

ANNOUNCED MASSES

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
Monday	March 9 St. Frances of Rome
8:30	Moise Alexandre
Tuesday	March 10
8:30	Intentions of Patricia Brady
Wednesday	March 11
8:30	Nina Mombeleur
Thursday	March 12
8:30	Anita Florencio Claveria & Benjamin Florencio
Friday	March 13
8:30	In Thanksgiving ~ Bernard Innocent
Saturday	March 14
8:30	Pearl Trim
5:00	The People of Incarnation
Sunday	March 15
7:30	In Thanksgiving ~ Querino & Ann Dabreu
9:00	Sydney Simon
10:30	Danilo Antienza
12:00	Richard Miramda ~ 1st. Anniversary
5:00	Intentions of Mercia Desir

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



"We proclaim Christ crucified...the power and wisdom of God." Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection 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 Villette, Maria Cabrera, Amanda Perez, Marie Charles- Elie, Jean Claude Boursiquot,

May eternal rest be granted to:
Margaret Drennan

FUEL COLLECTION. The annual "Fuel Collection" is being received now. 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.

"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

Collection for The Week of
February 28 / March 1

My Weekly Tithe	\$5,689
Fuel Support	\$2,207

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- Mar 8: School Support
- Mar 15: Easter Mass Remembrance
- Mar 22: Easter Flowers

**“TAKE THESE OUT OF HERE,
AND STOP MAKING MY FATHER’S HOUSE A MARKETPLACE.”**

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

Tuesday morning a school parent came to the rectory and began inquiring about Catholicism for herself and her girls. Among other things, she said her daughters love coming to Mass with their class and that she was more than disappointed about her current Church because all they do is talk about money. I invited them to come to Sunday Mass this weekend but I warned her that I was going to be speaking about the *Generations of Faith Campaign* at all the Masses. She smiled, laughed a little and said: “Pastor, I’ve been to your Church before. I know you don’t talk about money.”

As the *Generations of Faith Campaign* goes public this weekend I don’t want to speak about money as much as the future of our parish. The silent phase of the campaign began in the fall and has been very successful with some donors pledging over \$18,000 over the five years of the campaign. Now it’s time to invite everyone who loves Incarnation to do the same: To make a sacrificial pledge to be paid off over the next five years. If we attain \$600,000 in pledges more than \$375,000 will remain here to work on capital expenditures like the convent roof, the church windows and paying off the security enhancements here. It will allow for better ministry particularly to our young people and help our vital parish reserves to be replenished. The diocese can only use its share of the donations to help take care of senior priests like Monsignors Casey, Arella, Feldhaus and Hunt who ministered here so faithfully, and for Youth Ministry Initiatives throughout Brooklyn and Queens nourishing our young people in a world that is spiritually barren.

This campaign is not like the Annual Catholic Appeal, in fact our parish will not participate in the appeal this year as we begin this historic campaign. The *Generations of Faith Campaign* also allows people to pay off their generous gifts over the next five years. Because it’s about our future and the future of the Faith in our part of Queens, I ask that every household and perhaps several members of the household prayerfully reflect on what they can sacrificially offer at this historic time.

The *Cabaret* song reminds us that “Money makes the world go around” for sure. But only your generosity will ensure that Incarnation remains firm, a place where we can see God’s Glory, well into the future.

So there’s a little talk of money. But not much.
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.



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY is today 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.

Catholic Charities Queens Community Center Field Office is open in the lower church on the Second Friday of the Month - March 13 - 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

Sunday	Hospitality Sunday / Girl Scouts'	Sunday
9:00am	Religious Education	MGH
10:30am	RCIA Scrutiny I	CH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:00pm	Filipino Mass	CH
Monday		
3:30pm	Living & Leading 1	OLPH
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:00pm	Campaign Meeting	RB
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
Tuesday		
12:00pm	Friendship Club	MNH
7:30pm	Gala Planning	OLPH
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	Catholic Charities	MNH
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
10:30am	Martha Ministry	CH
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	MGH
7:30pm	Line Dancing	MNH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH

Readings For The Week



Sunday	Ex 20:1-17 1Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

Religious Education Happenings

EASTER SACRAMENTS. Please remember in prayer those catecumens and candidates who are 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.



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.

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

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. Peter Purpura who is from Blessed Trinity Parish, Breezy Point as he reflects on *The Family as Vineyard of Vocations*. *Future speakers and topics are:*

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*.

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.

The **St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive** will take place at Incarnation next 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: Boxed Pasta, Noodles or Macaroni & Cheese.** 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. 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 Sac-



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.