

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 17</b>
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Mercia Desir & Laura Kersaint
10:30	Natividad Pagay
12:00	Cano & Rodriguez Family
5:00	In Thanksgiving ~ Fournon Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 18</b>
8:30	Marie G. Waldron
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 19</b>
8:30	Jenny Ventricelli
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 20</b>
8:30	In Thanksgiving ~ Robert Leblanc
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 21 St. Peter Damian</b>
8:30	Intentions of Kevin Gallagher
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 22 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</b>
8:30	Alain Blaise
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 23</b>
8:30	Bruce Gallacher
5:00	Mary Watson
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 24</b>
7:30	In Thanksgiving ~ Eulalia Uganiza
9:00	The People of Incarnation
10:30	John Thomann
12:00	Norma Allongo
5:00	Bruce Gallacher

**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



"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart." Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life. Could you be one of them? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

**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.

**LET US PRAY...**



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

Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint, Gregg Ortiz, Elisabeth Norency, Alberte Jean-Baptiste, Felipe Galo, Kenji Ethel Domingo, Yamashita, Rocco Moreo, Allan Caicedo, Elizabeth Burke, Ben & Horacio Eclipse, Irene Mayas, Yvette Goin, Marie Lourdes Toussaint, Arnulfo Cabahug, Sr, Caroline Amurao, Henry Alvarez, Leone & Vincent Adrien, Joyce Kumar, Nicole LaForest, William O'Neil, Revica Villete, Maria Cabrera, Fritz Etheart, Amanda Aquilar, Levonne Jetter, Jean Claude Boursiquot

*May eternal rest be granted to:*  
Dorothy Winters Hall

**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 24 please return your filled grocery bag that will be given to assist the food pantries here at Incarnation and St. Gerard Majella.

**"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"**

*Collection for The Week of*

February 9/10

<i>My Weekly Tithe</i>	\$4,382
<i>Maintenance</i>	\$1,434

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

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**Feb 17: Black & Indian Missions**  
**Feb 24: School Support**

**“JESUS RETURNED FROM THE JORDAN AND HE WAS LEAD BY THE SPIRIT INTO THE DESERT FOR FORTY DAYS, TO BE TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL.”**

**FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN**

After almost twenty years as a priest I know Lent has a special place in the hearts of Catholics. Winter is passing to Spring; the sun is rising earlier and setting later; children understand that the end of another school year is approaching. For Catholics, I think Lent is the opportunity to strive and be the Christians we want to be: kinder, more thoughtful, giving and prayerful. That’s why it’s such a big deal. We want to be transformed but we get tired, lose focus and return to bad habits after a time.

At Incarnation, the parish has loads of opportunities to help you on your Lenten Journey. The simple wooden cross in my pocket helps me focus on the price Jesus paid for love of me. Daily Mass, Wednesday, Vespers, Friday Stations in addition to weekly or monthly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the weekly meetings of our prayer groups all demonstrate that we take prayer together seriously. Clothing or Food Drives all heighten our awareness of what the St. Vincent DePaul does each Friday as our Food Pantry doors open. Prayerfully supporting those—young and old -who will be receiving the Easter Sacraments hopefully make us more aware and appreciative of the reality that we can receive the Sacraments daily. But those tools are only helpful if you use them and get excited about what Lent means for you and your families.

The excitement is that we want to be different; we want to be changed. The ash crosses adorning our foreheads as Lent begins tells the world that I am one of His followers. But eventually I’m going to wash my face. Will people know who I follow when the ashes are gone? They will if I can use this time to change. They will know who I follow if my face reflects God’s Glory or my actions imitate Jesus’ actions. But that will only be assured if I use this Lent wisely to become more a person of prayer, a Christian of charity; a creature of the Creator who formed me from the very dust to which I will return.

There is an excitement about all the things that are happening here at Incarnation. That excitement is heightened during Lent but it is not limited to Lent. I guess we all want to be better people, better Christians. Lent is our time to do that.

Blessed Lent to all!

Let’s have a good Lent together.

*Father O’Connor*

**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.

**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.



**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 Fabric of Our Faith**” is based on the ongoing Year of Faith proclaimed by our Holy Father. We are happy to welcome



**Father Luke Sweeney**, Vice Rector of Cathedral Seminary Residence, Douglaston and one of the priests who celebrate the Eucharist for us each Sunday. His reflection will focus on ***The Deposit of Faith***. We will have a reflection given by an invited guest speaker each week. Future themes and speakers are:

Feb 27 *Faith in Action* – Sr. Mary Richard, lsp

Mar 6 *Rediscovering Faith* – Rev. Daniel Champoli

Mar 13 *Personal Faith in Christ Jesus* – Mrs. Angela Lewis

Mar 20 *Sharing our Faith* – Msgr. Eugene Feldhaus

**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS.** The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow due to the Presidents’ Day Observance. The office will reopen Tuesday morning.

**PRAYERS FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS.**



Over the next four 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.

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>	Hospitality Sunday No Religious Ed Classes	
10:30am	RCIA—Rite of Sending	CH
10:30am	Baptism Welcome	CH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:00pm	Election Rites @ Christ the King H.S.	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Presidents' Day</b>	
8:30am	Mass	CH
	No Rectory Office Hours	
<b>Tuesday</b>		
7:30pm	Talleres de Oracion	OLPH
<b>Wednesday</b>		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
7:30pm	Lenten Vespers	CH
<b>Thursday</b>		
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
7:30pm	Way of the Cross	CH
8:30pm	English Prayer Group	OLPH
<b>Saturday</b>		
9:00am	Sacred Heart Prayer Group	OLPH
9:30am	Sunday Scripture	MGH
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	MGH
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>	Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13
<b>Monday</b>	Lv 19:1-2, 11-12 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:12,13-16,23-25 Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

**Religious Education Happenings**

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TODAY. Classes Resume next Sunday, February 24**

**Door Monitors.** Religious Ed is seeking door monitors for Sunday School. Please contact Sr. Joan (718-465-8534).

**EASTER SACRAMENTS.** Please remember in prayer those catechumens and candidates who our completing the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults this Lenten Season at the 10:30 Mass.

**Welcome to Our Family . . .**



**Welcome to the Church!** Incarnation would like to welcome the newly baptized of February: Julia Alvarado, Dylan Charles, Gabriella Khan, Tyler Leroy, Sophia Notamicola, Amari Williams, jr.

**PARISH GALA DANCE—SATURDAY, APRIL 6.** As we



prepare to celebrate our parish feast on April 8th (the Solemnity of the Annunciation is transferred this year because March 25 falls during Holy Week), there will be a preparation meeting

on **Tuesday, Feb 26 at 7:30PM** in the Rectory for those who would like to work on the celebration. Help us celebrate ourselves, our community, our parish where we find the presence of Jesus made flesh among us.

**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 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. You may also inquire about dedicating the bread and wine or the sanctuary lamp.

**The Word Among Us.** This Lent a special and attractive periodical entitled "Touched by Mercy, Moved by Love" 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.



**INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER**

**Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools**

**Registration has begun at Incarnation School for the 2013-2014 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.



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.



**A Cross for My Pocket.** Simple wooden Crosses are being provided by the Liturgy Committee to help with reflection and focus this Lenten Season. Please take one this weekend and hold each other in prayer before Easter.



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** takes place following all the morning Masses today. Please join us in Msgr. Nolan Hall and share in some breakfast items, coffee, tea and juices as well as each other's company. We thank the Legion of Mary and the Rosary/Altar Society for sponsoring our February Hospitality. Hospitality Sundays take place each month letting the unity shared around the Altar flow into our solidarity as the Family of Incarnation.



**FAMILY MOVIE NITE—SATURDAY, MAR 2—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 23 and 24.



**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS.** Any parishioners who need a total of their church contributions using the envelopes in 2012 please feel free to contact the Parish Office during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 12 Noon, 1:30 PM to 4 PM.



<b>INCARNATION INFORMATION</b>		
<i>Organization</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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	<i>Rectory</i>	718-465-8534
Altar Servers	Fr. O'Connor	718-465-8534x15
Angelic Voices Children's Choir	Perry Townsend	718-465-8534x27
Baptism Registration	<i>Rectory</i>	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	<i>Rectory</i>	718-465-8534
Mustard Seed Ministry	Sr. Joan Klimski	718-465-8534x23
Nocturnal Adoration	Gabriella Krill	718-464-4658
Pag-Asa Filipino Com	Jose Santiago	718-479-0496
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	Vacant	
St. Vincent dePaul	Deacon Francois	718-465-8534x25
Vine & Branches Prayer Gp	Marietta Chavez	917-945-2847
Vocations Committee	G. Pierre-Antoine	718-341-2653

**WATER WIND, FIRE AND EARTH:** The elements re-deemed at the Great Vigil of the story of our faith, Monday, March 18 ~ 9:15AM in the church. Mark your calendars now.

**FUEL COLLECTION.** On March 3rd 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 in advance for your help.

