

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday	December 16
7:30	In Thanksgiving~Melissa & Rob Cardone
9:00	Lucien Ceran, Sr.
10:30	Benjamin, Francisca Eclipse & David Rosen ~living
12:00	Intentions of Stephanie Jaramillo
5:00	John DiMeo
Monday	December 17
8:30	Primitivo Valle
Tuesday	December 18
8:30	Cabeza Family
Wednesday	December 19
8:30	John Thomann
Thursday	December 20
8:30	Margaret Maloney
Friday	December 21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest
8:30	Deacon Thomas F. Rogers
Saturday	December 22
8:30	Resurrecion Deperalta
5:00	Owen & Kevin Brady
Sunday	December 23
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Jamela & Francis Cunjie~30th Wedd. Ann.
10:30	Noel De Silva
12:00	Nelson Azocona & Lucia Tavera
5:00	Mauro Carido, Jr.

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
- 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



"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? 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. 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. There are no confessions scheduled for Christmas Eve.



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, Dora Parris, Dinorah Wilcox, Felipe Galo, Joyce Kumar, Kenji Yamashita, Dorothy Winters Hall, Rocco Moreo, Allan Caicedo, Elizabeth Burke, Ben & Horacio Eclipse, Marian Smith, Yvette Goin, Marie Lourdes Toussaint, Arnulfo Cabahug, Sr, Caroline Amurao, Henry Alvarez, Leone & Vincent Adrien, Vida Moore, Nicole LaForest, William O'Neil, Revica Vilette, Maria Cabrera, Fritz Etheart
Amanda Aquilar, Levonne Jetter, Steven Miles

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 Tithes	\$6,313
School Support	\$1,126
Immaculate Conception	\$1,093

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

Dec 16: Parish Christmas
Dec 23: Maintenance

**“REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS.
I SHALL SAY IT AGAIN: REJOICE!”**

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

We never had a car growing up in Brooklyn. As a matter of fact, out of the seven O’Connors only me and my sister, Maureen, drive. So we never had the experience of being packed together on a 13 hour drive to Disney, for example. I also never experienced the dreaded car question: Are we there yet? On the old subway cars, it was even easy for a little kid like me to follow the stops on the linear “subway line map” over the window one at a time as we went into the city. I knew we weren’t there yet.

Even though the Christmas parties and gatherings have been going on since Thanksgiving, on Gaudete Sunday, this Third Sunday of Advent, we can finally answer: “almost, “pretty much” to “Are we there yet? With Christmas Eve eight days away, it’s certainly much closer than Thanksgiving is in the rear view mirror. But is Christmas Day the journey’s end?

As the People of God here in Queens Village when we wonder out loud “Are we there yet?” we can’t just be talking about the Christmas Festival. Are we where we want to be as a parish family? Are we satisfied with our place in this Christian Community? Are we comfortable with the distances we have journeyed in our patience and generosity towards others? Are we able to measure the progress made since last Christmas on how I view or participate in all that is Incarnation?

So are we there yet? I guess the answer depends on each and every one of us. There is certainly much to do and a ways to go to have our parish shine forth as the face of Jesus in the world: a task that in reality will never be completely accomplished in human time. But can I do more as an individual or as a family? Certainly.

The Birth of Jesus turns our minds to giving and generosity—”God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.” But giving of ourselves half heartedly or only once a year could be a token gesture or disingenuous. How do we give ourselves over to Jesus and this parish family week after week, opportunity after opportunity? That is the challenge of the Christian not only at Christmas but throughout a lifetime.

Are we there yet? Christmas Day is right around the corner. But we need to go way further than that.
God Bless and Rejoice!

Father O’Connor

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.

Feast of Faith Series: *The Second Vatican Ecumenical Council-Fifty Years on* ~ We invite



YEAR OF FAITH 2012

everyone who would like to explore our Catholic Faith more deeply to come and reflect on Vatican II in this *Year of Faith* throughout this coming year. The third of the four sessions -“The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy: United in our Worship of Christ Jesus” takes place on Wednesday, Jan 9 at 7:30PM. Save the date for final session on Feb 6.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY. Those who are interested in the Ministry of Hospitality to welcome visitors and parishioners to our doors at Sunday Mass are asked to contact Father O’Connor for more information. This ministry is a result of the Parish Assembly and parishioners’ desire to make Incarnation a more welcoming place. All those interested will gather after Christmas. Please free your calendar for a diocesan training session at the Mary Louis Academy on March 2.



Hospitality Ministers
“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels
without knowing it.”
Hebrews 13:2

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

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD. Over the next nine months you will be invited to pray at home for more priests. We invite individual parishioners & families to sign up to receive a beautiful Good Shepherd statue into their home for one or two weeks and to pray for priestly vocations. A prayer kit & activity sheets about vocations will be also given to help you through your prayer week. At the end of the week, on Saturdays, we ask you to return the Good Shepherd Statue to the Parish Office so that it may be handed over to another parishioner and/or family on Sunday. You may keep the activity sheets for further prayer and reflection. Please consider signing up for our Prayer Campaign for Priestly Vocations. Simply fill in the form below and return it to the Parish Office or in the collection as soon as possible. Fr. O’Connor will contact you soon afterwards about all the details.

NAME _____ PHONE: _____
Please contact me/us to participate in Incarnation’s Prayer Campaign for Priestly Vocations. I/We wish to dedicate daily prayer before the Good Shepherd in our home asking for more priests to active ministry in the Church.



Events For The Week

Sunday	Baptism Welcome	
	Gift Sunday	
9:00am	Religious Education Classes	MGH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
1:00pm	Guadalupe Celebration	CH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
Monday		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
Tuesday		
3:30pm	Pageant Rehearsal	CH
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
Thursday		
9:00am	School Confessions	CH
11:30am	School Dismissal	
3:30pm	Pageant Rehearsal	CH
5:30pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
11:30am	School Christmas Recess Begins	
12:00noon	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Bible Study	OLPH
Saturday	Incarnation Church Dedication (1929)	
9:30am	Sunday Scripture Sharing	OLPH
2:30pm	Choir	CH
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	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).

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.



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

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



Readings For The Week

Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18
Monday	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Lk 1:5-25
Thursday	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-35
Saturday	1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

Religious Education Happenings

No Class on December 23 & 30
Classes Resume Jan 6

Christmas Eve Family Mass Pageant

Any students who would like to participate in the Living Nativity at the 5PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve are asked to contact Sr. Joan (718-465-8534).



Welcome to Our Family . . .

Welcome to the Church! Incarnation would like to welcome the newly baptized of December: Miles Blanchard, Camilla Gallego-Quintanilla, Laurem Honorat, Zachariah Kalloo, Russell Lang, Angie Real.

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.

2013 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.

ADULT CHOIR. Any parishioner interested in giving prayer and praise through church music feel free to see. The choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30PM in the church.

Lessons & Carols on Epiphany Sunday. Join us January 6 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 13. Light refreshments will be served in the lower church after the service.



Former Children's Gospel and Praise Ensemble Choir Members (1998-2008) are invited to attend a reunion practice with Ms. Yvette Rousseau-Pierre on Friday, January 4 from 5-7PM in the church. Former members will sing at the Lessons & Carols on the Epiphany Sunday. Call 718-465-4590 for questions or to confirm.

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.

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.



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

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 / 12 Mass.

Sunday: Dec. 23

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!



Announced Mass Intentions ~ Remember your love ones, deceased and living in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our **Mass Intention Book for 2013** is open for your intentions: anniversaries, birthdays, thanksgivings. Please come to the Rectory to make these arrangement. A prayerful and thoughtful gift this Christmas.

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 6 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.

CHILD ID PROGRAM. Representatives of New York Life will be in the school auditorium next Sunday, December 23 from 11:30AM till 4PM. New York Life's Child I.D. program is designed to help children in our community learn how to stay safe in the home, at play or wherever they happen to be. In only 3 to 5 minutes, a Child I.D. card is printed for each parent or guardian free of charge. Child ID cards feature a child's photo, fingerprints, contact information and other pertinent information needed by the police in case of an emergency. Please note that children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. No child's information or pictures are electronically retained. All data is automatically erased upon printing the Child ID. Make peace of mind a priority gift this Christmas.

2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL continues throughout the Diocese and at Incarnation. Parishioners continue to pay down and fulfill their pledges. We can all be proud that so many in the parish (322) have already participated in this year's Appeal which helps the various diocesan services including vocations, migration, Catholic Charities, etc. **Currently we have \$11, 902.00 in outstanding pledges.** In the frantic pace of the holidays don't forget your pledge. Thank You very much for supporting the Diocese of Brooklyn and Incarnation parish.

