

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday	December 1
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	In Thanksgiving ~ Elisa Florencio
10:30	Jean Donnelly
12:00	Aida Ramirez
5:00	Jose Alverio
Monday	December 2
8:30	Neddy Wesh
Tuesday	December 3 St. Francis Xavier
8:30	Primitavo Valle
Wednesday	December 4 St. John Damascene
8:30	Claude Roumain
Thursday	December 5
9:30	MelecioSr,RufinoSrAnderiaEclipse CelestinaCailing
Friday	December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop
8:30	Margaret McLinden Smith
Saturday	December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop
8:30	Iris Rivera, Jose & Elizabeth Camacho
5:00	The People of Incarnation
Sunday	December 8
7:30	Andrew Umeriko
9:00	Frances Ganci
10:30	In Thanksgiving ~ Elizabeth Persaud
12:00	Cano & Rodriguez Family
5:00	Maria Lucila Velez

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



"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks...." If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



The **Gifts of Bread and Wine** have been donated 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 Bread & Wine 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, Elisabeth Norency, 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, Henry Alvarez, Lunice Guitau, William O'Neil, Levonne Jetter, Revica Villette, Maria Cabrera, Amanda Perez Fritz Etheart, Sonia G. de Gracia, Jean Claude Boursiquot

May eternal rest be granted to:
Peter McKeivitt and Jack Sotiriou

"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

Collection for The Week of
November 23/24

My Weekly Tithe	\$5,781
Maintenance	\$ 512
Human Development	\$ 457

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- Dec 1: Christmas Flowers**
- Dec 8: School Support**
- Dec 9: Immaculate Conception**

**“SO TOO, YOU ALSO MUST BE PREPARED,
FOR AT AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT, THE SON OF MAN WILL COME.”**

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

While wandering around France during my sabbatical I came across a group of boys arguing on a soccer field in the village of Sable-sur-Sarthe. After a while I was able to figure out what was all the fuss. They were arguing about a “Do Over.” One side claimed not to be ready when the corner kick and subsequent goal was scored. They wanted to start the kick all over again. Now while my French is weak and I guess my soccer skills weaker, I am very familiar with “Do Overs.” We used them, and argued over them often on the streets of Flatbush.

Simply put a “Do Over” is the chance to begin something over again, particularly if things weren’t going favorably. Mostly they occurred during sports or games. Sometimes “Do Overs” were evoked when trying to master a skill or show off for friends. There were a lot of “Do Overs” on Marlborough Road. It was simply the price of playing with other kids.

Today the Church begins her annual “Do Over:” the Season of Advent. The liturgical year begins again to allow us to reflect once more on the salvation that comes through the Christ-Event. We do this annually because we need “Do Overs.” Hopefully we are not so arrogant or disconnected with ourselves that we think we did everything perfectly last 365 days. “Do Overs” in Advent can help us if we have failed to properly prepare for the Lord’s return or missed out on how His birth in Bethlehem raised the dignity of every man, woman and child to grace this planet. “Do Overs” in Christmastide give us the chance to actually give gifts with no strings attached: very much a novelty in our culture and world. Lenten “Do Overs” can be challenging as we reflect on sin and imperfection, not in the abstract but my sin and my imperfection which I’m so quick to judge others over but fail to own in my life. Liturgical “Do Overs” of Easter might be most necessary as we live in this world as if this is the only world. The Resurrection of Jesus and His desire to share eternal life with us is not just to take care of us after we die but to help us live our lives now with the perspective of all eternity.

No need to argue about Liturgical “Do Overs.” We get one every year! Let’s try not to squander it this time.

Happy New Year!
God Bless!

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 purple candle.

LITURGY COMMITTEE. The next liturgy committee meeting is next Saturday, December 14th at 10:30 AM in the rectory meeting room. We will finish planning for Christmas and begin planning for Lent. New members and ideas are always welcomed. For more information please contact Father O’Connor.

GIFT SALE after all the Masses in Msgr. Nolan Hall, the lower church.

HandCrafting Justice is a project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd who work in cooperation with women struggling for economic justice and independence in the developing world. The Sisters support them and assist them in their efforts to create employment for themselves in order to provide for their families and better their lives by selling their crafts.



NEW HYMNALS. You may notice the new BREAKING BREAD hymnals in the bookracks. Once again we ask everyone’s help and cooperation in keeping the hymnals clean and please return the hymnal into the bookrack at the end of Mass.

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.



Multi-Cultural Rosary. There will be a Celebration of the Rosary and Candlelight Procession (weather permitting) beginning at 7:30PM this Monday as we celebrate the beginning of Mary’s Life in the womb of St. Ann. Please note that because the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is moved to the following day there is no obligation to attend Mass. Solemn Mass is at 8:30AM on Monday.

SIMBANG GABI. The Filipino community invites you to prepare for the Savior’s Birth next Sunday, December 8 beginning at 2PM in the auditorium. Refreshments to follow after 5PM Mass in Msgr. Nolan Hall. Join us!

Events For The Week

Sunday	Handcrafting Justice Gift Sale	MNH
10:30am	RCIA—Rite of Welcome	CH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
11:30am	Rosarians' Monthly Meeting	OLPH
2:00pm	Baptisms	CH
Monday		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
Tuesday		
7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	CH
7:30pm	Baptism Instruction (Sp)	OLPH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
5:30pm	Angelic Voices Rehearsal	CH
7:30pm	Advent Eve of Prayer and Praise	CH
Thursday		
11:15am	School Dismissal and Report Cards	
7:30pm	Ministers' Gathering	CH
8:00pm	AA Meeting	OLPH
Friday		
9:00am	Holy Hour	CH
12:00noon	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Mass	CH
Saturday		
9:00am-12noon	St. VDP Clothing Pick-up	Pkng Lot
9:30am	Sunday Scripture Sharing	OLPH
10:30am	Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)	OLPH
12:00noon	Engine 310 Christmas Party	MGH
1:00pm	Baptisms	CH
6:00pm	Holy Hour	CH
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	MGH
7:30pm	Line Dancing	MNH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH

Readings For The Week



Sunday	Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44
Monday	Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:20, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-6 Mt 9:23-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Religious Education Happenings

Confessions for Religious Ed Students will take place next Sunday during class time.

Christmas Eve Family Mass Pageant

Students who would like to participate in the Living Nativity at the Family Mass on Christmas Eve are asked to contact Sr. Joan.

Mustard Seed Ministry will take place Dec 8 at the 10:30 Mass. All children are invited to share the readings in the lower church.

CHRISTMAS CAROL PROCESSION

returns to Incarnation Saturday, December 14th at 6:00 PM. All carolers are invited to meet in the parking lot. 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 Christmas spirit as Incarnation sings songs of the season and keeps Christ in Christmas!



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.



The Word Among Us. This Advent a special & attractive periodical entitled "What Child Is This?" 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. Use the envelopes provided.

When making your Christmas "To Do List" make sure you have added receiving the **Sacrament of Penance**. **Confessions** are on Saturdays from 4 to 4:45PM.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE into the Catechumenate and Continuing Call to Conversion takes place at the 10:30 Mass this First Sunday of Advent. We congratulate Nalini Benn, Andre Garcia, Nicole Rochester, Gregory Smith who prepare for Baptism; Conceptia Castel, Guerline Felix, Idania Torres who seek full initiation in the Church. May we keep them in our prayers as they prepare for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

School Christmas Show

Friday, December 13—7PM

Tickets May Be Purchased at School Office



Box Tops for Education
May be left in the church's main vestibule

For more info log onto www.incrcc.org
or call 718-465-5066.

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.



2014 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' PRAYER/MEETING.



As the Church prepares to begin a New Liturgical Year, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors are asked to attend prayer and also to discuss the different aspects of ministry in our parish. We will meet in church this Thursday at 7:30PM. Please make every effort to attend!

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. 8 Dec. 15 Dec. 22

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER AND PRAISE



sponsored by the Liturgy Committee will take place this Wednesday at 7:30PM in the church. We welcome Rev. Michael Tedone, Chaplain at Queens College and Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Queens Village who will offer an Advent reflection entitled "**The Characters of Advent.**" The reflection will take place in the context of sung vespers. All are invited.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES. Come out on Tues, 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."

Giving Tree. In the upcoming Season of Giving, a beautiful Giving Tree containing decorative gift tags



will be placed in the back of the church for the First Sunday of Advent. Parishioners are invited to take the gift tag(s) to purchase items for Christmas. GREEN tags are for the children at Hour Children in Long Island City. WHITE tags are for those children from St. Mary, Star of the Sea in Far Rockaway, and RED tags are to be given to needy children by Unidos Latinos of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Astoria. Everyone is invited to participate in this year's Giving Tree – children and adults. Feel free to take more than one gift tag. Join us in the approaching Season of Giving as we celebrate God's gift of Jesus in our hearts & lives.

First Friday is December 6th. There will be a Holy Hour of Prayer after the morning Mass and an additional Mass at 7:30PM. **First Saturday** is December 7th. There will be an evening Holy Hour beginning at 6PM. Take advantage of these Advent opportunities during this hectic holiday time of year.

2013 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL continues at



Incarnation. Tallies show that there have been **269 pledges** made. So we are just over 55% **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!*