th Anniv.
12:00	Laura Breito
5:00	Marlene & Rita Lindor
<u>Monday</u>	<u>February 21 St. Peter Damian</u>
8:30	Marie G. LaFleur
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>February 22 Chair of St. Peter</u>
8:30	Mary Watson
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>February 23 St. Polycarp</u>
8:30	Gerareo Curabelo
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>February 24</u>
8:30	Marie Harkin
<u>Friday</u>	<u>February 25</u>
8:30	Manuel & Encarnacion Suarez
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 26</u>
8:30	Antoine & Figelia Pierre
5:00	The People of Incarnation
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 27</u>
7:30	Horacio Mariano & Emil Pascual
9:00	Gerareo Curabelo
10:30	Francesco Fracasso
12:00	Efrain Cruz
5:00	Cabeza Family

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. Marine Corps*
- Pvt. Byron Umali, U.S. Marine Corps*



“Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.” Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or write: vocations@diobrook.org.

Parish Feast of the Annunciation is March 25. 7:30PM Mass on the feast and 7PM Gala Dinner Dance on Sat, March 26.

LET US PRAY...

We ask God's healing and strength for:



- Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Anna Barron
- Mauro Cardio Jr., Rose Marie Jauregui, Felipe Galo,
- Kenji Yamashita, 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,
- Leone Adrien, Vincent Adrien, Louisa Batrville.

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

CHURCH ETIQUETTE. A reminder to all parishioners to turn off cell phones before entering the church. Also, a reminder during the winter months that it's long been part of the Christian tradition that men do not cover their heads in church. Please don't forget your hats, Gentlemen.

“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”

Collection for The Week of

*February 12/13
\$5,245*

*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.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

This year having Easter and subsequently, Lent, fall so late in the calendar is really throwing me off. I believe that Easter, on April 24 this year, is the latest possible date for the most important day of the Christian calendar. Last year Ash Wednesday was on February 17. This year it is on March 9—three weeks later. I feel as if I should be doing something “more” as the sun is setting later. I was complaining about this year’s calendar to a friend of mine who simply suggested “Why wait?” I was confused at his suggestion and asked him to clarify what he meant. He said why not get a jump on Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Eureka!!! What a great idea. Let’s get a jump on the penitential season of Lent this year. I know for myself sometimes Ash Wednesday can sneak up on me. Not this year. I’ll be ready. During the season of Lent, God asks us “to express our thanks by self denial. We are to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. We are to show to those in need” God’s goodness to ourselves (Third Lenten Preface). How we accomplish those goals differs from individual to individual. But as with all things in the Church Community there are three groups involved: God, others and self.

The Gospel of Ash Wednesday will invite us to incorporate prayer, fasting and almsgiving into our annual spring renewal. Three pillars of a season bursting with grace. Unfortunately, through the years there has been a great focus on fasting—what I am giving up for Lent—relegating prayer and almsgiving to the back seat.

This year we have the chance to reflect and pray more about our Lenten plans. The parish will have a full compliment of activities to help us prepare for Easter. They will be published in the bulletin in two weeks. But now is the time to evaluate where I am; where I am going; and what best is needed so that I can become the follower and disciple that Lord asks of me.

Lastly, it’s called the *Penitential* Season of Lent for a reason. Every “Lenten Plan” should include the reception of the Sacrament of Penance. Whether you go to Confession at Incarnation or elsewhere, reconciliation with God is a hallmark of the Lenten preparation for Easter.

I pray that these extra weeks before Ash Wednesday are put to good use. Get a jump on Lent and Lent will definitely give us the jumpstart we need for a more fruitful spring and beyond.

Let’s keep each other in prayer!

Father O'Connor

PARISH GALA DANCE—SATURDAY, MARCH 26. As we prepare to celebrate our parish feast on March 25th, there will be a preparation meeting this **Wednesday, Feb 23 at 7:30PM** in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room for those who would like to work on the celebration. Help us celebrate ourselves, our community, our parish where we find the presence of Jesus made flesh among us.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS. The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow due to the Presidents’ Day Observance. However, emergency calls will be answered promptly. Also, Sunday School will resume on Feb 27 at 9:00 AM. Incarnation School will reopen on Monday, Feb 28.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS. As Part of the Church’s call to evangelization we invite you to take an extra bulletin to a friend or neighbor in the community who may inquire about Incarnation.

Respect Life Art Contest Winners! Congratulations to all who entered especially our prize winners.

Level K-3: 1. Matthew Kumar – 2Gr; 2. Amara Hall – K; 3. Samuel Paul – 2Gr. **Level 4-6:** 1. Andrew Mahmood – 4Gr; 2. Irene Peguero – 5Gr. **Level 7-9:** 1. Pascale Petit De – 7Gr; 2. Paige Wright – 7thGr; 3. Christine Soniprasad – 8Gr.

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.

Life Line Screening. We are pleased to offer a Life Line



Screening preventive health event that can be used to detect health risks. Life Line Screening uses a quantitative ultrasound bone densitometer, using the heel as a measurement site, to assess one’s risk of osteoporosis. This screening compares your bone density to that of the average 20-year-old adult female, according to World Health Organization guidelines. The osteoporosis screening is not only for women. The screening will take place this Friday, February 25, 2011 at Incarnation. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package for \$149. Your health is in your hands so call 1-888-653-6441 to pre-register.



Events For The Week

Sunday		
	Hospitality Sunday	
	No Religious Education	
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
10:30am	Baptism Welcome	CH
Monday		
	Presidents' Day	
	No Rectory Office Hours	
Tuesday		
12noon	Friendship Club	MHN
7:30pm	Youth Club Leadership	RB
7:30pm	Talleres de Oracion	OLPH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
7:30pm	Gala Planning	OLPH
Thursday		
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
9:00am	Life Line Screening	MGH
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Sp. Prayer Group	MNH
7:30pm	Eng. Bible Study	OLPH
7:30pm	Sp. Choir	CH
Saturday		
9:00am	SH Prayer Group	OLPH
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	MGH
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

Sunday	Lv19:1-2,17-18 1Cor3:16-23 Mt5:38-48
Monday	Sir 1:10 Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	I Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday	Sir 4:11-19 Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Sir 5:1-8 Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Sir 6:5-17 Mk 1:-1-12
Saturday	Sir 17:1-15 Mk 10:13-16

Religious Education Happenings

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

First Penance will be celebrated on Saturday, March 19 at 11AM.

Sunday School Classes resume February 27 at 9AM.



Welcome to Our Family . . .



Welcome to the Church! Incarnation would like to welcome the newly baptized of February: Salome Gonzalez, Chance Hoskins II, Ariel Khan, Chloe Umali, Tristan Wilson.

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.

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.

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. March intentions are available. 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.

INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

Registration has begun at Incarnation School for the 2011-2012 Academic Year

School reopens Monday, February 28

Walk-in registration will be held daily from 9-11AM.

Appointments may also be made for a School Tour. Parents who are interested in registering their child for Pre-K or K will be required to bring their child to spend a day in the current class. For more info log onto www.incrcc.org or call **718-465-5066**



CELEBRATE CARNEVALE! On Saturday, Mar 6th



the Family Life Committee is sponsoring a pre-Lenten celebration for young and old alike. Beginning at 6:30 PM in the school auditorium there will be fine food, games and prizes and a Carnevale Costume Contest for adults and children who wish to dress up. Tickets are only \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children younger than 12. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office, School Office and Religious Education Office and will be on sale after the Masses the weekend of Feb 26th/27th. You can also call Stephanie (718-464-7036) or Bernadette (718-464-2167). Please note no tickets sold at the door. Spread the word and invite everyone to Carnevale . . . Come in Costume, Come in Mystery, Come and Celebrate before Lent.

LENTEN VESPERS SERIES. Please free up your calendars now to attend the Vesper Series at 7:30PM on the Wednesday evenings of Lent. The series entitled "What Did Jesus Do?" will have a reflection given by an invited guest speaker each week. Make plans now and await further details to come.

St. Joseph's Day: March 19. Honor the Husband of Mary, the Guardian of the Redeemer and Patron of the Universal Church with 8:30AM morning Mass followed by a Community Celebration of St. Joseph's Table in the lower church. Start preparing your favorite dishes now.



ANGELIC VOICES YOUTH CHOIR for students in grades 4 to 8 rehearse on Thursdays 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.

The **St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Collection Truck** will be at Incarnation on Sun, Mar 13 from 7:30A till 12:30P. Plan now to do some early Spring Cleaning & help those in need.



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. All couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th and 50th Anniversary are invited to a special Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Jamaica on Saturday, April 30th at 11:00 AM. Bishop DiMarzio will be the main celebrant. Please call the Parish Office and register to attend before Wed, April 6th.



OLD PALM BRANCHES may be left in the designated boxes in the vestibule of the church beginning next weekend. These branches will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday, March 9th.



WANT SOME EXTRA CASH???? We are happy to sponsor the "**March Madness Lottery Calendar**" in support of Incarnation School! We invite you to purchase tickets (\$10.00 each or three for \$25.00) and begin dreaming BIG about cash prizes ranging from \$50.00 to \$125.00 over the 31 days in March. And, if you name is drawn and you win, your ticket(s) will be returned to the drum for more chances of winning. **Sheer madness in March!**

Join in all the fun and winnings by clipping the tickets at the bottom of the calendar and return the tickets with your payment in the collection or at the Parish Office or School Office no later than Monday, February 28th. Cash or checks are acceptable with checks payable to "Incarnation School." Feel free to photocopy the calendar and share it with family, friends, at the office, etc. Extra copies are in the church and at the Parish Office. What an ideal and unique gift for a birthday, anniversary or even just to say I'm thinking of you.

Get in on all the action with a little help and whole lot of fun for Incarnation School this March!



Box Tops for Education. Everyone is asked to gather BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION from their favorite brand food labels. There are two boxes in the vestibule of the church to place your box tops and this will provide added revenue to our school. Thank you for your help to Incarnation School.

The Family Life Committee next meets on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30PM in the Rectory. All committee members are reminded to attend. Everyone else who would like to join in planning events for the families of the parish are most welcome to stop by and visit. Arrangements for Carnevale will continue.

Prayer Groups. The parish has various prayer groups that meet weekly: The Vine and the Branches Prayer group meets Fridays at 7:30PM in the OLPH Meeting Room. The Haitian Youth and Prayer Groups meet Saturdays at 6PM in the school auditorium. The parish Jornada group meets Wednesdays at 7:30PM in the lower church. For more detailed information please contact the rectory: 718-465-8534.



Teen Club Leadership will meet next Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30PM in the Rectory Basement Conference Room. Leaders are reminded to attend.

THOUGHTS OF SUMMER. Have you had enough of Winter? Begin looking forward to the Parish Dinner Dance Cruise on Saturday, July 23rd.

