

ANNOUNCED MASSES

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>November 30</u>
7:30	Danilo Atienza
9:00	In Thanksgiving ~ Elisa Florencio
10:30	Andres Pagay
12:00	Maria Mejia & Jose Casado
5:00	Danilo Atienza
<u>Monday</u>	<u>December 1</u>
8:30	Jean Donnelly
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>December 2</u>
8:30	Ray Hamilton
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>December 3 St. Francis Xavier</u>
8:30	Paz Robles Maningas
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>December 4 St. John Damascene</u>
9:30	Saint-Lo Family
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 5</u>
8:30	Melecio, Sr. Rufino, Sr. & Victoria Eclipse
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 6 St. Nicholas</u>
8:30	Margaret M. Smith
5:00	Intentions of Elizabeth Persaud
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 7</u>
7:30	Lucien Ceran, Sr.
9:00	Frances M. Ganci
10:30	Joao & Maria Lopes
12:00	Aida Ramirez
5:00	The People of Incarnation



“Father, we are the work of Your hands.” Is God’s work in you to be of service to Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



The **Sanctuary Lamp** has been lit this week **In Thanksgiving** with prayers of **Marie Lourdes Germaine**

If you would like to light the sanctuary lamp in memory of, or for the intentions of a loved one please contact the rectory.

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, Lynn Eclipse, Lynette Jerome, Leone Adrien, Lucette Julien, Yvette Goin, Gabriella Krill, Arnulfo Cabahug, Sr, Nilda Burgos Fritz Eheart, Henry Alvarez, Lunice Guiteau, William O’Neil, Levonne Jetter, Revica Villete, Maria Cabrera, Amanda Perez, Jean Claude Boursiquot, Carlos de Jesus

*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*

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH. A special



Christmas collection for the parish is being taken up now before Christmas Day. The Christmas letter from the pastor asks that every parishioner prayerfully make a fair share offering during this holy season. Extra Christmas collection envelopes are in the church today for those who did not receive the mailing. The whole Pastoral Staff thanks you in advance for your Christmas Gift to YOUR Church.

“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”

*Collection for The Week of
November 22/23*

<i>My Weekly Tithe</i>	<i>\$6,162</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 752</i>

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- Nov 30: Maintenance*
- Dec 7: Christmas Flowers*
- Dec 14: Parish Christmas Gift*

**“BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIME WILL COME”**

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

Happy New Year!

You read that correctly. Happy New Year. As far as I’m concerned there are three New Year celebrations each year: the civil one on January 1, the parish one each September, and lastly, Advent which begins a new liturgical or Church Year at the end of November/beginning of December. Of the three Advent is my favorite.

It’s a shame that Advent gets lost in the secular and stressful “Christmas Hype.” Advent has a flavor all its own. It’s a time of excitement and expectation. It not only awaits the yearly celebration of Christ’s birth on December 25 but more importantly looks to prepare us for Christ’s return. It’s a time of light in darkness and quiet reflection. Father Fonti will be returning to Incarnation this Wednesday for 7:30PM Evening Prayer to help us explore how we can keep the Mystery of Advent front and center at such a hectic time. As the days get shorter and the darkness more encompassing Advent reminds us of the True Light of the world. The prologue to St. John’s Gospel says: “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Moreover, before constant radio and TV, computers and video games the evening used to be a time of reflection—pausing as nature went to sleep so to speak. Advent reflection guides us to search out and appreciate the Awaited One who continues to come into the lives and hearts of those who seek Him.

Advent also introduces us to some pretty colorful people. Isaiah, Zachariah and Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph. I invite you to join us on December 10th at 7:30PM in the Meeting Room as we explore Isaiah: Advent’s Other Prophet. Each of these had God come into his or her life in a special or profound way; each of them were prepared to seize the moment when given the chance. But what about us? Will we recognize the moment of God’s coming into our lives? Will we allow God alter our lives as he altered human history?

Try as best as possible this Advent to wait, watch and reflect. December 25 will come and go as it always does no matter the hype. But try to await Christ. Recognize Him in the Sacraments, in the Scriptures, in His Body—the Church. Be with Him in the darkness and in the quiet.

Happy New Year, Everyone! Better yet, Happy Advent!
God Bless!

Father O’Connor

COFFEE AND CATECHISM. Sunday Mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 (When Religious Education is in Session) in the main school lobby - enter from the parking lot side. Join with a deacon or priest in a discussion for parents and adults who just have bigger questions about our Faith.

The PARISH CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE has begun enhancing the music at the 5PM Sunday evening Mass. The group largely made up of young people have placed their musical gifts at the service of the community. For more information, or if you would like to add your gifts, see Mr. Townsend after Mass or call him at 718.465.8534.

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER & PRAISE: THIS Wednesday at 7:30PM. You are invited to join with our ministers and the entire parish family, as we are lead in prayer, praise and meditation on the Mystery of Advent and the coming of Christ into our families and homes by the Very Rev. Joseph Fonti, Rector of Cathedral Prep.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE into the Catechumenate and Continuing Call to Conversion takes place at the 10:30 Mass this First Sunday of Advent. We congratulate Vincent Bacchiano & Jose Carroll who prepare for for Baptism; Lyle Castel, Evannie Castel, Ronulfo Ortiz who seek full initiation in the Church. May we keep them in our prayers as they prepare for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

Breakfast with Santa will take place this Saturday from 10AM 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 fun activities and Santa will even sit for pictures during his busy time of year! Tickets are only \$10.00 per person (children and adults) with a \$3 discount on tickets purchased by Tuesday, December 2 and now are available at the Parish Office, School Office and Religious Education Office. Tickets are available after the Mass today. Don’t forget the \$3 discount ends Tuesday! Save the date now for breakfast with December’s most welcomed guest. Spread the word— Tickets go on sale next week.



NEW HYMNALS. You may notice the new BREAKING BREAD hymnals in the bookracks. Once again we ask everyone’s help and cooperation in keeping the hymnals clean and please return the hymnal into the bookrack at the end of Mass.

SIMBANG GABI. The Filipino community invites you to prepare for the Savior’s Birth on Sunday, December 14 beginning at 2PM in the auditorium. Refreshments to follow after 5PM Mass in Msgr. Nolan Hall. Join us!

Events For The Week

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent	
	No Religious Ed	
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
10:30am	RCIA Rite of Welcome	CH
11:30am	Baptism Instructions	OLPH
2:00pm	Youth Group	MNH
Monday		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:30pm	RCIA	CH
7:30pm	Zumba	MGH
Tuesday		
7:30pm	Spanish Baptism Instructions	OLPH
7:30pm	Zumba	MGH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
5:30pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:30pm	Advent Eve of Prayer & Praise	CH
7:30pm	Zumba	MGH
Thursday		
11:45am	School Dismissal—Report Cards	
7:30pm	Zumba	MGH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday	First Friday	
9:00am	Holy Hour	CH
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Mass	CH
7:30pm	Zumba	MGH
Saturday		
9:30am	Sunday Scripture	OLPH
10:00am	Breakfast with Santa	MNH
12:00pm	Engine 310	MGH
1:00pm	Spanish Baptisms	CH
6:00pm	Holy Hour	CH
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	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).

CHRISTMAS PLANTS that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas Season may be donated. You may wish to donate IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF a loved one. The donation is \$15.00. Christmas donation envelopes are available in the church today.

It is only through your generosity that our church is decorated so beautifully for Advent and Christmas. Please return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office.



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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**

Readings For The Week



Sunday	Is 63:16b-17,19b, 64-2:7 1Cor 1:3-9 Mk13:33-37
Monday	Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21,23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Religious Education Happenings

Classes Resume Next Sunday

Mustard Seed Ministry will take place Dec 1 & 8 at the 10:30 Mass. All children are invited to share the readings in the lower church.

CHRISTMAS CAROL PROCESSION. Saturday, Dec 13 at 6:00 PM. All carolers are invited to meet in the parking lot. Then we will be led by the Holy Family through the neighborhood singing Christmas carols! Dress warmly, bring a flashlight and jingle bells and enjoy some of your favorite Christmas carols. Afterwards we will serve hot chocolate and cookies in the auditorium. Capture the Christmas spirit as Incarnation sings songs of the season and keeps Christ in Christmas!

The Word Among Us. This Advent a special & attractive periodical entitled "And the Word Became Flesh" is on sale in the back of the church. What a unique means to participate in Advent and prepare for Christmas by reading a daily reflection alone or with the family. A donation of \$2.00 per copy is requested. Use the envelopes provided.

When making your Christmas "To Do List" make sure you have added receiving the **Sacrament of Penance**. **Confessions** are on Saturdays from 4 to 4:45PM.

First Friday is December 5. Holy Hour after the morning Mass and an additional Mass at 7:30PM. **First Saturday** evening Holy Hour from 6PM-7PM.

Giving Tree. In the upcoming Season of Giving, a beautiful Giving Tree containing decorative gift tags will be placed in the back of the church for the First Sunday of Advent. Parishioners are invited to take the gift tag(s) to purchase items for Christmas. **GREEN** tags are for the children at Hour Children in Long Island City. **WHITE** tags are for those children from St. Mary, Star of the Sea in Far Rockaway, and **RED** tags are to be given to needy children by Unidos Latinos of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Astoria. Everyone is invited to participate in this year's Giving Tree – children and adults. Feel free to take more than one gift tag. Join us in the approaching Season of Giving as we celebrate God's gift of Jesus in our hearts & lives.

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.



GIFT SALE— Today after the Masses in Msgr. Nolan Hall (the Lower Church).

HandCrafting Justice is a project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd who work in cooperation with women struggling for economic justice and independence in the developing world. The Sisters support them and assist them in their efforts to create employment for themselves in order to provide for their families and better their lives by selling their crafts. Please spread the word and invite a friend to join you shopping.



ADVENT PARTICIPATION. This year we invite individuals and families to light the Advent wreath placed in the sanctuary space. On the four Sundays of Advent, at the 9, 10:30 & 12 Masses, would you like to come forward and actively participate in the lighting of the Advent wreath? We hope that this liturgical practice in church will be repeated in everyone's home around their family Advent wreath throughout the holy season. Please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket on Sunday or drop it off at the Parish Office during the week. You will be contacted. Thank you in advance for your interest and help.



 NAME _____ PHONE _____

Preference: Please circle as many as possible:
 I ____ We ____ would like to participate in lighting the Advent wreath in church at the 9 / 10:30 / 12 Mass.
 Sunday: Dec. 7 Dec. 14 Dec. 21



A Neighborhood Prayer Walk.

It's not just walking around. It's not just praying. It's walking through our neighborhood or parish praying with eyes and heart wide open. It's noticing signs of hope and signs of need, and how God calls you to be present to both. Join S. Joan in church this Saturday at 10:00 am to pray before we leave and to receive more information about our walk. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers, rain date is Saturday December 13th

First Sacraments Preparation. The next meeting for all school and religious education parents, who have a child preparing for Penance and First Communion this spring will take place next Sunday at 9:30 in the school auditorium. Please mark your calendars for the remaining two meetings which are on Jan 11 and March 21.



Catholic Charities Queens Community Center Field Office is open in the lower church on the Second Friday of the Month - December 12 - from 9AM to 5PM preferably BY APPOINTMENT. For more information and appointments please call 347.472.5043.

NEW NATIVITY STATUES. To help celebrate our Parish Feast, the Liturgy Committee last year decided to get new figures for the Nativity scene to be placed in our church each Christmas. The new set is made in Italy of a more durable resin compound, and is twice as large as the current figures. If anyone would like to memorialize any of the new Nativity statues please contact the rectory. A plaque will hang each Christmas Season near the Nativity with the listing of the individuals to remember in prayer. Available for Memorializing: The three Kings: Balthazar, Kasper, Melchior; the two shepherds and sheep. Please check with Fr. O'Connor for more information.



ADVENT WREATH. For those who have an Advent wreath at home for family prayer during this holy season, today you light the first and second purple candles.

2014 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL. There have been **250 pledges** made. So we are just at **50% of our goal of 500 pledges**. Thanks to all who already have made a pledge to this year's Appeal. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the Appeal by making a generous donation so that we can reach our assigned goal of \$50,290. Pledges—large and small— can be made by all the working members of the household. Extra pledge envelopes are in the church today. You may mail in or return your pledge commitment in the collection and we will deliver it directly to the Appeal Office. No pledge is too small. With the participation of every parishioner we are guaranteed success!

