

Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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Sunday, May 6, 2018 | Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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PARISH CENTER

2380 Belmont Avenue
Bronx, NY 10458

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm (Vigil Mass - 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)

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm or any time by calling the Parish Office.

RITE OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday of every month in Spanish at 2:30pm

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

Attendance at Pre - Baptism Class is required.

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

RITE OF MATRIMONY

Wedding dates may be scheduled after initial meeting with a priest.

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 Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Center.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite new parishioners to register at the Parish Center.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For information please call Sr. Edna at the Parish Office at (718) 295-3770.

MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL 2465 Bathgate Avenue

Please contact the School Office at (718) 295-6080.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday, May 6th | Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30am** Settimia Girono
- 9:30am** Pro Populo
- 11:00am** In Onore di Maria SS.ma. di Mellitto
- 12:15pm** Annunziata Ferrari
- 1:30pm** Emiliano Rodriguez

Monday, May 7th | Easter Weekday

- 8:30am** Carmine Pistocco
- 12:00pm** Olimpia & Pietrina Di Lizia
- 6:30pm** Antonio, Maria Grazia & Rosetta Cuomo

Tuesday, May 8th | Easter Weekday

- 8:30am** For the intentions of Allan Nuñez
- 12:00pm** In Honor of St. Michael the Archangel
- 6:30pm** Lena & Alphonse Manna

Wednesday, May 9th | Easter Weekday

- 8:30am** Vincent Volturo
- 12:00pm** Joseph & Luisa Spedaliere, Mario Campanelli
- 6:30pm** Vincenzo Malafrente (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, May 10th | Ascension of the Lord

- 8:30am** Fr. Nicholas F. Basile
- 12:00pm** Caryl Borgatti
- 6:30pm** Peter Dedaj

Friday, May 11th | Easter Weekday

- 8:30am** Giovanni Santaniello & Deceased Family Members
- 12:00pm** Luigi & Antonio D'Angelo; Carmela Esposito
- 6:30pm** Rosa & Yolanda Leo

Saturday, May 12th | Easter Weekday;

Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras

- 8:30am** Lane Metro
- 12:00pm** Eileen Bengston
- 5:00pm** Madelin Flores—Sweet 16

Sunday, May 13th | Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8:30am** Mother's Day Novena
- 9:30am** Pro Populo
- 11:00am** Antonio Florio
- 12:15pm** Girolamo, Barbara, Anna, Mimma & Gino Milazzo
- 1:30pm** Laura Signorile

+ REST IN PEACE +

Please pray for *Pasquale Cassetta* & all the departed

WEEKEND MASSES - 4/29/18

Collection\$5,517.32
 Last year's collection.....\$4,296.37

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE - 4/29/18

Adults: 762 Children: 261 Total: 1,023

From the Desk of Father Jonathan

Thank you to all who have begun to sign up to pray and keep vigil as prayer sentinels of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel!

We need to continue to fill the spots for prayer between 7:30am and 6:30pm every day. Below is my column from last week, explaining the process. We will soon be in touch about the organization and communication process.

Last week I spoke at most of the masses about the security breach we experienced last week in the church when the reliquary under the altar was forcibly removed, stolen, and sold on the streets. We were able to recover the reliquary (not the relic) from a person who apparently purchased it from the thief without knowing that it belonged to the church.

This situation has spawned a more urgent look at how we can protect our church. During the masses I shared three options: 1) close the church during the day when masses are not taking place. 2) hire full-time security 3) invite parishioners to keep watch in prayer at the back of the church. The overwhelming recommendation from you this week has been to try the third option of volunteers. This is my preference as well. It would be a pity to close the church during much of the day because our church is a refuge of prayer for many. And it would be very expensive to hire a full-time security guard.

Perhaps God allowed this unfortunate situation to occur so that we might start this new ministry in which parishioners would keep watch in prayer throughout the day. These prayer volunteers would not be security guards. They would simply agree to pray in the church, for one hour, from the last pew. If they notice anything out of the ordinary, they would call a staff member to come and resolve it. They are keeping watch with the Lord while. at the same time, keeping watch over our church. We can call them "Sentinels" and we would have some form of prayer shawl for them to wear that identifies them as sentinels.

Let's give this a try for one month. It will only work if many of us decide to make a sacrifice of our time and sign-up for a time slot, between 7:30am and 6:30pm. After all the masses this weekend, there will be a sign-up sheet. Ideally, we will have several people sign up for the same hour, and every hour. For organizational purposes, we will need a captain for each day of the week, who will work to keep that day's hours occupied by our sentinels. We will also need a general coordinator. If you think you can be a daily captain or the general coordinator of the ministry, please let us know at the sign-up table. I have asked Fr. Israel to be the point-person for this new ministry.

If, after a month, we see that we do not have enough volunteers, we will need to revisit the other options. Let's continue to pray for our entire neighborhood, especially for those suffering addiction and mental health.

God bless, *Father Jonathan*

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours.

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“Volunteers Needed”

*Feast of St. Anthony
June 13th - 17th*
- Please contact the office -



Rosary with Our Lady

- May 6 Caroline D Mazzone 2475 Arthur Ave
- May 7 Maria Peña 2158 Bathgate (1)
- May 10 Elisa Ramirez 2408 Cambreleng (7)
- May 11 D’Bari Funeral Home 605 E 188th St

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called “Lady Month,” which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

AMATEVI GLI UNI GLI ALTRI

Durante la lettura del Vangelo, nel corso della celebrazione liturgica, è il Signore Gesù Cristo che parla ai suoi discepoli. Oggi ci dice che siamo tutti suoi amici, che gli apparteniamo attraverso la fede e attraverso il battesimo. Egli l’ha provato rivelandoci il suo segreto e la sua missione di Figlio di Dio. Ci ha detto che Dio, nella sua onnipotenza divina, ci ama tutti. Per mezzo di suo Figlio Gesù Cristo, ci ha fatto entrare nella comunione di amore che esiste fin dall’eternità tra lui e suo Figlio. “Come il Padre ha amato me, così anch’io ho amato voi”. È una parola di verità potente e divina.

Per tutti quelli che hanno preso coscienza dell’importanza di questo dono divino, conta una sola cosa: mostrarsi degni dell’amore che ci viene nell’amicizia del Figlio di Dio. “Rimanete nel mio amore”.

Per Gesù Cristo, ciò che è importante innanzitutto è che tutti i suoi amici si amino gli uni gli altri come egli stesso ha amato i suoi discepoli nel corso della sua vita terrena. La più viva espressione di questo amore è stata la sua morte sulla croce per i peccatori (cf. Gv 1,36; 19,34-37). L’amore perfetto del Padre celeste è la felicità e la gioia di suo Figlio. E questa gioia, il Figlio risuscitato la trasmette ai suoi amici nel giorno di Pasqua. “Pace a voi! Come il Padre ha mandato me, anch’io mando voi!”. Ricevete lo Spirito Santo!” (Gv 20,21-22). Egli offre senza sosta la gioia a tutti quelli che credono nella sua parola e per mezzo del battesimo si uniscono a lui e alla sua cerchia di amici, la Chiesa. Chi entra nell’amore di Dio per mezzo di suo Figlio ha ormai una ragione essenziale per essere sempre felice.

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St. Anthony’s Bread - May 8th

Per le mie intenzioni personale

Da: Mimma Rizzo



Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Masses

Wednesday, 6:30pm, Vigil Mass

Thursday - 8:30am (English)
12:00pm (English/Italian)
6:30pm (Spanish/English)

ÁMENSE UNOS A OTROS

En el Evangelio para el Sexto Domingo de Pascua nos encontramos con un desafío extraordinario. Jesús nos dice: “ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado” (Juan 15:12). La carta del apóstol san Juan retoma este mandamiento. Por supuesto, debemos amar a nuestros familiares, nuestros colegas, las personas que nos agradan. Pero la Sagrada Escritura aclara que también debemos amar a los que ignoramos, a los que evitamos deliberadamente e incluso a los que nos sentimos tentados de despreciar.

En la selección de los Hechos de los Apóstoles para este domingo, Pedro nos muestra hasta dónde llega el amor de Dios y hasta dónde debe llegar nuestra respuesta de amor. Pedro comprende que Dios ya “no hace distinciones” y no comparte su amor divino exclusivamente con los judíos. Cristo ha revelado que el amor de Dios llega a todas las personas y lo mismo debe hacer el nuestro.

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ORGULLO

¿Qué mejor prueba de tu orgullo es que hayas dicho que no eres orgulloso?

—San Juan Climacus

ASOMBRARSE

Las personas viajan a otros lugares y se maravillan de la altura de las montañas, pero entre ellas mismas no se asombran.

-San Agustín

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Durante la Última Cena, Jesús dijo a sus apóstoles: “Yo soy la vid, ustedes son los sarmientos” (Juan 15:5). Jesús añade que los sarmientos (ramas) que permanecen en él, dan mucho fruto. Según la agricultura, la vid es una parra, es decir, una planta perenne de ramas frondosas.

Una parte importante de la vid son las hojas. Es obvio que una vid tiene hojas, pero Jesús no las menciona, prefiere enfocarse en los sarmientos. Las partes de la vid son las raíces, tronco, sarmientos, hojas, flores y fruto. Según esta división Jesús sería el tronco, pero él dice ser la vid completa. Esta es una imagen de la unidad que Jesús quiere entre sus seguidores. Recordemos que Jesús celebra la Última Cena con sus discípulos. La comunidad de discípulos unidos a Jesús formamos la vid. Los sarmientos o ramas conducen agua y minerales a las hojas, flores y frutos, y son útiles en tanto estén unidos a la vid. Lo mismo vale de los cristianos, discípulos de Jesús. Son ellos y ellas los que hacen presente y le dan vida a Jesús en el mundo de hoy.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Lectors for May 12th & 13th

5:00pm A. Hansen & C. Diaz
8:30am M. Mongiovi & C. Marino, Jr.
9:30am J. Peguero
11:00am F. Matera & M. Barrett
12:15pm V. Vera & S. Hernandez
1:30pm C. Gutierrez

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH

BUS TRIP TO FOXWOODS

Saturday, May 26th

\$40 - includes buffet lunch,
and \$10 casino coupon

Bus leaves 9:00am *sharp*
Boarding begins at 8:30am

Call 718.295.0913 for reservations

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5
-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for
Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8;
Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2,
11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19;

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

All men of the parish are invited to join the members of the Holy Name Society next Sunday, May 13th at 8:30 a.m., and after Mass in the Monsignor Ruvo Meeting Room. There will be a review of the topic, *Mary, The Mother of Our Lord*, followed by a brief meeting. Refreshments will be served.

INFORMATION SHEET

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