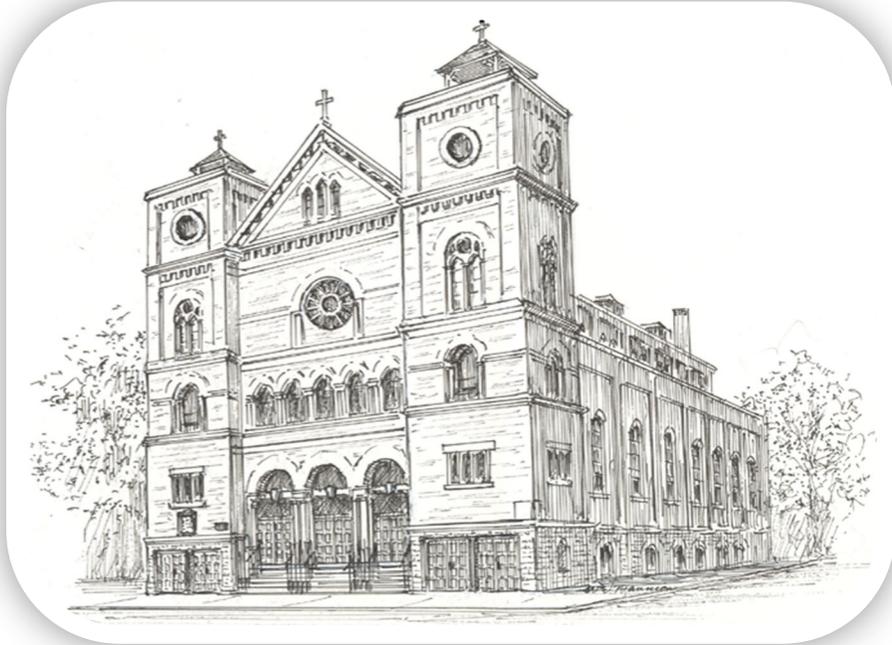


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Sunday, February 15th, 2015 | VI Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B



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 at 1:30pm

3rd Sunday of every month in English at 3:00pm

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 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

Monday, February 16th | Weekday

- 8:30am George and Mary Borgatti
- 12:00pm Steve Noia
- 6:30pm Valentina Kinaj

Tuesday, February 17th | Weekday

- 8:30am Antonina Virgadamo
- 12:00pm Tommaso Mannini
- 6:30pm Alphonse and Lena Manna

Wednesday, February 18th | Ash Wednesday

- 8:30am Richard Pizzonia
- 12:00pm Joyce LoCascio
- 6:30pm Assunta Lacovetta
- 8:00pm Jean Trinidad

Thursday, February 19th | Thursday After Ash Wed.

- 8:30am Giovanni Santaniello and Family
- 12:00pm Goerge Papaleo
- 6:30pm Caryl Borgatti

Friday, February 20th | Friday after Ash Wed.

- 8:30am Benedicto Reyes
- 12:00pm Frank Jaconetti
- 6:30pm Antonietta Di Troia

Saturday, February 21st | Saturday after Ash Wed.

- 8:30am Carmine Pistocco
- 12:00pm Padre Pio Prayer Group
- 5:00pm Emily Cea Waggoner

Sunday, February 22nd | First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30am Edward Tutoni
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Giuseppina e Raffaele Moschetta
- 12:15pm Michelle Racioppo
- 1:30pm Gloria Rivera

“From the Desk of Father Jonathan”

Walking down Arthur Avenue this week, a gentleman stopped me and asked if I had a moment to talk. I assumed he wanted to tell me of a family or other personal problem. Instead, with a twinkle in his eye, he told me how he used to love seeing Bishop Pernicone walk down this same street, usually with a group of people in tow. The power of Bishop Pernicone, he told me, was not so much in what he said, but rather in who he was, a man of God and of the people. This past Wednesday, February 11th, we celebrated 30 years since the Lord called Bishop Pernicone to be with him forever in heaven. And today we ask the Lord, through the intercession of Bishop Pernicone, that he make all of our hearts more like that of this great former pastor and bishop. Bishop Pernicone, pray for us!

Prayer Requests for the Sick

Emilio Rodriguez, Elizabeth Riley & Guadalupe Zelarayan.

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)
 3:30pm (English Prayer Service)
 6:30pm (English Mass)
 8:00pm (Spanish Mass)
Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

**EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



11:15am - Italian
7:00pm - English/ Spanish

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS COLLECTION

Collection\$2,608.00
 Children's Collection \$217.00
 Last year's Collection\$2,769.25
Thank you all for your generosity!!

LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE

Adults:585
 Children:.....226
Total.....811

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**Sunday Gospel: Mark 1, 40-45**

In Biblical times any skin disease was labeled leprosy, and lepers were forced to live in isolation, ostracized from the rest of the community. Any illness was thought to be the result of sinfulness, either the sins of the sufferer or of his or her parents and ancestors. People with mental illnesses were believed to be possessed by evil spirits, and they too were shunned and driven out of towns and villages to fend for themselves. These attitudes were common throughout the ancient world. The open sores of skin diseases and the strange behavior of mentally ill persons were a stigma all could recognize. "Stigma" is a Greek word that originally referred to a tattoo or brand that was cut or burned into the skin of criminals, slaves, or traitors in order to identify them as blemished or morally polluted persons. Many of us today fear people with diseases such as AIDS; similarly, we are uncomfortable around someone who behaves oddly because of a mental illness. Those who have such illnesses often suffer more from people's negative attitudes toward them than from the condition itself. In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus' encounter with a leper. We see that Jesus does not turn away from this suffering man, but walks toward him. He talks to him, takes pity on him, and stretches out a healing hand. Today, the Catholic Church is a world-wide provider of care for suffering people, including those with HIV/AIDS and mental illness, through Catholic hospitals and clinics, organizations such as Catholic Charities, and the hospices of Blessed Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, to name but a few. There are many opportunities in our local communities for us to step in and help. Let's be like Jesus and walk toward the ones in need.

Living God's Word

Contact your parish, diocese, or local Catholic Charities for opportunities to serve those shunned or ignored by society.

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.

OLD PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

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

RIFLESSIONI SULLA PAROLA DI DIO**Vangelo della Domenica: Marco 1, 40-45**

Il profeta Isaia proclamava che il Messia sarebbe venuto per annunciare la buona novella ai poveri. Gesù, commentando questo testo nella sinagoga di Nazaret, dice solennemente: "Questa parola della Scrittura... si adempie oggi" (Lc 4,18-19).

Ma Gesù è venuto per guarire le malattie dei poveri, spesso in modo straordinario o prodigioso? Certo Gesù dà spesso prova della sua misericordia di fronte alle sofferenze umane. Ma, in ogni caso, questi sono segni del potere che il Figlio dell'uomo ha ricevuto da colui che lo ha mandato per liberare da una schiavitù più profonda, da una lebbra più cronica, per liberare dal peccato.

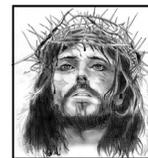
Chi può perdonare i peccati, se non Dio? "Ora, perché sappiate che il Figlio dell'uomo ha il potere in terra di rimettere i peccati: alzati disse al paralitico, prendi il tuo letto e va' a casa tua" (Mt 9,6).

Cos'ha Gesù, che cosa irradia il Maestro per provocare nel lebbroso questa supplica colma di fiducia: "Se vuoi, puoi guarirmi"? Gesù si avvicina al lebbroso: "Lo toccò"; il lebbroso manifesta la sua fiducia, la sua gioia, la sua testimonianza, non può tacere.

E noi? Noi siamo la Chiesa di Gesù che prolunga la sua presenza e la sua opera nel mondo. In tutti i settori dove è in gioco il dolore di un qualsiasi uomo, dove la sua dignità di figlio di Dio è in pericolo, dove c'è emarginazione, qualunque essa sia, là si gioca la nostra credibilità in quanto Chiesa che porta la salvezza di Gesù.

Vivere la Parola Di Dio

Metteti in contatto con la tua parrocchia, diocesi o la Carità Cattolica per opportunità di servire quelli evitati o ignorati dalla società.

**OGNI VENERDÌ
VIA CRUCIS****11:15am - Italiano****7:00pm - Inglese/Spagnolo****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, 40-45

En la antigüedad las personas con lepra y enfermedades mentales eran rechazadas y sacadas fuera de los pueblos o ciudades para que se las arreglaran por sí mismas. Las llagas de las enfermedades de la piel así como los comportamientos extraños de los enfermos mentales identificaban a estas personas como de mala reputación o moralidad corrompida. Muchos de nosotros hoy tememos a las personas con SIDA o a las que se comportan de manera extraña debido a una enfermedad mental. Aquellos que padecen esas enfermedades a menudo sufren más por las actitudes negativas de otras personas que por la misma enfermedad. En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús se encuentra con un leproso. Jesús no le da la espalda, sino que camina hacia él y con compasión le extiende una mano que cura. Actualmente la Iglesia católica asiste a muchas personas por todo el mundo que sufren por el VIH/SIDA y enfermedades mentales por medio de hospitales, Caridades Católicas y las residencias para desahuciados de las Misioneras de la Caridad de la Madre Teresa, entre otros muchos. Decídetes tú también a ayudar. Seamos como Jesús dirigiéndonos hacia los necesitados.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Contacta a tu parroquia, diócesis o Caridades Católicas de tu localidad para averiguar las oportunidades de servir a aquellos rechazados o ignorados por la sociedad.

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.

MIERCOLES DE CENIZA 2015

Día de ayuno y abstinencia

**18 de Febrero a las 8:00pm
Santa Misa en Español**

VIA CRUCIS—VIERNES DE CUARESMA

Los invitamos a recorrer y meditar el camino de Jesús a la cruz, todo los Viernes de Cuaresma a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia. Los esperamos.

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 21st - 22th

5:00pm Annabella Hansen
8:30am Nicky Watson
9:30am A. Trujillo & I. Ramirez
11:00am F. Matera & C. Martone
12:15pm Belinda Rivera
1:30pm M. Perez & Sister Martina



**Sacred Heart of Jesus
have mercy on us,
We place our trust in You.**



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