

ANNOUNCED MASSES

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 22</u>
7:30	Resurrecion De Peralta
9:00	Gerard Leon
10:30	In Thanksgiving ~ The Grijalvo
12:00	The People of Incarnation
5:00	John Thomann
<u>Monday</u>	<u>December 23 St. John Kanty</u>
8:30	Charles Dunleavy
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>December 24 Vigil of Christmas</u>
8:30	Gonzales Family
5:00	Intentions of Brady & McMahon Family
12:00	Christmas Mass Remembrance
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>December 25 Christmas</u>
9:00	Mauro Carido, Jr.
10:30	In Thanksgiving ~ The Ciron Family
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>December 26 St. Stephen</u>
8:30	Thomas Burke
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 27 St. John Apostle</u>
8:30	Intentions of Cynthia Adrien
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 28 Holy Innocents</u>
8:30	Edwin Joseph Ramos
5:00	The People of Incarnation
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 29 Holy Family</u>
7:30	James Longobardi
9:00	Thomas Burke, Jr.
10:30	Rosa & Francesco Fracassa
12:00	Roberto Cano
5:00	In Thanksgiving ~ The Oriol 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:

- 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



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.



“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office.

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, Eileen Falvey 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:
August Iantosca, Sr.



“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”

Collection for The Week of

December 14/15

<i>My Weekly Tith</i>	<i>\$3,458</i>
<i>Christmas Gift to My Church</i>	<i>\$5,734</i>

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- Dec 22: Maintenance**
- Dec 29: Maintenance**

**“BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL”**

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

As I mentioned last week, one of the things I enjoy the most about this time of year is seeing people. I have gatherings at the rectory for friends, family, our workers and their families, our good Dominican Sisters and the priests who celebrate the Eucharist for us each Sunday. Equally enjoyable is my venturing into the city for the various Christmas concerts that I am lucky enough to hear.

It’s wonderful to get out with people (some I haven’t seen in a year and others I have seen the last week) and attend a concert and of course have a meal together. Almost all of the music is sacred music of various eras and cultures. Some is in English while most is in other languages accompanied by a translation. The melodies of these antiphons, hymns and carols are (without exaggerating) heavenly. Even more impressive at times are the lyrics. The poetry, at times, can be so penetrating as humanity through the ages attempts to enter and comprehend the Mystery of the Incarnation.

From the 11th century

in the Latin Church we hear:

*Of the Father’s love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.*

- Corde natus ex Parentis

From the last century

in the Armenian Church we hear:

*Multitudes of angels and heavenly hosts
descended from high with the begotten King,
singing and saying: “This is the Son of God.”
Let us all say: “Rejoice, O ye heavens,
and let the foundations of the earth be glad,
for the eternal God appeared on Earth
and walked about with men,
that He may save our souls.*

- Bazmutyung

Reflect on and relish the Mystery of the Incarnation these next few weeks.
Find the song in your heart and share it. See you Tuesday and Wednesday!

Father O’Connor

ADVENT WREATH. For those who have an Advent wreath at home for family prayer during this holy season, today you light all the 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 31st. 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

Sunday	No Religious Education	
1:00pm	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:30pm	Haitian Mass	CH
5:00pm	Haitian Christmas Party	MGH
Monday		
Tuesday	Christmas Eve —No Rectory Office Hours	
5:00pm	Family Mass	CH
7:30pm	Spanish Mass	CH
	Midnight Mass	CH
Wednesday	Christmas —No Rectory Office Hours	
9:00am & 10:30am	Masses	CH
Thursday	No Rectory Office Hours	
8:30am	Mass	CH
8:00pm	AA Meeting	OLPH
Friday	No Rectory Office Hours	
8:30am	Mass	CH
12:00noon	Food Pantry	MNH
Saturday	No Rectory Office Hours	
6:00pm	Haitian Youth Christmas Party	MGH
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)



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

If you wish to offer the bread and wine in memory of a loved one or a personal intention please contact the parish office

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
or call 718-465-5066.

Readings For The Week



Sunday	Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24
Monday	Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday	Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22-5 Mt 1:1-25
Wednesday	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18
Thursday	Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
Friday	1Jn 1:1-14 Jn 20:1a,2-8
Saturday	1Jn 1:-5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18

Religious Education Happenings

No Class on December 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.

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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SHARING ON SATURDAYS. 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.

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.

PARISH WEBSITE. Click onto www.incrcc.org and enjoy all the news and information about our parish including the weekly bulletin, current schedules, parish history and much more.

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 are invited to the lower church to hear the reading(s) in a special way by a trained catechist. 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.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERENADE: Please join us before Christmas Eve Midnight Mass for a special Christmas Serenade presented by our Music Ministry, featuring choirs, soloists, organ and trumpet. The music will begin at **11:15pm**. Come early, relax and absorb the Christmas Spirit before Mass.



Incarnation School Alumni Association is looking for information on our illustrious graduates. The association is planning on sponsoring future events to reconnect graduates with each other. Please feel free to share this information with your children and others who attended Incarnation School. Fill it out and drop it in the basket or at the parish office. Register also on the internet: www.incrcc.org.

Name _____

Maiden _____

Address _____

Phone Home _____ Work _____

Email _____ Graduation Year _____

Christmastide Mass Schedule



The Nativity of Our Lord (Holy Day)
 December 24th: Christmas Eve
 5PM Family Mass with *Children's Nativity*
 7:30PM (Spanish)
 12 Midnight Mass—Preceded by carols 11:15PM

December 25th: Christmas Day
 9:00AM
 10:30AM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 December 28th: Saturday
 5PM Mass & Confessions

December 29th: Sunday
 7:30AM
 9:00AM
 10:30AM
 12Noon (Spanish)
 5PM

The Octave Day of Christmas (Holy Day)
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 December 31st: New Year's Eve
 5PM
 11PM – *Te Deum Mass*

January 1st: New Year's Day
 9:00AM
 10:30AM

The Epiphany of Our Lord
 January 4th: Saturday
 5PM Mass & Confessions

January 5th: Sunday
 7:30AM
 9:00AM
 10:30AM
 12Noon (Spanish)
 5PM
 3:30PM *A Ceremony of Lessons & Carols*

MARTHA MINISTRY. Join with others from the parish in a detailed cleaning of the church at 10:30AM on the Second Saturday of the month. An organizational meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18 at 10:30AM in the church. For more information please contact: Donna Paul—347-495-0435 or pjouian@earthlink.net.



2013 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL continues at Incarnation. Tallies show that there have been **281 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!*

