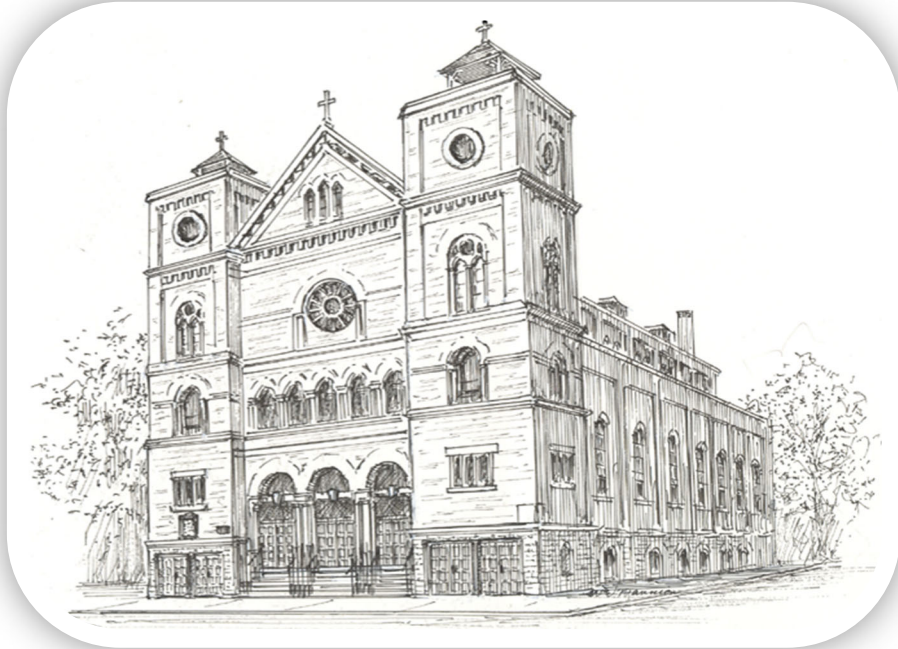


Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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Sunday, April 26th, 2015 | Fourth Sunday of Easter - 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: Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC 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 other month in English at 12:15pm

Please stop by the Parish Center to register or call for more information.

PARISH STAFF

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Morris

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Fr. Urbano Rodrigues

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:

We will be happy to help any couples who are preparing for marriage. Please make an appointment with a Priest at the Parish Center.

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK:

If you or someone know are in the hospital or homebound and would be served by a pastoral visit by a Priest, Religious Sister or a lay Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Center.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We invite new parishioners to register at the Parish Center as soon as possible after moving into the parish.

MOUNT CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For information and to register your child for Religious Ed. Classes, please call the Catechetical Office at (718) 295-3770.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday, April 26th | Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30am Angela Servedio
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Giambattista e Sofia, Americo and Maria Adornetto
- 12:15pm Daniel and Helen Loberto,
Da Silva and Hamel Families
- 1:30pm En Honor a la Inmaculada Concepcion

Monday, April 27th | Easter Weekday

- 8:30am Carmine Pistocco
- 12:00pm Michael Sabatino
- 6:30pm Luigi & Guglielmo D'Angelo

Tuesday, April 28th | Easter Weekday

- 8:30am Felice Perrella, Angela & Donato Cuccovia
- 12:00pm Salvatrice & Giovanni Di Prima
- 6:30pm Rosa & Pasquale Leone

Wednesday, April 29th | St. Catherine of Siena

- 8:30am Deceased Benefactors & Parents of
the Missionary Sisters of the Catechism
- 12:00pm Salvatore & Giuseppina Florio
- 6:30pm Jean R. Joseph

Thursday, April 30th | Easter Weekday

- 8:30am Helen Sassano
- 12:00pm Raffaele Piccolino
- 6:30pm Salvatore & Sarah Contento

Friday, May 1st | Easter Weekday

- 8:30am Lindo & Maria Borgatti
- 12:00pm Gina & Domenico Di Natale
- 6:30pm Raffaella & Giuseppe Danzi

Saturday, May 2nd | Saint Athanasius

- 8:30am Rev. Anthony M. D'Antonio
- 12:00pm Antonio & Maria Grazia Cuomo
- 5:00pm Deceased Members of the
Vaccaro & Spinelli Family

Sunday, May 3rd | Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30am Restina Lucarelli Brown
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am In Onore di Maria SS. di Melitto
- 12:15pm Cosmo, Mary, Frank & Marie Di Noia,
Rose & Pat Lupo, Antonio & Antoniette Anzilloti
- 1:30pm En Honor a la Inmaculada Concepcion

"From the Desk of Father Jonathan"

The Church or the Building?

One of the goals I proposed for our parish this year in my Easter Letter (copies are still in back of the church) was the improvement of the physical plant of our parish. That means regular maintenance and capital improvements. It means paying back large debts and giving ourselves a solid base for the future. I hope you noticed that this was the last goal on the list. I did this to remind me, and all of us, not to get distracted from our more important SPIRITUAL goals. If you ever notice that I am spending more time on fixing material problems than on PEOPLE, please tell me! Fr. Urbano and I want to be available for you as priests!

But when our buildings and finances are in good order, I think we are better able to worship God and serve each other.

With this in mind, I am happy to inform you that we have already begun work on the renovation of our front, church doors, which are in urgent need of repair. You will notice how the pine moldings of the doors are rotting and the paint is peeling. The locks are broken. It's been fun looking at the oldest pictures of the façade of the church that we have, in order to match the doors to the color and style of the original doors from 100 years ago. The doors will be a darker color than they are now, similar to the interior doors in the vestibule.

We can thank a donor from outside of our parish for this work.

The next project, which I hope will begin simultaneously, will be the construction of a vertical lift for wheelchairs. We have enlisted an architect to draw up plans and we are in the process of getting bids for the project. God willing, we will begin installation within the next several weeks. We have \$1,000 donated so far for this project, but I am expecting the cost to be about \$7,000. This is a worthy project! Please tell me if you can help!

Happy Easter...yes, smile and laugh, we are still celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus!

Fr. Jonathan

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for *Cardinal Francis George, Domingo Moreno, Jeanette Corriere* and our fallen military.

SAINT ANTHONY'S BREAD

April 28th

Anna Ruocco - In Loving Memory of
Antonietta & Bartolomeo Ruocco

Margherita Cuomo - Per buona salute e per
intenzioni speciali

MASS COLLECTION - 4/19/2015

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| Collection | \$2,929.00 |
| Children's Collection | \$177.00 |
| Last year's Collection | \$3,644.40 |

Thank you all for your generosity!!

REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

Sunday’s Gospel: John 10, 11-18

We’re all familiar with the image: Jesus, staff in hand, carrying a lamb across his shoulders. It’s a beautiful image but it doesn’t reflect the reality of shepherding as hard and sometimes risky work. In the passage prior to today’s Gospel Jesus has healed a blind man on the Sabbath day and the Pharisees say he has broken the law, which forbids all work on the Lord’s day—even healing! Jesus says that, as the Good Shepherd, he is not like hired hands who collect pay for watching the sheep, but abandon them in time of need. Jewish scriptures frequently describe God as shepherd. Joseph was saved “By the power of the Mighty One of Jacob, / because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel” (Genesis 49:24). Such imagery was also used by Moses and the prophets as well as the psalmists: “Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, / you who lead Joseph like a flock!” (Psalm 80:1) and “The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1). So the Pharisees know exactly what Jesus means: not only is he prepared to break the Sabbath law, but he is claiming to be God, an outrage in their eyes. They also know he is contrasting himself with them—the hired hands entrusted with the care of God’s people, but caring more for rules and regulations. The Pharisees were not completely evil people, but in their obsession with religious rules they had lost sight of the living heart of Judaism (see Deuteronomy 10:12–20 and Micah 6:8). In addition, they lacked humility and were quick to pass judgment on others who followed the rules less devotedly. Any time we set ourselves up to say that others are less worthy, less obedient, less devout than we are, trouble follows. Let’s keep our eyes on the Shepherd and follow him.

Living Stewardship Now

Are you living by the rules, but have no peace of heart? Are you looking at others—especially within the church community—and seeing them as misguided, incorrect, or deficient? Are you standing in judgment of others for their

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

There will be a meeting this Thursday, April 30th at 7:15pm at the parish center.

MASS ATTENDANCE - 4/19/2015

Adults: 615.....Children: 197..... / Total.....812

RIFLESSIONI SULLA PAROLA DI DIO

Vangelo di Domenica: Giovanni 11, 10-18

Gesù è il dono del Padre. Chi è veramente Gesù? Niente come l’antitesi tra il Buon Pastore e il mercenario ce lo fa capire. In cosa si differenziano radicalmente le due figure? Non certo per il ruolo che, all’apparenza, sembra il medesimo. Li oppone e li divide la natura intima del rapporto con le pecore: la non appartenenza per il mercenario e l’appartenenza per il pastore. Se le pecore non ti appartengono te ne vai quando arriva il lupo e le lasci alla sua mercé.

Se sei un mercenario non t’importa delle pecore e non ti importa perché non le conosci.

Non le conosci “per esperienza”, non le conosci per amore: esse non sono tue.

E da che cosa si vede se sono tue? Che dai la vita per loro. Gesù dà la vita per noi. È lui che ce la dà, tiene a precisare, nessuno gliela toglie. Lui, solo lui, ha il potere di offrire la sua vita e di riprenderla di nuovo. In questo sta la sua autorevolezza, nel potere dell’impotenza, a cui Dio nella morte si è volontariamente esposto. Gli uomini possono seguire Gesù solo in forza di questa sua autorevolezza. Per essa ne conoscono la voce, subiscono il fascino della sua Presenza, si dispongono alla sequela. Solo nel vivere questa appartenenza il cristiano diventa a sua volta autorevole, cioè capace di incontrare l’altro, di amarlo e di dar la sua vita per lui. L’appartenenza fa essere eco fragile e tenace della sua Presenza e suscita la nostalgia di poterlo incontrare.

Vivere la Parola Di Dio

Il suo amore senza condizioni è vero e serio: Gesù sceglie di donare la sua vita, non vi è costretto, lo desidera e lo fa', perché davvero ci ama... Anche noi, a sua immagine.

MEMORIALS OFFERED THIS WEEK

Mass Wine & Altar Bread

In Loving Memory of Pasquale Marsibilio
from the Marsibilio Family

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Ronnie Schafer
With Love from Mom

Mass Candles

In Loving Memory of Anastasia Fermin
from her daughter Rohgie

REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Evangelio del Domingo: Juan 10, 11-18

A todos nos es familiar esta imagen: Jesús de pie con cayado en mano y una oveja sobre sus hombros. Es una bella imagen, pero no refleja la realidad de pastorear, que a veces puede ser trabajo riesgoso. En el pasaje anterior al Evangelio de hoy Jesús había curado a un ciego un sábado y los fariseos dicen que él ha quebrantado la ley, la cual prohíbe cualquier clase de trabajo en el día del Señor ¡aun curar! Jesús responde que, como Buen Pastor, él no es como un asalariado que cobra por cuidar de las ovejas, pero las abandona cuando lo necesitan. Las Escrituras judías describen frecuentemente a Dios como un pastor. José fue salvado "gracias al auxilio del Fuerte de Jacob, del Pastor y Roca de Israel" (Génesis 49:24). Tal imagen fue también usada por Moisés y los profetas, así como por los salmistas: "Escúchanos, pastor de Israel; / Despierta tu poder y ven a salvarnos" (Salmo 79:2) y "El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta" (Salmo 22:1). Así es que los fariseos sabían el significado exacto de lo que quería decir Jesús: no sólo él estaba dispuesto a infringir la ley del sábado, sino que también se proclama como Dios; ambas cosas eran atrocidades a los ojos de los fariseos. Ellos se dan cuenta también de que Jesús está haciendo un contraste entre él y ellos cuando habla de los asalariados bajo cuyo cuidado está el pueblo de Dios, pero se preocupan más de las leyes y reglas. Los fariseos no eran mala gente del todo, pero su obsesión con las leyes religiosas les hicieron perder de vista la esencia del judaísmo (Deuteronomio 10:12-20 y Miqueas 6:8). Además, carecían de humildad y juzgaban con mucha facilidad a otras personas que no cumplían las reglas tan estrictamente. Cada vez que nosotros decimos que los demás son menos dignos, menos obedientes o menos devotos que nosotros, ahí comienzan los conflictos. Fijemos nuestra mirada en el Pastor y sigámoslo.

Viviendo la Palabra de Dios

¿Cumples con las reglas pero no consigues la paz en tu corazón? Cuando te fijas en otras personas, sobre todo las de tu comunidad parroquial, ¿las consideras equivocadas, erradas o deficientes? ¿Juzgas a los demás por sus pecados? ¿Qué crees que te pediría Jesús sobre eso?

Rosarios

Los rosarios en el mes de mayo
serán los días martes y viernes
a las 7:00 p.m.

~ Invitamos a todos a participar
el Santo Rosario
para recibir gracias de
Nuestra Madre ~



From Mt. Carmel School



Saturday Night Fever Card Party

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Caffuzzi Hall: 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Tickets: \$25 per person in advance
\$30 at the door

\$15 Senior Discount (62+)

Children under 10 years old - \$10
(movie, chicken nuggets, & snack included)

**RECEIVE THREE 50/50
TICKETS WITH PURCHASE**

Tickets on sale at the School and Rectory!

*Join us for a night of music, fun prizes,
and a hot buffet (included in ticket price)*

Cardinal's Appeal 2015

To date your Parish has received over \$36,000 in pledges/gifts towards the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal from 200 families. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

Campaña del Cardenal 2015

Hasta la fecha, nuestra Parroquia ha recibido en promesas/donaciones en 200 familias, mas de \$36,000 para la Campaña del Cardenal 2015. ¡Gracias por ayudarnos para alcanzar a nuestra meta!

Campagna del Cardinale 2015

Ad oggi la nostra parrocchia ha ricevuto più di \$36,000 di promesse/donazioni verso il 2015 Appello del Cardinale da 200 famiglie. Grazie per averci aiutato ad arrivare alla nostra meta!

Lectors for May 2nd – 3rd

5:00pm TBA

8:30am Belinda Rivera

9:30am Maria Gonzalez y Lissette Velásquez

11:00am Nicola Trombetta e Paolo D' Orsogna

12:15pm Maria Gerbasi

1:30pm Luis y Dora Almiron



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