

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday	December 23
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Jamela & Francis Cunji~30th Wedd.Ann.
10:30	Noel DeSilva
12:00	Nelson Azocona & Lucia Tavera
5:00	Mauro Carido, Jr.
Monday	December 24 Vigil of Christmas
8:30	Mauro Carido, Jr.
5:00	Intentions of the Brady & McMahan Fam.
7:30	Christmas Mass Remembrance
12:00	Jun Carido
Tuesday	December 25 Christmas
9:00	Intentions of Joy Celeste
10:30	Henry Anguluan
Wednesday	December 26 St. Stephen
8:30	Bonnie Gail Bufford
Thursday	December 27
8:30	Frances Ganci
Friday	December 28 Holy Innocents
8:30	John Otto
Saturday	December 29 St. Thomas Becket
8:30	Charles Dunleavy
5:00	Isabelo Gancena, Sr.
Sunday	December 30 Holy Family
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Salvatore Pennetti
10:30	Rosa & Francesco Fracassa
12:00	Roberto Cano
5:00	Jeffery Pardo

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



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

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



"It is by God's will that we have been sanctified." How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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 Villette, Maria Cabrera, Fritz Etheart, Amanda Aquilar, Levonne Jetter, Steven Miles

May eternal rest be granted to:
Aurora Pincay

"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

Collection for The Week of
December 15/16

My Weekly Tithes \$4,735
Parish Christmas Gift \$5,976

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

Dec 23: Maintenance
Dec 30: Christmas Gift

**“AND HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN TO ME,
THAT THE MOTHER OF MY LORD SHOULD COME TO ME?”**

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

On the Friday after Thanksgiving I was out with a friend of mind and as we were returning to the parish we decided to get something to eat. So down Francis Lewis Blvd we headed to the *Blue Bay Diner*. Now the *Blue Bay* has been there since I was in Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception, Douglaston. And as a matter of fact it was that long ago since I had been there. We parked the car and walk around to the entrance. Passing the diner windows I noticed they were painted for the holidays. Santa was there; a snowman and reindeer too! Then as we approached the door I saw a painted window with the Nativity scene of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It was next to a window with the Hanukkah Menorah.

For at least thirty years now I have been going to the city to see the store windows and their decorations and I have yet to see a Nativity scene or menorah at *Macy’s* or *Saks Fifth Avenue*. Many of the stores creatively depict elaborate tales that are either so obscure or just made up that they actually have to print up the story to be read so that the passers by understand. What about the historical stories that we know? Why not put them in the windows?

I’ll be honest. I love the fictional stories of Christmas. While I no longer leave cookies for Santa, I would never pass up watching *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer* or *Frosty, the Snowman*. These shows point us to several of the Gospel Teachings without ever mentioning Jesus. But what is wrong with mentioning Jesus? Why are so many people and corporations and even Christians afraid of mentioning Jesus?

It’s kind of funny to think that the *Blue Bay Diner* could teach *Bloomington* and *Lord and Taylor* a lesson: be creative, but be respectful of the truth. Yes, in the midst of *Frosty* and Santa was Jesus Mary and Joseph. It would be very moving one Holiday Season to see the Nativity scene or even the revolt of the Maccabees, with lamps alight, depicted in a store window along Fifth Avenue.

You and I also have to be aware that however we celebrate this week we make sure that we somehow do so with Jesus Mary and Joseph. They might not look as sharp now, but I hope you can still find them in the window of the *Blue Bay*.

God Bless and see you Monday Night
or Tuesday!

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



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.

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 earlier than it has in years past, at **11:15pm**. Come early, relax and absorb the Christmas Spirit before Mass.

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

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	No Religious Education Classes	
1:00pm	Legion of Mary	OLPH
1:00pm	Spanish Novena	CH
2:30pm	Haitian Mass	CH
5:00pm	Haitian Party	MGH
Monday	Christmas Eve	
5:00pm	Family Mass	CH
12:00pm	Midnight Mass	CH
Tuesday	Christmas Day	
	Rectory Office Closed	
	9:00&10:30am Masses	CH
5:00pm	No Mass	
Wednesday	No Rectory Office Hours	
8:30am	Mass	CH
9:00am	Adoration	CH
Thursday	No Rectory Office Hours	
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday	No Rectory Office Hours	
12:00noon	Food Pantry	MNH
Saturday	No Rectory Office Hours	
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	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).

Readings For The Week



Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
Monday	Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22:25 Mt 1:1-25
Tuesday	Is 52:7-10 Heb1:1-6 Jn1:1-18
Wednesday	Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
Thursday	1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a,2-8
Friday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
Saturday	1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

Religious Education Happenings

No Class on December 30
Classes Resume Jan 6
First Communion Enrollment Jan 6 at 10:30 Mass

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.

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.

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

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. Yolette 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.



SCHOOL SCHEDULES. Sunday School resumes Sunday, January 6th. Incarnation School will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd.

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 Wednesday, January 2nd.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SHARING will not take place on Saturday December 29. It will resume on Saturday January 5. So come and join us on Saturday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in Our Lady's Meeting Room or the Auditorium.

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.

INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

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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**



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.



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 29th: Saturday
 5PM Mass & Confessions

December 30th: 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 5th: Saturday
 5PM Mass & Confessions

January 6th: Sunday
 7:30AM
 9:00AM
 10:30AM
 12Noon (Spanish)
 5PM
 3:30PM *A Ceremony of Lessons & Carols*

New Altar Servers are now being recruited for the parish. Registration forms are available at the School, Religious Education or Parish Offices. Girls and boys in grades 4 through 7 are invited to this special ministry at the Altar. Children must be baptized Catholics who have received Penance/Holy Communion, have their parent's/guardian's permission and attend the required practices. For more information please contact Father O'Connor.



2012 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 (322) 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.

