

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 15</b>
7:30	Edward & Alma Voneski
9:00	Lucien Ceran, Sr.
10:30	Francisca Eclipse, Rosen Fam., Cornacchiulo Fam.
12:00	Lucia Del Carmen Tineo
5:00	Aurora Pincay
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 16</b>
8:30	Joseph de Madet
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 17</b>
8:30	Modesta K. Binyavanga
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
8:30	Cabeza Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 19</b>
9:30	Edwin Joseph Ramos
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 20</b>
8:30	Margaret Maloney
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 21 St. Peter Canisius</b>
8:30	Deacon Thomas F. Rogers
5:00	Owen & Kevin Brady
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 22</b>
7:30	Resurrecion De Peralta
9:00	Gerard Leon.
10:30	In Thanksgiving ~ Grijalvo Family
12:00	The People of Incarnation
5:00	John Thomann

**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
- 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



"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **memory of Anthony Neblett** a loving Husband, Father and Grandfather with prayers of the Neblett Family

If you would like to offer the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention or a loved one please contact the rectory.

**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. It is only through your generosity that our church is decorated so beautifully for Advent and Christmas. Please return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office.



**LET US PRAY...**

We ask God's healing and strength for:

- Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint, Gregg Ortiz, Kenine Dieuveuil, Alberte Jean-Baptiste, Felipe Galo, Theresa Thomann, Kenji Yamashita, Marian Smith, Allan & Jaime Caicedo, Elizabeth Burke, Owen Hogan, Deacon Lopez, Leone Adrien, Lucette Julien, Yvette Goin, Gabriella Krill, Arnulfo Cabahug, Sr, Kelly Marie Martinez, Marsha Klein, Henry Alvarez, Lunice Guiteau, William O'Neil, Levonne Jetter, Revica Villette, Maria Cabrera, Amanda Perez, Fritz Etheart, Sonia G. de Guerra, Jean Claude Boursiquot

May eternal rest be granted to:  
All our deceased parishioners



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

Collection for The Week of

December 8/9

My Weekly Tith	\$4,970
School Support	\$ 920
Immaculate Conception	\$ 467

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

- Dec 15: Christmas Gift to My Church**
- Dec 22: Maintenance**

## **“ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS TO COME, OR SHOULD WE LOOK FOR ANOTHER?”**

### ***FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN***

As we light the rose candle and celebrate Gaudete Sunday, this Sunday of Advent Joy, it's interesting to dwell on what can make us happy.

Children everywhere are anticipating Santa's arrival and the stash of gifts that come with him. For myself, it's always the people I get to see around the holidays that brings a smile to my face. Back in June while walking the camino, a hot shower and a good meal was all that I was looking for after 16 miles or so. As your pastor I sleep best when I realize that your parish and the Church Universal are making a difference. For me that difference is measured in how people become immersed and involved in our community and the many facets of parish life. They give and receive during their time here. Such an exchange shapes both parish and parishioner.

Jack Goldstein has been a parishioner for almost forty years. He and his wife, Delsy, raised their children here at Incarnation where they received their Sacraments and played sports in our CYO. Jack and Delsy were both active in parish life even in the midst of raising their children. As is the case children grow, get married and move away. Delsy, herself, passed on to eternal life in 2000 and was buried from our little wooden church.

Since I arrived at Incarnation I've always found Jack to be a person seeking to encounter Jesus; a rich theme of the Advent season. He searches for Jesus through his reading about our Catholic Faith or when he asks questions during the Adult Faith offerings. He encounters Jesus when he brings Holy Communion to the homebound or when he attends the morning Mass. And, while Jesus is always "More" than can be grasped, Jack would gladly share what he has learned and experienced with those of the RCIA community seeking to encounter Jesus themselves when they receive the Easter Sacraments.

Soon Jack will be moving on to warmer climates and another parish in Florida. I firmly believe that he will continue to search out the same Lord who has been revealed to him these forty years through the prism of Incarnation. I have no doubt that Jack is a better person because of the Incarnation community through the years and our parish has been made richer as well.

Good Luck and God's Speed, Jack Goldstein. As pastor of Incarnation, I have something else to be happy about this Sunday of Advent Joy!

*Father O'Connor*

**ADVENT WREATH.** For those who have an Advent wreath at home for family prayer during this holy season, today you light the first two purple and rose candles.

**Lessons & Carols on Epiphany Sunday.** Join us January 5 at 3:30PM 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 12. Light refreshments will be served in the lower church after the service.



**Feast of Faith Series: *Catholic Answers to Fundamentalist Questions!*** ~ We invite everyone who would like to explore our Catholic Faith more deeply to come and reflect on some of the core questions that Fundamentalist Christians ask and challenge us about our Catholic Faith. The third of the four sessions - "What's with all these Sacraments?" takes place Wednesday, Jan 8 at 7:30PM. Save the date for the final session on May 14.

**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.

### **NEW NATIVITY STATUES.**

To help celebrate our Parish Feast, the Liturgy Committee has decided to get new figures for the Nativity scene to be placed in our church each Christmas. The new set is made in Italy of a more durable resin compound, and is twice as large as the current figures.

If anyone would like to memorialize any of the new Nativity statues please contact the rectory. A plaque will hang each Christmas Season near the Nativity with the listing of the individuals to remember in prayer.

A **TE DEUM NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS** will be celebrated in the church at 11:00 PM on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is invited to prepare for the New Year by attending.

**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.



**Events For The Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	Gift Sunday	
	Baptism Welcome	
9:00am	Religious Education	MGH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
<b>Monday</b>		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
<b>Tuesday</b>		
7:30pm	<i>The Joyful Mysteries</i>	MNH
<b>Wednesday</b>		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
5:30pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
<b>Thursday</b>		
9:00am	School Confessions	CH
8:00pm	AA Meeting	OLPH
<b>Friday</b>		
11:20am	Christmas Recess begins at Dismissal	
12:00noon	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Bible Study	OLPH
<b>Saturday</b>		
9:30am	Sunday Scripture Sharing	MGH
10:30am	Pageant Rehearsal	CH
6:00pm	Parish Caroling (Raindate)	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)

**PARISH OFFICE will be closed Dec 24-Jan 4.** However all emergency calls will be answered promptly. Please plan to conduct normal parish business after January 6th. The office will re-open Sunday, January 5.

**First Communion Preparations.** There will be a Parents' Meeting for all parents and guardians of the children receiving Penance and Holy Communion for the first time this spring on Sunday, January 12 at 9:15AM in the School Auditorium. The children will be enrolled in preparation for the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion at the 10:30 Mass that day. Please keep them and their families in your prayers



**INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER**

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

School Christmas Recess: December 21—January 5  
Classes Resume Monday, January 6



Box Tops for Education  
May be left in the church's main vestibule  
For more info log onto [www.incrcc.org](http://www.incrcc.org)  
or call 718-465-5066.

**Readings For The Week**



<b>Sunday</b>	Is 35:1-6a,10 Jer 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11
<b>Monday</b>	Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Mt 21:23-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gn 49:2,8-10 Mt 1:1-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
<b>Thursday</b>	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Lk 1:5-25
<b>Friday</b>	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
<b>Saturday</b>	Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

**Religious Education Happenings**

**Christmas Eve Family Mass Pageant**

Rehearsal is Saturday, December 21 at 10:30AM  
*Children in Pageant must return permission slips*  
Christmas Eve Family Mass with Pageant at 5PM

**No Class on December 22 & 29**  
**Classes Resume Jan 5**

**MUSTARD SEED MINISTRY**—Children's Liturgy of the Word:  
Jan 5 & 12 at the 10:30 Mass.

**Confirmation Pictures are available for pick-up at the rectory.**



**Welcome to Our Family . . .**

**Welcome to the Church!** Incarnation would like to welcome the newly baptized of December: Katherine Buckley, Alicia Estevez, Daniella Quinto.

**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 YOUR Church.



**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 Sr. Joan Klimski at the Religious Education Office (718) 465-8534. The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at the Pentecost Vigil.

**Announced Mass Intentions** ~ Remember your love ones, deceased and living in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our **Mass Intention Book for 2014** is open for your intentions: anniversaries, birthdays, thanksgivings. Please come to the Rectory to make these arrangement. A prayerful and thoughtful gift this Christmas.

**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.



**Mustard Seed Ministry on the 1st & 2nd Sundays.** At the end of the Opening Prayer at the 10:30 Mass children from ages four to seven will be invited to the lower church to hear the reading(s) in a special way by a trained catechist. This may include storytelling, creating a simple craft, singing a song, etc. At the end of the Prayer of the Faithful of the Mass the children will return and sit back with their parents and families. For more information contact Sr. Joan.

**HELP IS ON THE WAY.** The parts to repair the auto-assist door on the convent side of the church have been ordered. It should be functioning again by Christmas.

**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 9, 10:30 & 12 Masses, 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 on 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Preference: Please circle as many as possible:

I \_\_\_\_ We \_\_\_\_ would like to participate in lighting the Advent wreath in church at the 9 / 10:30 / 12 Mass.

Sunday: Dec. 22

**ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES.** Come out this Tuesday Dec 17 to the OLPH Meeting Room and reflect on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary which are recalled and celebrated in a special way each Advent and Christmas season. Receive greater meaning when praying "Mary's Prayer."



**Need CPR before Christmas?** Confession-Penance-Reconciliation is offered Saturdays from 4PM-4:45PM. In the midst of other preparations, don't forget that the best way to welcome the Savior and recall His Birth is to try to do it free from sin. School Confessions are Dec 19. Please note there are no confessions scheduled for Christmas Eve.



**GIFT SUNDAY.** We thank everyone who took gift tag(s) from the Giving Tree the last two Sundays. What a beautiful sight it will be with hundreds of wrapped gifts in the Baptistry and by the Altar. Gifts can be returned to the church up till this Wednesday. **Thursday morning** they will be collected by the various charities. God bless everyone for their Spirit of Giving!



**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SHARING ON SATURDAYS.** One of the requests from our Parish Assembly was a greater opportunity to explore and appreciate Sacred Scripture. Now is the time! So come and join us on Saturday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in Our Lady's Meeting Room or the Auditorium as we spend time with the readings that will be proclaimed at Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday. Through prayer and fellowship we hope to have the Scriptures come more alive.



**2013 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** continues at Incarnation. Tallies show that there have been **279 pledges** made. So we are just over 58% **to our goal of 500 pledges**. Thanks to all who already have made a pledge to this year's Appeal. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this year's Appeal by making a generous donation so that we can reach our assigned goal of \$50,290. Pledges—large and small — can be made by all the working members of the household. Extra pledge envelopes are in the church today. You may mail in or return your pledge commitment in the collection and we will deliver it directly to the Appeal Office. No pledge is too small. With the participation of every parishioner we are guaranteed success as a people *Renewing Our Faith through Acts of Charity!*

