

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>December 18</u></b>
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Noel DeSilva
10:30	Lucien Ceran Sr.
12:00	Roberto Dunn
5:00	Cabeza Family
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>December 19</u></b>
8:30	Noel DeSilva
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>December 20</u></b>
8:30	John Thomann
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>December 21 St. Peter Canisius</u></b>
8:30	Primitivo Valle
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>December 22</u></b>
8:30	Resurrecion DePeralta
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>December 23 St. John of Kanty</u></b>
8:30	Kevin Brady
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>December 24 Vigil of Christmas</u></b>
8:30	Gerard Leon
5:00	Brady & McMahan Family ~ living
12:00	The People of Incarnation
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>December 25 Christmas</u></b>
7:30	Anne Marie Thomas
9:00	Deacon Thomas F. Rogers
10:30	Christmas Mass Remembrance
12:00	Adaljisa Urena



“Be it done unto me according to your word.” Docile obedience to the Lord’s will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email : [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto: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



**The Gifts of Bread and Wine**

have been donated this week for blessings on her family and business with prayers of Altigrace Raymonde Louissaint

If you would like to offer the bread and wine in memory of a loved one please contact the parish office.

**“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”**

*Collection for The Week of*

*December 10/11*

My Weekly Tithes	\$4,946
School Support	\$1,093

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

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**December 18: MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH**

**December 25: Maintenance**

**“THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU,  
AND THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL OVERSHADOW YOU.”**

**FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN**

I’m not sure if I can hold out much longer. Four full weeks of Advent are doing me in this year. How do expectant parents wait nine months? Maybe the longing is part of the gift itself? I can’t wait for God to get here! Yet I know that He is Emmanuel: God in our midst already!

God was present last week as close to 150 people of all ages came out on a nippy December night for Parish Caroling. Up and down the streets we went acknowledging the Incarnation event to those who watched through windows or came to doors. But it was not just in our singing but also in the joy and kindness everyone showed each other that I recognized God in our midst.

Last week, on Gaudete Sunday or as we also call it here Gift Sunday, God was present in the presents! When I saw the hundreds of gifts by the Baptismal Font I was reminded once again how God’s Life lives on in so many here in our parish. Anonymous gifts given simply because others are in need. The Incarnation is *The Gift* from God freely given. I recognize God in our midst.

As the week progressed there was more activity focused on the Incarnation as children of the parish and school eagerly prepared for the Christmas Eve Family Mass with its Living Nativity or the School Christmas Show. I am always so impressed when our children work together and prepare for events. They are always so solicitous of each other particularly the older students towards the little ones. I recognize God in our midst.

I must admit my Christmas Spirit was more than a little devastated when I found out that the concrete work required by the city would cost \$37,500. And yet many came to offer a kind word after Mass, others tried to make me laugh, and still others began to gather a committee to explore how the people of Incarnation can come together to address such a significant blow to our fragile yearly budget. I recognize God in our midst.

Next weekend, is Our Weekend, O People of Incarnation! When Bishop DiMarzio begins that first Mass of Christmas at 5PM Saturday evening it is our Feast that the world celebrates as it recalls the Lord’s Incarnation in human history. And as he walks to our simple wooden Altar take a look around and recognize God in our midst.

God Bless & Continue the Advent Spirit just a little longer!

*Father O’Connor*

**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.

**First Communion** Parents and children are reminded that the second parent-child preparation session will take place Saturday, Jan 7 at 4:15PM in the church. We invite you to make plans to remain and attend 5PM Mass together.

**Announced Mass Intentions** ~ Remember your love ones, deceased and living in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our **Mass Intention Book for 2012** is open for your intentions: anniversaries, birthdays, thanksgivings. Please come to the Rectory to make these arrangement. A prayerful and thoughtful gift this Christmas.

**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 are available in the bulletin. Spread the Word! Be nurtured in our Ancestral Faith.

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

**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. Register also by the internet: [www.incrcc.org](http://www.incrcc.org).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_


Email \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Events For The Week**


<b>Sunday</b>		
9:00am	Religious Ed	MGH
10:30am	Baptism Welcome	CH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
6:00pm	Haitian Community Christmas Party	MNH
<b>Monday</b>		
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
<b>Tuesday</b>		
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
<b>Wednesday</b>		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
<b>Thursday</b>		
11:30am	School Dismissal	
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Choir	MNH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
<b>Friday</b>		
11:30am	School Dismissal	
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
<b>Saturday</b>		
5:00pm	Family Mass	CH
	Midnight Mass	CH



CH = Church; MNH = Msgr. Nolan Hall (Lower Church); RB = Rectory Basement; OLPH = Our Lady's (Rectory) Meeting, MGH = Msgr. Griffin Hall (School Auditorium)

**Happy Anniversary!** Thursday, December 22 marks the 82nd Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church. If you are free please join in the Celebration of Mass at 8:30AM. So many years. So many good things. Thank God for His gift of our parish: past, present, and future.



**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 recess begins Dec 23—11:30AM  
Classes Resume Jan 3



For more School info log onto  
[www.incrcc.org](http://www.incrcc.org)  
or call **718-465-5066**

**Readings For The Week**



<b>Sunday</b>	2Sm 7:1-16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38
<b>Monday</b>	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Lk 1:5-25
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
<b>Friday</b>	Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Lk 1:57-66
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 62:-15 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25

**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.

**Welcome to Our Family . . . Welcome to the Church!** Incarnation would like to welcome the newly baptized of December: Kori Anne Attridge, Justin Romeo Vargas-Sanchez.

**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. Please return your offering in the collection.

**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.

**PARISH WEBSITE** contains a special link to Advent suggestions, prayers and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Click onto [www.incrcc.org](http://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 Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is invited to prepare for the New Year by attending & praising God.



**WELCOME TO OUR BISHOP.** Bishop DiMarzio will join us for the First Mass of Christmas as we celebrate one of our Patronal Feasts: The Nativity of the Lord. The Bishop will preside over the Eucharistic Celebration at the 5PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve as we recall *the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us*. The celebration will also be enriched by the *Living Nativity* and *Angelic Voices*. Please come as a family on such a holy night. The Family Life Committee will give gifts to all the children after Mass.

**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. See the brochure in next week's bulletin or contact the rectory for more information: 718-465-8534.



**SCHOOL SCHEDULES.** Today is the last day for Sunday School until Sunday, January 8th. Incarnation School will close Thursday, Dec 22 for Christmas break and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.

**PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Christmas Week.** However all emergency calls will be answered promptly. Please plan to conduct normal parish business after January 2nd. The office will re-open Tuesday, January 3rd.

**AN INSPIRING AND PERFECT GIFT.** Still unsure of what to get for Christmas? How about an Italian pilgrimage in October, 2012?

**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 Pentecost.



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**



**The Nativity of Our Lord (Holy Day)**

December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve  
 5PM Family Mass  
 with *Children's Nativity*  
 12:00 Midnight Mass

December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day  
 7:30AM  
 9:00AM  
 10:30AM  
 12:00PM (Spanish)  
**No 5PM Mass**

**The Octave Day of Christmas  
 The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)**

December 31<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Eve  
 5:00PM  
 11PM – *Te Deum Mass*

January 1<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Day  
 7:30AM  
 9:00AM  
 10:30AM  
 12:00PM (Spanish)  
**No 5PM Mass**

**The Epiphany of Our Lord**

January 7<sup>th</sup>: Saturday  
 5PM Mass

January 8<sup>th</sup>: Sunday  
 7:30AM  
 9:00AM  
 10:30AM  
 12Noon (Spanish)  
 2PM (Tagolog)  
 5PM  
 3:30PM *A Ceremony of Lessons & Carols*



**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 (**360**) have already participated in this year's Appeal which helps the various diocesan services including vocations, migration, Catholic Charities, etc.

There is less than a month to fulfill outstanding pledges. **Currently there are \$12, 136.00 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.