


ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday	January 1
7:30	Anne Marie Thomas
9:00	Anne Amoscato & Raymond Amoscato
10:30	Clemene Denis
12:00	Aida Ramirez
Monday	January 2 St. Basil the Great
8:30	Wanda Konopka
Tuesday	January 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:30	Andrena Fontilus Anglade, Reel Anglade Fam.
Wednesday	January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:30	Johnny Bello
Thursday	January 5 St. John Neumann
8:30	Denise Zephir & Families
Friday	January 6 St. Andre Bessette
8:30	Geronimo U. Terrenate
Saturday	January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort
8:30	Ann Marie Thomas
5:00	The People of Incarnation
Sunday	January 8
7:30	In Thanksgiving
9:00	In Thanksgiving ~ Rodrigo Martinez, Jr.
10:30	Valerie LaForest ~ living
12:00	John Polo
5:00	In Thanksgiving~Carmel Alexandra Lassegue




“They made known what had been told them about this Child.” If you may be one of those called to make the Christ Child known to others as a priest or consecrated religious, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email : vocations@diobrook.org.

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:

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- Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint,
 - Mauro Carido Jr., Rose Marie Jauregui, 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 Heil, Yvette Goin,
 - Leone & Vincent Adrien, Carl & Vida Moore,
 - Jose Cherian, William O’Neil, Revica Villete,
 - Barry V. George, Nicole LaForest

May eternal rest be granted to:
Margaret Maloney

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:

- Maj. Michael Boyle, U.S. Army
- 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 Sacrament of **Penance** is celebrated every week at Incarnation. **Confessions** are heard every Saturday from 4PM-4:45PM and by calling the rectory for an appointment. Don’t neglect God’s Gift of **Reconciliation**. Begin the new year renewed—His mercy endures forever.

“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”

Collection for The Week of

December 24/25

<i>My Weekly Tithe</i>	<i>\$4,965</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$1,559</i>
<i>Catholic Charities</i>	<i>\$ 954</i>

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- January 1: Initial Offering**
- January 1: Mary, the Mother of God**
- January 8: Diocesan Mission

**“AND MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS,
REFLECTING ON THEM IN HER HEART.”**

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

While I’m not thrilled that the parish loses out on the added collections when Christmas and New Year’s fall on a Sunday, I firmly believe it’s most appropriate that we begin the New Year on a Sunday as Sunday is the First and foremost day of the week for the Christian. Even while we speak of “the weekend,” calendars still begin with Sunday and end with Saturday.

Maybe that’s the answer to the New Year’s Resolution that so many are looking for at this time of year: Make Sunday special; make Sunday sacred. For many that might not sound like that great of a challenge. For others it could seem unattainable. To make Sundays both special and sacred, however, might not be that simple.

Firstly, there are outside forces. The greatest of which is work. People work on Sundays now plain and simple. There are also many other functions and events that pull us in every which direction on Sundays. But other distractions exist as well. I think of errands, TV, friends and family.

With at least six Masses scheduled each weekend, Incarnation is definitely “worshiper friendly” with many options to observe the Lord’s Day. But those working on a weekend still would have to make the sacrifice to rise a little earlier, or attend Mass in the evening before going home to eat or relax. With all the various events in the life of the modern family perhaps it might be beneficial to schedule Mass on the kitchen calendar or wherever you keep track of events. I suggest a medium sized red marker (so everyone can see) to write in the time of the Mass you and your family will attend together. For those friends and family who pull you from attending Mass, I challenge you to turn the tables. Get them to join you for Mass or meet you after Mass. Why do you have to sacrifice what is important for you just because they want to be with you when they want? Don’t forget Jesus longs to be with you too! The same could be said of errands or visits to others. They could be done on the way home from Mass.

The elephant in the room is simply: Do we want to attend Mass each Sunday as Jesus commands: “Do this in memory of me.”? Let’s face it we’re all a little spoiled and if we really want something we’re going to get it. So if we really want to worship at Mass each Sunday and receive Holy Communion then we will. All we have to do is resolve to do it.

Happy New Year & See You next Sunday!

Father O'Connor

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH. A special Christmas collection for the parish is being taken up now in the Christmas Season. The Christmas letter from the pastor asks that every parishioner prayerfully make a fair share offering during this holy season. Extra Christmas collection envelopes are in the church today for those who did not receive the mailing. The whole Pastoral Staff thanks you in advance for your Christmas Gift to YOUR Church.

Lessons & Carols on Epiphany Sunday. Join us this Sunday, January 8 at 3:30PM for a Celebration of Scripture and Singing that continues the Joy of the Christmas Season. All the parish choirs will participate in this event as the Christmas Season continues until January 9. Light refreshments will be served in the lower church after the service.

Eucharistic Holy Hours will take place this First Friday from 9AM-10AM and on First Saturday from 6PM-7PM. All are invited to spend some quality time with Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be an addition Mass on First Friday at 7:30PM.

The Holy Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday at 8:10am in the church. All are welcomed.

Parish Feast of the Annunciation is March 26. 7:30PM Mass on the feast and 7PM Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 24.



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 brochures is included in the bulletin. Spread the Word! Be nurtured in our Ancestral Faith

First Communion Parents and children are reminded that the second parent-child preparation session will take place this Saturday, Jan 7 at 4:15PM in the church. We invite you to make plans to remain and attend 5PM Mass together.

Incarnation School Alumni Association is looking for information on our illustrious graduates. The association is planning on sponsoring future events to reconnect graduates with each other. Please feel free to share this information with your children and others who attended Incarnation School. Register also by the internet: www.incrcc.org.

Name _____ Maiden _____

Address _____

Phone Home _____ Work _____

Email _____ Graduation Year _____

Events For The Week

Sunday	New Year's Day No Rectory Office Hours No Religious Ed. No 5:00pm Mass	
Monday	No Rectory Office Hours	
Tuesday	School Resumes	
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
7:30pm	Family Life Committee	OLPH
8:00pm	First Friday Choir	MNH
Thursday		
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
9:00am	Holy Hour	CH
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	First Friday Mass	CH
Saturday		
9:30am	Deacons' Recollection	
4:15pm	First Communion Session II	CH
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	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Monday	1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday	1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42
Thursday	1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:7-11
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 2:1-11



Religious Education Happenings

Sunday School resumes next

Sunday, January 8th

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PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday January 2 in observance of the New Year's Holiday. The office will re-open Tuesday, January 3rd.

Recently Engaged? If you or someone you know was engaged over the holidays don't forget to contact the rectory once a wedding date is discussed. Allow plenty of time for the preparations for the Sacrament of Marriage.



New Year's Resolutions? How about spending some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament each week? Adoration occurs every Wednesday after morning Mass till 3PM. First Fridays from 9AM-10AM and First Saturdays from 6PM-7PM. **O Come, Let Us Adore Him!**

ADULT CHOIR. Any parishioner interested in giving prayer and praise through church music feel free to see Perry Townsend our Director of Music. The choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30PM in the church.

PARISH WEBSITE. Click onto www.incrcc.org and enjoy all the news and information about our parish including the weekly bulletin, current schedules, parish history and much more.

WHITE WELCOME ENVELOPES are located in the church for those who are new in the parish, for those who would like to receive weekly envelopes and for those who may have forgotten their envelope today. Place the envelope and offering in the collection and thank you for your support.

Unwanted Gift Baskets especially, wicker, can be used by parish groups. Please bring them to the rectory.

CHRISTMAS PLANTS that decorate our church throughout the Christmas Season may be donated. You may wish to donate IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF a loved one. The donation is \$15.00. Christmas donation envelopes are available in the church today. Please return your offering in the collection.



New Shrine Statues. Any individual or family who would like to memorialize the new statues for the Sacred Heart Shrine contact the Father O'Connor. The new editions are: The Infant Jesus, St. Jude, St. Therese of Lisieux, San Lorenzo Ruiz, St. (Padre) Pio, Blessed Pope John Paul the Great and Blessed (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta.



INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Box Tops for Education
May be left in the church's main vestibule
Classes resume this Tuesday, Jan 3

For more School info log onto
www.incrcc.org
or call 718-465-5066



Feast of Faith Series: *Prayer: Our Relationship with God* ~ First Session Wednesday, January 25—7:30PM—OLPH Meeting Room.

We invite everyone who would like to explore our Catholic Faith more deeply to come and reflect on experiences of prayer throughout this coming year. The second of the four session—“Scriptural Prayer: ‘The Word of God is Like a Two-Edged Sword’” takes place on Wednesday, Jan 25 at 7:30PM. Save the dates for future sessions on April 25 and June 13 - all Wednesday Evenings at 7:30PM.



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 information: 718-465-8534.

THANK YOU. Father O’Connor and the entire staff express sincere thanks for the wonderful gifts you gave at Christmas. The many cards, candies, baked goods and wrapped gifts under the Christmas tree were greatly appreciated. God bless you!

AN INSPIRING AND PERFECT GIFT. Still unsure of what to get for Christmas? How about an Italian pilgrimage in October, 2012?

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 the Religious Education Office (718) 465-8534. Confirmation will be administered at Pentecost.

CALENDARS for 2012 are available for parishioners. They can be found by the doors of the church and we ask you to take one for your household. We thank Bernard F. Dowd Funeral Home for the beautiful Catholic calendar this year.

The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 7th: Saturday

5PM Mass

January 8th: Sunday

7:30AM

9:00AM

10:30AM

12Noon (Spanish)

2PM (Tagalog)

5PM

3:30PM A Ceremony of

Lessons & Carols



BULLETIN ADVERTISERS. We are grateful to those merchants and businesses that support our weekly bulletin by placing an ad. We ask all parishioners to patronize these merchants and anyone is welcomed to take an advertisement by calling the bulletin company at (631) 249-4994.

INCARNATION GOLF SHIRTS are available in the Parish Office and make for a wonderful gift. Each is burgundy and available in all sizes. It has an image of Mary at the Annunciation when she conceived by the Spirit and with the words of John’s Gospel recalling the Incarnation. The shirts are \$12. Stop by & pick one up today.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ART CONTEST. The Family Life Committee is happy to announce this art contest in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The children in the parish will enjoy learning more and more about this important person in American history as they artistically bring to life this year’s theme: Martin Luther King had a dream for mankind. What’s your dream. This contest is open to children in the parish from kindergarten to ninth grades. Official poster paper and entry rules will soon be available in the church vestibule and at the Parish Office, School Office and Religious Education Office. Three fabulous prizes on different levels (K-3, 4-6, 7-9 grades) will be awarded. Good luck to all the children in this year’s contest!

2011 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL draws to a close at Incarnation this week. We can all be proud that so many in the parish (363) have already participated in this year’s Appeal which helps the various diocesan services including vocations, migration, Catholic Charities, etc. There is less than a month to fulfill outstanding pledges. **Currently there are \$10,471.00 in outstanding pledges here at Incarnation.** During such a hectic time of year please don’t let an outstanding pledge be over looked. All the monies collected above our diocesan goal remain at Incarnation helping with ministry here in Hollis and Queens Village. Thanks for supporting the diocese and the parish.