

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday	March 1
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Soledad Mapili & Celedonio Gonzales
10:30	Anna Dundjerski
12:00	Maria Ines Mojica & Guillermo Mojica
5:00	Luis Baez
Monday	March 2
8:30	Marjorie S. Munroe
Tuesday	March 3 <u>St. Katharine Drexel</u>
8:30	Andres Pagay
Wednesday	March 4 <u>St. Casimir</u>
8:30	Kenji G. Yamashita, Sr.
Thursday	March 5
8:30	Innocente Dantes Augustine Prys
Friday	March 6
8:30	Amado V. Costes, Jr.
Saturday	March 7 <u>Ss Perpetua & Felicity</u>
8:30	Felipe Galo
5:00	The People of Incarnation
Sunday	March 8
7:30	Petronila Fernandez
9:00	John Hopkins
10:30	Peter DiMEO
12:00	Aida Ramirez
5:00	In Thanksgiving ~ Fadia Almonacy

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



"If God is with us, who can be against us?" Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

FAMILY MOVIE NITE—FROZEN -THIS SAT,—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 \$7 if purchased before Mar 3. Get out for some good ol' fashioned fun. Tickets are available at the parish, school and religious education offices.

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 Villette, Maria Cabrera, Amanda Perez, Marie Charles— Elie, Jean Claude Boursiquot,

May eternal rest be granted to:
All our deceased parishioners

FUEL COLLECTION. Today the annual "Fuel Collection" 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. for your help.

"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

Collection for The Week of
February 21/22

My Weekly Tithe	\$2,292
School Support	\$ 318

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- Mar 1: Fuel Offering
- Mar 8: School Support
- Mar 15: Easter Mass Remembrance

RABBI, IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE!”

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

They reported that it has been snow, hail or freezing ice for the past five weekends here. While the forecast looks good for today at time of print it has been that kind of winter. Not just the snow and ice but the bone chilling cold has really effected things here at the parish. Right off the bat, Sunday Mass attendance has plummeted and with it our weekly collections. But with such arctic conditions this horrid season the heat has been working double time in all our buildings to keep us warm and so have the workers been putting in extra hours in an attempt to clear the property after each of these storms. Nevertheless, it adds up to big bucks for the parish. In next week's **Fuel Collection**, I hope that you might be as warm in your generosity as Ol' Man Winter has been in his chill and snow.

But the wintery weather hurts not only financially, but it also hurts our community. The parish and Sunday School have each lost two days, meetings and gatherings have been cancelled. People have been unable to come to church not only to see God, but also to see each other. The rhythm of family and parish life is disrupted. Such a harsh winter takes a toll on us all. And sadly for others the bad weather has ever more dire implications. Establishments loose business. Travelers are inconvenienced. People slip and fall. And the most needy among us face death without proper shelter.

As bad as it has been, of course, it could always be worse. We could be in Boston!

Yet as much as I hate the ice, the wind, the cold, the snow that never melts, I do like when it snows. I always have. I love to look out my window, any window and see the transformation, if only transitory, of a dirty city, street, yard. The first few hours always seem so magical for me as everything is blanketed snow white. This weekend we hear in the Gospel how Jesus on the mountaintop was transfigured so that his "clothes became dazzling white." But it was more than just an exterior transformation that would melt away as he appeared with Moses and Elijah. It went to the core of who He was in His mission embodying both the Law and the Prophets. We, too, have to have an internal transformation to make this Lent worthwhile. Superficial exterior changes will eventually melt away like the snow.

Oh, and by the way, Friday's movie is **Frozen!** Ah, the irony! If you can't come out to build a snowman at least you can come out the door and join us in the warmth of the auditorium.

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 next **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.



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY will take place next Sunday following all the morning Masses. 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 Girl Scouts for sponsoring our March Hospitality. Hospitality Sundays take place each month letting the unity shared around the Altar flow into our solidarity as the Family of Incarnation.

Girl Scout Sunday will be commemorated at the 10:30 Mass next Sunday. Over a Hundred Years of Scouting is definitely something to thank God for.

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

Sunday		
9:00am	Religious Education	MGH
10:30am	Penitential Rite	CH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
11:30am	Rosary Society Meeting	OLPH
2:00pm	Youth Group	MNH
Monday		
3:30pm	Living & Leading	OLPH
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:00pm	Campaign Team Meeting	RB
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
5:30pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Lenten Vespers	CH
8:30pm	Choir	CH
Thursday		
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
9:00am	Holy Hour	CH
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
2:00pm	School Stations	CH
7:30pm	Way of the Cross	CH
8:30pm	English Prayer Group	OLPH
Saturday		
9:30am	Sunday Scripture	MGH
6:00pm	Holy Hour	CH
6:30pm	Movie Nite	MGH
7:30pm	Line Dancing	MNH
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

Sunday	Gn 22:1-2,9a, 10-13,15-18 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn37:3-4,12-13a,17b,28a Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Religious Education Happenings

Congratulations to our Parish Children who made their First Penance this past Saturday.

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.

The Word Among Us. This Lent a special and attractive periodical entitled "Prayer, Fasting, Abstinence" 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.

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.

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.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS BEFORE ME. Simple desktop images of the Stations of the Cross are being provided by the Liturgy Committee to help with reflection and focus this Lenten Season. Please take one this weekend and place it in a prominent place within your home or workplace. Allow it to help you focus on the Sufferings of Jesus this Lenten season.



INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

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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
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.



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 Ms. Ana Puente who is a former Pastoral Support Specialist for the diocese as she reflects on *The Family—The Fruit of Marriage*. *Future speakers and topics are:*

- Mar 11 *The Family as Vineyard of Vocations*—P Purpura
 - Mar 18 *The Family Proclaims the Kingdom*—Ted Musco
 - Mar 25 Parish Feast Day Mass with Bishop Sanchez
- The Lenten program concludes on April 1 with a Parish Seder Supper in the school auditorium. Make plans to join us this Lent as we sing the Church's Evening Prayer & reflect on *The Family— The Dwelling Place of God*.

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.



Eucharistic Holy Hours will take place this weekend on First Friday from 9AM to 10AM and on First Saturday from 6PM to 7PM. Remember there is no 7:30PM Mass in Lent. Come out and spend some quality time with Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament this Lenten Season.



The **St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive** will take place at Incarnation on Sunday, Mar 15 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!



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 Soup, Boxes of Rice, Tomato Sauce.** 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 Jacapone di Todi in the late 13th 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.



MARTHA MINISTRY. Join with others from the parish in a detailed cleaning of the church at 10:30AM on the Second Saturday of the month; next gathering is March 14. For more information please contact: Donna Paul—347-495-0435.



Day Light Savings Time Begins next Sunday, March 8. Don't forget clocks Spring forward!

Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 21 at 7PM.



The Parish Gala Dinner Dance, joyfully celebrating our parish feast, is fast approaching! Have you gotten your tickets? They're only \$35.00 per person (if purchased by March 16) and offer you entry into the Incarnation Ballroom on Saturday, March 21st from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. 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 will be on sale following the Masses on March 14 and 15. Don't forget to invite fellow parishioners, neighbors and friends of Incarnation to an evening of fun and celebration! Please mark your calendars and spread the word to friends, family and former parishioners.