

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday	February 19
7:30	Gessie Lecorp
9:00	Antoino Sieterales
10:30	John Thomann
12:00	Laura Brito
5:00	Cabeza Family
Monday	February 20
8:30	Andres Emilio Arrindell
Tuesday	February 21 St. Peter Damian
8:30	Margaret Maloney
Wednesday	February 22 Ash Wednesday
7:00	Thanksgiving to All Saints
8:30	Angela Cerda
7:30	Leon Ramroop
Thursday	February 23 St. Polycarp
8:30	Mary Watson
Friday	February 24
8:30	Julienne Cere & Eugenio Laurent
Saturday	February 25
8:30	Raoul & Marie Alexis
5:00	The People of Incarnation
Sunday	February 26
7:30	Sharina Gemma Lopena ~ living
9:00	Celestino & Petrona Salomon
10:30	Ricardo & Gorgonia Villarino
12:00	Herminia Gonzalez
5:00	In Thanksgiving ~ M.C. Joseph



“I am about to do a new thing.” Are you discerning the inclination to do something new for the Lord, perhaps as a priest or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT. HELP! Prior to Christmas the city forced the parish to pour \$37,500 worth of new sidewalks and curbs. Please help pay for this unforeseen expense. “Sidewalk” Envelopes are by the doors of the church. A Sacrificial Gift is needed by everyone to keep Your Parish alive and well.

LET US PRAY...



We ask God's healing and strength for:

Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint, Mauro Carido Jr., 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 Hiel, Yvette Goin, Leone & Vincent Adrien, Carl & Vida Moore, Jose Cherian, William O'Neil, Revica Villette, Barry V. George, Horacio Eclipse, Nicole LaForest

May eternal rest be granted to:
Christine Mercurio

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



Ash Wednesday begins Lent on **February 22**. Mass will be celebrated at 7AM, 8:30AM and 7:30PM. There will also be a Scripture Service at 3:30PM. Ashes will be distributed after the homily of each Liturgy. There will be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance as Confessions will be heard after each of the Masses. Ash Wednesday, like Good Friday, is a day of fasting (1 normal meal & 2 smaller ones) and abstinence from meat

“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”

Collection for The Week of

February 11/12

<i>My Weekly Tith</i>	<i>\$5,461</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$1,399</i>

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- February 19: School Support**
- February 26: Black & Indian Missions**

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Even though the weather hasn't been that severe this winter, it's still winter. After the wallop we received last year I agree that inches are better than feet, and 40's are more welcomed than 20's when discussing snow fall or temperature but I still long for spring. The longer time for daylight or the greening of the landscape as life seems to begin anew. There is a natural longing for all creation.

The Church's "Spring" begins this week as we enter into the Season of Lent. It is our time of renewal and new life. With a little work on our part and grace from God we can see the change in our spiritual life from dormant to vibrant. Lent is a time for the blossoming of good works and greater realization that we are interdependent in family, community, Church, creation.

Our Lenten Spring at Incarnation is extra precious this year as we prepare for our Parish Assembly on Sunday afternoon, March 4th. Together we can look to a shared future as we submit our three year strategic plan to our bishop. We can focus on the meaning of parish life. What do we expect from Incarnation? What are we prepared to give Incarnation. Lent is a most opportune time for this process since to be part of any community we must die a bit to self.

Each Friday of Lent at 7:30PM is an grace-filled time as we walk with Jesus on the *Via Dolorosa*. As we recall Jesus' steps to His death, we see in the mystery of dying to self the new life that is afforded us. Of course that Sacred Mystery and new life is best expressed in the Celebration of Mass. It's no wonder why so many people choose to attend daily Mass during the Lenten Pilgrimage.

To help nurture our Eucharistic Spirituality, our Wednesday Evening Lenten Vespers Series will focus on different phrases of the revised Eucharistic Prayers which we hear in the center of Mass. With the wisdom of invited speakers and the mantra of the psalms of evening prayer, we can be joined evermore dearly to the Christ who offered himself completely and willingly so that we may have new life. I especially hope that those who work will take advantage of the 7:30 evening time for this special series.

Spring is more than just the absence of snow and cold. It's a movement to new life. This Lent let's make every effort to move to that new life as does all creation.

God Bless and don't forget Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent!

Father D'Connor

PARISH GALA DANCE—SATURDAY, MARCH 24. As we prepare to celebrate our parish feast on March 26th, there will be a preparation meeting on **Tuesday, Feb 28 at 7:30PM** in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room 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.

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

 "So that from the Rising of the Sun to its Setting a Pure Sacrifice May be Offered to your Name" is based on phrases from the Eucharistic Prayer of Mass. We will have a reflection given by an invited guest speaker each week. Make plans now and await further details to come.
Feb 29 *This Oblation of Our Service* – Msgr. John Tosi
Mar 7 *Be Pleased to Look upon these Offerings* – Sr. M A Pii
Mar 14 *This Sacrifice of Praise* – Sr. Julie Upton
Mar 21 *We Celebrate the Memorial* – Msgr. Eugene Feldhaus
Mar 28 *These Holy & Unblemished Sacrifices* – Msgr. Sherman

Parish Feast of the Annunciation is March 26. 7:30PM Solemn Mass on the feast and 7PM Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 24. Plan ahead to be with us for such wonderful celebrations.



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. Fliers are on the bulletin boards. A detailed brochure may be found by the church doors. Spread the Word! Seats are quickly filling for this special opportunity.

PARISH ASSEMBLY. HELP PLAN OUR FUTURE!
Sunday, March 4 @ 1:30PM—Incarnation Auditorium
RSVP to the Parish Office or in the Collection Basket with the Tear-Off below by Monday, February 27th. Refreshments, Displays, Presentations, Focus Questions & a Few Surprises

Yes! Please prepare for me! I will be attending & participating in my PARISH ASSEMBLY on Sunday, March 4!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Events For The Week

Sunday		
9:00am	Religious Ed.	MGH
	Hospitality Sunday	MNH
	Baptism Welcome	CH
Monday	President's Day	
	No Rectory Office Hours	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
	Confessions	
7:00 & 8:30am	Masses	CH
9:00am	Adoration	CH
3:30pm	Prayer Service	CH
7:30pm	Mass	CH
Thursday		
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Way of the Cross	CH
Saturday		
9:00am	Sacred Hearts Prayer Group	OLPH
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



Sunday	Is 43:18-25 2Cor 1:18-22 Mk 2: 1-12
Monday	Jas 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10 Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	JI 2:12-18 2Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-8
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

Religious Education Happenings

THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26. Classes Resume on March 4

First Communion Parents and children are reminded that the third parent-child preparation session will take place Saturday, March 3, beginning at 4:15PM in the church. We invite you to make plans to remain and attend 5PM Mass together.



Welcome to Our Family . . .

Welcome to the Church! Incarnation would like to welcome the newly baptized of February: Christian Castro, Ayden Maldonado, Evolet Marin, Leilani Martelly, Joseph Rodriguez.

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.

FUEL COLLECTION. On March 4th 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.



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.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS. The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow due to the Presidents' Day Observance.

INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Registration has begun at Incarnation School for the 2012-2013 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 or call 718-465-5066

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.

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

OPERATION RICE BOWL. Incarnation is participating in Catholic Relief Services' *Operation Rice Bowl* this year as our Lenten Almsgiving. On Sun, Feb 26th 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 other can have needed food & supplies. Rice bowls are to be returned Palm Sunday, Apr 1.

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. See the brochure in next week's bulletin or contact the rectory for more info: 718-465-8534.



FAMILY MOVIE NITE—SATURDAY, MAR 3—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 28. Mark your calendars now for some good ol' fashioned fun. Tickets are available at the parish, school and religious ed offices and will be sold after all the Masses next weekend.

The Word Among Us. This Lent a special and attractive periodical entitled "I Believe" will be on sale in the church vestibule. 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.** Please use the white envelopes provided.

The St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive will take place at Incarnation on Sunday, Mar 18 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. Together we can do some real good!



WANT SOME EXTRA CASH???? We are happy to sponsor the "*March Madness Lottery Calendar*" in support of Incarnation School! We invite you to purchase tickets (\$10.00 each or three for \$25.00) and begin dreaming BIG about cash prizes ranging from \$50.00 to \$100.00 over the 31 days in March. And, if your name is drawn and you win, your ticket(s) will be returned to the drum for more chances of winning. **Sheer madness in March!**

Join in all the fun and winnings by clipping the tickets at the bottom of the calendar and return the tickets with your payment in the collection or at the Parish Office or School Office no later than Wednesday, February 29th. Cash or checks are acceptable with checks payable to "Incarnation School." Feel free to photocopy the calendar and share it with family, friends, at the office, etc. Extra copies will be left in the church and at the Parish Office. What an ideal and unique gift for a birthday, anniversary or just to have some fun.

Get in on all the action with a little help and whole lot of fun for Incarnation School this March!

The **Family Life Committee** will meet next Thursday March 1 at 7:30PM in the Rectory Basement Conference Room. All members are asked to attend and any other parishioners who would like to promote family life events in the parish are invited.

Mustard Seed Ministry is coming to Incarnation.



We would like to introduce an outreach to the youngest members of our parishioners mainly children from ages 4 to 7. We are pleased to see so many parents bring their children to Mass. As Jesus says, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them." Yet we know that it is hard for the children to fully understand the Word of God proclaimed at Mass and so like in many other parishes we would like to help the children appreciate what Jesus is saying to all of us.

In order to help kids better understand the Scriptures at Sunday Mass, at the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday, we will begin "Mustard Seed Ministry" (MSM). At the end of the Opening Prayer children from ages four to seven will be invited to the lower church to hear the reading(s) in a special way by a trained catechist. This may include storytelling, creating a simple craft, singing a song, etc. At the end of the Prayer of the Faithful of the Mass the children will return and sit back with their parents and families. The hope is to have MSM take place every Sunday here at Incarnation. Each child will receive a special nametag to hold onto and wear each time MSM takes place. May this outreach to children to whom the kingdom of God belongs enhance our spiritual understanding and growth. For more information see Sr. Joan after Mass or call the Religious Ed Office Sunday thru Thursday: 718-465-8534.