



ANNOUNCED MASSES

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| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>February 28</u> |
| 7:30 | Horacio Mariano & Emil Pascual |
| 9:00 | Francesco Fracassa |
| 10:30 | Kevin Brady |
| 12:00 | Mercede Alicea De Jesus |
| 5:00 | Efrain Cruz |
| <u>Monday</u> | <u>March 1</u> |
| 8:30 | Linda Goldstein ~ 1st Anniversary |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>March 2</u> |
| 8:30 | Irv, Marion, Ena Hinkleman |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>March 3 St. Katarine Drexel</u> |
| 8:30 | In Thanksgiving ~ Bernadette Grimes |
| <u>Thursday</u> | <u>March 4 St. Casimir</u> |
| 8:30 | Rocco Urgo |
| <u>Friday</u> | <u>March 5</u> |
| 8:30 | Maria Lopes ~ 5th Anniversary |
| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>March 6</u> |
| 8:30 | Odette Vulcain |
| 5:00 | People of Incarnation |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>March 7</u> |
| 7:30 | Gastone Galanti |
| 9:00 | Albertina Simon |
| 10:30 | Joao & Maria Lopes |
| 12:00 | Ana Luisa Vargas |
| 5:00 | In honor of St. Theresa |

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. Mayra J. Quinones-Seda, U.S. Army*

The Parish Feast of the Annunciation will celebrated with a Solemn Mass on Thursday, March 25 at 7:30PM and with a Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 27 at 6:30PM. Please mark your calendars and spread the word to friends, family and former parishioners. **The next planning meeting will take place this Thurs. Mar 4 at 7:30PM in the rectory. Everyone is welcomed to help.**

LET US PRAY...



We ask God's healing and strength for:

- Virginia Hogg, Mercia Desir, Anita Eclipse Tangalin, Maria Mathew, Teodora Costes
- Al Greco, John Paul Munoz, Rose Marie Jauregui
- Maria Mejia, Steven Montvidas, Christina Cifali, Dorothy Winters Hall, Rocco Moreo, Etta Cassemere, Paul Cardenas, Esperanza Guitierrez, Jose Cherian, Helen Sampilo, Kenji Yamashita, Antonine Mignon, Alegria Silva, Sandra Rodas, Harold F. Schuback, Felipe Galo, Josie Lynn Arungayan

May eternal rest be granted to:

- Maurice O'Connor, Mary Watson

"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

Collection for The Week of

*February 20/21 2010
\$6762.*

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.

***THIS IS MY CHOSEN SON,
LISTEN TO HIM.***

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

The Olympic coverage the other day spoke of a speed skater, Sven Kramer, from the Netherlands. He was favored to win a gold medal in the seemingly endless 10,000 meter race. He finished in the best time: in fact Olympic record time. But he finished in the wrong lane and was disqualified. With eight laps left he, along with his coach, got mixed up and took the wrong lane.

Sometimes we can get confused and go in the wrong lane; take the wrong path; follow the wrong advice. No matter how hard we try, or, how fervent our convictions or efforts, we can end up in the wrong place— even in record time.

The Church and the season of Lent assist us in staying on the right path. One of the Lenten Prefaces to the Eucharistic Prayer reminds us: “This great season of grace is Your gift to Your family to renew us in spirit.” The question is how do we use the opportunity? Here at Incarnation there are opportunities each day that allow us to get our bearings to keep us on the right path. Daily Mass, Lenten Vespers on Wednesday nights, Stations of the Cross on Friday nights in addition to weekly gatherings of prayer groups. Food and clothing drives inspire us to assist the needy. And we have the opportunity to fast this Lent, especially from sin, as the Sacrament of Penance is offered weekly.

The Church Community is in this great race to the Promised Land together. But do we see ourselves intertwined in the great endeavor or are we just going it alone? The more we go it alone, the more opportunities there are to get in the wrong lane. And not just us. What about others? What is my responsibility to help others stay on the right path? “Am I my brother’s keeper?” is a commonly heard sentiment. No, you are not your brother’s keeper but could you at least give him some directions? Or better yet lead him in the right lane.

Plans are being made for our parish Feast Celebrations on March 25th and 27th. By celebrating the entire Parish Community we strive to make progress together on our Journey to the Promised Land. We need each other. And with the proper vision we can see in those around us the Presence of the Word Incarnate.

I hope that you will seize the opportunities offered here at Incarnation this Lent and that you will join in our parish festivities in March. Drawing strength and guidance from the Lord and each other we can finish the race together.

I’m pretty sure if Sven Kramer was racing in a team relay, his teammates would never have allowed him to finish first - but in the wrong lane. God Bless!

Father O'Connor



**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:
JOURNEY TO THE LAND OF INCARNATION.** Father O'Connor will accompany the ten day visit October 11 through 20, 2010. Besides Nazareth, Bethlehem and

Jerusalem, the Pilgrimage will include the countryside of Galilee. The great fare is \$2686.00 for non-stop flights, first rate hotels, breakfast & dinner each day and much more. Single room supplement is additional. It is recommended that all pilgrims purchase trip insurance at \$189.00. ***Because of the large interest a \$50. early bird reduction will be applied to all who register before March 8th.*** Detailed white brochures and yellow reservation forms are by the doors of the church or may be picked up at the rectory. For additional information please call Fr O'Connor. Already over 30 people have shown interest in the Pilgrimage. **Now is the time to bring in the initial payment and get that discount!**

LENTEN VESPERS SERIES. *My Lenten Journey with Jesus* begins this Wednesday at 7:30PM. We are happy to welcome to Incarnation Msgr. John Casey. Msgr. Casey should be familiar to many of you as he is my predecessor once removed. Msgr. Casey's time at Incarnation is still remembered fondly. He will reflect on: ***Jesus, My Lord.*** Future themes and speakers are:

Mar 10 *Jesus, My Teacher* – Rev Robert Armato
Mar 17 *Jesus, My Friend* – Msgr. Ray Chappetto
Mar 24 *Jesus, My Cross-Bearer* – Msgr. E. Feldhaus
Vespers are every Wednesday evening of Lent at 7:30PM. The Lenten program will conclude on Mar 31 with a Parish Seder Supper in the school auditorium. Make plans to join us as we sing the Evening Prayer of the Church and Journey with Jesus this Lent.

Stations of the Cross are prayed in Creole, English and Spanish every Friday of Lent at 7:30PM. Join in this precious devotion and prayerfully follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Events For The Week

Sunday
 7:30am~12:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Clothing
 Collection Truck ~ 207th Street Pick-up
 9:00am CCD SCH
 1:00pm Legion of Mary OLPH
 2:30pm Haitian Mass CH
Monday
 6:00pm Girl Scouts MNH
Tuesday
 7:30pm Talleres de Oracion OLPH
 7:30pm Family Life Committee RB
Wednesday
 9:00am Eucharistic Adoration CH
 7:30pm Lenten Vespers CH
 8:15pm Choir CH
Thursday
 7:30pm Dinner Dance Committee RB
 8:00pm AA OLPH
Friday
 12:30pm Food Pantry MNH
 7:30pm Way of the Cross CH
Saturday
 10:00am Caribbean Prayer Breakfast MGH
 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 Room; MGH = Msgr. Griffin Hall (School Auditorium)

Need CPR? Confession-Penance-Reconciliation is offered every Saturday from 4PM-4:45PM and other times by appointment. Jump start your heart before Easter.

INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

Registration has begun at Incarnation School for the 2010-2011 Academic Year

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**



Readings For The Week




Sunday Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1
 Lk 9:28B-36
Monday Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
Friday Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a
 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Religious Education Happenings

First Communion Parents and children are reminded that the third parent-child preparation session will take place this Saturday, March 6, 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 20 at 11AM.



Announced Mass Intentions ~ Remember your love ones, deceased and living in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our **Mass Intention Book for 2010** is open for your intentions. Please come to the Rectory office to make these arrangement.

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.

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.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY Communion Mass and meeting will take place next Sunday, March 7. All members and other ladies in the parish are invited to the 10:30 AM Mass followed by the monthly meeting to take place in Our Lady's Meeting Room

LENTEN REGULATIONS—Abstinence: The Church Requires all the faithful who have reached their 14th year of age to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent excluding this year March 19: the Solemnity of St. Joseph. **Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the fasting regulation on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken at 2 other occasions in the day.



A Parish Food Drive. Today you are invited to take home a brown paper bag and each week you will be asked to purchase certain items and place them in the grocery bag at home. **This week please add to your shopping bag: Canned Soup, Boxes of Rice and Tomato Sauce.** On Sunday, March 28th please return your filled grocery bag that will be given to assist the food pantries here at Incarnation and OL of Lourdes.

The Family Life Committee next meets this Tuesday, March 2 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 Family Movie Night will continue.

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. Anyone who would like to help organize the table is asked to contact the rectory at 718-465-8534.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. All couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th and 50th Anniversary are invited to a special Mass at Our Lady of Angels Church, Bay Ridge on Saturday, April 24th at 11:00 AM. Bishop DiMarzio will be the main celebrant. Please call the Parish Office and register to attend before Friday, March 26th.

PIPES DONATION. White envelopes marked "Pipes" are by the doors of the church for those who can help cover the cost for January's needed pipe replacement work. So far several parishioners have come forward to help pay down this debt. Everyone is asked to join together and meet the formidable goal of over \$60,000.

Eucharistic Holy Hours will take place on First Friday from 9AM to 10AM and on First Saturday from 6PM to 7PM. Come out and spend some quality time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament this Lenten Season.

There will be no evening Mass on First Friday.



FAMILY MOVIE NITE—SATURDAY, MARCH 13—6:30PM. The Family Life Committee invites you to join with others in the parish for a Special Family Movie to be enjoyed by all in the school auditorium. Food and drink, Raffles and loads of fun are all included in the Admission Fee of \$5. Tickets may be purchased at the Parish, School or Religious Ed Office. They will also be on sale the weekend of March 6 and 7 in the main vestibule of the church. Mark your calendars now for some good ol' fashioned fun.

Labor Hotline: 1-877-52-LABOR—Free. The Catholic Migration Office has established a labor hotline to protect workers rights. Everyone has the right to be treated fairly at work under the law regardless of immigration status. It's that simple. Give the line a call if you have questions or concerns about your working conditions

Girl Scout Sunday. Incarnation's Girl Scouts will be recognized at the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday for all their efforts in the parish and community. They will receive a special blessing, too. To extend the celebration the Girl Scouts are offering hospitality in the lower church after the Mass. All are welcomed. We invite parents to encourage their daughters to become Girl Scouts. Meetings are held every Monday night beginning at 6:30 PM in the lower church. Come and see the wonderful activities the Girl Scouts are doing this year!

The **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** will meet this Saturday at 10:30AM in the rectory. All members are reminded to attend.

CHOIR PRACTICE will resume this Wednesday, March 3 following Lenten Vespers in the church (8:15PM). It will be an opportunity to meet the new Music Director, Mr. Perry Townsend and begin preparations for Holy Week. Present choir members and all those who would like to praise the Lord through song are invited up to the choir loft after Vespers this Wednesday to ask questions and meet with the new director..

They walked among us -Priests and Saints too? The diocese is sponsoring a series about three priests who have ties to our diocese and are on the road to sainthood. The series will take place at St. James' Cathedral—250 Cathedral Place-Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the first three Sundays of March. at 4PM.

Mar 7— "Fr. Felix Varela" presented by Bishop Cisneros
Mar 14— "Bishop Ford" presented by Bishop Cantanello
Mar 21— "Msgr. Quinn" presented by Msgr. Paul Jervis

Spend time visiting our beautiful Cathedral and learn about the saintly lives who lived not long ago and literally walked among us in Brooklyn and Queens.