

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
7:30	Varghese Joseph
9:00	John & Frances Ganci
10:30	John Thomann
12:00	Ana Maria Cano
5:00	Benita & Radeundo Gonzales
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop</b>
8:30	Amado V. Costes, Jr.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 24</b>
8:30	John Esneider Alvarez
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 25</b>
8:30	Raymond Daquin
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 26</b>
8:30	Julienne Cera
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 27</b>
8:30	Danilo Atienza
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 28</b>
8:30	Francesco Fracassa
5:00	Kevin P. Brady
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 1</b>
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Soledad Mapili & Celedonio Gonzales
10:30	Anna Dundjerski
12:00	Maria Ines Mojica & Guillermo Mojica
5:00	Luis Baze



“Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.” Is He prompting you to suffer with Him, bringing others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

**A Parish Food Drive.** Today you are invited to take home a brown paper bag and each week you will be asked to purchase certain items and place them in the grocery bag at home. **This week please add to your shopping bag: Non-refrigerated fruit juices.** On Sunday, March 29 please return your filled grocery bag that will be given to assist the food pantries here at Incarnation and St. Gerard Majella.

**LET US PRAY...**

*We ask God's healing and strength for:*

- Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint, Gregg Ortiz, Zoraida Vasquez, Kenine Dieuveuil, Alberte Jean-Baptiste, Tony & Barbara Gelia, Theresa Thomann, Marian Smith, Sarika Clona, Allan Caicedo, Owen Hogan, Ben & Lynn Eclipse, Lynette Jerome, Leone Adrien, Lucette Julien, Yvette Goin, Gabriella Krill, Arnulfo Cabahug, Sr, Carlos de Jesus Fritz Etheart, Henry Alvarez, Lunice Guiteau, William O'Neil, Levonne Jetter, Revica Villette, Maria Cabrera, Amanda Perez, Marie Charles- Elie, Jean Claude Boursiquot,

*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*
- Tech Sgt Lovewyn DeOcampo, U.S. Air Force*
- 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*

**FUEL COLLECTION.** On March 1st the annual “Fuel Collection” will take place. There is an additional envelope in the church packet that requests your generous contribution to defray the costs of the parish buildings. Needless to say, like your own homes, everyone is hit hard during the winter months. We ask every parishioner to be as generous as possible so that our parish buildings may remain warm and comfortable for everybody. Extra white “Fuel Collection” envelopes are in the church today for those who did not receive it in the mail. Thank you.

**“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”**

*Collection for The Week of  
February 14/15*

<i>My Weekly Tithe</i>	<i>\$6,029</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 755</i>

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

**SECOND COLLECTION**

- Feb 22: School Support*
- Mar 1: Fuel Offering*
- Mar 8: School Support*

**“THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND!  
REPENT, AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL!”**

**FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN**

"Their only words were: 'Jesus, help me!' They were killed simply for the fact that they were Christians," Pope Francis said in his native Spanish, departing from the Italian he uses at most formal events when he was speaking with Protestant leaders from Scotland this past Monday. Of course, he was referring to the twenty-one Egyptian Coptic Christians who were martyred in Libya last weekend. I saw a clip of the pope on the news. You could see the sadness encompass his whole being. As I write this now I feel the sadness in my gut as well.

For me, the sadness comes not from the fact that these fathers, sons, brothers and friends were martyred for being Christians (Muslims and Jews were already targeted before them), but from the incomprehensible reality that these violent acts are not random acts of violence. Sadly, these unhinged individuals have the illusion that what they are undertaking is a good plan; in fact, a divine plan, to actualize their vision or world view. Sadly, there are other followers of Islam who are subjected to their threats and violence in the name of God. Sadly, there are children who are deprived of so much yet who are lavished with an ideology of hate and intolerance.

Closer to home, we are subjected to news stories daily, if not hourly, about acts of violence each day in our own back yard. They involve law enforcement officers who strive to protect us, or shop keepers and livery cab drivers who are just trying to make a living. It is all the more offensive and confusing when these actions occur within a family by individuals who pledged a love for the other. And again, sadly this violence does not spare the children: children who are targeted at school by their peers or by jealous and crazed parents who would rather expose them to even lethal violence so as to almost “punish” those who remain. Unfortunately, in our civil society, our young people are also, all too often, lavished with an ideology of selfishness and violence.

My response before such insanity and violence against the human person; my response amidst the blood and the tears; my response in my church or in my room, across the globe from the beaches of Libya is the exact utterance of those Coptic Christian Martyrs: “Jesus, help me!!

May He help us all. May we not waste an hour of this holy season!  
God Bless!

*Father O'Connor*

**St. Joseph’s Day: March 19.** Honor the Husband of Mary, the Guardian of the Redeemer and Patron of the Universal Church with 8:30AM morning Mass followed by a Community Celebration of St. Joseph’s Table in the lower church. Start preparing your favorite dishes now.



**ALASKA THIS SUMMER: JULY 23-AUGUST 4.** Prepare to enter “Nature’s Cathedral” as the parish trip will be to Alaska before boarding a “Glacier Discovery Cruise” to Vancouver, Canada. This 13 day trip will explore Fairbanks, Anchorage and the famous Denali National Park before a relaxing cruise through Glacier Bay and the renowned Inside Passage. Spread the word about this exciting opportunity. Information fliers are available at the rectory. There are only a fixed number of seats and births for this trip of a lifetime. Don’t miss out. For information & reservations call Peter’s Way Tours 800-225-7662.



**PARISH GALA DANCE—SATURDAY, MARCH 21.** As we prepare to celebrate our parish feast on March 25, there will be a preparation meeting this **Tuesday at 7:30PM** in the Rectory Meeting Room for those who would like to work on the Gala celebration. Help us celebrate ourselves, our community, our parish where we find the presence of Jesus. made flesh among us.



**The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion—THIS FRIDAY, The Journey, Feb 27 at 8P.** Join us this Friday as Creative Ministries, a troupe of Christian actors, musicians and dancers will visit Incarnation and help us re-live the Lord’s Passion as we follow the Stations of the Cross. This moving event is for the entire family. Invite others to come out this Friday evening to experience this unique and poignant opportunity. *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless You! Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world!*

**LENTEN REGULATIONS—Abstinence:** The Church requires all the faithful who have reached their 14th year of age to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the fasting regulation on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken at 2 other occasions in the day.

**The Stations of the Cross.** The parish walks in the footsteps of Jesus each Friday evening of Lent at 7:30PM The deacons will lead this multi-lingual celebration of one of the Churches most beloved devotions.



**Events For The Week**

<b>Sunday</b>		
9:00am	Religious Education	MGH
10:30am	RCIA Sending Rite	CH
1:00pm	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:00pm	Youth Group	MNH
2:30pm	Haitian Mass	CH
<b>Monday</b>	<b>School Classes Resume</b>	
3:30pm	Living & Leading I	OLPH
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
<b>Tuesday</b>		
12:00noon	Friendship Club	MNH
7:30pm	Gala Planning	OLPH
<b>Wednesday</b>		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
5:30pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Lenten Vespers	CH
8:30pm	Choir	CH
<b>Thursday</b>		
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
<b>Friday</b>		
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
2:00pm	School Stations	CH
8:00pm	The Journey: Cross & Crucifixion	CH
<b>Saturday</b>		
9:00am	Sacred Heart Prayer Group	OLPH
9:30am	Sunday Scripture	MGH
11:00am	First Penance	CH
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	MGH
7:30pm	Line Dancing	MNH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH

H = Church; MNH = Msgr. Nolan Hall (Lower Church); RB = Rectory Basement; OLPH=Our Lady's (Rectory) Meeting, MGH = Msgr. Griffin Hall (School Auditorium).

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS BEFORE ME.** Simple desktop images of the Stations of the Cross are being provided by the Liturgy Committee to help with reflection and focus this Lenten Season. Please take one this weekend and place it in a prominent place within your home or workplace. Allow it to help you focus on the Sufferings of Jesus this Lenten season.



**Readings For The Week**



<b>Sunday</b>	Gn 9:8-15 1Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
<b>Monday</b>	Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

**Religious Education Happenings**

**EASTER SACRAMENTS.** Please remember in prayer those catechumens and candidates who are completing the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults this Lenten Season. **Any parent who missed last week's parent/guardian meeting for Confirmation Candidates is asked to contact Sister Joan.**

**Confirmation Pictures are Ready to be Picked up. Please call ahead to make proper arrangements to do so.**

**The Word Among Us.** This Lent a special and attractive periodical entitled "Prayer, Fasting, Abstinence" is on sale in the back of the church. What a unique means to participate in Lent and prepare for Easter by reading a daily reflection alone or with the family. **A donation of \$2.00 per copy is requested.** Use the white envelopes provided.

**COLDS AND COMMON SENSE.** As we continue to pass through the winter months and flu season, please remember to refrain from receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice, and even exchanging the sign of peace if not feeling well. Your neighbor will understand and thank you.



**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.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for adults who have not received the sacrament will be offered after Easter. Parishioners needing to be confirmed please call Sr. Joan at the Religious Education Office (718) 465-8534. The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to the adults of our parish at the Pentecost Vigil.

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SHARING ON SATURDAYS.** 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

Registration has begun for the 2015-2016 Academic Year

Walk-in registration will be held daily from 9-11AM.

Appointments may also be made for a School Tour. Parents who are interested in registering their child for Pre-K or K will be required to bring their child to spend a day in the current class.



Box Tops for Education May be left in the church's main vestibule For more info log onto [www.incrcc.org](http://www.incrcc.org) or call 718-465-5066

**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.

**LENTEN VESPERS SERIES.** Please free up your calendars now to attend the Vesper Series at 7:30PM on the Wednesday evenings of Lent. The series entitled "*The Family—The Dwelling Place of*

*God*" has been chosen to complement the prayer and discussions requested by our Holy Father. We will have a reflection given by an invited guest speaker each week. We are happy to welcome this week Mr. Marc Hudock who is a former youth minister and present Pre-Cana Minister at St. Joseph's Church, North Plainfield, NJ as he reflects on *The Family at Prayer*. *Future speakers and topics are:*

Mar 4 *The Family: The Fruit of Marriage*—Ana Puente  
 Mar 11 *The Family as Vineyard of Vocations*—P Purpura  
 Mar 18 *The Family Proclaims the Kingdom*—Ted Musco  
 Mar 25 Parish Feast Day Mass with Bishop Sanchez  
 The Lenten program concludes on April 1 with a Parish Seder Supper in the school auditorium. Make plans to join us this Lent as we sing the Church's Evening Prayer & reflect on *The Family—The Dwelling Place of God*.

**FAMILY MOVIE NITE—SATURDAY, MAR 7—6:30PM.**

The Family Life Committee invites you to join with others in the parish for a Special Family Movie to be enjoyed by all in the school auditorium. Food and drink, Raffles and loads of fun are all included in the Admission Fee of \$10. Tickets are only \$5 if purchased before Feb 27. Mark your calendars now for some good ol' fashioned fun. Tickets are available at the parish, school and religious education offices and will be sold after all the Masses on Feb 28 and March 1.



The **St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive** will take place at Incarnation on Sunday, Mar 15 drop your clothes by the 207th Street entrance to the lower church when you come for Mass.

Plan now to do some early Spring Cleaning and help those in need. Please also share word with friends and neighbors!

**FIRST PENANCE.** Our parish children will receive first Penance this Saturday at 11AM. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they mark this milestone of God's Mercy. Please feel free to join them in church for this celebration.



**STABAT MATER DOLOROSA: The Lenten Sorrows of The Blessed Virgin Mary.** Come out Thursday morning March 26 at 9:15AM in the church to prayerfully reflect on the sufferings of Our Lady by using the beautiful poem composed by Jacopone di Todi in the late 13<sup>th</sup> century. The pointed poetry has assured its inclusion in the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th and has made the *Stabat Mater* (At the Cross Her Station Keeping) a favorite devotional hymn for Christians through the centuries.



**Parish Feast of the Annunciation** is March 25. 7:30PM Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Sanchez on the feast and 7PM Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 21. Plan ahead to be with us for such wonderful celebrations.



**PENANCE.** Confessions are heard every Saturday in the church from 4-4:45PM and any time in the rectory with an appointment.



**MARTHA MINISTRY.** Join with others from the parish in a detailed cleaning of the church at 10:30AM on the Second Saturday of the month; next gathering is March 14. For more information please contact: Donna Paul—347-495-0435.



**The Rosary/Altar Society** will meet next Sunday. Members attend the 10:30 Mass together and then gather in the OLPH Meeting Room for their meeting. All women of the parish are invited to stop by and find out more about their undertakings.

**2015 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. Available dates begin in May. 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.