

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday	September 8
7:30	Aurea Ortiz
9:00	Mauro Carido, Jr.
10:30	Owen F. Brady
12:00	Jose, Yolando Rodriguez & Roberto Cano
5:00	Lusignan Bastien & Ulrick Brisson
Monday	September 9 St. Peter Claver
8:30	Hopkins Family
Tuesday	September 10
8:30	William Ritter
Wednesday	September 11
8:30	John Thomann
Thursday	September 12 Most Holy Name of Mary
8:30	Maria Lucila Velez
Friday	September 13 St. John Chrysostom
8:30	Errol Lorenzo
Saturday	September 14 Exaltation of Holy Cross
8:30	Mickaelle Paul Emile
5:00	Gerard Franck Coicou
Sunday	September 15
7:30	In Thanksgiving ~ Enriquez Family
9:00	The People of Incarnation
10:30	Ramon Grijalvo
12:00	Roberto Cano ~ 1st. Anniversary
5:00	Lillian Bangarie



“None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.” Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS on ST FRANCIS' DAY-

The annual blessing of our parish pets will take place on Friday, October 4th at 4:00 PM in front of the main entrance to the church. Honoring Saint Francis who loved all God's creation pet owners are invited to bring their precious cats and dogs, birds and guinea pigs and everyone else for this special blessing.

LET US PRAY...

We ask God's healing and strength for:

Mercia Desir, Gerard Jacques, Rose Toussaint, Gregg Ortiz, Elisabeth Norency, Alberte Jean-Baptiste, Felipe Galo, Theresa Thomann, Kenji Yamashita, Rocco Moreo, Allan & Jaime Caicedo, Elizabeth Burke, Owen Hogan Ben & Horacio Eclipse, Lucette Julien, Yvette Goin, Marie Toussaint, Arnulfo Cabahug, Sr, Caroline Amurao, Henry Alvarez, Lunice Guiteau, William O'Neil, Revica Vilete, Maria Cabrera, Fritz Etheart, Sonia G. de Gracia, LeVonne Jetter, Jean Claude Boursiquot

*May eternal rest be granted to:
Robert Beyers and Margaret Smith*



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*
- 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*

THE FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE – THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Wanted fun and dedicated people who want to help build up the Incarnation parish community. The Committee seeks to promote family living in the faith community. Through various parish activities the Family Life Committee reaches out to youngsters, adults and senior citizens. Each family member is important to the committee. So join us in Our Lady's Meeting Room this Tuesday evening at 7:30PM.

“GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”

Collection for The Week of

August 31/ September 1

<i>My Weekly Tith</i>	<i>\$4,482</i>
<i>Welcome Back</i>	<i>\$ 417</i>
<i>Catholic University</i>	<i>\$ 432</i>

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

- Sept 8: Catholic Education**
- Sept 15: School Support**

“BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!”

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

This is the last entry before returning home that I posted from my *Sabbatical Sayings* Blog.
JOC

FAMILY

Those of you who have been following this blog know that I celebrated my Twentieth Anniversary as a priest this past June 26 just before concluding the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. In those twenty years I can't honestly say that I had longings for a family of my own. Yet recently, the past two months or so, it's all that I have been thinking about.

At first I thought it was all the various families I saw traveling while on my own journey. Do I want a family like that? I was able to spy some magic moments between parents and children; brothers and sisters. I experienced many couples living out their golden years traveling together towards the sunset of their lives. Was I longing for that? The chance to live out my years in that manner I'm sure would be precious. That must be part of the family life that I am yearning for!

After a few weeks and some reflection I realized what I was missing and longing for was not “A family” but “MY family.” In the midst of some magical moments during this sabbatical period, it's “MY family” that I have been missing the past two months. Not so much Maureen and brothers, though they are certainly part of it. No, “MY family” is the people of Incarnation. That's whom I have been missing the past two months.

I firmly believe God has called me to tend to His People. For the last four years I have been spoiled to have His People at Incarnation as my own. They are “My Family!” I have missed watching the eyes of our little ones in the religious education program and school sparkle in wonderment of their expanding world. Or our teenagers grow by inches and depth as they mature eager to challenge our world. “MY family” is one of the most diverse in all the diocese yet united in the Person of Jesus. I see them on Sundays and when they bury a parent or baptize a child.

In “MY family” I find the challenge to be a better person and priest as they share with me their own life's struggles. And I am lacking without “MY” family. And so as rich as my sabbatical has been I can't wait to be with “MY family” again. They are the family I miss. They are the family I long for. I really just can't wait.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY is celebrated at Incarnation next weekend. We will have a blessing and commissioning ceremony for our catechists at the 10:30AM Mass.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY will take place next Sunday, September 15th 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 first Hospitality Sunday of the new Pastoral Year. Hospitality Sundays will take place each month letting the unity shared around the Altar flow into our solidarity as the Family of Incarnation.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT for this year's class will take place on Monday, October 14 beginning at 8AM. Please mark your calendars now for this important event.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY. Those men and women who are interested in the Ministry of Hospitality to welcome visitors and parishioners to our doors at Sunday Mass are asked to contact Father O'Connor for more information. The diocesan Training session is being offered at Cathedral Prep in nearby Elmhurst on Oct 5.



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

As I am getting settled upon my return from sabbatical I would like to take this time to thank and commend so many who did so much in my absence.

While I would love to have thought that Incarnation would have ground to a halt while I was away, I know that was not the case.

Our parish school opens with more students than last year (and a brand new \$179,000 roof!) and for the past five months our children in Religious and the parish school received Sacraments and learned about the Faith.

That Faith was nurtured through prayer groups and catechetical opportunities through the leadership of societies, organizations and prayer groups under the tremendous ministry of our Parish Deacons and Staff.

Everyone in the parish and its many holiday and summer visitors were nourished with the Word of God and the Body and Blood of the Lord through the Masses celebrated by our visiting priests, including Father Jun-Hee Lee, one of Brooklyn's newest priests.

Lastly through the generosity of Msgr. Pawson with his years of ministry and administration we were able to meet all the administrative requirements of the diocese.

Thanks, One and All!

Father O'Connor

Events For The Week

Sunday		
9:00am	Religious Education Registration	MGH
10:30am	Legion of Mary	OLPH
2:00pm	Filipino Mass	CH
Monday		
6:00pm	Girl Scouts	MNH
6:00pm	Steel Band	MGH
7:00pm	Caribbean Association	MNH
7:00pm	Rel.Ed Catechists' Meeting	OLPH
Tuesday		
12:00pm	Friendship Club	MNH
7:30pm	Family Life Committee	OLPH
Wednesday		
9:00am	Adoration	CH
5:30pm	Angelic Voices	CH
7:00pm	Jornada	MNH
7:30pm	Choir	CH
Thursday		
2:00pm	Staff Meeting	
7:00pm	Deacons' Bench	
8:00pm	AA	OLPH
Friday		
12:00noon	Food Pantry	MNH
7:30pm	Eng. Prayer Group	OLPH
Saturday		
8:30am	Holy Cross Celebration	CH
9:30am	Sunday Scripture Sharing	OLPH
10:30am	Liturgy Committee Meeting	OLPH
6:00pm	Haitian Prayer Group	MGH
7:30pm	Line Dancing	MNH
8:00pm	AA	OLPH

Readings For The Week



Sunday	Wis 9:13-18b Phlm 9-10,12-17 Lk 14:25-33
Monday	Col 1:24-2:3 Lk 6-6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:5-15 Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Tm 1:1:2,12-14 Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	Nm 21-4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn3:13-17

Religious Education Happenings

Classes begin: September 22 at 9AM

General Parents Meeting (Levels 1-4): October 6 at 9:45AM
 General Parents Meeting (Levels 5-8): October 6 at 9:45AM
 Registration for September's classes will be this and next Sunday from 9:30AM to 1:30PM in the school main lobby.

SIGN UP NOW - OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEEDS MANY HELPING HANDS! PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS.

If you can offer your assistance, please contact S. Joan Klimski at 718 465-8534 x23. We need help in the following ways:

- Teaching on Sunday
- Team teaching
- Substitutes
- Door Monitors
- Catechists for Sunday at the 10:30 Mass for Mustard Seed Ministry (the Liturgy of the Word for children.)

Holy Cross Celebration – this Saturday, September 14 – 8:30AM.




Be there this Saturday Morning, September 14 on the Feast of the Holy Cross to give thanks and praise for the Victory won by Jesus' Cross. Through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrate that

Tree that brought new life to all the world. Mass will end with a blessing of Crosses and Crucifixes – so bring them from your homes and join us on the 14th.

SUMMER CHURCH OFFERINGS Thank you to everyone who regularly used the church envelopes throughout July and August. However, we ask those who may have been away and unable to return their offerings to please help the parish recover some of the income we depend on. Again we invite any new parishioners to register in the parish by using one of the white WELCOME envelopes found at the doors of the church.

Thank you to all for your parish support!

Line Dancing takes place on Saturdays at 7:30PM in the lower church. Everyone is welcomed to give it a whirl!

Box Tops for Education. Everyone is asked to gather  BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION from their favorite brand food labels. There are two boxes in the vestibule of the church to place your box tops and this will provide added revenue to our school. Thank you for supporting our parish school.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SHARING BEGINS SATURDAY. One of the requests from our Parish Assembly was a greater opportunity to explore and appreciate Sacred Scripture. Now is the time! So come and join us on Saturday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in Our Lady's Meeting Room or the School 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. Saturdays - beginning this Saturday, September 14th. *WERE NOT OUR HEARTS ON FIRE WHILE HE SPOKE TO US ON THE WAY AND OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US?*

INCARNATION SCHOOL CORNER

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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.



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.

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE. The parish is seeking creative people who would like to help gather ideas and put them together for the various times and seasons of the Church Liturgical Year as well as various Parish Celebrations. The Liturgy Committee will address themes, musical contributions, decorations and other aspects of our Liturgical Celebrations. The year's first meeting of the Committee will take place this Saturday, September 14 at 10:30AM in Our Lady's Meeting Room and will begin planning for Autumn, Thanksgiving, and Advent. Please contact Fr. O'Connor at the rectory (465-8534) to find out more.

Mass for the Anointing of the sick, aged and infirmed – Saturday, September 21 – 11AM. The annual Mass of Anointing is for any parishioner who is burdened by illness or the aging process, and those preparing for surgery. A light reception will follow in Msgr. Nolan Hall.

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME. Our English choirs at Incarnation will resume rehearsals this Wednesday, September 11th. The Adult English choir rehearses now rehearses each Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:00pm. The Angelic Voices children's choir has a new rehearsal day as well: 5:30 to 6:30pm each Wednesday. Both choirs rehearse up in the choir loft; returning and new members alike are encouraged to join us. Christmas will be here before you know it! Please help us by your presence to prepare music for Christmas and throughout the year.

Catechists' Meeting will take place this Monday at 7PM in the OLP Meeting Room.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION. Do you know a family member or friend who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a wonderful process in our parish available to those who feel called to the Catholic Faith. New inquiry classes will begin in the Fall. The RCIA is also available for those Catholics who have not yet received First Eucharist or Confirmation. Please call Sr. Joan Klimski in the Religious Education Office (718-465-8534) for more information.

Feast of Faith Series: Catholic Answers to Fundamentalist Questions! ~ We invite everyone who would like to explore our Catholic Faith more deeply to come and reflect on some of the core questions that Fundamentalist Christians ask and challenge us about our Catholic Faith. The first of the four sessions - "Which Came First the Bible or the Church?" takes place Wednesday, Sept 25 at 7:30PM. Save the dates for future sessions on November 6, January 8 and May 14- all Wednesday Evenings at 7:30PM.

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.

2014 MASS BOOK OPENS TUESDAY. 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.

2013 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL is off to a good start at Incarnation. Tallies show that there have been **224 pledges** made. So we are just over 40% **to 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 this year's 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 as a people *Renewing Our Faith through Acts of Charity!*

