

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday	February 28
7:30	Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
9:00	In Thanksgiving ~ Karline Jeangilles
10:30	Philomena Emmanuel & Modestin Jean
12:00	In Thanksgiving ~ Feliciano Family
5:00	Varghese Joseph
Monday	February 29
8:30	Yvonne Montasee
Tuesday	March 1
8:30	Rose Storin
Wednesday	March 2
8:30	Hilario T. Balibay
Thursday	March 3 St. Katherine Drexel
8:30	Andres Pagay
Friday	March 4 St. Casimir
8:30	Cesaria Batalla
Saturday	March 5
8:30	Joseline Fortoney
5:00	Cornel Brian Sterling Smith & Stephanie Smith
Sunday	March 6
7:30	In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
9:00	The People of Incarnation
10:30	John Thomann
12:00	Maria & Guillermo Mojica
5:00	Andres Emilo Arrindell

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



"I AM has sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Being Good Neighbors! When coming to Incarnation please don't park in, or, obstruct anyone's driveway. Also, remember to exit the parish grounds quietly after evening functions. It's the considerate and Christian thing to do! It's the neighborly thing to do!



LET US PRAY...



We ask God's healing and strength for:
 Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint, Joseph Gormley, Urlita Santiago, Joseph DeAngelo, Shirley Basdeo, Zoraida Vasquez, Tony & Barbara Gelia, Theresa Thomann, Marian Smith, Sarika Clona, Allan Caicedo, Jenny Rodriguez, Lynette, Jerome, Leone Adrien, Lucette Julien, Yvette Goin, Gabriella Krill, Arnulfo Cabahug, Sr, Elizabeth Xenos, Kenine Dieuveuil, Fritz Etheart, Henry Alvarez, Lunice Guiteau, William O'Neil, Levonne Jetter, Revica Villete, Maria Cabrera, Amanda Perez, Marie Charles – Elie, Jean Claude Boursiquot, Gena Lafiere, Avi Forrester, Charles & Madeline Zakaras, Natividad Neri, Kenneth Reed, Garrick Joseph, Melicio Eclipse, jr
May Eternal Rest be Granted to
 All our deceased parishioners

FUEL COLLECTION. Next Sunday our 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 20/21

My Weekly Tithe	\$5,348
School Support	\$ 733

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION
 February 28: Maintenance
 March 6: Fuel Offering
 March 13: School Support

“IF YOU DO NOT REPENT, YOU WILL ALL PERISH.”

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

You might have heard of the dust-up the media caused when they covered the pope's inflight news conference while returning from Mexico earlier this month. While they inferred his comments to be about Donald Trump, the pope is quoted as saying: “A person who thinks only of making walls, wherever they might be, and not of building bridges, is not Christian.” I know the media loved that scoop. And with all the times Mr. Trump has mentioned a wall along our southern border you could see the confusion.

I have been thinking a lot about what the pope said: “A person who thinks only of making walls, wherever they might be, and not of building bridges, is not Christian.” I don't think of brick and mortar nor barb and fence walls, but rather how many people shut out other people from their lives. In our society we erect too many walls it seems. It's done through prejudice, isolation even busyness keeps us from being interconnected. It sounds strange that in this internet age of the world wide web so many walls can still exist. But they do when we choose to “friend” some and ignore others. Sadly, in this environment people tend to surround themselves with like minded folk who often times do not challenge them but rather help breed narrowmindedness.

One of the beauties of the papacy is linked to one of the pope's titles: *Pontifex Maximus* (literally the great bridge builder). Modern popes have travelled the globe seeking to unify the Church and bring diverse peoples from all over the world together. This was first the mission of Jesus. But that mission continues in the present age firstly, with the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis. But also in all of us. We are better Christians when we knock down the various walls we encounter or even erect so that we can bring people together as did our Master.

Whoever you vote for this year (and I'll write much more about that at another time), I hope that you will take seriously your role as a Christian *pontifex*. Imagine the possibilities for a world that has more bridges than walls; more inclusion than isolation. Imagine the possibilities for our parish!

Blessed Lent and God Bless!

Father O'Connor

LENTEN VESPERS SERIES - “Merciful Like the Father”



continues this Wednesday at 7:30PM. The theme of the series has been chosen to complement the prayer and discussions surrounding the Jubilee Year of Mercy inaugurated by our Holy Father. We will have a reflection given by an invited guest speaker each week. We are happy to welcome this week **Rev. Jose Henriquez**, Parochial Vicar of Blessed Sacra-

ment Parish, Cyprus Hills as he reflects on the biblical character: **The Samaritan Woman: Diligence in Place of Sloth**. Future guests and themes are:

Mar 9: *Peter* – Rev. James Hansen

Mar 16: *The Repentant Thief* – Rev. Rafael Perez

The Lenten program concludes on March 23 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 some special characters of the Gospels who received the gift of mercy.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: March 19. Save the date now for breakfast with Spring's most welcomed guest. Spread the word and invite others as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Tickets are available at the parish, school and religious education offices.



St. Joseph's Day: March 19.



Honor the Husband of Mary, the Guardian of the Redeemer and Patron of the Universal Church with a Solemn Mass at 8:30AM. Because the feast falls on the eve of Holy Week, there will be no St. Joseph's Table this year.

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.

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 Fr. Chris at the Religious Education Office (718) 465-8534.

2016 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. Please come to the Parish Office to make special Mass offerings for your loved ones.



Events For The Week

Sunday	Clothing Drive	MNH
9:00am	Religious Education	MGH
10:30am	RCIA Scrutiny I	CH
1:00pm	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:00pm	Youth Group	OLPH
2:30pm	Haitian Mass	CH
Monday		
3:30pm	Living & Leading 2	OLPH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
Tuesday		
7:30pm	Talleres de Oracion	OLPH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
5:30pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Lenten Vespers	CH
8:15pm	Choir	CH
Thursday		
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday	First Friday	
9:00am	Holy Hour	CH
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
2:10pm	School Stations	CH
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:30pm	Way of the Cross	CH
7:30pm	Bible Study Group	OLPH
Saturday		
9:30am	Sunday Scripture	MGH
4:15pm	1st Communion Meeting III	MGH
6:00pm	Holy Hour	CH
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	OLPH
7:30pm	Line Dancing	MNH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH

Readings For The Week



Sunday	Ex3:1-8a,13-15 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12Lk 13:1-9
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1,5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10 Mt 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

Religious Education Happenings

THE THIRD PREPARATION SESSION for the families (parents/guardians and students) receiving **Penance & Holy Communion** will take place this **Saturday, March 5 at 4:15PM** in the church. All are required to attend the session and 5PM Mass.

FIRST PENANCE will be celebrated on **Saturday, March 12 at 11AM**. Please pray for the newest members of our parish Family who will be receiving God's forgiveness.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for adults who have not received the sacrament will be offered after Easter. Please call Marie at the Religious Education Office (718) 465-8534.



EASTER PLANTS that will decorate the church during the Easter Season may be donated. You may wish to donate **IN MEMORY OF** or **IN HONOR OF** a loved one. Easter flower donation envelopes are in the church today and the donation is \$15.00. Please return your donation in the Sunday collection or at the Parish Office.



Eucharistic Holy Hours will take place this weekend on First Friday from 9AM to 10AM and on First Saturday from 6PM to 7PM. Remember there is no 7:30PM Mass in Lent. Come out and spend some quality time with Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament this Lenten Season.



PARISH FEASTDAY MASS will be celebrated at 7:30PM on Monday, April 4, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. This Special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Massa and will open our 90th Anniversary Celebrations. Please mark your calendars now to join at the Altar united as a family.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. All couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th and 50th Anniversary are invited to a special Mass at Ss. Simon and Jude Church on Saturday, April 23rd at 11:00 AM. Bishop Octavio Cisneros will be the main celebrant. Please call the Parish Office (718-465-8534) and register to attend before Wednesday, March 30.



Parish Pilgrimage—Sept 18-30, 2016: In the Footsteps of John Paul & Benedict to the Wellspring of Divine Mercy During the Year of Mercy. The parish pilgrimage will visit the Polish and German shrines and surroundings that influenced our last two popes and will culminate at St. Faustina's Basilica of the Divine Mercy in Poland. Detailed brochures are available in the church and parish office. Don't be left behind for this unique opportunity during the Jubilee Year of Mercy.



INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Registration continues for this Academic Year

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



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

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.



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. An organizational meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 10:30AM in the church. For more information please contact: Donna Paul—347-495-0435 or pjouian@earthlink.net.



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.



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



INCARNATION SCHOLARSHIP-APPLY NOW: Go to **WWW.FUTURESINEDUCATION.ORG**, click on the **SCHOLARSHIPS** tab then **APPLY NOW**. Please note there is a non-refundable \$25.00 application processing fee payable by credit card, check or money order. There is a \$10 Non-Sufficient Funds fee for bounced checks. **Help & Support:** Call: 800-477-8237 | Live chat: www.mytads.com | E-mail: support@tads.com. Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Eastern Standard Time. **Deadline:** April 22nd, 2016 - **Completed applications** (i.e. includes all supporting documents) received on or before this date will be considered for the maximum award amount. Additional requirements can be found on the online application.

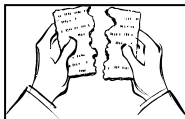


Futures in Education
FOR BROOKLYN AND QUEENS
Changing Lives Through The Gift Of Education

OPERATION RICE BOWL. Incarnation is participating in Catholic Relief Services' *Operation Rice Bowl* this year as our Lenten Almsgiving. Take home a packet with your ready to make rice bowl and some prayers and information. Each week you can add a little to your rice bowl as you prayerfully deny yourself so that others can have needed food & supplies. Rice bowls are to be returned Palm Sunday, March 20.



A PARISH SEDER SUPPER will take place on Wednesday, Mar 23 at 7:30 PM in the auditorium. Families and friends are invited to participate in a model supper reminiscent of the one that Jesus shared before he died. The eve will conclude with coffee and desert. Save the date now.



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



LENTEN REGULATIONS—Abstinence: The Church requires all the faithful who have reached their 14th year of age to abstain totally from meat on 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 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 CEREMONIES OF HOLY WEEK: Tuesday, March 15 at 9:15AM in the church. Spend an hour with Father O'Connor in exploring the beauty and richness of the Sacred Rites which are the culmination of the Christian Calendar: from Palm Sunday to Easter Evening.



CHURCH ETIQUETTE. Have a seat! We ask everyone to take their rightful place in the assembly using the pews at Mass. With the exception of a handful of celebrations each year there are seats for everyone. Standing along the walls in the back of the church is causing damage to the walls and prohibits those who might want to stop in church to say a little prayer by the shrines. It can block the entrance way and doesn't allow people the use of the hymnals which are needed for the hymns and psalm at Mass. Lastly, standing by the doors could give the impression that you are not fully engaged in the Celebration of the Eucharist: half in, half out, so to speak. So come in and have a seat and pray a while!

