


ANNOUNCED MASSES

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 25</u>
7:30	Anne Marie Thomas
9:00	Deacon Thomas F. Rogers
10:30	Christmas Mass Remembrance.
12:00	Adaljisa Urena
<u>Monday</u>	<u>December 26 St. Stephen</u>
8:30	Gertrudes H. Mauban
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>December 27 St. John</u>
8:30	Francis & Jamel Cunjje~29th Wedd.Anniiv.
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>December 28 Holy Innocents</u>
8:30	Rosa & Francesco Fracasso
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>December 29 St. Thomas Becket</u>
8:30	Charles Dunleavy
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 30 The Holy Family</u>
8:30	Bonnie Gail Bufford
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 31 St. Sylvester, I pope</u>
8:30	In Thanksgiving ~ Lucille Charles
5:00	Brady & McMahan Family
11:00	The People of Incarnation
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>January 1</u>
7:30	Anne Marie Thomas
9:00	Anne Amoscato & Raymond Amoscato
10:30	Clemene Denis
12:00	Aida Ramirez



“The Word became flesh and lived among us.” Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are living in our midst. If you may be among them, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT. HELP! Prior to Christmas the city forced the parish to pour \$37,500 worth of new sidewalks and curbs. Please help pay for this unforeseen expense. “Sidewalk Replacement” Envelopes are by the doors of the church. A Sacrificial Gift is needed by everyone to keep Your Parish alive and well.

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 in loving memory of Resurrecion DePeralta with prayers of the family.

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 17/18

- My Weekly Tithes \$4,472
- My Christmas Gift \$6,122

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- December 25: Maintenance**
- January 1: Initial Offering**
- January 1: Mary, the Mother of God**

**“DO NOT BE AFRAID; FOR BEHOLD I PROCLAIM TO YOU
GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE FOR ALL PEOPLE.”**

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

*O magnum mysterium
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praesepe.*

*O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Alleluia.*

*O great mystery
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger.*

*O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Alleluia.*

I was recently at a Christmas concert where the choir sang a motet using the words from Christmas Vespers. Besides its beauty, it is interesting how universal it is mentioning both the animals and the Virgin.

May the Event of the Incarnation continue to be a powerful force in the history of the world and in your own family story. May we always prepare our eyes so that we can witness and give testimony of what God has done for us and what we can do for God and each other.

On behalf of the entire parish staff, I offer you our prayers and warmest sentiments as we celebrate the Incarnation this Christmas. May we always wonder at God’s desire to dwell with us. May His example allow us to see the dignity in each other and all creation.

Merry Christmas!

Father O'Connor

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH. A special Christmas collection for the parish is being taken up in the Christmas Season. 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.

Eucharistic Holy Hours will take place on First Friday from 9AM-10AM and on First Saturday from 6PM-7PM. All are invited to spend some quality time with Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be an addition Mass on First Friday at 7:30PM.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets every Thursday at 8PM in the OLPH Meeting Room for those in need of it.

Parish Feast of the Annunciation is March 26. 7:30PM Mass on the feast and 7PM Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 24.



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. A detailed brochures is included in the bulletin. Spread the Word! Be nurtured in our Ancestral Faith

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.

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 thru the internet: www.incrcc.org.

Name _____ Maiden _____

Address _____

Phone Home _____ Work _____

Email _____ Graduation Year _____



Events For The Week

Sunday	The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas No Rectory Office Hours No Religious Ed. No 5:00pm Mass	
Monday	No Rectory Office Hours	
Tuesday	No Rectory Office Hours	
Wednesday	No Rectory Office Hours	
9:00am	Adoration	CH
Thursday	No Rectory Office Hours	
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday	No Rectory Office Hours	
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
Saturday	New Years' Eve No Rectory Office Hours	
5:00pm	Mass	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
11:00pm	Te Deum New Year's Eve 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)

Readings For The Week

Sunday	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18
Monday	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:1-4 J n 20:1a,2-8
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
Friday	Sir 3:2-7,12-14 Lk 2:22-40
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

Religious Education Happenings

Sunday School resumes next

Sunday, January 8th

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PARISH OFFICE will be closed 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.

CHRISTMAS PLANTS that 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 Epiphany's Lessons and Carols.

PARISH WEBSITE. 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.


Travelling? Call 1-800- Mass-Times or check www.Masstimes.org for the closest Catholic Church.

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. Everyone is invited to prepare for the New Year by attending & praising God.





2012 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 with announced Mass offerings. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance or simply pray in thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15.00. Please come to the Parish Office to make special Mass offerings for your loved ones. You may also inquire about dedicating the bread and wine or the sanctuary lamp. What a way to start the new year.



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—classes resume Jan 3



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

Feast of Faith Series: *Prayer: Our Relationship with God* ~ First Session Wednesday, January 25—7:30PM—OLPH Meeting Room.

We invite everyone who would like to explore our Catholic Faith more deeply to come and reflect on experiences of prayer throughout this coming year. The second of the four session—“Scriptural Prayer: ‘The Word of God is Like a Two-Edged Sword’” takes place on Wednesday, Jan 25 at 7:30PM. Save the dates for future sessions on April 25 and June 13 - all Wednesday Evenings at 7:30PM.



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.

Church Etiquette: As we move further into the winter months, the men of the parish are reminded that it has been a centuries long tradition that they remove their hats upon entering church. Also kindly help the ushers to keep the church doors shut so the church will be warm for those worshipping at the next celebration. Thank You.

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 the Religious Education Office (718) 465-8534. Confirmation will be administered at Pentecost.

CALENDARS for 2012 are available for parishioners. They can be found by the doors of the church and we ask you to take one for your household. We thank Bernard F. Dowd Funeral Home for the beautiful Catholic calendar this year.

**The Octave Day of Christmas
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

December 31st: Saturday

11PM –*Te Deum* Mass
5PM Mass

January 1st: Sunday

7:30AM
9:00AM
10:30AM
12Noon (Spanish)
No 5PM Mass



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ART CONTEST. The Family Life Committee is happy to announce this art contest in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The children in the parish will enjoy learning more and more about this important person in American history as they artistically bring to life this year’s theme: Martin Luther King had a dream for mankind. What’s your dream.

This contest is open to children in the parish from kindergarten to ninth grades. Official poster paper and entry rules will soon be available in the church vestibule and at the Parish Office, School Office and Religious Education Office. Three fabulous prizes on different levels (K-3, 4-6, 7-9 grades) will be awarded. Look out for more details. Good luck to all the children in this year’s contest!

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS. We are grateful to those merchants and businesses that support our weekly bulletin by placing an ad. We ask all parishioners to patronize these merchants and anyone is welcomed to take an advertisement by calling the bulletin company at (631) 249-4994.

INCARNATION GOLF SHIRTS are available in the Parish Office and make for a wonderful gift. Each is burgundy and available in all sizes. It has an image of Mary at the Annunciation when she conceived by the Spirit and with the words of John’s Gospel recalling the Incarnation. The shirts are \$12. Stop by & pick one up today.

2011 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL draws to a close at Incarnation next week. 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.