

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Denise Conpere
10:30	Eugene McLoughlin
12:00	Carmen Muniz
5:00	Lawrence Larazus
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
8:30	Melecio Sr., Iluminada, Rodolfo Eclipse
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 6 St. Nicholas</b>
8:30	Aida Ramirez
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 7 St. Ambrose</b>
8:30	Maria Theoge Benisthorne Jean Charles
7:30	Alejandrina Felipe
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 8 Immaculate Conception</b>
8:30	Andrew Umreiko
10:30	Vivian Pace
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</b>
8:30	Anna & Lamastin Joseph
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 10</b>
8:30	Geneviva & Julio Paul
5:00	Delsy Goldstein
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 11</b>
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Frances Ganci
10:30	Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
12:00	Nelson Azcona
5:00	Special Intention



“He will feed his flock like a shepherd.”  
 If God may be calling you to nourish His people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

**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

**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 or at the Parish Office.



**“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”**

*Collection for The Week of*

*November 26/27*

My Weekly Tithes      \$5,011  
 Thanksgiving      \$ 445

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

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**December 4: Christmas Flowers**  
**December 11: School Support**

**“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.”**

**FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN**

You know about practical preparations: the holidays, vacations, college tuitions, retirement or needed repairs around the house. This week’s bulletin insert has two practical and important items that not only concern us at Incarnation but those who will follow us in the decades to come.

First, is the Bishop’s letter that we received before Thanksgiving. It confirms the recommendations made to him by the members of the diocesan strategic planning committee, *Christ Jesus our Hope*, which visited Incarnation this autumn. In addition to the preparation materials that were sent to them beforehand, the three “visitors” came twice to the parish to meet with the Parish staff, trustees as well as representatives from the parish, its pastoral council, finance council and our convent. The experience was a pretty comprehensive examination of our parish measuring both its vitality (what goes on here) and its viability (how long we can keep things going). The recommendations are that the parish submit to the diocesan planning commission a strategic plan of action with annual goals and objectives for the coming years. You will no doubt hear more about this in the new year as we will need and want the assistance of as many in the parish as possible.

The second insert item is the actual financials for the past two fiscal years ending August 31 and the budget for this present year. As I have mentioned many times, it is important that you are aware of the financial reality of your parish. It’s in black and white for you to see. The fact that the parish had its first balanced budget in eight years helped in the conversations that took place with the diocesan visitation team. The goal of any parish is not to make money per se, but rather—similar to Advent—always be prepared to respond to the unexpected or unforeseen. Roofs, boilers, the changing requirements of city inspections are all the great unknowns in the life of a parish the size of our own.

The last page of the insert is a little more light and joy-filled. It’s a flier for Saturday evening’s Parish Christmas Caroling through the streets. It will begin at 6PM in the parking lot with a petting zoo for children young and old. Then we will sing carols through the streets before returning to the parish to bless the Nativity scene on Francis Lewis and 89th Avenue. The evening will end with cookies and hot chocolate in Msgr. Griffin Hall. I hope you will join us as we continue our vibrant ways here at Incarnation.

God Bless & Continue the Advent Spirit!

*Father O'Connor*



**Blessing of Baby Jesus Figures Dec 18**

**10:30 Mass.** We invite all our parishioners and families to bring the statue of the Baby Jesus from the nativity scenes in their homes, under their Christmas Trees or from their

front lawns. May the blessing and these images of Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, remind us that it is Christ’s Mass that is celebrated every December 25th.

**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 EUCHARIST ENROLLMENT** takes place at the 10:30 AM Mass NEXT Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Also, there will be a parents’ meeting beforehand at 9:00 AM in the school auditorium. All parents and their children preparing for Penance and First Eucharist are reminded of this special occasion. If you have any questions please contact Sr. Joan at the Religious Education Office: 718-465-8534.



**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. Spread the Word!

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** is celebrated this Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. It is a holyday of obligation for all Catholics. The Mass schedule at Incarnation will be a multi-lingual Vigil Mass at 7:30PM Wednesday evening followed by a procession and 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM on the holyday. You may also find it more convenient to attend Mass by your place of work. Don’t forget to join with all the Church as we celebrate the beginning of Mary’s Life free from sin.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE.** The next liturgy committee meeting is this Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the rectory meeting room. We will finish planning for Christmas and begin planning for Lent. For more information please contact Father O’Connor.

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



**Events For The Week**

<b>Sunday</b>		
9:00am	Religious Ed	MGH
9:15am	CCD Penance	SCH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
11:30am	Rosary Society	OLPH
2:00pm	Baptisms	CH
<b>Monday</b>		
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
7:30pm	Vigil Mass & Procession	CH
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception ~ No School</b>	
8:30 & 10:30am	Mass	CH
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
<b>Friday</b>		
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Spanish Prayer Group	MNH
7:30pm	English Prayer Group	OLPH
<b>Saturday</b>		
9:00am	Sacred Hearts Prayer Group	OLPH
10:30am	Liturgy Committee	RB
5:00pm	Gift Sunday	CH
6:00pm	Parish Caroling	
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)

**Readings For The Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 40:1-5,9-11 2 Pt3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8
<b>Monday</b>	Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
<b>Friday</b>	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Religious Education Happenings**  
**First Communion Parents' Meeting**  
**Sun, Dec 11—9AM - School Auditorium**  
**The children will be enrolled in preparation for the**  
**Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion**  
**at the 10:30 Mass.**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL PROCESSION**

returns to Incarnation Saturday, December 10th at 6:00 PM. All carolers are invited to meet in the parking lot where there will be pony rides and a small petting zoo. 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. The procession route this year will be along 207th Street to 93rd Avenue then to 208th Street back to 89th Avenue ultimately to the school auditorium. Afterwards we will serve hot chocolate and cookies in Msgr. Griffin Hall. Capture the Christmas spirit as Incarnation sings songs of the season and keeps Christ in Christmas!



**ST. JOHN'S PROLOGUE.** Next Wednesday, Dec 14 at 7:30PM In Our Lady's Meeting Room. Come and reflect on the profound theological aspects of the Great Prologue of St. John's Gospel which beautifully acclaim the Incarnation when "the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us."

**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.

**The Word Among Us.** This Advent a special & attractive periodical entitled "Get Ready" 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 white envelopes provided.

**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 Show—Dec 16—7PM

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

**GIFT SUNDAY.** We thank everyone who took gift tag(s) from the Giving Tree last Sunday. The tree remains in the church for those who would like to still take part in our giving program. We ask everyone to return their wrapped gifts with the attached tag to church NEXT Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, which we call GIFT SUNDAY. What a beautiful sight it will be with hundreds of wrapped gifts in the Baptistry and Altar area. God bless everyone for their Spirit of Giving!



**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. Contact the rectory for more information: 718-465-8534.



**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. 11    Dec. 18

**INCARNATION INFORMATION**

Organization	Contact	Phone
Adult Confirmation	Sr. Joan Klimski	718-465-8534x23
Adult English Choir	Perry Townsend	718-465-8534x27
Adult Faith Formation	Sr. Joan Klimski	718-465-8534x23
Alcoholics Anonymous	Rectory	718-465-8534
Altar Servers	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Angelic Voices Children's Choir	Perry Townsend	718-465-8534x27
Baptism Registration	Rectory	718-465-8534
Caribbean Association	Lynette Jerome	718-479-9260
Extraordinary Ministers	Sr. Ellen Patrice	718-465-8534
Evangelization	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Family Life Committee	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Filipino Choir	Ricky Matela	718-357-4894
Finance Committee	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Food Pantry	Deacon Francois	718-465-8534x25
Fundraising	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Friendship Club	Terry Forgione	718-464-8762
Girl Scouts	Nalda Gomes	646-320-9355
Haitian Prayer Group	Occide Pierre	718-776-0523
Homebound Min	Sr. Ellen Patrice	718-465-8534
Hospitality Committee		
Incarnation School		
	Principal Satti Marchan	718-465-5066x28
	Alumni Denise Antz	516-354-1217
	HSA	
Jornada	Lorraine Marrero	718-468-9029
Lectors	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Legion of Mary	B. Innocent	718-464-2167
Liturgy Committee	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Line Dancing	Lucita Romulo	718-740-0417
Marriage Registration	Rectory	718-465-8534
Mustard Seed Ministry	Sr. Joan Klimski	718-465-8534x23
Nocturnal Adoration	Gabriella Krill	718-464-4658
Pag-Asa Filipino Com	Vacant	
Parish Pastoral Council	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Publicity Coordinator	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
RCIA	Sr. Joan Klimski	718-465-8534x23
Religious Education	Sr. Joan Klimski	718-465-8534x23
Rosary/Altar Society	Gabriella Krill	718-464-4658
Sacred Hearts Group	Dcn Clemenceau	718-341-2653
Spanish Prayer Group	Lucy Sanders	718-468-0899
Spanish Choir	Norma Allongo	718-465-8534
St. Vincent dePaul	Deacon Francois	718-465-8534x25
Vine & Branches Prayer Gp	Ofelia Villar	718-465-0087
Vocations Committee	G. Pierre-Antoine	718-341-2653

**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 (353) have already participated in this year's Appeal which helps the various diocesan services including vocations, migration, Catholic Charities, etc. There is only a month to fulfill outstanding pledges.

**Currently there are \$12,471.00 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.

