

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>March 15</b>                               |
| 7:30             | In Thanksgiving ~ Querino & Ann Dabreu        |
| 9:00             | Sidney Simon                                  |
| 10:30            | Danilo Antienza                               |
| 12:00            | Richard Miramda ~ 1st Anniversary             |
| 5:00             | Intentions of Mercia Desir                    |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>March 16</b>                               |
| 8:30             | In Thanksgiving ~ Alberta Bien-Aime           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>March 17 St. Patrick</b>                   |
| 8:30             | Owen F. Brady                                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem</b>        |
| 8:30             | In Honor of St. Joseph                        |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>March 19 St. Joseph</b>                    |
| 8:30             | Anna Matson                                   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>March 20</b>                               |
| 8:30             | Moise Alexandre                               |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>March 21</b>                               |
| 8:30             | Cielise Lindo                                 |
| 5:00             | The People of Incarnation                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>March 22</b>                               |
| 7:30             | Anna Matson                                   |
| 9:00             | Efrain Cruz                                   |
| 10:30            | Eugenie Fortunat                              |
| 12:00            | Maria Christian Lacayo~12th Anniversary       |
| 5:00             | Charles Dettling, Olga Schroeder, Ruth Heelan |

 "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454.

**Parish Feast of the Annunciation** is March 25. 7:30PM Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Sanchez on the feast and 7PM Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 21. Plan ahead to be with us for such wonderful celebrations where we join together and celebrate the Incarnation and the reality that "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we can see His glory."



**LET US PRAY...**

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

- Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint, Gregg Ortiz, Zoraida Vasquez, Kenine Dieuveuil, Alberte Jean-Baptiste, Tony & Barbara Gelia, Theresa Thomann, Marian Smith, Sarika Clona, Allan Caicedo, Owen Hogan, Ben & Lynn Eclipse, Lynette Jerome, Leone Adrien, Lucette Julien, Yvette Goin, Gabriella Krill, Arnulfo Cabahug, Sr, Carlos de Jesus Fritz Etheart, Henry Alvarez, Lunice Guiteau, William O'Neil, Levonne Jetter, Revica Villele, Maria Cabrera, Amanda Perez, Marie Charles- Elie, Jean Claude Boursiquot,

*May eternal rest be granted to:  
All our deceased parishioners*



**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*

**Gala Dinner Dance this Saturday, March 21 at 7PM.**

The Parish Gala Dinner Dance, joyfully celebrating our parish feast, is this Saturday! Tickets are only \$35.00 per person (if purchased by Monday) and offer you entry into the Incarnation Ballroom on Saturday, March 21st from 7 to 11PM. Featuring DJ Music, fine food and drink—beer, wine, soda— door prizes and some parish surprise gifts. It is guaranteed to be a night to remember. Tickets are available at the Parish Office and after Mass today. Don't forget to invite fellow parishioners, neighbors and friends.

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

*Collection for The Week of  
March 7/8*

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| <i>My Weekly Tithe</i> | <i>\$5,715</i> |
| <i>School Support</i>  | <i>\$ 902</i>  |

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

**SECOND COLLECTION**

- Mar 15: Easter Mass Remembrance*
- Mar 22: Easter Flowers*
- Mar 29: Parish Easter Gift*

**“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERY-ONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MIGHT NOT PERISH BUT MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

As we gather for Mass on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, the Church rejoices for Easter is so near. The rose vestments and cheerful music of the liturgy are a sure sign that this is not an ordinary Lenten Sunday. The scrutinies for our elect to be baptized at the Easter Vigil at the 10:30 Mass inspire us to think of new life, renewed by the Spirit. A few days of warm weather and melting snow haven't hurt either!

On this Sunday of Lenten Joy we have plenty to be thankful and happy about here at Incarnation. Close to 1,500 people come to worship here each weekend. Not just on Sundays but people are being nourished day after day; morning, noon and night. There are opportunities to learn more about our faith, to pray together in small groups. We have opportunities to gather socially and support each other on our journey to the Promised Land.

Our vitality is seen in the quality and strength of Incarnation School which is registering students for the upcoming school year. Wonderful students guided by a dedicated faculty and parents who understand the benefits of a Catholic Education despite the sacrifices that they must make. Currently 325 students are welcomed to our doors each morning—one of the larger schools in the diocese. For those who would like more information about our school please call the school (718-465-5066) or the rectory (718-465-8534). Your child may also be eligible for a diocesan scholarship.

As we mark the midpoint of Lent, our parish looks toward the Celebrations surrounding our Parish Feast Day. On the Annunciation of the Lord we recall when by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word became Flesh in the womb of the Virgin. Hopefully you will come out for 7:30PM Mass on Wednesday, March 25th as lead by Bishop Sanchez we joyfully recall the beginning of our Salvation. But our celebrations are also focused on us—we have seen God's Glory and that effects who we are and how we see each other. This Saturday we will have a Gala Dinner Dance Celebration. Tickets are only \$35 (if purchased by Monday) for a packed evening of fun, good food and drink, dancing, prizes, surprises, smiles and so much more. I know this will be a great experience for all of the Incarnation.

Approaching our ninth decade Incarnation has all the hallmarks of being a joyful special place where we and other who pass through here encounter Jesus, the Word Incarnate.

Rejoice! And God Bless!

*Father O'Connor*

**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.



**ALASKA THIS SUMMER: JULY 23-AUGUST 4.** Prepare to enter "Nature's Cathedral" as the parish trip will be to Alaska before boarding a "Glacier Discovery Cruise" to Vancouver, Canada. This 13 day trip will explore Fairbanks, Anchorage and the famous Denali National Park before a relaxing cruise through Glacier Bay and the renowned Inside Passage. Spread the word about this exciting opportunity. Information fliers are available at the rectory. There are only a fixed number of seats and births for this trip of a lifetime. Don't miss out. For information & reservations call Peter's Way Tours 800-225-7662.



**PARISH GALA DANCE—SATURDAY, MARCH 21.** As we prepare to celebrate our parish feast on March 25, there will be a preparation meeting this **Tuesday at 7:30PM** in the Rectory Meeting Room for those who would like to work on the Gala celebration. Help us celebrate ourselves, our community, our parish where we find the presence of Jesus. made flesh among us.



**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.** All couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are invited to a special Mass at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral, Brooklyn on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Bishop DiMarzio will be the main celebrant. Please call the Parish Office and register to attend before Wednesday, April 1.



**Catholic Charities Queens Community Center** Field Office is open in the lower church on the Second Friday of the Month - April 10 - from 9AM to 5PM preferably BY APPOINTMENT. For more information and appointments please call 347.472.5043.

**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.

**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.

**Events For The Week**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Clothing Drive</b>          |      |
| 9:00am           | Religious Education            | MGH  |
| 10:30am          | RCIA Scrutiny II               | CH   |
| 10:30am          | Legion of Mary                 | OLPH |
| 2:00pm           | Youth Group                    | MNH  |
| <b>Monday</b>    |                                |      |
| 3:30pm           | Living & Leading 2             | OLPH |
| 6:00pm           | Girl Scouts                    | MNH  |
| 7:00pm           | Campaign Team                  | RB   |
| 7:30pm           | RCIA                           | OLPH |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |                                |      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |                                |      |
| 9:00am           | Adoration                      | CH   |
| 5:30pm           | Angelic Voices                 | CH   |
| 7:30pm           | Lenten Vespers                 | CH   |
| 8:30pm           | Choir                          | CH   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>St. Joseph's Day</b>        |      |
| 8:30am           | Solemn Mass                    | CH   |
|                  | St. Joseph's Table             | MNH  |
| 11:15am          | School Dismissal ~ Repot Cards |      |
| 8:00pm           | AA                             | OLPH |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>No School</b>               |      |
| 12:00pm          | Food Pantry                    | MNH  |
| 7:30pm           | Way of the Cross               | CH   |
| 8:30pm           | English Prayer Group           | OLPH |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |                                |      |
| 9:30am           | Sunday Scripture               | MGH  |
| 10:00am          | Girl Scouts                    | MNH  |
| 3:00pm           | First Communion Retreat        | MNH  |
| 7:00pm           | Parish Gala                    | MGH  |
| 8:00pm           | AA                             | OLPH |

H = 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**



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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 2Chr 36:14-16,19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21           |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54                              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Ex 47:1-9,12 Jn 5:1-16                              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30                               |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 2Sm 7:4-5a,12:14a16 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Wis 2:1a,12-22 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53                             |

**Religious Education Happenings**

**EASTER SACRAMENTS.** Please remember in prayer those catecumens and candidates who our completing the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults this Lenten Season

**Confirmation Pictures are Ready to be Picked up.**  
**Please call ahead to make proper arrangements to do so.**



**2015 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. Dates are available as soon as June. 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.



**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.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for adults who have not received the sacrament will be offered after Easter. Parishioners needing to be confirmed please call Sr. Joan at the Religious Education Office (718) 465-8534. The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to the adults of our parish at the Pentecost Vigil: Saturday, May 23.

**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.



**EASTER GIFT TO MY CHURCH.** Your "Easter Gift to My Church" will be collected on March 29. The Easter letter from Father O'Connor asks that everyone prayerfully make a fair share offering during this holy season of Joy and Hope. If you did not receive the mailing extra "Easter Gift to My Church" envelopes are in the church today. Thank you in advance for your support of this vital parish collection during Easter.



**INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER**

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

**Registration has begun for the 2015-2016 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.



Box Tops for Education  
 May be left in the church's main vestibule  
 For more info log onto [www.incrcc.org](http://www.incrcc.org)

**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.



**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 Family—The Dwelling Place of*



*God*" has been chosen to complement the prayer and discussions requested by our Holy Father. We will have a reflection given by an invited guest speaker each week. We are happy to welcome this week Mr. Ted Musco who is head of the Diocesan Office of Evangelization as he reflects on *The Family Proclaims the Kingdom*. Please remember to continue our prayer together on Wednesday, March 25 at our Parish Feast Day Mass with Bishop Sanchez and on April 1 as we gather for our annual Parish Seder Supper in the school auditorium.

**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY** will take place on Sat, Mar 28 from 9:30A to 12P in the lower church. There will be a delicious breakfast with bagels, donuts, muffins, juice, coffee & tea and much more.



Also, there will be the **EASTER EGG HUNT** in our own Bunny Garden! Tickets are only \$10.00 per person (children and adults) with a \$3 discount on tickets purchased by Mar 23 and now are available at the Parish Office, School Office & Religious Education Office. Tickets will also be available after the Masses on Mar 21/22.

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**A PARISH SEDER SUPPER** will take place on Wednesday, April 1 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. Tickets are only \$10 with a \$3 discount if purchased by Mar 29 and may be purchased following the Vespers on Wednesdays, following the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Tickets are also available in the Parish Office.

**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: Canned Fruit and Vegetables.** On Sunday, March 29 please return your filled grocery bag that will be given to assist the food pantries here at Incarnation and St. Gerard Majella.

**STABAT MATER DOLOROSA: The Lenten Sorrows of The Blessed Virgin Mary.** Come out Thursday morning March 26 at 9:15AM in the church to prayerfully reflect on the sufferings of Our Lady by using the beautiful poem composed by Jacopone di Todi in the late 13<sup>th</sup> century. The pointed poetry has assured its inclusion in the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th and has made the *Stabat Mater* (At the Cross Her Station Keeping) a favorite devotional hymn for Christians through the centuries.



**PENANCE.** Confessions are heard every Saturday in the church from 4-4:45PM and any time in the rectory with an appointment. Be part of the true spirit of this Penitential Season.

**Reconciliation Monday—March 30.** Join with Catholics from Brooklyn Heights to Montauk and up the Hudson Valley in receiving God's Mercy before Easter. Confessions here at Incarnation will be after the 8:30AM Mass and from 3PM to 9PM. Prepare for Easter with the Sacrament of Penance. Spread the word!



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