

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 29</b>
7:30	All Souls In Purgatory
9:00	Benjamin Florencio
10:30	Rosa & Francesco Fracassa
12:00	Amcermo Pichardo
5:00	Leonila Vergara
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 30 St Pius V. Pope</b>
8:30	Mr.&Mrs Alfredo Reyes~38th Wedd. Ann.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 1 St. Joseph the Worker</b>
8:30	Sister Helen Costello, CSJ
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 2 St Athanasius, Bishop</b>
8:30	Natividad B. Pagay
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 3 Ss Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b>
8:30	Margaret Maloney
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 4</b>
8:30	Duland Etienne
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 5</b>
8:30	Ivan Lorenzo
5:00	The People of Incarnation
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 6</b>
7:30	In Thanksgiving
9:00	Yves Joseph
10:30	Nicole LaForest & Anna Maria Lopez~liv.
12:00	Aida Ramirez
5:00	Luc Bernard



On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you are considering such a vocation, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454.



**The Gifts of Bread and Wine** have been donated this week for the Personal Intentions of Therese Etienne

*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, Rose Toussaint, Gregg Ortiz, Marie Cesarano, Mauro Carido Jr., Felipe Galo, Kenji Yamashita, Dorothy Winters Hall, Rocco Moreo, Allan Caicedo, Elizabeth Burke, Horacio Eclipse, Antonine Mignon, Joyce Kumar, Roberto Cano, Erlinda Valenti, Yvette Goin, Marie Lourdes Toussaint Leone & Vincent Adrien, Vida Moore, Nicole LaForest, Jose Cherian, William O'Neil, Revica Villette,

*May eternal rest be granted to:  
Kay Larkin and Carl Moore*



**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:**

- Pfc. Spec.2 David R. Collins, U.S. Army*
- Pfc. Juan Carlos Escudero, U.S. Army*
- 1st Class Manuel Stanley Joseph, U.S. Air Force*
- BM2 Otelo Rodriguez, U.S. Navy*
- 1st Class Joseph Romulo, U.S. Air Force*
- Lt. 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*

**EASTER GIFT TO MY CHURCH.** Your "Easter Gift to My Church" is being collected at this time.



The Easter letter from Father O'Connor asks that everyone prayerfully make a fair share offering during this holy season of Joy and Hope. If you did not receive the mailing extra "Easter Gift to My Church" envelopes are in the church today. Thank you in advance for your support of this vital parish collection during Easter.

**"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"**

*Collection for The Week of*

*April 21/22*

<i>My Weekly Tithe</i>	<i>\$5,101</i>
<i>Sidewalks</i>	<i>\$ 653</i>

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

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**April 29: Catholic Home Missions**

**May 6: Mothers' Day Mass Remembrance**

# ***“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, AND I KNOW MINE AND MINE KNOW ME.”***

## ***FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN***

Often on Good Shepherd Sunday we hear about Christ the Shepherd and the shepherds of the Church in the form of her ministers. I am confident that, with Father Marano preaching at all the Masses on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we will be reminded about the great need we have for young people to consider, and be encouraged in, vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

This Good Shepherd Sunday I would like to focus here on the sheep. Do you consider yourself as one of the flock? Are you lead by the Good Shepherd and His subsequent “assistant shepherds” all the time, or only when you want to go in a certain direction? I have been told that sheep are great animals to herd because they are so docile and look to follow the shepherd. Are our eyes fixed on Christ in His teachings and the continued ministry of the Church? Or do we attempt to stray and get lost on purpose when there are things asked of us that we don’t understand or agree with?

The other thing I’ve been told of sheep is that, for the most part, they stick together finding safety and support within the numbers of the fold. How close do you stick with your fellow Catholics or the parishioners here at Incarnation? It’s not that we are looking to form a “Catholic Ghetto” here, but who is going to support us in our goal and desire to follow the Good Shepherd. There are many wolves out there. Yes, some even in sheep’s clothing who would like nothing more than for us to be separated from the fold and to disappear one by one. If we don’t stick together and help each other keep our eyes on Christ who will?

There is an insert in this week’s bulletin that lists the goals articulated by the March 4 Parish Assembly. Please look them over. Would you be willing to make any of the goals your own? Could this be the opportunity to share your time, gifts and faith with others in the parish community? If not you, then who? If not now, then when? As sheep we have to stick together. Certainly our eyes are fixed on the Good Shepherd. Yes, He leads. But we have to follow His paths together. Hopefully making these goals a reality will be an opportunity for shared grace as we take care of each other as the Faithful Sheep of Incarnation.

Blessed Easter! The Lord has indeed Risen. It is true! He has appeared to Simon! *Father O’Connor*

**A WARM WELCOME on GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.** Incarnation is pleased to welcome Rev. Fred Marano. Father Marano is the Rector of Cathedral Prep Seminary. He is preaching at all the Masses to help us celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday:” the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



**MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE** begins on Mother’s Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at the 9AM Mass. This is a beautiful way of remembering our mothers, living or deceased, with a special Novena of Masses. Offering envelopes are available in the church today.

### **CONGRATULATIONS, NEW ALTAR SERVERS!**

Kristyn Cancel	Mathew Cortez
Emmanuel Degand	Dominique Echevarre
Edjinanie Gaston	Janaye Jones
Rikamarie Mantaring	Taina Mejia
Jared Murad	

Please pray that they might be great Altar Servers here at Incarnation: faithful, devout and prayerful. Also ask the Lord that they might consider a dearly needed vocation to the priesthood and/or religious life as they grow older. If they don’t help bring us the sacraments in the future, who will? Thanks for your willingness to serve at the Altar and Congratulations to you and your families.



**Italian Pilgrimage.** Start saving your Euros and dream of a journey of a lifetime as Incarnation makes an **Italian Pilgrimage** in October 2012. Venice, Padua, Florence, Pisa, Assisi and Rome will all be stops on the journey. Pray before the tombs of the saints from St. Mark to Blessed John Paul the Great. Fliers are on the bulletin boards. A detailed brochure may be found by the church doors. Spread the Word! Seats are quickly filling for this special opportunity.

**Here Comes the Bride!** Incarnation Congratulates Paciencia and Felipe Galo who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary with Bishop DiMarzio on Saturday, April 28th. God Bless them both!



**Diocesan Distinguished Parishioner Awards** were conferred by Bishop DiMarzio on representatives from parishes throughout the diocese at the end of April. Congratulations to our own Owen Brady and Lynn Eclipse who received the award for Incarnation Parish. Their dedication and generosity to Incarnation has been a tremendous blessing to countless others in our community and beyond. By sharing their time, talent and treasure through the years, our parish and school have been greatly enriched.



**The Family Life Committee** meets this Tuesday at 7:30PM in the Rectory. All are Welcomed to stop by.

**Events For The Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Vocations Prayer Day</b>	
9:00am	Religious Education	MGH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
11:30am	Baptismal Instructions	OLPH
<b>Monday</b>		
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:30pm	Adult Confirmation	OLPH
<b>Tuesday</b>		
5:00pm	1st Communion Practice	CH
7:30pm	Baptismal Instructions	MGH
7:30pm	Talleres de Oracion	OLPH
<b>Wednesday</b>		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
8:30pm	First Friday Choir	OLPH
<b>Thursday</b>		
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
<b>Friday</b>		
9:00am	Holy Hour	CH
12:00noon	Food Pantry	MNH
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:30pm	First Friday Mass	CH
<b>Saturday</b>		
11:00am	First Holy Communion	CH
1:00pm	Baptisms (Sp)	CH
6:00pm	Holy Hour	CH
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).

**Rosary/Altar Society** meets next Sunday, May 6.

**INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER**

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](http://www.incrcc.org) or call 718-465-5066

**Students for the Month of April**

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| Pre-K: Devina Takdari | K-1: Jonathan Gonzalez  |
| 1-1: Caitlyn Khan     | 1-2: Johnathan Loiseau  |
| 2nd: Jala Estrada     | 3rd: Angelique Cepedes  |
| 4th: Savannah Hope    | 5th: Donovan McMorris   |
|                       | 6th: Rika Mantaring     |
|                       | 7th: Valenie Vaval      |
|                       | 8-1: Maryann Mombrun    |
|                       | 8-2: Benedite Dieujuste |



**Readings For The Week**



<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 4:8-12 1Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 12:24-13:5a Jn 12:44-50
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14

**Religious Education Happenings**

**First Holy Communion Celebration for the parish children will take place Saturday at the 11AM Mass.**

Please pray for these girls and boys as they receive the Blessed Sacrament. Pray, also, for their families, and especially, that their parents will give them a good example by attending Mass each Sunday.



**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.

**2012 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.

**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 thanks.

**Marian Evening—May 31: Feast of the Visitation of**



**Mary.** Come out Thursday, May 31 at 7:30PM to celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The evening service will be filled with Scripture, songs, prayers and grateful sentiments as we recall the generosity of the young Virgin in journeying to assist her older cousin Elizabeth. Recognize Mary as the “Theotokos,” the “God-Bearer” as did John the Baptist who leapt in his mother’s womb. Bring the whole family as we show our affection to Our Blessed Mother.

**LIVING LIGHTS.** Securing an Annual *Living Light* Votive Candle to Honor a Loved One, Remember a Special Intention, or Mark a Milestone is a continual and wonderful way to celebrate sentiments and offer intercessions of remembrance, hope and gratitude. Two wall mounted electric candle stands now hang in our church on either side of the newly restored and expanded Saints' Shrine. These unique and inviting candles are made of real wax with electrified illumination to insure your *Living Light* burns brightly throughout the year. A plaque displaying the name of your loved one, your intention, or your milestone will be mounted before your *Living Light* Votive Candle. Plaques will remain for the year you have secured your *Living Light* and may be renewed or rededicated for additional 12 month periods. In addition to its rightful place before your *Living Light* in the Saints' Shrine, your Loved One, Special Intention, or Milestone will also be included in the *Living Light* Section of the Parish Website. See the blue brochure by the church doors or contact the rectory for more info: 718-465-8534.

**Applications for Scholarships for the 2012-13 Incarnation School year are now available.** Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,700 are awarded on a first come-first serve basis. To be considered for either the D.O.B. Scholarship (students



### SCHOLARSHIPS

currently enrolled in a catholic school,) or the Bishop's Scholarship Program (students attending public schools or kindergarten students) parents must submit an application (available at the school) or online at [www.psas.org](http://www.psas.org). Authorization Code for online is *BROOK*. There is an application processing fee of \$25.00, but only one application per family is required.

Scholarships will be awarded based on income level, household size and timing of when application is received. **If you need assistance in completing the application, please come to the school's office during school hours and someone will assist you.** If you need to apply online, please come with your credit card (payment of processing fee.) Please do not hesitate to apply. There are numerous families at Incarnation whose tuition is only \$100 per month!

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** will be present at all the Masses on May 12th and 13th. We all know of their ministry with the elderly poor particularly at Queen of Peace Residence on the other side of Queens Village where they provide a safe and comfortable home for elderly men and women. The Sisters will be at the doors of the church as you leave



### Little Sisters of the Poor

Mass to receive your donations. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

**First Friday** is May 4th. There will be a Holy Hour of Prayer after the morning Mass and an additional Mass at 7:30PM. Come early and pray the Rosary before both the morning and evening Mass during the month of May.

**First Saturday** is May 5th. The Nocturnal Adoration Society will hold a Eucharistic Holy Hour from 6-7PM.

**FLEA MARKET.** How about making your own money on a Saturday in May? The Parish Flea Market is a great chance to clean out the closets and basements, display your items, set your own prices and have fun making money! The Flea Market will be on Saturday, May 19 (rain or shine) from 9:30AM to 4PM. Tables are only \$25 each and green vendor registration forms are available in the church today or at the Parish Office. Tables are limited and the deadline for vendors is Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.



**Societies Meeting.** There will be a gathering of all the society leadership of the parish this Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Discussions will include the parish strategic plan submitted to the bishop, next year's parish calendar and other concerns. All parish groups must be represented.

**CHURCH ETIQUETTE. Have a seat!** We ask everyone to take their rightful place in the assembly using the pews at Mass. With the exception of a handful of celebrations each year there are seats for everyone. Standing along the walls in the back of the church is causing damage to the walls and prohibits those who might want to stop in church to say a little prayer by the shrines. It can block the entrance way and doesn't allow people the use of the hymnals which are needed for the hymns and psalm at Mass. Lastly, standing by the doors could give the impression that you are not fully engaged in the Celebration of the Eucharist: half in, half out, so to speak. So come in and have a seat and pray a while!

**PARISH ASSEMBLY 2012.** This week's bulletin has an insert with the overall goals that surfaced from the March 4th Assembly. Please take a moment to look over the goals presented. Implementing the goals will be the focus of the parish staff and the entire parish community over the coming months. They will be presented to the parish next weekend: *Goal Sunday*: May 5 and 6.



**2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** has begun with **178 pledges** being made in the initial weeks of the campaign. Once again we look forward to a successful pledge drive at Incarnation hoping to surpass our generosity from last year: \$69,405—almost \$18,000 of which returned to Incarnation. With the participation of every parishioner we are guaranteed success!

