

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday	December 2
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Ray Hamilton
10:30	Leo Wuest
12:00	Aida Ramirez
5:00	Luis & Rodolfo Herrera
Monday	December 3 St. Francis Xavier
8:30	Paz R. Maningas
Tuesday	December 4 St. John Damascene
8:30	Lawrence Lazarus
Wednesday	December 5
8:30	Melecio Eclipse, Sr. Grace, Alana Cornacchiulo –Liv
Thursday	December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop
8:30	Brigida Rivera
Friday	December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop
8:30	John Da Costa
7:30	Owen F. Brady
Saturday	December 8 Immaculate Conception
8:30	Andrew Umrieko
10:30	Florentino Singson, Sr.
5:00	The People of Incarnation
Sunday	December 9
7:30	In Thanksgiving
9:00	Frances Ganci
10:30	Delsy Goldstein
12:00	Augusto Tolentino
5:00	Thanksgiving to St. Anthony~Rose Bornelus

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

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.



“Strengthen your hearts in holiness.”
Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception: All Day Adoration.

In this Year of Faith join with Catholics throughout Brooklyn & Queens in prayer before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament this First Friday. Come before Christ Jesus, the Fountain of Faith in daylong Adoration & Intercession.

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
May eternal rest be granted to:
All our deceased parishioners

“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”

Collection for The Week of

November 24/25

<i>My Weekly Tithe</i>	<i>\$5,685</i>
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	<i>\$ 232</i>

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- Dec 2: Christmas Flowers**
- Dec 9: School Support**

“BE VIGILANT AT ALL TIMES.”

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

As we celebrate a new Church Year on this First Sunday of Advent, I want to share with you that Bishop DiMarzio has given me permission to take a sabbatical in 2013. The sabbatical period is from March 21, 2013 through August 31, 2013 at which time I will return to Incarnation. While I announce it this First Sunday of Advent it has been in the making since early Spring and in reality since before my arrival here at Incarnation. As I will be celebrating my 20th anniversary as a priest this June I discussed it with our deacons and pastoral staff in the Spring before approaching the Bishop. His letter is an insert in this bulletin. This is how the *Diocesan Clergy Personnel Manual* explains it:

Every priest has a right and a responsibility to continue his spiritual growth and formation. Both the Diocesan Bishop and the Vicar for Higher Education recognize and endorse the vital importance of continuing personal and professional growth for all priests. An extended and specified period of time, during which a priest is temporarily relieved of his ordinary ministerial responsibilities, and may more totally and leisurely address his own spiritual, intellectual, and personal growth, is to be encouraged. A sabbatical must be seen as part of the normal pattern of growth in a priest's ministry. As such, sabbaticals are meant not for a few, but for everyone.

Every incardinated priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn shall be strongly encouraged to apply for a sabbatical leave, of three (3) to six (6) months, after service of at least ten years (10) to the Diocese.

Deacon Franklin along with our parish deacons will steward the parish in my absence. The pastoral staff has assured me that they will make sure no one slips through the cracks at Incarnation. And the priests who already celebrate Mass for us will continue to do that both weekly and now daily. The Bishop has appointed Msgr. Robert Pawson, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, temporary administrator to keep an eye on things while I am away.

So what will I be doing? I will spend a month at a Benedictine Monastery in France; take about 40 days to make the pilgrimage walk to the Shrine of St. James in Compostela (over 500 miles—Oh, My!); work with the English-speaking pilgrims at the shrines of Lourdes and Compostela; learn to celebrate Mass in French and have some rest time. You will be able to accompany me on this journey as I plan to share my sabbatical experiences by blogging. I will give you more information as it becomes available.

Happy New Year! As we begin the Holy Season of Advent.
Please keep me in your prayers during this special time.

Father O'Connor

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is celebrated this Saturday. It is a holyday of obligation. The Mass schedule at Incarnation will be a multi-lingual Vigil Mass at 7:30PM Friday and 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM on the holyday. Don't forget to join with all the Church as we celebrate the beginning of Mary's Life free from sin.



NEW HYMNALS. You may notice the new **BREAKING BREAD** hymnals in the bookracks. These books have the new translation of Mass. Once again we ask everyone's help and cooperation in keeping the hymnals clean and please return the hymnal into the bookrack at the end of Mass.

LITURGY COMMITTEE. The next liturgy committee meeting is next Saturday, December 15th at 10:30 AM in the rectory meeting room. We will finish planning for Christmas and begin planning for Lent. New member and ideas are always welcomed. For more information please contact Father O'Connor.

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.

ADVENT WREATH. For those who have an Advent wreath at home for family prayer during this holy season, today you light the first purple 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. Father O'Connor or a member of the Vocations Committee, 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		
9:00am	Religious Education Classes	MGH
9:45am	1st Comm II Mtg.	MGH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
11:30am	Rosary Society Mtg.	OLPH
2:00pm	English Baptisms	CH
Monday		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
Tuesday		
6:30pm	Steel Band	MGH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
7:30pm	Advent Evening of Prayer	CH
Thursday		
11:30am	School Dismissal ~ Report Cards	
5:30pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
9:00am-7:00pm	Adoration	CH
12:00noon	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Vigil Mass	CH
Saturday	Immaculate Conception ~ Holy Day	
9:00am	SH Prayer Group	OLPH
10:30am	Mass	CH
2:00pm	Filipino Simbang Gabi	MGH
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)

When making your Christmas "To Do List" make sure you have added receiving the **Sacrament of Penance**. **Confessions** are on Saturdays from 4 to 4:45PM.

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

Plan to join Santa for Breakfast on Dec 15.



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

Readings For The Week



Sunday	Jer 33:14-16 1Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28,34-36
Monday	Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25-6-10a Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Gn3:9-15,20 Eph1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Religious Education Happenings

Confessions for Religious Ed Students will take place next Sunday during class time.

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).

Congratulations to the newly Confirmed of Our Incarnation Parish Family!



CHRISTMAS CAROL PROCESSION returns to Incarnation Saturday, December 15th at 6:00 PM. All carolers are invited to meet in the parking lot. Then we will be led by the Holy Family through the neighborhood singing Christmas carols! Dress warmly, bring a flashlight and jingle bells and enjoy some of your favorite Christmas carols. Afterwards we will serve hot chocolate and cookies in the auditorium. Capture the Christmas spirit as Incarnation sings songs of the season and keeps Christ in Christmas!

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.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE into the Catechumenate and Continuing Call to Conversion takes place at the 10:30 AM Mass this First Sunday of Advent. We congratulate Harold Belizaire, Darren Baptiste, Durpartie Baptiste, Owen Laureano, Blanca Maritza Vallecillos, Renee Wyette who prepare for Baptism; and Vanessa Alvarez, Elida Pennant, Gizel Pennant, Kern Wyette who seek full initiation in the Church. May we keep them in our prayers as they prepare for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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.

SIMBANG GABI. The Filipino community invites you to prepare for the Savior's Birth on Saturday, December 8 beginning at 2PM in the auditorium. Refreshments to follow after 5PM Mass in Msgr. Nolan Hall. Join us!

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.

The Word Among Us. This Advent a special & attractive periodical entitled "O Come Emmanuel" is 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 envelopes provided.

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. 9 Dec. 16 Dec. 23

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER AND PRAISE



sponsored by the Liturgy Committee will take place Wednesday at 7:30PM in the church. We welcome Rev. Msgr. George Ryan, Pastor Emeritus of St. Anastasia Parish, Douglaston who will offer an Advent reflection entitled "**Advent in the Year of Faith: Opening the Door to Christ and Our Sisters and Brothers.**" The reflection will take place in the context of sung vespers. All are invited.

ADVENT SALE. As we begin Advent there is a special table in Msgr. Nolan Hall this weekend with Advent religious articles for purchase including Advent calendars, wreaths and candles, etc. We will also have prayer books and novenas, statues and CD's with Catholic classic hymns which many enjoy. Some items will make for ideal Christmas gifts.

THE INFANCY NARRATIVES. Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30PM in Our Lady's Meeting Room. Come and reflect on the stories we have known from our birth: the stories of Jesus' Birth. Explore the accounts from the Gospels of Mathew, Mark and Luke which tell us "this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about."



Giving Tree. In this Season of Giving, a beautiful Giving Tree containing decorative gift tags will be placed in the back of the church for the First Sunday of Advent. Parishioners are invited to take the gift tag(s) to purchase items for Christmas. GREEN tags are for the children at St. Camillus Parish in Rockaway, WHITE tags are for those children from St. Mary, Star of the Sea in Far Rockaway, and RED tags are to be given to needy children by Unidos Latinos of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Astoria. Everyone is invited to participate in this year's Giving Tree – children and adults. Feel free to take more than one gift tag. Join us in the approaching Season of Giving as we celebrate God's gift of Jesus in our hearts & lives. Bring your wrapped gifts back to church on the weekend of December 15 and 16.



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. Have you made a pledge? Extra pledge envelopes are in the church today. Please consider making a one-time pledge before the Appeal concludes in December. Thank You very much for supporting the Diocese of Brooklyn and Incarnation parish.