


ANNOUNCED MASSES


Sunday	December 11
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Frances Ganci
10:30	Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
12:00	Nelson Azcona
5:00	Special Intention
Monday	December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30	Andres & Natividad Pagay
Tuesday	December 13 St. Lucy
8:30	Magalie Menardy
Wednesday	December 14 St. John of the Cross
8:30	Iluminada C. Terrenate
Thursday	December 15
8:30	Geronimo Batalla
Friday	December 16
8:30	Grace, Francisca Eclipse & David Rosen
Saturday	December 17
8:30	In Thanksgiving ~ Donna Paul Persaud
5:00	Yvonne Pierre-Louis
Sunday	December 18
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Noel DeSilva
10:30	Lucien Ceran, Sr.
12:00	Roberto Dunn
5:00	Cabeza Family



“The One who calls you is faithful.” Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Need CPR before Christmas? Confession-Penance-Reconciliation is offered Saturdays from 4PM-4:45PM.

LET US PRAY...



We ask God's healing and strength for:

Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint, Mauro Carido Jr., Rose Marie Jauregui, Felipe Galo, Kenji Yamashita, Dorothy Winters Hall, Rocco Moreo, Allan Caicedo, Elizabeth Burke, Gregg Ortiz, John Boyle, Antonine Mignon, Joyce Kumar, Roberto Cano, Erlinda Valenti, Elizabeth Heil, Yvette Goin, Leone & Vincent Adrien, Carl & Vida Moore, Jose Cherian, William O'Neil, Revica Villette, Margaret Maloney, Barry V. George, Nicole LaForest


May eternal rest be granted to:

All our deceased relatives and friends

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:

Maj. Michael Boyle, U.S. Army
 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

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 Flower donation envelopes are available in the church today. Please return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office.



“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”

Collection for The Week of

December 3/4

My Weekly Tithe	\$3,863
Christmas Flowers	\$ 757

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

December 11: School Support
December 18: MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH

***“I AM THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT,
MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD.”***

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

It’s a little embarrassing, in retrospect, to admit but my first “religious memory” was not in a church or praying with my folks or grandmothers. No, my first religious memory was watching the movie *Godspell* on television. I still get goose bumps when I hear the soundtrack. I have every intention of seeing the revival that’s currently on Broadway. I remember jumping around the house singing the easily remembered tunes. I am not sure if someone somewhere a long the line told me I was named after John the Baptist or if I had just liked the first song of the movie soundtrack which was part of my father’s old record collection, *Prepare Ye (the Way of the Lord)*, but I was always taken aback by the joy and vibrancy of both its music and its message.

Today on this Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, both the joy and vibrancy of Advent come to center stage. Our Advent preparations are half-spent and the reality of the Christ-event should be all consuming of our thoughts, desires, hopes and expectations. The reality, however, is very different. The consumerism surrounding Christmas is a “black hole” that is swallowing the Light of Christ and the burden of what “we should have” weighs many down so that they are not joyful concerning what they already have.

Here is where John the Baptist is needed anew! Today it is our turn to herald the Presence of the Lord in our midst. We have to cry out “Prepare, Ye, the way of the Lord.” The people at the time of Jesus’ baptism had no clue of the divine presence so close to them. The people of our time, are they any less clueless? I think not.

So how does one “herald” in 2011? Basically the same way as John did. Tell people about Christ. Use His name in your *Christmas* Greetings. Choose to send *Christian* cards with religious stamps. Make sure that attending Mass together is not replaced by shopping in the hectic days to come. Join as a family to say a short prayer; perhaps light the Advent Wreath candles as a family. Talk about Jesus. Would the world or your world be different if there was no Jesus? What do your children think about God and His Church?

There’s a joyful excitement building in the air. Let’s make sure it is about Jesus. So jump around a bit and see to it that you and those around you “prepare the way of the Lord.”

God Bless & Continue the Advent Spirit!

Father O'Connor



Blessing of Baby Jesus Figures Dec 18

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 10:30 Mass next weekend. 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.

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.

Lessons & Carols on Epiphany Sunday. Join us January 8 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 9. Light refreshments will be served in the lower church after the service.



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. More information to follow. Fliers are on the bulletin boards—Brochures will be available in next week’s bulletin. Spread the Word!

Congratulations to the children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion this Spring. With their parents and families around them, they are to be enrolled in special period of preparation at the 10:30 Mass on this Sunday of Advent Joy.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ There will be a Festive Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe this Monday 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.

ADVENT WREATH. For those who have an Advent wreath at home for family prayer during this holy season, today, Gaudete Sunday, you light the first and second purple candles in addition to the rose candle.



Events For The Week

Sunday	Gift Sunday	
9:00am	Religious Ed	MGH
9:00am	1st Communion Parents' Mtg.	MGH
10:30am	1st Communion Enrollment Mass	CH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
1:00pm	Guadalupe Celebration	MGH
2:00pm	Filipino Mass	CH
Monday		
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:00pm	Caribbean Association	MGH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
Tuesday		
12:00pm	Friendship Club	MNH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
6:30pm	Home School Association	MGH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
7:30pm	St. John's Prologue	OLPH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
Thursday		
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	School Christmas Show	MGH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
7:30pm	Bible Study	OLPH
Saturday		
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	MGH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
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)

Readings For The Week

Sunday	Is 61:1,10-11 1Thes 5:16-24 Lk 1:46-54
Monday	Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6b-8,18,21b,25 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30
Friday	Is 56:1-3a,6-8 Jn 5:33-36
Saturday	Gn 49:2,8-10 Mt 1:1-17

Religious Education Happenings

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS. Once again this year at the 5:00 PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve there will be a LIVE Nativity Pageant during the Gospel. It will feature children dressed as angels, shepherds and choir as well. Please contact Sr. Joan (718-465-8534) if you are interested in assisting with the celebration.

ST. JOHN'S PROLOGUE. This Wednesday, Dec 14 at 7:30PM In Our Lady's Meeting Room. Come and reflect on the profound theological aspects of the Great Prologue of St. John's Gospel which beautifully acclaim the Incarnation when "the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us."

ADULT CHOIR. Any parishioner interested in giving prayer and praise through church music feel free to see Perry Townsend our Director of Music. The choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30PM in the church and are now preparing for Christmas.





The Word Among Us. This Advent a special & attractive periodical entitled "Get Ready" is still 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 white envelopes provided.

PARISH WEBSITE contains a special link to Advent suggestions, prayers and activities for the whole family to enjoy. 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.

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.

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

New Shrine Statues. Any individual or family who would like to memorialize the new statues for the Sacred Heart Shrine contact the Father O'Connor. The new editions are: The Infant Jesus, St. Jude, St. Therese of Lisieux, San Lorenzo Ruiz, St. (Padre) Pio, Blessed Pope John Paul the Great and Blessed (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta.

INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Box Tops for Education
 May be left in the church's main vestibule
 School Christmas Show—Dec 16—7PM
 Tickets Sold at the Door—All Welcomed



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

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!



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 twelve 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. Contact the rectory for more information: 718-465-8534.



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. 18

INCARNATION INFORMATION

Organization	Contact	Phone
Adult Confirmation	Sr. Joan Klimski	718-465-8534x23
Adult English Choir	Perry Townsend	718-465-8534x27
Adult Faith Formation	Sr. Joan Klimski	718-465-8534x23
Alcoholics Anonymous	Rectory	718-465-8534
Altar Servers	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Angelic Voices Children's Choir	Perry Townsend	718-465-8534x27
Baptism Registration	Rectory	718-465-8534
Caribbean Association	Lynette Jerome	718-479-9260
Extraordinary Ministers	Sr. Ellen Patrice	718-465-8534
Evangelization	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Family Life Committee	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Filipino Choir	Ricky Matela	718-357-4894
Finance Committee	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Food Pantry	Deacon Francois	718-465-8534x25
Fundraising	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Friendship Club	Terry Forgione	718-464-8762
Girl Scouts	Nalda Gomes	646-320-9355
Haitian Prayer Group	Occide Pierre	718-776-0523
Homebound Min	Sr. Ellen Patrice	718-465-8534
Hospitality Committee		
Incarnation School		
	Principal Satti Marchan	718-465-5066x28
	Alumni Denise Antz	516-354-1217
	HSA	
Jornada	Lorraine Marrero	718-468-9029
Lectors	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Legion of Mary	B. Innocent	718-464-2167
Liturgy Committee	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Line Dancing	Lucita Romulo	718-740-0417
Marriage Registration	Rectory	718-465-8534
Mustard Seed Ministry	Sr. Joan Klimski	718-465-8534x23
Nocturnal Adoration	Gabriella Krill	718-464-4658
Pag-Asa Filipino Com	Vacant	
Parish Pastoral Council	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Publicity Coordinator	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
RCIA	Sr. Joan Klimski	718-465-8534x23
Religious Education	Sr. Joan Klimski	718-465-8534x23
Rosary/Altar Society	Gabriella Krill	718-464-4658
Sacred Hearts Group	Dcn Clemenceau	718-341-2653
Spanish Prayer Group	Lucy Sanders	718-468-0899
Spanish Choir	Norma Allongo	718-465-8534
St. Vincent dePaul	Deacon Francois	718-465-8534x25
Vine & Branches Prayer Gp	Ofelia Villar	718-465-0087
Vocations Committee	G. Pierre-Antoine	718-341-2653



2011 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL is drawing to an end throughout the Diocese and at Incarnation. We can all be proud that so many in the parish (353) have already participated in this year's Appeal which helps the various diocesan services including vocations, migration, Catholic Charities, etc. There is only a month to fulfill outstanding pledges.

Currently there are \$12,471.00 in outstanding pledges here at Incarnation. During such a hectic time of year please don't let an outstanding pledge be over looked. All the monies collected above our diocesan goal remain at Incarnation helping with ministry here in Hollis and Queens Village. Thanks for supporting the diocese and the parish.