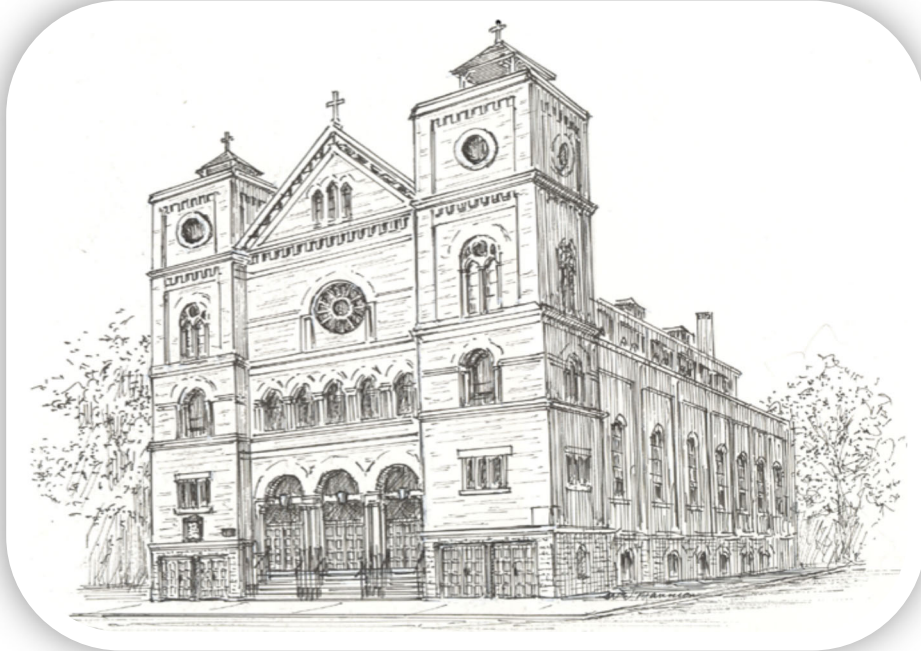


# Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 | *Third 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:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month in Spanish at 2:30pm

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> | 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

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> | Saint John of the Cross**

- 8:30am Immacolata and Aniello Squillante
- 12:00pm Carmela, Vittorio and Roberto Russo
- 6:30pm Rosa Leo

**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> | Advent Weekday**

- 8:30am Carmela and Michael Navarra & Family
- 12:00pm Aniello and Michelina Franco
- 6:30pm Pietro Fascilla and Angela Colasuonno

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> | Advent Weekday**

- 8:30am George and Mary Borgatti
- 12:00pm Cosimo Madonna
- 6:30pm Lina Novielli Salvo

**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> | Advent Weekday**

- 8:30am Richard Pizzonia
- 12:00pm Agostino and Frank Corvino
- 6:30pm Jacob Buser

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> | Advent Weekday**

- 8:30am Cosimo Madonna
- 12:00pm Josephine Cupertino
- 6:30pm Carlyn Borgatti

**Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> | Advent Weekday**

- 8:30am Marie De Dominicis
- 12:00pm Padre Pio Prayer Group
- 5:00pm Andrea, Maria, Steve and Anthony Acierno

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> | IV Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30am Fr. Nicholas F. Basile
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Matteo Passero
- 12:15pm Rocco, Nicholas and Henry Cavalieri
- 1:30pm Nancy Garcia

**“From the Desk of Father Jonathan”**

The Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is one of my favorites. It is a reminder that we are not yet celebrating Christmas, but that there is already reason for great hope and joy because our Savior, Jesus Christ, will be faithful to his promises of dispelling the darkness of the world and of death itself.

Here is the verse that I find particularly inspiring:

"O come thou dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel."

This week I am using this verse in my daily prayer, and have memorized it so as to pray it throughout the day. Whenever I come across a challenge I say it silently and it brings great peace.

Maybe you would like to try it as well. Imagine if our whole parish were to pray this verse over and over again at our places of work and our homes!

God Bless

Father Jonathan

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish  
*Suzie Ditzian, Maria Dell’Arciprete, Frederick Marolda, Ethleen Adams & Carmen Kaufman*

**LAST WEEKEND’S ATTENDANCE - 12/6/2015**

Adults: 671..... Children: 237..... / **Total.....910**

**WEEKEND MASS COLLECTION - 12/6/2015**

Collection .....\$4,166.87  
Last year’s Collection .....\$2,515.00

**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.



Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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**REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD****Sunday Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18**

**H**istorical records indicate that the birthday of our Savior was not celebrated in any significant way for at least the first three centuries of the church's existence. Nowadays, Christmas is considered the most important holiday in the year, and for reasons that have gone far beyond its true religious significance. Many of our most treasured customs, such as the decorated tree, greeting cards, and the exchange of Christmas presents, only date back to just over a century ago. Christmas has become more complicated ever since. Now, with changing times, many of us have begun to refocus not only *why* we celebrate Christmas, but *how*, so as to be in harmony with the meaning of Christ's birth. Saint Paul assures us that "The Lord is near" (Philippians 4:5) and urges us to stop our worrying, knowing that God will bring the gift of peace to our hearts, a peace beyond human understanding. Like the crowds surrounding John the Baptist in today's Gospel, we may say, "What should we do?" John's answer holds true today: Share with others, act justly, and be satisfied with what we have. Only then can "Emmanuel" truly be, as the name means, "God with us."

**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 30<sup>th</sup>

**CHRISTMAS | NATALE****CHRISTMAS EVE | VIGILIA**

5:00pm (English)

11:00pm - **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

12:00am - Midnight Mass (Trilingual)

**CHRISTMAS DAY | GIORNO DI NATALE**

9:30am - (Spanish)

11:00am - (Italian)

12:15pm - (English)

**RIFLESSIONE SULLA PAROLA DI DIO****Vangelo della Domenica : Luca 3: 10-18**

**L'**annuncio profetico di Giovanni Battista trova un'eco in quelli che lo ascoltano. Vanno da lui per domandargli: "Cosa dobbiamo fare?". Giovanni si rifà alla tradizione dei profeti e risponde che la condizione necessaria è il compimento del comandamento dell'amore del proprio prossimo, espressione reale dell'amore di Dio. Giovanni non esige la durezza della vita che egli conduce, non disapprova neanche le attività proprie ai laici che vanno verso di lui. Tuttavia, egli sa indicare a ognuno quello che deve convertire in se stesso, e come realizzare i propri doveri verso il prossimo, e nello stesso tempo indicare loro chiaramente dove risiedono l'ingiustizia e l'errore che devono essere superati. Quando gli si domanda se egli è il Messia, Giovanni Battista risponde di no, e non accetta alcun legame alla sua persona, nessuna adesione personale qualunque essa sia. Con umiltà proclama che il Messia si trova sulla terra, che lui solo possiede il battesimo vero. Questo non si farà con l'acqua, ma con lo Spirito Santo e il fuoco, per tutti coloro che vorranno vivere la conversione completa. Solo il Messia potrà riunire il frumento e bruciare la paglia in un rogo, dettare il giudizio della misericordia. Giovanni non è neanche degno di slegare i suoi sandali; a lui, Giovanni, è stato solo chiesto di preparare il cammino del Signore.

**MEMORIALS OFFERED THIS WEEK****Mass Wine****In Loving Memory of Rose, Paul and Rocco Neglio***Requested by Jean Neglio***Altar Bread****In Memory of Our Beloved  
Son and Brother Ronnie Schafer  
"Always in Our Hearts"***Requested by Mom - Joan Schafer and  
Sister Joanie Schafer***Sanctuary Lamp****In Loving Memory of Frank Pappas  
"We miss you and Love you"***Requested by Mom and Aunts***Mass Candles****In Loving Memory of Beloved Dad and  
Grandfather Lawrence R. Schafer  
"Always in Our Hearts"***Requested by Daughter Joanie and  
Granddaughters Erika, Paige and Savannah*

## **REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS**

### **Evangelio del Domingo: Lucas 3: 10-18**

Los datos históricos indican que el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador no se celebraba de ninguna manera significativa al menos durante los primeros tres siglos de la Iglesia. Actualmente se considera la Navidad como la fiesta más importante del año y por razones que han trascendido su verdadero significado religioso. Muchas de nuestras más preciadas costumbres, tales como la decoración del árbol, las tarjetas de felicitación y el intercambio de regalos de Navidad, sólo se remontan a un siglo atrás. Desde entonces la Navidad se ha vuelto más complicada. Hoy, con el cambiar de los tiempos, muchos de nosotros hemos comenzado a darle un nuevo enfoque no sólo al *porqué* celebramos la Navidad, sino *cómo* la celebramos, para conseguir una armonía con el significado del nacimiento de Cristo. San Pablo nos asegura que “el Señor está cerca” (Filipenses 4:5) y nos exhorta a dejar de inquietarnos, pues Dios traerá el don de la paz a nuestro corazón, una paz que trasciende el entendimiento humano. Igual que las multitudes que rodeaban a Juan Bautista, nosotros podemos preguntar: “Y nosotros, ¿qué debemos hacer?” (Lucas 3:10). La respuesta de Juan es acertada también para nuestros días: Compartan con los demás, actúen con justicia y estén satisfechos con lo que tienen. Sólo entonces puede “Emmanuel” ser verdaderamente, y tal como su nombre significa, “Dios con nosotros”.

### **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.



### **PROGRAMA DE NAVIDAD**

#### **NOCHEBUENA**

11:00pm - **VILLANCICOS NAVIDEÑOS**

12:00am - Misa de Medianoche (Trilingüe)

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:30am - (Español)    11:00am - (Italiano)

12:15pm - (Inglés)

## **Lectors for December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Richard Powers  
8:30am Mike Mongiovi  
9:30am Grecia Chaves y Jose Peguero  
11:00am Rosanna Bizzarro e Adriana Pepe  
12:15pm Frank Spano and Gina Vaccaro  
1:30pm Adriana Trujillo y Maria Gonzalez

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations** **Celebraciones Guadalupanas**

### **Sábado, 12 de Diciembre / Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** **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 13<sup>th</sup>**

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**



1st Prize/ Premio: “Asus” Tablet  
2nd Prize/ Premio: “Sony” 3D Blue Ray  
3rd Prize/ Premio: Pasta Basket

## **HORA SANTA EUCARISTICA**



**“Míranos, Señor; somos tus hijos, a quienes tantas veces habéis alimentado con tu mismo Cuerpo y Sangre”**

*Todos los Tercer Jueves del mes  
Hora Santa ~ 17 de Diciembre ~ 7:30pm*

**Trae tus intenciones,  
oraremos por cada una de ellas...**

## **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 today Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am and the meeting after Mass in the Monsignor Ruvo Meeting Room, 2410 Hughes Ave.

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