

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
7:30	In Thanksgiving
9:00	Frances Ganci
10:30	Delsy Goldstein
12:00	Augusto Tolentino
5:00	Thanksgiving to St. Anthony~Rose Bornelus
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 10</b>
8:30	Geneviva & Julio Paua
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 11 St. Damasus I, Pope</b>
8:30	Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
8:30	Andres & Natividad Pagay
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>
8:30	Magalie Menardy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 14 St. John of the Cross</b>
8:30	Iluminada C. Terrenate
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 15</b>
8:30	Edward & Alma Voneski
5:00	The People of Incarnation
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 16</b>
7:30	In Thanksgiving ~ Melissa & Rob Cardone
9:00	Lucien Ceran, Sr.
10:30	Benjamin, Francisca Eclipse & David Rosen~Liv
12:00	Intentions of Stephanie Jaramillo
5:00	John DiMeo

**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.



Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).



**Need CPR before Christmas?** Confession -Penance-Reconciliation is offered Saturdays from 4PM-4:45PM. In the midst of other preparations, don't forget that the best way to welcome the Savior and recall His Birth is to try to do it free from sin. Religious Ed Confessions are Dec 9 and School Confessions are Dec 20.



**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*

*December 1/2*

<i>My Weekly Tith</i>	<i>\$6,236</i>
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	<i>\$1,898</i>

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

**SECOND COLLECTION**

- Dec 9: School Support**
- Dec 16: Parish Christmas**

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

**FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN**

As I entered Queen of the Rosary Chapel to preach at the Funeral Mass for Sister Edna last month, the organist was playing softly the hymn: *How Can I Keep from Singing*. It was extremely appropriate since such a large portion of Sister Edna’s ministry was the sharing of her musical talents and gifts. But it was also insightful to the Christian mystery. Here we were gathered for a wake and Funeral Mass and the refrain echoed was: *How can I keep from singin’?*

As our area continues its recovery from Super Storm Sandy, while moving through the Holiday Season, it is our faith that allows us to see the future filled with hope. It is our faith that urges us on to help neighbor and stranger recover from the effects of nature’s power.

Christmas has always been a time associated with songs and carols. Not every Christmas is a joyous time for every person. People die in December. People get laid off during the holidays. Students fail exams before Christmas break. And yet for the believer there is always something more: the person of Jesus Christ. He is our Hope and Fulfillment that allows us to forge onward. As the refrain reminds us.

*No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I’m clingin’.  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singin’.*

I would like to invite you, your family and your friends to join us for Parish Caroling through the streets this Saturday, December 15, beginning at 6PM in the church parking lot. Yes, there will be ponies to ride and sheep to pet in the parking lot before we process through the streets. Of course hot chocolate and cookies will await us as we return to the auditorium. But I invite you to come caroling so that we can share our joy and firm faith in God’s Son whose birth we recall this time of year.

It’s our way of showing others that no matter what happens in our lives and world precisely because of Jesus Christ “*How Can I Keep from Singin’.*”

See you this Saturday in the parking lot and God Bless!

*Father O’Connor*

**Blessing of Baby Jesus Figures Dec 16 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.



**LITURGY COMMITTEE.** The next liturgy committee meeting is this Saturday 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. All those interested will gather after Christmas. Please free your calendar for a diocesan training session at the Mary Louis Academy on March 2.



**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.

**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**

<b>Sunday</b>		
9:00am	Religious Education Classes	MGH
9:15am	CCD Penance	MGH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:00pm	Filipino Mass	CH
<b>Monday</b>		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:00pm	Caribbean Association	MGH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
<b>Tuesday</b>		
2:45pm	Pageant Rehearsal	CH
7:30pm	Infancy Narratives	OLPH
<b>Wednesday</b>		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
3:30pm	Pageant Rehearsal	CH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
<b>Thursday</b>		
3:30pm	Pageant Rehearsal	CH
5:30pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
<b>Friday</b>		
12:00noon	Food Pantry	MNH
7:00pm	Youth Group	MNH
7:00pm	School Christmas Show	MGH
<b>Saturday</b>		
9:30am	Sunday Scripture Sharing	OLPH
10:30am	Liturgy Committee	OLPN
5:00pm	Gift Sunday	CH
6:00pm	Parish Caroling	MGH
7:30pm	Spanish Novena	CH
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).

**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

School Christmas Show—Dec 14—7PM  
Tickets Sold at the Door—All Welcomed

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



**Readings For The Week**



<b>Sunday</b>	Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6
<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>	Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15
<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**

**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).



**CHRISTMAS CAROL PROCESSION**

returns to Incarnation this 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. The procession route this year will be along 207th Street to 93rd Avenue then to 201st Street then down to 93rd Ave around the corner and down 202nd Street to 89th Ave and 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!



**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.

**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.

**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.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ~** There will be a Festive Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe this Wednesday morning at 8:30AM. Come join in prayer as we honor Our Lady as Patroness of the Americas during this Advent Season and remain with her as she anticipates the birth of her only Son, our Messiah.



**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 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is invited to prepare for the New Year by attending.

**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. 16    Dec. 23

**ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

**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.

**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 Matthew, Mark and Luke which tell us "this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about."



**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 16<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!

**CHILD ID PROGRAM.** Representatives of New York Life will be in the school auditorium on Sunday, December 23 from 11:30AM till 4PM. New York Life's Child I.D. program is designed to help children in our community learn how to stay safe in the home, at play or wherever they happen to be. In only 3 to 5 minutes, a Child I.D. card is printed for each parent or guardian free of charge. Child ID cards feature a child's photo, fingerprints, contact information and other pertinent information needed by the police in case of an emergency. Please note that children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. No child's information or pictures are electronically retained. All data is automatically erased upon printing the Child ID. Make peace of mind a priority gift this Christmas.

**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. **Currently we have \$11, 902.00 in outstanding pledges.** In the frantic pace of the holidays don't forget your pledge. Thank You very much for supporting the Diocese of Brooklyn and Incarnation parish.

