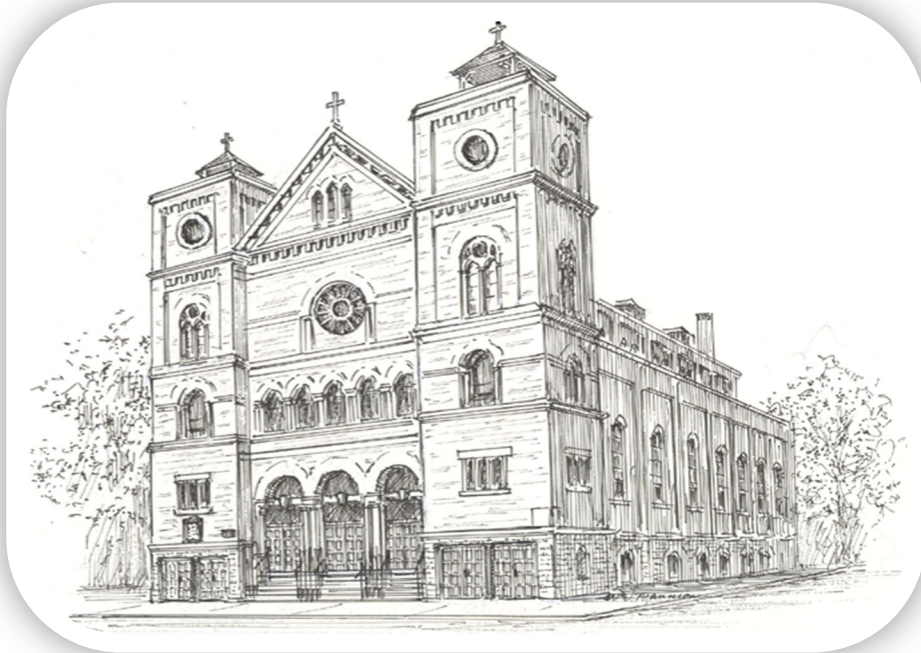


Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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Sunday, December 6th, 2015 | Second Sunday of Advent - Year C



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 (all 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 2:30pm

3rd Sunday every other month in English at 2:30pm

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

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Morris

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Fr. Urbano Rodrigues

PARISH CENTER

2380 Belmont Avenue

Monday & Thursday

9:00am to 5:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

9:00am to 8:00pm

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 you know is 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

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

MOUNT CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday, December 6th | II Sunday of Advent

- 8:30am Fr. Nicholas F. Basile
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Maddalena e Giacobbe Montella
- 12:15pm Giosafatte and Domenica De Michele
- 1:30pm Judy Soto

Monday, December 7th | Saint Ambrose

- 8:30am Michael Verini
- 12:00pm Giovanni Lo Piccolo
- 6:30pm Raffaela and Giuseppe Danzi

Tuesday, December 8th | Immaculate Conception

- 8:30am Pro Populo
- 12:00pm For a Special Intention
- 7:30pm Cosimo Madonna

Wednesday, December 9th | Advent Weekday

- 8:30am Deceased Benefactors and Parents
of the Missionary Sisters of the Catechism
- 12:00pm Mario Campanelli
- 6:30pm En Honor a San Juan Diego

Thursday, December 10th | Advent Weekday

- 8:30am Larry and Lily Borgatti
- 12:00pm Giovanni Santaniello and Family
- 6:30pm Elizabeth & Leonardo D'Aiello & Leonard Getzin

Friday, December 11th | Advent Weekday

- 8:30am Nicola and Iolanda D'Orsogna
- 12:00pm Lucia Cuomo
- 6:30pm Elizabeth & Leonardo D'Aiello & Leonard Getzin

Saturday, December 12th | Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 5:45am En Honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe
- 8:30am Cosimo Madonna
- 12:00pm Rosa and Pasquale Leone
- 5:00pm Lucia Marano
- 6:30pm En Honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Sunday, December 13th | III Sunday of Advent

- 8:30am Rocco Neglio
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Franco Cibelli
- 12:15pm Frank Pappas, Nicholas & Frances Longo,
and Thomas Covino
- 1:30pm Theodore Hendricks

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE - 11/22/2015

Adults: 642..... Children: 294..... / **Total**.....936

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTION - 11/22/2015

Collection\$4,201.02
Last year's Collection\$2,550.00

"From the Desk of Father Jonathan"

The signs, smells, and sounds of Christmas are now all around us. On Wednesday you may have seen the Christmas tree lighting in Rockefeller Center. On Thursday you may have heard the Christmas carols and tree lighting and blessing in our own Italian Market. This Sunday evening (today!) at 5:00pm we hope you attend our concert here in the Church. And then, on Saturday the 12th, our local Belmont Business Improvement District will sponsor festivities in Ciccarone Park, including the lighting of a beautiful tree. These will be wonderful moments for our neighborhood and parish.

Yes, it would seem.....that Christmas has arrived!

But....let's not forget.... it hasn't! Not yet! We are in the liturgical season of Advent. This is the time the Church invites us to prayerfully prepare our hearts for the coming (*Adventus* in Latin) of our Savior on Christmas Day.

I plan to enjoy the pre-Christmas celebrations as much as anyone, but I am also going to try to increase my prayer time and make a few sacrifices during the week to make sure I don't forget that while the world is celebrating all around us, as Catholics we are still in a time of serious preparation of our souls to welcome Baby Jesus.

Maybe the best way to prepare our souls for Christmas is by going to confession. Besides our regular, weekly times for confession, on Monday, Dec. 14th we will have priests hearing confessions from 4:00pm - 9:00pm.

Many other parishes in the Archdiocese will do the same on that day.

May the signs, smells, and sounds of Christmas remind us to get our hearts ready!

Father Jonathan

Christmas Angel Tree

Make a child's Christmas happier by taking an Angel for a boy or a girl and returning it with an unwrapped toy to the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 30th

Wanted: Altar Servers

We encourage all our young parishioners to serve at Mass - Please see Fr. Urbano or Sr. Jasmin or leave your name & # at the Parish Office.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish ***Linda Mariano, Michael Bove, Enrico Merlino and Madeline Marcano*** and our fallen military.

LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE - 11/29/2015

Adults: 673..... Children: 227..... / **Total**.....900

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTION - 11/29/2015

Collection\$4,317.15
Last year's Collection\$2,581.00

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**Sunday Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6**

Luke's Gospel pinpoints the year when John the Baptist first began to announce the salvation of God, yet all four Gospels are silent on the date of Jesus' birth.

Preoccupation with dates and accuracy is a modern notion. The Gospels are focused more on why God had broken so personally into human history: the Good News that God comes to meet us whatever our condition; when we have hit the wall, bottomed out, or just drifted away. To the astonishment of "good" people, Jesus spends a lot of time with men and women of low reputation. Jesus forgives their sins and puts hope in their hearts—exactly the opposite of what society expects. It is never too late to allow God into our hearts and, repenting of our sins, begin anew. To begin anew, pray to do God's will and then give a proportion of time, abilities, and resources to our community and the world around us, what Saint Paul calls producing "the harvest of righteousness" (Philippians 1:11). It seems easier to give when we are in the Christmas spirit, and that is all well and good. But what counts more is taking that spirit into the rest of the year.

Living Stewardship Now

Take part in the parish Advent penance service or the sacrament of reconciliation, and experience again God's loving mercy.

ITALIAN CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

Featuring
Micheal Castaldo
Accompanied by
The Scarsdale Strings Quartet

Today at 5:00pm
Admission ~ \$25

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*Patroness of the United States**- Holy Day of Obligation -***Mass Schedule***Monday, December 7th*

Vigil Mass - 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 8th

8:30am (English)

12:00pm (English / Italian)

7:30pm (English / Spanish)

ADVENT PRAYER

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, and come to prepare our lives for the Christ-child. Strengthen us by your Spirit so our lives reflect the light of your peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

RIFLESSIONE SULLA PAROLA DI DIO**Vangelo della Domenica : Luca 3: 1-6**

La seconda domenica di Avvento presenta la figura di Giovanni Battista come segno della venuta della salvezza di Dio. La storia vive qui il suo culmine: il momento più atteso e più desiderato, il momento dell'annuncio del regno di Dio che comincia: il Messia sta per arrivare. Nella tradizione dei grandi profeti dell'Antico Testamento, la parola di Dio è rivolta a Giovanni nel deserto. Giovanni - figlio di Zaccaria - diventa così profeta e precursore del Messia. Malgrado le paure e il terrore che ispira, il deserto è, nella memoria religiosa del popolo di Israele, il luogo di riunione, dove Dio ha parlato al cuore del suo popolo, il luogo dove Dio è stato più che mai il pastore del suo gregge. Del deserto Giovanni denuncia e ricorda l'identità religiosa più particolare del suo popolo: il Dio d'Israele è fedele al suo legame e mantiene le sue promesse di salvezza. Convoca di nuovo i suoi nel deserto, per annunciare loro l'arrivo del Messia. Ma Dio si aspetta sempre dall'uomo un minimo di collaborazione ed esigerà da lui un battesimo di conversione, la purificazione dei suoi peccati, e lo sforzo di superare gli ostacoli che gli impediscono di vedere l'alba della salvezza.

MEMORIALS OFFERED THIS WEEK***Sanctuary Lamp*****In Memory of Lena Rizzo***Requested by Sister - Mimma Rizzo***Thank you from the Youth Group**

Our first Flea Market was a great success! Thank you for supporting us with your donation of baked goods and/or merchandise. May God bless you a hundredfold! We look forward to the next one...

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

A world of thanks to our donors whose generosity helped 71 needy parish families this year: OLMC Parishioners & School, De Lillo, East 187th Realty Corp., Antoinette Elia/ St. Barnabas Hospital, Northeast Bank, D'Bari & Lucia Brothers, James Izzo, Caroline Di Fuccia Mazzone, and members of The Royal Arcanum. *Special thanks* to Sr. Jasmin, Sr. Martina, Darlene & Mary Cunningham, Carmen Navedo and, in particular, to Sr. Edna, for coordinating the distribution. God bless you all!

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY***December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016***

"It is a favorable time to heal wounds,
a time to offer everyone the way of
forgiveness and Reconciliation."

~ Pope Francis~



REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Evangelio del Domingo: Lucas 3: 1-6

El Evangelio de san Lucas precisa el año cuando Juan Bautista comenzó a anunciar la salvación de Dios; sin embargo los cuatro evangelios mantienen silencio en cuanto a la fecha del nacimiento de Jesús.

La preocupación por fechas y exactitudes es una noción moderna. Los evangelios se concentran más en el porqué de esa irrupción tan personal de Dios en la historia de la humanidad: La Buena Nueva de que Dios viene a nuestro encuentro sin importar nuestra condición, así nos encontremos estancados, en las peores situaciones o apenas comenzando a distanciarnos. Para sorpresa de toda la gente “buena”, Jesús pasa mucho tiempo con hombres y mujeres de reputación dudosa, perdona sus pecados y pone la esperanza en sus corazones—exactamente lo opuesto de lo que espera la sociedad.

Nunca es tarde para darle cabida a Dios en nuestro corazón, arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y buscar un nuevo comienzo. A fin de comenzar de nuevo, reza para poder hacer la voluntad de Dios y busca una proporción para ofrecer tu tiempo, tus habilidades y tus recursos a la comunidad y al mundo a nuestro alrededor -a lo que san Pablo llama producir “los frutos de la justicia” (Filipenses 1:11). Parece más fácil dar alrededor del tiempo de Navidad cuando se apodera de nosotros el espíritu navideño y eso está bien. Pero lo que cuenta más es llevar ese espíritu el resto del año.

Viviendo la Palabra de Dios

Toma parte activa en la celebración parroquial de la reconciliación de Adviento o en el sacramento de la reconciliación y experimenta de nuevo el amor misericordioso de Dios.

INMACULADA CONCEPCION

Día de Obligación - Misa a las 7:30pm

Los invitamos a celebrar la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María el Martes, 8 de Diciembre

UN REGALO PARA NUESTROS NIÑOS



Tomando un Angelito de nuestro árbol de Navidad en la entrada de la Iglesia e intercambiarlo por un regalo, para nuestros niños de la parroquia! Los regalos serán entregados en la Festividad de los Reyes Magos, el domingo, 3 de Enero del Nuevo Año.

Lectors for December 12th & 13th

5:00pm C. Zombek
8:30am Vito Marcone
9:30am Lissette Velasquez y Guadalupe Garcia
11:00am Filomena Matera e Carmelina Matore
12:15pm Gina Vaccaro and Maria Gerbasi
1:30pm Jacqueline Mejia y Catalina Modesto

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations **Celebraciones Guadalupanas**



Martes/ Tuesday, December 8th / 8 de Diciembre
7:30pm – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Solemnidad a la Inmaculada Concepción

Diciembre/ December 9th, 10th & 11th
6:30pm - Triduum - Masses in Spanish
Triduo - Misas en Español

Sábado, 12 de Diciembre / Saturday, December 12th
Morning / Mañana

4:30am Holy Rosary / Santo Rosario
5:00am Mañanitas (Mariachis)
5:45am Holy Mass (Mariachis) / Santa Misa (Mariachis)

Evening/ Tarde

6:00pm - Welcome / Bienvenida “Antorcha Guadalupana”
6:30pm - Holy Mass (Spanish) / Santa Misa en Español
7:45pm - Procession / Procesión

Domingo 13 de Diciembre/ Sunday, December 13th

9:30am y 1:30pm - Santa Misa en Español
3:00pm - Welcome / Recibimiento
4:00pm - Dinner / Cena
5:00pm - Folkloric Program / Programa Folclórico

Donation \$1.00

Raffle/Rifa

\$1 each or 6 for \$5.00

1 Prize/ Premio: “Asus” Tablet

2 Prize/ Premio: “Sony” 3D Blue Ray

3 Prize/ Premio: Pasta Basket

YOUNG ADULTS OUTREACH

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:30pm Mass
at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, presided by Cardinal Dolan

Confessions and Adoration at 6:30pm
with Music by Matt Maher and Audrey Assad

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