

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday	March 25
7:30	Ange Fouche Arden
9:00	John Boyle
10:30	Petronila Fernandez
12:00	Maria Christian Lacayo
5:00	Nicasio Abalos
Monday	March 26 Annunciation of the Lord
8:30	In Thanksgiving
7:30	The People of Incarnation
Tuesday	March 27
8:30	Margaret Maloney
Wednesday	March 28
8:30	Resurrecion Deperalta
Thursday	March 29
8:30	Rosa & Francesco Fracassa
Friday	March 30
8:30	Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Payen
Saturday	March 31
8:30	James A. Longobardi
5:00	James A. Longobardi
Sunday	April 1
7:30	In Thanksgiving
9:00	Vicente Celano
10:30	Angel Lopez ~ 24th Anniversary
12:00	Aida Ramirez
5:00	Efrain Cruz



"He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him" The gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life requires an obedient response through prayer and action. Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@dob.org.

Reconciliation Monday—April 2. 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!

LET US PRAY...

We ask God's healing and strength for:

Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint, Gregg Ortiz, Marie Cesarano, Mauro Carido Jr., Felipe Galo, Kenji Yamashita, Dorothy Winters Hall, Rocco Moreo, Elizabeth Hiel, Allan Caicedo, Elizabeth Burke, Antonine Mignon, Joyce Kumar, Roberto Cano, Erlinda Valenti, Yvette Goin, Marie Lourdes Toussaint Leone & Vincent Adrien, Carl & Vida Moore, Jose Cherian, William O'Neil, Revica Villette, Barry V. George, Horacio Eclipse, Kay Larkin

May eternal rest be granted to:
Jane Boyle

**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

EASTER GIFT TO MY CHURCH. Your "Easter Gift to My Church" is being collected next Sunday. 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.

**"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"****Collection for The Week of**

March 17/18

My Weekly Tithe	\$6,166
School Support	\$ 782

Thank you for your generosity
and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

March 25: Easter Flowers
April 1: My Easter Gift to My Church

"THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE GLORIFIED."

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Last Saturday, on St. Patrick's Day, we celebrated First Penance with our children who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time later this Spring. It was a wonderful occasion! There was plenty of excitement as the 11AM starting time for the prayer service approached. The children were not only reminded of how special they were in the eyes of parents and the Incarnation Family, but they were more importantly introduced to the never ending Mercy of God. It was a tremendously beautiful event.

It would be both silly and sad to think that God's Mercy is limited to innocent children. This Fifth Sunday of Lent begins a period of the Church Year formerly called Passiontide. From now until Easter we focus anew on the historical reality of the Suffering and Death of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we rediscover the Mystery of the Lord's Passion, one question always comes to my mind: why? Why did this all happen? Why did Jesus suffer? When I ask myself that question the only response I find is Love.

To be re-immersed in that Love and Mercy is the gift that God gives not only as we approach our High Holy Days but at every turn in our lives. The larger question is do I take advantage to that gift of Love and Mercy? While the celebrations for First Penance are rightly special. Every time we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation it is a celebration. Next Monday, April 2 is one such extraordinary opportunity. Confessions will be offered in churches from Brooklyn Heights to Montauk, and from the Battery up past Poughkeepsie. Most parishes will have priests available from 3PM to 9PM as we will here at Incarnation. This idea of "Reconciliation Monday" as it has come to be known, is the rooted in the need within all of us for the Sacrament of God's Love and Mercy in preparation for the great days of Holy Week. I hope you will take advantage of it!

Lastly I extend an invitation to everyone in the parish to come out Monday Evening at 7:30PM for our Parish Feast Day Celebration. On the Solemnity of the Annunciation we recall the Incarnation of God's Only Begotten Son in the womb of the Virgin. Besides being our Parish Feast, it is a wonderful day to recall the cooperation between heaven and earth in the Mystery of Salvation. That union of the Divine and Human was perfected when Mary said "Yes." It continues today when we present ourselves to confess our sins and ask for God's Love and Mercy.

God Bless and see you Monday!

Father O'Connor

Reconciliation Monday—April 2. Confessions after the 8:30Mass and from 3PM to 9PM. In addition to Father O'Connor, Monsignors Arella and Feldhaus will be in the church from 3PM-5PM; Father Kuroly will be hearing confessions in Spanish and English from 7:30PM-9PM. Prepare for Easter with the Sacrament of Penance. Be renewed in mind and spirit. Invite others too!

LENTEN VESPERS SERIES entitled "*So that from the Rising of the Sun to its Setting a Pure Sacrifice May be Offered to your Name*" concludes this Wednesday at 7:30PM. Based on phrases from the Eucharistic Prayer of Mass, we are happy to welcome Msgr. Anthony Sherman as he reflects on the part of the Eucharistic Prayer that refers to *These Holy and Unblemished Sacrifices*.



Palm Sunday. Weather Permitting the 10:30AM Mass next Sunday will begin in front of the church with the Blessing of Palms and Solemn Procession.



Virtus Training will take place this Tuesday at 7PM in Monsignor Griffin Hall. Everyone at Incarnation over the age of 18 and who has contact with minors must have Virtus Training and be in conformity with all requirements of the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment.



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.



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. All couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th and 50th Anniversary are invited to a special Mass at Our Lady of Angels Church, Brooklyn on Saturday, April 28th at 11:00 AM. Bishop DiMarzio will be the main celebrant. **Please call the Parish Office and register to attend before Wednesday, March 28th.**

Good Friday Outdoor Procession and Stations of the Cross: There will be a planning session for this celebration – this Tuesday at 7:30PM in the lower church. Everyone is invited to come and help plan so we can prayerfully witness our faith on Good Friday.

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated each Friday of Lent at 7:30PM.

Events For The Week

Sunday	Religious Ed.	MGH
1:00pm	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:30pm	Haitian Mass	CH
Monday	Annunciation	
1:50pm	School Prayer Service	CH
7:30pm	Feast Day Mass	CH
Tuesday		
12noon	Friendship Club	MNH
7:00pm	Virtus Training	MGH
7:30pm	Talleres de Oracion	OLPH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
7:30pm	Lenten Vespers	CH
Thursday		
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
1:50pm	School Stations	CH
7:00pm	School Show	MGH
7:30pm	Way of the Cross	CH
Saturday		
9:00am	Haitian Youth Recollection Day	MGH
9:30am	Bunny Breakfast	MNH
7:30pm	Line Dancing	MNH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH

CH = Church; MNG = Msgr. Nolan Hall (Lower Church); RB = Rectory Basement;
OLPH=Our Lady's (Rectory) Meeting, MGH = Msgr. Griffin Hall (School Auditorium).

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

Students for the Month of March

Pre-K: Jared Simmons III	K-1: Sarah Rousseau
1-1: Jalen Evans	1-2: Chelsea Joseph
2nd: Tyler Foster	3rd: Matthew Kumar
4th: Christelle Derisme	5th: Sarah Choudhry
	6th: Mathew Cortez
	7th: Leann Mahadeo
	8-1: Tyrone Cohen
	8-2: Alfred Juntado



Readings For The Week

Sunday	Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33
Monday	Is 7:10-14,8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26:38
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 Jn 8:32-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56

Religious Education Happenings

Never made your Confirmation? Now is the time! Sign up for Confirmation Classes to be held on the Monday nights of Easter. Adult Confirmation will take place on Pentecost. Call Sr. Joan 718-465-8534.



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.

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 thanks.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE. A reminder to all parishioners to turn off cell phones before entering the church. Also, we ask that before and after Mass we keep our greetings to one another to a minimum as some parishioners are still in private prayer.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY will

 take place on Saturday, Mar 31 from 9:30 AM to 12 Noon 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 \$5 discount on tickets purchased by Mar 26 and now are available at the Parish Office, School Office and Religious Education Office. Tickets will also be available after the Masses this weekend.

OPERATION RICE BOWL. Incarnation is participating in Catholic Relief Services' *Operation Rice Bowl* this year as our Lenten Almsgiving. Each week you can add a little to your rice bowl as you prayerfully deny yourself so that others can have needed food & supplies. **Rice bowls are to be returned next Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 1. Please change your money and write out a check to Incarnation. One check will then be sent from the parish.**

 **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 by the church doors or contact the rectory for more info: 718-465-8534.

Tenebrae—Holy Thursday Night at 11:45PM. Conclude your vigils with a short service of Scripture, Song, Silence and traditional Latin chants in the dead of the night. Join us as we recall Our Lord's imprisonment and when "darkness came over the whole land" (Lk 23:44).

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is on Sunday, April 15. Based on the Divine Mercy message shared with St. Faustina Kowalska which asks the faithful to implore God's mercy for the entire world, to be merciful and forgiving towards others and to trust completely in God, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in our church at 3PM on Sunday, April 15. Come with family and friends and pray this devotion which has helped many.

 **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 or School Office for chances to win in March. 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 are in the church and at the Parish Office. The drawing is Friday for the entire week so don't miss out. There are still **8** chances to win!

Get in on all the action with a little help and whole lot of fun for Incarnation School this March!

Madness Winners for the Days of March:

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| 10: Michael Echevarre (\$75) | 11: Natalie Fouche(\$100) |
| 12: Lucita Romulo (\$50) | 13: Alexandria Jones(\$50) |
| 14: Aracely Ramirez (\$50) | 15: Laura Dettling (\$50) |
| 16: Jorge Mora (\$50) | |

 **A PARISH SEDER SUPPER** will take place on Wednesday, April 4th at 7:30PM 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 dessert. Tickets are only \$10 with a \$5 discount if purchased by April 2 and may be purchased following the Vespers on Wednesdays, following the Stations of the Cross on Fridays and after Mass next week. Tickets are also available in the Parish Office.

 **EASTER PLANTS** that will decorate the church during the Easter Season may be donated. You may wish to donate IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF a loved one. Easter flower donation envelopes are in the church today and the donation is \$15.00. Please return your donation in the Sunday collection or at the Parish Office.

 **2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** has begun with mailings to every parishioner at Incarnation and throughout the diocese. Once again we look forward to a successful pledge drive at Incarnation hoping to surpass our generosity from last year: 380 donors and \$69,405—over \$18,000 of which returned to Incarnation. With the participation of every parishioner we are guaranteed success! Share Your Gifts, Build God's Kingdom!