


ANNOUNCED MASSES

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 26</u>
7:30	Sharina Gemma Lopena ~ living
9:00	Celestino & Petrona Salomon
10:30	Ricardo & Gorgonia Villarino
12:00	Herminia Gonzalez
5:00	In Thanksgiving ~ Marie Carolle Joseph
<u>Monday</u>	<u>February 27</u>
8:30	Maria Hiel
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>February 28</u>
8:30	Kevin Brady
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>February 29</u>
8:30	Francesco Fracassa
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>March 1</u>
8:30	Luis Baez
<u>Friday</u>	<u>March 2</u>
8:30	Margaret Maloney
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 3 St. Katherine Drexel</u>
8:30	Andres & Natividad Pagay
5:00	The People of Incarnation
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 4</u>
7:30	Horacio Mariano & Emil Pascual
9:00	Vicente & Evarista Salomon
10:30	Andres & Araceli Salomon
12:00	Aida Ramirez
5:00	In Thanksgiving ~Elizabeth & Christine Prosper



“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.

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, Marie Cesarano, Mauro Carido Jr., Felipe Galo, Kenji Yamashita, Dorothy Winters Hall, Rocco Moreo, Allan Caicedo, Elizabeth Burke, Gregg Ortiz, 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

May eternal rest be granted to:

John Boyle and Maria Del Valle

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

FUEL COLLECTION. Next week on Mar 4 the annual “Fuel Collection” takes place. 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.



“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”

Collection for The Week of

February 18/19

<i>My Weekly Tith</i>	<i>\$4,878</i>
<i>School Support</i>	<i>\$817</i>

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- February 26: Black & Indian Missions**
- March 4: Fuel Offering**

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

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

I had the privilege of journeying to Rome for the Creation of Cardinals last week. I was fortunate to have had as seminary rectors at the Pontifical North American College both Cardinal Edwin O’Brien and Cardinal Timothy Dolan. It was moving to see these two individuals, who had a special place in my priestly formation, be recognized by our Holy Father. But as the pope clearly pointed out, the red robes that they now wear symbolize the blood of the martyrs: they are asked to give even more to Christ and His Church.

As we mark this First Sunday of Lent, it is our opportunity to give more to Christ and His Church. This holy season is characterized by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. But it is also a time to return to our Christian Roots and Christian Ideals - Christian Roots in that the Faith we profess is very much the gift our parents passed on to us. Christian Ideals in that we focus on who God calls us to be despite our human frailties. We bear witness to Jesus not by our blood, like martyrs past, but by our lives, like living saints.

There are countless opportunities at Incarnation this Lent to give more, learn more, be more, as a follower of Christ. One thing I hope you will realize is that you or I cannot do it on our own. This interdependence is at the heart and very nature of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. This Lent everyone in the parish is asked take a nail from the basket in the sanctuary and carry it throughout this holy season. This simple action will help us focus on the love of Christ Jesus and the solidarity we have with each other.

Lastly, as we focus on giving more this Lenten Season, I would like to once again invite you to join us for the Parish Assembly next Sunday beginning at 1:30PM in the Msgr. Griffin Hall, the school auditorium. This gathering of the parish will allow us to put forth common goals and desires for the coming years as we prepare for Bishop DiMarzio our strategic plan for the parish we love so much. There is an RSVP tear-off in the bulletin this week. Remember there will be food, gifts and other surprises. Through the generosity of our Girl Scouts, child care will also be available for the little ones. So please do join us.

May you have a most blessed Lent and I look forward to seeing you at our Parish Assembly next Sunday afternoon at 1:30PM!

Father O'Connor

PARISH GALA DANCE—SATURDAY, MARCH 24. As we prepare to celebrate our parish feast on March 26th, there will be a preparation meeting this **Tuesday 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 entitled “*So that from the Rising of the Sun to its Setting a Pure Sacrifice May be Offered to your Name*” begins this Wednesday

at 7:30PM. Based on phrases from the Eucharistic Prayer of Mass, we are happy to welcome Msgr. John Tosi, Pastor of St. Luke’s Parish in Whitestone and former Director of Liturgy for the diocese. His reflection will focus on ***This Oblation of Our Service***. We will have a reflection given by an invited guest speaker each week. Future themes and speakers are:

- Mar 7 *Be Pleased to Look upon these Offerings* – S. M A Piil,csj
- Mar 14 *This Sacrifice of Praise* – S. Julie Upton, rsm
- Mar 21 *We Celebrate the Memorial* – Msgr. Eugene Feldhaus
- Mar 28 *These Holy & Unblemished Sacrifices* – Msgr. Sherman

The Lenten program will conclude on April 4 with a Parish Seder Supper in the school auditorium. Make plans to join us this Lent as we sing the Evening Prayer of the Church praising God from the rising of the sun to its setting.



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	No Religious Ed.	
1:00pm	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:30pm	Haitian Mass	CH
Monday		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
Tuesday		
12:00pm	Friendship Club	MNH
7:30pm	Gala Planning Mtg.	RB
7:30pm	Talleres de Oracion	MGH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
7:30pm	Lenten Vespers	CH
Thursday		
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
7:30pm	Family Life Committee	RB
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
1:50pm	School Stations	CH
7:30pm	Way of the Cross	CH
Saturday		
4:15pm	First Communion Session III	CH
6:00pm	Holy Hour	CH
6:30pm	Movie Nite	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	Gn 9:8-15 1Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
Monday	Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-11
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26L16-19 Mt 5:43-48

Religious Education Happenings

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.

Congratulations to Laura Dela Cruz, Gabby Dwyer and Xiomara Sanchez who are to be called forth by Bishop DiMarzio today as they make their final preparations for the Easter Sacraments.



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.

2012 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.

A Prayer Assembly hosted by the Vine & Branches Prayer Group will take place Saturday March 10 beginning at 1PM in Msgr. Nolan Hall. Everyone is invited to explore how *Jesus Transformed Passover*.

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.

Eucharistic Holy Hours will take place on First Friday from 9AM to 10AM and on First Saturday from 6PM to 7PM. Come out and spend some quality time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

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.



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

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 other can have needed food & supplies. Rice bowls are to be returned Palm Sunday, April 1.



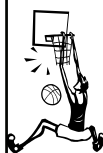
LIVING LIGHTS. Securing an Annual *Living Light* Votive Candle to Honor a Loved One, Remember a Special Intention, or Mark a Milestone is a continual and wonderful way to celebrate sentiments and offer intercessions of remembrance, hope and gratitude. Two wall mounted electric candle stands now hang 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.

The Word Among Us. This Lent a special and attractive periodical entitled "I Believe" 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.** 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!



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 Rosary/Altar Society will meet next Sunday.

The **Liturgy Committee** will meet on Saturday, March 10 at 10:30AM in Our Lady's Conference Room to plan for Lent and Holy Week. All 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 four to seven.

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, 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.