

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>November 27</u></b>
7:30	Leonne Prosper
9:00	Deacon's Wives ~ living
10:30	Joao & Maria Lopes
12:00	Accion de Gracias de la familia Caicedo
5:00	Mary Anne Banting Amman
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>November 28</u></b>
8:30	Rosa Reed
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>November 29</u></b>
8:30	Rosa & Francesco Fracasso
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>November 30 St. Andrew</u></b>
8:30	Andres Pagay
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>December 1</u></b>
8:30	Jean Donnelly
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>December 2</u></b>
8:30	Ray Hamilton
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>December 3 St. Francis Xavier</u></b>
8:30	Paz Maningas
5:00	Simbang Gabi
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>December 4</u></b>
7:30	The People of Incarnation
9:00	Denise Conpere
10:30	Eugene McLoughlin
12:00	Carmen Muniz
5:00	Lawrence Larazus



“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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

**LET US PRAY...**

We ask God’s healing and strength for:

- Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint,
- Mauro Carido Jr., Rose Marie Jauregui, Felipe Galo,
- Kenji Yamashita, Dorothy Winters Hall, Rocco Moreo,
- Allan Caicedo, Elizabeth Burke, Gregg Ortiz, John Boyle
- Antonine Mignon, Joyce Kumar, Roberto Cano,
- Erlinda Valenti, Sr. Edna Cook, Yvette Goin,
- Leone & Vincent Adrien, Carl & Vida Moore,
- Jose Cherian, William O’Neil, Revica Villette,
- Margaret Maloney, Barry V. George, Nicole LaForest

May eternal rest be granted to:

All 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:**

- Maj. Michael Boyle, U.S. Army
- 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

**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. Please return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office.



**“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”**

*Collection for The Week of*

*November 19/20*

My Weekly Tith	\$4,485
School Support	\$ 811
Human Development	\$ 415

*Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.*

**SECOND COLLECTION**

- November 27: Thanksgiving**
- December 4: Christmas Flowers**

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

**FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN**

My family hates me. I’ve had the feeling for some years now but it all exploded after Thanksgiving dinner. You see each year before desert we pick out the names for our “Kris Kringle” gift exchange for Christmas. My name was drawn from the bowl and I could hear the disgust come from my brother’s voice. So I asked him what the problem was and he replied I was always the worst “Kris Kringle” to have because I never want anything and I am always so hard to buy a gift for. Then my sister and other brothers joined in. It’s true. They hate me!

When it comes to stuff I already have too much of it. As a matter of fact I still have stuff that hasn’t been opened from Christmases past. I do not get excited about gifts at Christmas. I loved to be remembered but it’s not the gift but the fact that someone remembered me that brightens my day.

I love Advent almost as much as I love Christmas. And if I was completely honest with myself and you; I love Advent more than Christmas. In fact I love Advent more than any Church Season save Holy Week. There is a joy, excitement and fruitfulness to the Advent season that is both unique and beneficial if we only give Advent a chance. The seasonal themes and decorations; the passages from Isaiah and the other prophets; the texts of the prayers and hymns all point us to Jesus and nudge us to open our hearts and homes to his coming.

The word “advent” is rooted in the Latin word for “coming” or “arrival.” The Advent season asks us to prepare for the threefold coming of Christ: his Second Coming at the end of earthly time; his coming into our lives in the present; and the yearly recollection of his Incarnation in time and place that first Christmas. The first two and a half weeks of Advent focus on the future coming of Christ while only the last eight Advent days bring us back to the events leading up to his birth. It makes sense to me: I spend almost all my time thinking about today and tomorrow - I’m pretty much sure I was born, no matter how much I love cake and presents one day a year.

Not only does the Church’s Liturgy have richness in Advent but at the parish we have many opportunities for growth and enrichment. Take a look at the separate flyer entitled “Advent 2011.” There are opportunities at Incarnation for everyone in this holy season: spiritual and catechetical; for families and individuals; self-giving and self-evaluating. All this so we can be better prepared to recognize and welcome Christ when he comes.

So give Advent a chance for four full weeks this year even if it drives your Kris Kringle crazy!

*Father O’Connor*

**A CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING**

workshop is sponsored by the Family Life Committee. Invite family, friends, neighbors and parishioners to make his/her own fresh Christmas wreath on Friday, December 2nd at 8PM in Monsignor Griffin Hall (school auditorium). The price is \$30.00 per set-up and includes supplies to create a beautiful wreath to decorate your front door or home. (Grand)parents and (grand) children can work on the same wreath together. Refreshments will also be on sale. Please fill out the tear-off below and return it with your payment to the Parish Office by Wednesday, November 30th. Don’t delay as seating is limited



**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. Spread the Word!

**Breakfast with Santa** will be served up special at 10AM this Saturday, Dec 3 in Msgr. Nolan Hall. Activities, gifts an opportunity to have a picture with Santa, and of course breakfast are all a part of the morning with December’s Special Visitor. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the school, Religious Education & parish offices. Please purchase your tickets by Thursday, December 1.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE.** The next liturgy committee meeting is Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the rectory meeting room. We will fish planning for Christmas and begin planning for Lent. For more information please contact Father O’Connor.

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) at the Wreath Making Workshop on Friday, December 2nd at 8PM.

AMT. ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30.00 per person)

**PPC** meets this Saturday at 10:30AM in the rectory.



**Events For The Week**

<b>Sunday</b>		
9:00am	Advent Sale/Handcrafting Justice	MNH
10:30am	RCIA	MGH
11:30am	Baptism Instructions	OLPH
1:00pm	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:30pm	Haitian Mass	CH
<b>Monday</b>		
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
7:30pm	RCIA	OLPH
<b>Tuesday</b>		
7:30pm	Baptism Instructions (Sp.)	OLPH
<b>Wednesday</b>		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
7:00pm	Jornada	OLPH
7:30pm	Advent Vespers	CH
8:30pm	First Friday Choir	MNH
<b>Thursday</b>		
5:00pm	Angelic Voices	CH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
<b>Friday</b>		
9:00am	Holy Hour	CH
12:00pm	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	First Friday Mass	CH
8:00pm	Wreath Making	MGH
<b>Saturday</b>		
10:30am	PPC	RB
1:00pm	Baptisms	CH
2:00pm	Simbang Gabi	CH
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)

**Readings For The Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 63:16b-17,19b,64:2-7 1Cor 1:3-9 Mt 13:33-37
<b>Monday</b>	Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27
<b>Friday</b>	Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 30:19-21,23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

**Religious Education Happenings**  
**First Communion Parents' Meeting**  
**Sun, Dec 11—9AM - School Auditorium**  
**The children will be enrolled in preparation for the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion at the 10:30 Mass.**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL PROCESSION**

returns to Incarnation Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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. The procession route this year will be along 207th Street to 93rd Avenue then to 208th Street back to 89th Avenue ultimately to the school auditorium. Afterwards we will serve hot chocolate and cookies in Msgr. Griffin Hall. Capture the Christmas spirit as Incarnation sings songs of the season and keeps Christ in Christmas!



**New Shrine Statues.** Any individual or family who would like to memorialize the new statues for the Sacred Heart Shrine contact the Father O'Connor. The new editions are: The Infant Jesus, St. Jude, St. Therese of Lisieux, San Lorenzo Ruiz, St. (Padre) Pio, Blessed Pope John Paul the Great and Blessed (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta.

**Welcome to Our Family . . . Welcome to the Church!** Incarnation would like to welcome the newly baptized of November: Jalen Evans, Isabela Guzman, Jeremiah McArthur, Ethan Ortiz, Alexa Quiroz.

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE** into the Catechumenate and Continuing Call to Conversion takes place at the 10:30 AM Mass this First Sunday of Advent. We congratulate Laura Dela Cruz and Xiomara Sanchez. May we keep them in our prayers as they prepare for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

**ADULT CHOIR.** Any parishioner interested in giving prayer and praise through church music feel free to see. The choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30PM in the church.

**SIMBANG GABI.** The Filipino community invites you to prepare for the Savior's Birth on Saturday, December 3 beginning at 2PM in the church. Refreshments to follow after 5PM Mass in Msgr. Nolan Hall. Join us!

**INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER**

**Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools**

Box Tops for Education  
 May be left in the church's main vestibule



For more School info log onto  
[www.incrcc.org](http://www.incrcc.org)  
 Or call 718-465-5066

**THIRD EDITION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL.**

**NEW HYMNALS.** You may notice the new **BREAKING BREAD** hymnals in the book-racks. These books have the new translation of Mass. 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.



**Pew Cards** are throughout the church to easily assist in the newly translated prayers at Mass. Please leave them in the pews so the next worshiper can use them too.

**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. Contact the rectory for more info.

**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. 4    Dec. 11    Dec. 18

**ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

**ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER AND PRAISE**

sponsored by the Liturgy Committee will take place this Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30PM in the church. We welcome Rev. James Rodriguez, Parochial Vicar of Most Precious Blood Parish in Long Island City, who will offer an Advent reflection entitled "**Rose, not Pink: The Joyful Hope of Advent.**" The reflection will take place in the context of sung vespers. All are invited.

**ADVENT SALE.** In preparation for Advent there will be a special table in Msgr. Nolan Hall again this weekend with Advent religious articles for purchase including Advent calendars, wreaths and candles, etc. We will also have prayer books and novenas, statues and CD's with Catholic classic hymns which many enjoy. Some items will make for ideal Christmas gifts.

**Giving Tree.** In this Season of Giving, a beautiful Giving Tree containing decorative gift tags is in the back of the church. Parishioners are invited to take the gift tag(s) to purchase items for Christmas. GREEN tags are for the children at Hour Children in Astoria, WHITE tags are for those children from Catholic Charities Queens South, 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. Bring your wrapped gifts back to church on the weekend of December 10 and 11.



**HandCrafting Justice (HCJ)** is with us this weekend.



This fair trade economic justice project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd will be selling fair trade handcrafts made by women in 20 countries throughout the developing world. Your support of HCJ's partners makes a tremendous difference in their lives, supporting their efforts to live a dignified life and provide food, education and shelter to their families. Please join us in promoting fair trade at this sale, following all masses.



**2011 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** continues throughout the Diocese and at Incarnation. We can all be proud that so many in the parish (348) have already participated in this year's Appeal which helps the various diocesan services including vocations, migration, Catholic Charities, etc. Have you made a pledge? Extra pledge envelopes are in the church today. Please consider making a pledge before the Appeal concludes in December. Thanks for supporting the diocese and the parish.