

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>December 8</u></b>
7:30	Andrew Umeriko
9:00	Frances Ganci
10:30	In Thanksgiving ~ Elizabeth Persaud
12:00	Cano & Rodriguez Family
5:00	Maria Lucila Velez
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>December 9 Immaculate Conception</u></b>
8:30	Delsy Goldstein
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>December 10</u></b>
8:30	Genoveva & Julio Paul
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>December 11 St. Damasus I, Pope</u></b>
8:30	In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</u></b>
9:30	Natividad & Andres Pagay
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>December 13 St. Lucy</u></b>
8:30	Salem Saint Pierre
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>December 14 St. John of the Cross</u></b>
8:30	Yvon Pierre-Louis
5:00	The People of Incarnation
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>December 15</u></b>
7:30	Edward & Alma Voneski
9:00	Lucien Ceran Sr.
10:30	Francisca Eclipse, Rosen Fam.& Corocchiulo Fam.
12:00	Lucia Del Carmen Tineo
5:00	Aurora Pincay



Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, 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.*

**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,
- 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:*

Helen Paulkner



**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*

**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.



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

*Collection for The Week of November 30/December 1*

<i>My Weekly Tithe</i>	<i>\$5,672</i>
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	<i>\$1,624</i>
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	<i>\$ 709</i>

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

**SECOND COLLECTION**

- Dec 8: School Support**
- Dec 9: Immaculate Conception**
- Dec 15: Christmas Gift to My Church**

# “REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!”

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

When I lived in Brooklyn it was customary to visit some of the blocks that had many houses with elaborate Christmas decorations and displays. While some homes might have been over decorated to my taste, it was always fun to see the visitors faces especially the children as they walked up and down the block. Some of the more elaborate displays even had music included.

While music on a neighborhood street might seem strange to some, it is precisely what the stores in Manhattan do when they set up their Christmas Window displays. Speakers pipe onto the streets familiar Christmas carols or instrumentals.

Whether the display is simple or elaborate what, I personally think, makes it special is the music. The music of Christmas is special. Whether on the radio, at a shopping mall, from a Christmas display or at church there is something magical about Christmas songs and carols, either sacred or secular.

On the streets before the Christmas displays of residents and store owners alike, music engages the mind as our sense of hearing is brought to the foreground. It also heightens levels of joy. This Christmas joy has been passed down from generation to generation and if past years are any indication, many generations of parishioners will be present, singing and laughing unabashedly as “our parish goes a caroling.”

I would like to invite you, your family and your friends to join as we bring our own music to the streets of Queens Village as we go Parish Caroling this Saturday, December 16, beginning at 6PM in the church parking lot. We will be a Living Display of our Christian Faith as we follow “Joseph and Mary on horseback.” Yes, there will be ponies to ride and sheep to pet in the parking lot before we process through the streets. Of course hot chocolate and cookies will await us as we return to the auditorium. But I invite you to come caroling so that we can share our joy and firm faith in God’s Son whose birth we recall this time of year. It’s our opportunity to display our faith, and joy, and excitement about the wonderful event of the Incarnation of God’s Only Begotten Son.

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 two purple 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 Our Lady of Guadalupe ~**

There will be a Festive Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe this Thursday morning at 8:30AM. Come join in prayer as we honor Our Lady as Patroness of the Americas during this Advent Season and remain with her as she anticipates the birth of her only Son, our Messiah.



**LITURGY COMMITTEE.** The next liturgy committee meeting is this Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

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.

**Events For The Week**

<b>Sunday</b>		
9:00am	Religious Education	MGH
9:45am	First Communion Prep II Meeting	MNH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:00pm	Simbang Gabi	MNH
<b>Monday</b>		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:00pm	Caribbean Association	MGH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
<b>Tuesday</b>		
12:00pm	Friendship Club	MNH
3:30pm	Deanery Meeting	OLPH
<b>Wednesday</b>		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
5:30pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
<b>Thursday</b>		
8:00pm	AA Meeting	OLPH
<b>Friday</b>		
12:00noon	Food Pantry	MNH
7:00pm	School Christmas Show	MGH
7:30pm	English Prayer Group	OLPH
<b>Saturday</b>		
9:00am	Sacred Hearts' Prayer Group	OLPH
9:30am	Sunday Scripture Sharing	MGH
10:30am	Liturgy Committee	OLPH
5:00pm	Gift Sunday	CH
6:00pm	Parish Caroling	
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)



**Blessing of Baby Jesus Figures Dec 15 10:30 Mass.** We invite all our parishioners and families to bring the statue of the Baby Jesus from the nativity scenes in their homes, under their Christmas Trees or from their front lawns to the 10:30AM Mass

next Sunday for a special blessing as we once again recall the Incarnation. May the blessing and these images of Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, remind us that it is Christ's Mass that is celebrated every December 25th.

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

**Readings For The Week**



<b>Sunday</b>	Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	Gn 3:9-15 Eph1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38
<b>Friday</b>	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Religious Education Happenings**

**Christmas Eve Family Mass Pageant**

Rehearsal is Saturday, December 21 at 10:30AM  
Christmas Eve Family Mass with Pageant at 5PM

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

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



**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. The procession route this year will be along 207th Street to 89th Avenue then to 208th Street then down to 89th Ave and ultimately to the school auditorium. Afterwards we will serve hot chocolate and cookies in Msgr. Griffin Hall. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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. 15    Dec. 22

**ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**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."



**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. Religious Ed Confessions are Dec 15 and School Confessions are Dec 19.



**GIFT SUNDAY.** We thank everyone who took gift tag(s) from the Giving Tree last Sunday. The tree remains in the church for those who would like to still take part in our giving program.



We ask everyone to return their wrapped gifts with the attached tag to church NEXT Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, which we call GIFT SUNDAY. What a beautiful sight it will be with hundreds of wrapped gifts in the Baptistry and Altar area. 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 **272 pledges** made. So we are just over 57% **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!*

