

ANNOUNCED MASSES

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 4</u>
7:30	Horacio Mariano & Emil Pascual
9:00	Vicente & Evarista Salomon
10:30	Andres & Araceli Salomon
12:00	Aida Ramirez
5:00	In Thanksgiving~Elizabeth & Christine Prosper
<u>Monday</u>	<u>March 5</u>
8:30	Linda Goldstein
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>March 6</u>
8:30	Nadia Scalett
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>March 7 Ss. Perpetua & Felicity</u>
8:30	Maurice Odette Hogarth
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>March 8 St. John of God</u>
8:30	Irv, Marion & Ena Hinkleman
<u>Friday</u>	<u>March 9 St. Frances of Rome</u>
8:30	Margaret Maloney
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 10</u>
8:30	Christine Mercurio
5:00	The People of Incarnation
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 11</u>
7:30	In Thanksgiving
9:00	Thanksgiving O.L. of .Perpetual Help & Sacred Heart
10:30	Aidan & Gavin Santiago ~ living
12:00	Maria Ines Guillermo & Rafael Castillo
5:00	In Thanksgiving ~ Deborah Innocent

 "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.

The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion—Mar 16 at 8P. Save the date as Creative Ministries, a troupe of Christian actors, musicians and dancers returns to help us relive the Lord's Passion as we follow with Him. This moving event is for the entire family. Spread the word about this unique and poignant opportunity.

LET US PRAY... 
 We ask God's healing and strength for:
 Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint, Marie Cesarano, Mauro Carido Jr., Felipe Galo, Kenji Yamashita, Dorothy Winters Hall, Rocco Moreo, Allan Caicedo, Elizabeth Burke, Gregg Ortiz, Antonine Mignon, Joyce Kumar, Roberto Cano, Erlinda Valenti, Elizabeth Hiel, Yvette Goin, Leone & Vincent Adrien, Carl & Vida Moore, Jose Cherian, William O'Neil, Revica Villette, Barry V. George, Horacio Eclipse
 May eternal rest be granted to:
 Our deceased relatives and friends

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

FUEL COLLECTION. Today the annual "Fuel Collection" takes place. 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 in advance for your help.

"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"
Collection for The Week of
 February 25/26
 My Weekly Tithes \$5,506
 Black & Indian Missions \$ 657
 Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION
March 4: Fuel Offering
March 11: Catholic Relief Services

“RABBI, IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE!”

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

The Gospel Stories of Lent are very powerful. When read individually, the Gospel Narratives for the Sundays of Lent are some of the most vivid and moving in all of Sacred Scripture. When linked together as scenes of an even larger story, I find a drama often into which I can place myself. Satan last week, the Transfiguration this week, in the weeks to come: the Cleansing of the Temple, Jesus and Nicodemus with the proclamation of God's Love, Jesus announcing His "hour has come" and of course, the Passion of Palm Sunday.

Certainly each narrative can and does stand on its own but together they nudge us along on our Lenten Journey. Satan's temptation of Jesus reminds us at the beginning of Lent precisely what we are up against. He is not a disinterested third party but rather a force that wants to aid in our ruin. Despite the reality of Satan, the Lenten season can bring about a transformation or transfiguration, if you will, allowing that we strive to be faithful to the Lenten guide of prayer, fasting and charity. Our Lenten journey, though, is complicated as we try to orient ourselves to God in a human world filled with things and distractions as was the marketplace mentality upon entering the Temple—we need the help of Jesus. This divine help does not just rip away the trappings of the world for no reason. But rather so that our lives can be filled with the Love that comes from on high: God so loved the world. . . . Of course if we had any misunderstanding as to what that divine love is the Gospels of the Fifth Sunday of Lent and the Passion Sunday highlight that love must be concrete, selfless, and complete even unto death.

The importance of looking to the whole "Lenten Picture" is that the overall goal of solidarity with, and, imitation of Jesus looms large on the horizon. This allows us to continue our annual Lenten Retreat even after we ate the cake we pledged to give up or missed the Stations of the Cross we looked to walk each Friday.

Speaking of horizons, I invite you once more to join us for our Wednesday Evening Lenten Vespers Series: "So that from the Rising of the Sun to its Setting a Pure Sacrifice May be Offered to your Name." I know that the series and the very gifted invited guests will help you worship better at Mass not only during the Lenten Season but beyond.

Please let's keep each other in prayer this holy season!

Father O'Connor

PARISH GALA DANCE—SATURDAY, MARCH 24. As we prepare to celebrate our parish feast on March 26th, there will be a preparation meeting this **Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30PM** in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room for those who would like to work on the celebration. Help us celebrate ourselves, our community, our parish where we find the presence of Jesus made flesh among us.

LENTEN VESPERS SERIES entitled "So that from the Rising of the Sun to its Setting a Pure Sacrifice May be Offered to your Name" continues this Wednesday at 7:30PM. Based on phrases from the Eucharistic Prayer of Mass, we are happy to welcome Sr.

Mary Alice Piil, csj, Director of the Faith Formation Office of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Her reflection will focus on **Be Pleased to Look upon These Offerings**. We will have a reflection given by an invited guest speaker each week. Future themes and speakers are:

Mar 14 *This Sacrifice of Praise* – S. Julie Upton, rsm

Mar 21 *We Celebrate the Memorial* – Msgr. Eugene Feldhaus

Mar 28 *These Holy & Unblemished Sacrifices* – Msgr. Sherman

The Lenten program will conclude on April 4 with a Parish Seder Supper in the school auditorium. Make plans to join us this Lent as we sing the Evening Prayer of the Church praising God from the rising of the sun to its setting.



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.



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.

Events For The Week

Sunday		
9:00am	Religious Ed.	MGH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
10:30am	Rosary Society Mass	CH
11:30am	Rosary Meeting	OLPH
1:30pm	Parish Assembly	MGH
3:30pm	Jornada	OLPH
Monday		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
Tuesday		
7:30pm	Talleres de Oracion	OLPH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
7:30pm	Lenten Vespers	CH
Thursday		
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
1:50pm	School Stations	CH
7:30pm	Way of the Cross	CH
Saturday		
10:30am	Liturgy Committee	OLPH
1:00pm	Vine & the Branches	MNH
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).

INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

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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 February

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| Pre-K: Asha Persaud | K-1: Shranaya Kumar |
| 1-1: Rebecca Kumar | 1-2: Brenda Baksh |
| 2nd: Alexander Prepetit | 3rd: Sarah Khilawar |
| 4th: Kelvin Khan | 5th: Brandon Jean-Bart |
| 6th: Alexandria Dixon-Jones | |
| 7-1: Anne Marie Romain | |
| 8-1: Amanda Nandallal | |
| 8-2: Tracy Ho | |



Readings For The Week



Sunday	Gn 22:1-18 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	Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Mt 21:33-43
Saturday	Mt 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Religious Education Happenings

First Penance will be celebrated on this Saturday, March 17 at 11AM. Please pray for the newest members of our parish Family who will be receiving God's forgiveness.



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 the Rectory for information.

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

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. You may also inquire about dedicating the bread and wine or the sanctuary lamp.

A Prayer Assembly hosted by the Vine & Branches Prayer Group will take place Saturday March 10 beginning at 1PM in Msgr. Nolan Hall. Everyone is invited to explore how *Jesus Transformed Passover*.

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.

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.



Day Light Savings Time Begins next Sunday, March 11. Don't forget clocks Spring forward!

OPERATION RICE BOWL. Incarnation is participating in Catholic Relief Services' *Operation Rice Bowl* this year as our Lenten Almsgiving. Take home a packet with your ready to make rice bowl and some prayers and information. Each week you can add a little to your rice bowl as you prayerfully deny yourself so that other can have needed food & supplies. Rice bowls are to be returned Palm Sunday, April 1.



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 info: 718-465-8534.

The Parish Feast of the Annunciation will celebrated with a Solemn Mass on Monday, March 26 at 7:30PM and with a Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 24 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 and offer you entry into the Incarnation Ballroom on Saturday, March 24th 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. Tickets will not be sold at the door. 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.

The St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive will take place at Incarnation on Sunday, Mar 18 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!



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 Office or School Office no later than Wednesday, February 29th. 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 will be left in the church and at the Parish Office. What an ideal and unique gift for a birthday, anniversary or just to have some fun.

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

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: March 31. Save the date for breakfast with Spring's most welcomed guest. Ticket information to follow in future bulletins.



The **Liturgy Committee** will meet this Saturday at 10:30AM in Our Lady's Conference Room to plan for Holy Week and Easter. All are invited.

Mustard Seed Ministry has come to Incarnation.



In order to help kids better understand the Scriptures at Sunday Mass, at the 10:30 AM Mass, we are beginning "Mustard Seed Ministry" (MSM). At the end of the Opening Prayer children from ages four to seven will be invited to the lower church to hear the reading(s) in a special way by a trained catechist. This may include storytelling, creating a simple craft, singing a song, etc. At the end of the Prayer of the Faithful of the Mass the children will return and sit back with their parents and families. The hope is to have MSM take place every Sunday here at Incarnation. Each child will receive a special nametag to hold onto and wear each time MSM takes place. May this outreach to children to whom the kingdom of God belongs enhance our spiritual understanding and growth. For more information see Sr. Joan after Mass or call the Religious Ed Office Sunday—Thursday: 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.