

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday	December 30
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Salvatore Pennetti
10:30	Rosa & Francesco Fracassa
12:00	Roberto Cano
5:00	Jeffery Pardo
Monday	December 31
8:30	Mauro Carido, Jr.
5:00	Dec.Members Brady & McMahon Family
11:00	Special Intention
Tuesday	January 1 Solemnity of Mary
9:00	Mauro C. Carido, Jr.
10:30	Harriet Lang
Wednesday	January 2 St. Basil the Great,
8:30	Willy Charles
Thursday	January 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:30	Dr. & Mrs Gabriel De Angelis~50th Wedd.Ann.
Friday	January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:30	Intentions of Sister Carol Anton
Saturday	January 5
8:30	Teofilo Alcivar
5:00	The People of Incarnation.
Sunday	January 6 Epiphany of the Lord
7:30	Mour Deslourdes, Necker, Adler Scutt
9:00	Intentions of Carolina Iurilli
10:30	Marites Gonzalez Ciron
12:00	Aida Ramirez
5:00	Mauro C. Carido, Jr.

The Sacrament of **Penance** is celebrated every week at Incarnation. **Confessions** are heard every Saturday from 4PM-4:45PM and by calling the rectory for an appointment. Don't neglect God's Gift of **Reconciliation**. Begin the new year renewed—His mercy endures forever.



"He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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, Levonnie Jetter, Steven Miles

*May eternal rest be granted to:
All our deceased parishioners*

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 now Christmas. Please return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office.



"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

Collection for The Week of

December 22/23

<i>My Weekly Tithe</i>	<i>\$5,509</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$1,419</i>

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- Dec 30: Mary Mother of God**
- Jan 6: Initial Offering**

**“WHY WERE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?
DID YOU NOT KNOW THAT I MUST BE IN MY FATHER’S HOUSE?”**

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

Before Christmas I was at a concert where I heard *Joseph Leiber, Joseph Mein* a 14th century German carol. Besides a wonderful melody, it has Mary and Joseph speaking with each other concerning their Child. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend I could just imagine the conversations they had concerning their Son.

“Joseph, Dearest Joseph mine,
Help me cradle the Child divine.
God reward thee and all that’s thine,
In paradise,” so prays the mother Mary.
He came among us at Christmas time
At Christmas time in Bethlehem
Men shall bring him from far and wide,
Love’s diadem
Jesus, Jesus;
Lo, he comes and loves and saves and frees us.

“Gladly dear one, Lady mine
Help I cradle this Child of thine.”
“God’s own light on us both shall shine,
In paradise,” as prays the mother Mary.
He came among us at Christmas time
At Christmas time in Bethlehem
Men shall bring him from far and wide,
Love’s diadem
Jesus, Jesus;
Lo, he comes and loves and saves and frees us.

May each of us work hard at being families. May we always draw close through conversations and wonderment about each other in our families as God has truly blessed us.
God Bless and Merry Christmas!

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 next 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. There will be a gathering next Monday, January 7 in the rectory for all who are interested in this special service of welcome. Please free your calendar for a diocesan training session at the Mary Louis Academy on March 2.



The Holy Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday at 8:10am in the church. All are welcomed.

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	
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
Monday	New Year's Eve	
5:00pm	Mass	CH
11:00pm	Te Deum Mass	CH
Tuesday	New Year's Day	
	Rectory Office Closed	
	9:00 & 10:30am Masses	CH
Wednesday	Classes Resume	
9:00am	Adoration	CH
8:00pm	First Friday Choir	MNH
Thursday		
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
9:00am	Holy Hour	CH
12:00noon	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	First Friday Mass	CH
Saturday		
9:30am	Sunday Scripture	OLPH
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	MGH
7:30pm	Line Dancing	MNH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH

A **TE DEUM NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS** will be celebrated in the church at 11:00 PM tomorrow. Everyone is invited to prepare for the New Year by attending Mass and offering prayers for the world through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God. **It is a holyday of obligation for all Catholics** and additional Masses will also be offered at 5 PM on Monday, New Year's Eve and on Tuesday, New Year's Day at 9AM and 10:30 AM.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SHARING will resume on this 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

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	1Jn 3:1-2, 21-44 Lk 2:41-52
Monday	1Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday	1Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
Thursday	1Jn 2:29-36-4:6 Jn 1:29-34
Friday	1Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42
Saturday	1Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51

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 this 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.



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

PARISH OFFICE will re-open Wednesday, January 2. **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 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.



Eucharistic Holy Hours will take place this 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.

RESPECT LIFE ART CONTEST. The Family Life Committee is happy to announce this art contest as the American Bishops invite us to reflect on the dignity of all human life this January. This contest is open to children in the parish from kindergarten to ninth grades. Official poster paper and entry rules are now 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. Good luck to all the children in this year's contest!

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 (332) 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 \$6,401.00 in outstanding pledges here at Incarnation.** During such a hectic time of year please don't let an outstanding pledge be overlooked. 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.