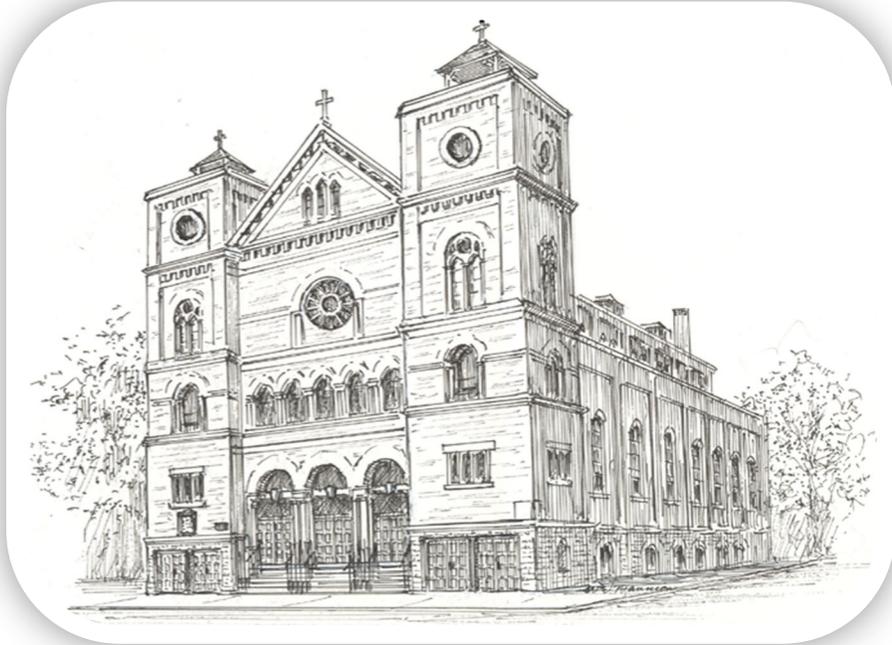


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Sunday, February 8th, 2015 | V Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B



Schedule of Masses & Services

Saturday: 8:30am | 12:00pm | 5:00pm (English)

Sunday: 8:30am (English) | 9:30am (Spanish)
11:00am (Italian) | 12:15pm (English)
1:30pm (Spanish)

Weekday: 8:30am/ 12:00pm/ 6:30pm(English)

Confessions: Saturday from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION/HOLY HOURS

Every Thursday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Every Saturday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

First Friday of every month from 12:30pm-6:30pm

Novena Devotions: *After each Mass*

Monday: Miraculous Medal

Wednesday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday: Saint Joseph

Friday: Divine Mercy Chaplet

BAPTISMS:

2nd Sunday of every month in Spanish

3rd Sunday of every month in English

Please stop by the Parish Center to fill out an application or call for more information.

PARISH STAFF

ADMINISTRATOR
Rev. Jonathan Morris

PAROCHIAL VICARS
Fr. Urbano Rodrigues
Fr. Alejandro Baumann

PASTOR EMERITUS
Rev. Msgr. John A. Ruvo

PARISH CENTER
2380 Belmont Avenue
Monday-Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

COORDINATOR
Sister Edna Loquias, S.M.C.

PARISH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL
Mr. John T. Riley

MARRIAGES:

Arrangements for weddings should be made six months in advance. Please make an appointment with a Priest at the Parish Center.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

A Priest should be called whenever anyone is seriously ill. Please notify the Parish Center immediately.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

New parishioners should register at the Center as soon as possible after moving into the parish. Every adult in the parish should receive and use **our envelopes for the Sunday Collection.** Children attending our Parish School or Rel. Ed. Program receive and are encouraged to use the envelopes.

MOUNT CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

The parish school is located at 2465-67 Bathgate Avenue. For information please call (718) 295-6080.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For information and to register your child for Religious Ed. Classes, please call the Center.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday, February 8th | V Sunday in O. T.

- 8:30am Rose and Paul Neglio
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Bernardo Civitarese, Rocco Coletta e Ronnie Barone
- 12:15pm Alfonso Criscuolo, Gaetano Anastasio, Sr. & Jr.
- 1:30pm Gloria Rivera

Monday, February 9th | Weekday

- 8:30am Rocco Neglio
- 12:00pm Antonina Virgadamo
- 6:30pm Deda Elezovic

Tuesday, February 10th | Saint Scholastic

- 8:30am Pasqua and Giovanni Del Vecchio
- 12:00pm Alfonso Stevemoci
- 6:30pm John Hermy Ortiz

Wednesday, February 11th | Our Lady of Lourdes

- 8:30am Bishop Joseph M. Perniconi (30th Anniversary)
- 12:00pm Joseph and Catherine Di Noia,
Rocco Cifone and Josephine Todaro
- 6:30pm Alphonse Manna

Thursday, February 12th | Weekday

- 8:30am Gennaro and Giuseppine Del Vecchio & Children
- 12:00pm Geneva and Hattie Dunbar
- 6:30pm Pietro Merolla

Friday, February 13th | Weekday

- 8:30am Larry and Lily Borgatti
- 12:00pm Deceased Members of the Raia Family
- 6:30pm Rosa Leo

Saturday, February 14th | SS. Cyril & Methodius

- 8:30am Isaia Barone
- 12:00pm Frank Pappas, Christine Covino & Jennie Salce
- 5:00pm Giacinto Calabro and Gabriel Vendetta

Sunday, February 15th | VI Sunday in O. T.

- 8:30am Carmine Navarra
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Antonio Del Sesto e Filomena De Felice
- 12:15pm Pablo Sanchez
- 1:30pm Gloria Rivera

ENGLISH CLASSES (ESL)

Registration for English Class is still open. Classes are Monday and Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Msgr. Ruvo Mtg. Room. Please register at the Parish Center. \$35.00 per person.

“From the Desk of Father Jonathan”

There is only one word--okay, two-- that express hoy I feel after my first week at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: “Thank you”

It is gratitude to God for allowing me to serve this Parish, so rich with history and faith. It is gratitude to Fr. Sportino, Fr. Rapaglia, and Msgr. Ruvo and our fabulous lay staff for the great legacy they have left for us. Finally, it is gratitude to all of you for the affectionate welcome you have given to me already. Please keep introducing yourselves to me. I want to know every one of you. If you ever want to reach me directly you can call the Parish Office or write me at my personal email address: ILOVEOURPARISH@GMAIL.COM

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish, especially our family and friends, *Chiara Cerini*.

ASH WEDNESDAY 2015

Wednesday, February 18th, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during each Mass and also during an afternoon Prayer Service. Confessions will be available during the services as well.

The Schedule is as follows:

- 8:30am (English Mass)
- 12 noon (Italian Mass with some English)
- 3:30 pm (English Prayer Service)
- 6:30 pm (English Mass)
- 8:00 pm (Spanish Mass)

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

OLD PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please return old palms to the parish center. They will be used for Ash Wednesday.
Thank you.

LAST WEEKEND’S MASS COLLECTION

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| Collection | \$2,710.00 |
| Children’s Collection | \$219.00 |
| Last year’s Collection | \$3,200.10 |
| Thank you all for your generosity!! | |

LAST WEEKEND’S ATTENDANCE

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| Adults: | 586 |
| Children:..... | 244 |
| Total..... | 830 |

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**Sunday Gospel: Mark 1, 29-39**

A group of frogs was traveling through the woods looking for a bigger pond when two of them fell into a very deep hole. The other frogs crowded around, and when they saw just how deep the hole was they shook their heads and started calling to the two frogs at the bottom that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the shouting and with all their might kept trying to jump up out of the hole. The other frogs jeered at them and told them to give up as their efforts were useless. Finally, one of the frogs stopped jumping and, panting heavily, fell on his side. He lay still and soon died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. The crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just give up and die. He jumped even harder, and finally made it out of the top of the hole. When he got out, the other frogs were astonished and asked him, "Didn't you hear us?" The frog look puzzled and asked them to repeat what they had just said because he was a bit deaf. He thought they had been shouting encouragement to him! There is power in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone in difficult circumstances can lift them up and help them to make it through another day. Destructive words, on the other hand, can be all it takes to deprive them of hope and life. The power of words is much greater than we may think. Be careful what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path. The person who makes the effort to encourage another is special indeed.

Living God's Word

Make a conscious effort to stop negative comments and verbal "put-downs." Refuse to join in conversations that scorn or belittle other people.

Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are invited to join the members of the Holy Name Society at their monthly Corporate Communion Mass next Sunday, February 8th, 2015, at 8:30 am and then, after Mass, in the Monsignor Ruvo Meeting Room, 2410 Hughes Ave.

There will be a review from My Catholic Faith on Venial Sin; Occasions and Causes of Sin; and Pride, Covetousness, Lust, followed by a brief meeting. Coffee and buns will be served.

ALTAR SERVERS

Any children who have already received their First Holy Communion and would like to become Altar Servers are asked to please contact Carlos Vera at 347-912-0656 or leave their name and number at the Parish Center. Thank you.

RIFLESSIONI SULLA PAROLA DI DIO**Vangelo della Domenica: Marco 1, 29-39**

Il messaggero, annunciato nel vangelo di domenica scorsa, è descritto in modo più dettagliato dall'evangelista Giovanni. Egli ci ricorda, infatti, i dialoghi che Giovanni Battista ebbe con sacerdoti e leviti, venuti da Gerusalemme per interrogarlo. Era forse il Messia? No, rispose Giovanni Battista: "Io sono voce di uno che grida nel deserto: Preparate la via del Signore, come disse il profeta Isaia" (Gv 1,23). Sant'Agostino commenta: "Giovanni Battista era una voce, ma in principio il Signore era il Verbo. Giovanni fu una voce per un certo tempo, ma Cristo, che in principio era il Verbo, è il Verbo per l'eternità" (Serm 293)

"Egli - dice l'evangelista Giovanni - venne come testimone per rendere testimonianza alla luce, perché tutti credessero per mezzo di lui". Vi sentiamo un'eco del prologo: "Veniva nel mondo la luce vera, quella che illumina ogni uomo" (Gv 1,9).

Anche noi dobbiamo essere suoi testimoni (Gv 15,27) e ciò, prima di tutto, nella santità delle nostre vite perché "mi ha rivestito delle vesti di salvezza, mi ha avvolto con il manto della giustizia" (Is 61,10).

Vivere la parola Di Dio

Noi dobbiamo gridare a tutti questa bella notizia: tutto ha un senso se vissuto per amore! È la missione di ogni discepolo. A un patto: se stiamo "sul seno del Figlio".

New Sunday Mass Schedule

8:30am (English) / 9:30am (Spanish)
11:00am (Italian) / 12:15pm (English)
1:30pm (Spanish)

Ushers Needed!!

If you are interested in taking part in this important Ministry, please call the Parish Center.

REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Evangelio del Domingo: Marcos 1, 29-39

Un grupo de ranas iban por todo el bosque en busca de un charco más grande cuando súbitamente dos de ellas caen dentro de un hoyo bien profundo. Las otras ranas rodearon el hoyo y cuando vieron lo profundo que era hicieron un gesto de frustración con su cabeza y le gritaron a las ranas que estaban en el fondo que era imposible sacarlas. Las dos ranas, ignorando toda la gritería de sus compañeras, seguían intentando saltar fuera del hoyo con todas sus fuerzas. Las otras ranas se burlaban de ellas diciéndoles que se dieran por vencidas, pues todos sus esfuerzos serían inútiles. Por fin una de las ranas dejó de saltar y jadeando fuertemente cayó de lado; unos segundos más tarde murió. La otra rana continuó saltando tan alto como podía. Las demás ranas le gritaban que dejara de sufrir, se diera por vencida y se resignara a morir; pero la rana en el hoyo trataba aún más hasta que por fin su salto la sacó afuera. Las ranas quedaron asombradas y le preguntaron: “¿Es que no nos oías?” La rana estaba un tanto confundida y les pidió que repitieran lo que acababan de decir pues estaba un poco sorda. ¡Ella pensó que las ranas que estaban arriba le gritaban para darle ánimo! La lengua tiene mucho poder. Una palabra de aliento a alguien que pasa por una situación difícil puede levantarle su espíritu para poder seguir un día más. Las palabras destructivas, por otro lado, bien pueden descorazonar y quitarle toda esperanza a una persona. El poder de las palabras es mucho mayor de lo que podemos imaginar. Ten cuidado con lo que dices. Ofrece palabras vivificantes a aquellos con los que te cruces en el camino. La persona que hace un esfuerzo para animar a otra es verdaderamente especial.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Haz un esfuerzo por abandonar los comentarios negativos y las palabras ofensivas. Rehúsa ser parte de conversaciones que desdeñen o menosprecien a otras personas.

UJIERES - LECTORES

Si usted está interesado en ser parte de este ministerio, por favor llame al Centro Parroquial o bien al finalizar la misa, comuníquese con Luis Lucero o Christian Fernandez.

MONAGUILLOS

Aquellos niños que hayan recibido la Primera Comunión y desean ser monaguillos, por favor comuníquese con Carlos Vera para mayor información. (347) 912-0656.

From Mt. Carmel School

Dear Members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,
I would like to cordially invite you to an event, to be held at Pasquale's Rigoletto Restaurant, on Arthur Avenue, on February 28, 2015. The event, "Arthur Avenue Day," will be held as a Board Fundraiser through the Inner City Scholarship Fund in order to support Mount Carmel in its endeavors to enhance its current technology program. The event will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will feature some tastings from the Arthur Avenue community, a choral presentation by our children, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$65 per person. We look forward to reconnecting with all existing and new members of our Mount Carmel Family. Please help us to make Mt. Carmel the gem in the crown of Our Lady once again!

**Gratefully,
John T. Riley, Principal**

PARISH MISSION 2015-2016

FORMATION OF DISCIPLES

We invite you to become a Disciple for the Parish Mission. If you want to be part of the Mission, please call the Parish Center at 718-295-3770.



MISION PARROQUIAL 2015-2016

FORMACION DE DISCIPULOS

Los invitamos a ser Discípulo de la Misión Parroquial. Si desea ser parte de la Misión, por favor comuníquese al Centro Parroquial al 718-295-3770.

Lectors for February 14th - 15th



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| 5:00pm | Ralston Dangcalan |
| 8:30am | Anthony Merolla |
| 9:30am | Cesar Diaz and Lissette Velasquez |
| 11:00am | C. Bizzarro and P. D' Orsogna |
| 12:15pm | Vito Marcone |
| 1:30pm | Jackie Mejia and Lucy Ortega |

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