

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2016— SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

OLMC MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

(Lenten Weekday)

5:00pm Nicoletta Todisco

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

(Second Sunday of Lent)

8:00am Juanita Samuels
9:00am Mattia Rosa Dilluvio
10:00am Rosa & Vincenzo Mazzurco
11:15am Walter & Rita Lampman
12:30pm Evaristo Vargas (1st Anniversary)
5:00pm Parish Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

(The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle)

8:00am Patrick Sherlock
12:00pm Rosa Dilluvio

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

(Lenten Weekday— Saint Polycarp)

8:00am Hank Doherty
12:00pm Josephine Giaccone

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

(Lenten Weekday)

8:00am Father Joe Pham
(Congratulations & Thanks)
12:00pm Michele Bartolo

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

(Lenten Weekday)

8:00am Leonardo Grippi
12:00pm Goffredo Barretta

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

(Lenten Weekday)

8:00am Salvatore Tagliaferro
12:00pm Matteo, Francesca & Antonia Salmone

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

(Lenten Weekday)

8:00am Juanita Samuel
5:00pm Dean Martinez

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

(Third Sunday of Lent)

8:00am Mercedes & Antonio Hernandez
9:00am Jim Taormina
10:00am Giulio Moretti
11:15am Rolando Ortiz
12:30pm Anastacio Contreras
5:00pm Parish Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK

If you have a family member you wish to be prayed for, please let us know immediately and we will be happy to pray for them. The names will remain on the sick list for three weeks and thereafter repeated as requested.

Week 1:

Tracy O'Donnell
Cecilia Hernandez

Winnie Burke

Week 2:

Margarita Dostall
Pedro Acevedo
Doris Lyons

Kevin Wooley
Ida Albanese
Anthony Velez

Victor Mayo
Adele Logan

Week 3:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alexander Pantaleone Samuel Romero— Romero
Carol O'Connor Joseph P. Squeri
Maria Iovanetti

DEDICATED OFFERINGS



*The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for
Michele Bartolo
This was requested by The Bartolo Family*



*Altar Bread & Wine has been offered for
Michele Bartolo
This was requested by The Bartolo Family*



*Altar Candles are Burning for
Michele Bartolo
This was requested by The Bartolo Family*



*Altar Flowers are Offered for
Michele Bartolo
This was requested by The Bartolo Family*

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Human beings make covenants out of mistrust. God makes a covenant out of love.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17– 4:1

We are measured by the standards of heaven, our true home, not the standards of the earth.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

We are perfected not just by our own love but by the love of others. Christ is perfect because he is the perfectly beloved.

ST. MARGARET MARY

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
(Second Sunday of Lent)

10:15 am Rosa Maria Bravo

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARGARET MARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21TH:

- 10:00 am– AA Meeting (English)- Rectory
- 11:30 a.m. Spanish Faith Sharing Group – (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH:

- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group – (Hall + Chapel)- Santa Margarita Maria
- 7:30 pm– AA Meeting (English)- Rectory

HORA SANTA, ADORACION Y

BENEDICION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

Cada primer Sabado del mes en Santa Margarita María de 7:00pm a 9:00pm. Todos estan Invitados.

AA Meeting (ENGLISH)

Sundays -**10am -11am**- Closed Discussion Meeting

Wednesday– **7pm– 8pm**- Step Meeting

(Tradition Last Wednesday of the Month)

in the Rectory Room

DEVOCION A LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

El grupo devocional a la Divina Misericordia se reune cada segundo Sabado del mez a las 3pm en la capilla de Santa Margarita Maria.

“DREAM ACT” DEFERRED ACTION APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE & CONSULTS RE. ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF

If you have any questions or would like to set up an appointment please call at 718-721-9020.

APLICACIONES PARA LA ACCION DIFERIDA ESTAN DISPONIBLES Y ASISTENCIA CON ALIVIO ADMINISTRATIVO

Las aplicaciones para la acción diferida para los llegados en la infancia estan disponibles. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta y/o quiere hacer una cita por favor llamar al 718-721-9020.

IMPUESTOS (INCOME TAX) SE PREPARAN AQUÍ:

Santa Margarita María
9-18 27 Ave. Astoria, NY 11102

Formulario Federal y Estatal de NY

Usted hasta pueda calificar para el crédito de los impuestos de salario

Obtenga su número de identificación de impuestos

Llame a Denise para más información al:

(718) 721-9020

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

St. Margaret Mary
9-18 27 Ave. Astoria, NY 11102

Federal and NY State Forms
You may be eligible for earned income tax credit

OBTAIN TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Call Denise for more info:
(718) 721-9020

ST. MARGARET MARY FOOD PANTRY NEWS

In the month of **January 2016** a total of 1,988 people were served. This included 1434 children, 1351 adults and 203 seniors. You may come in Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays at 11:00am.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY WITH OUR ROSARY SOCIETY:

In a cooperative venture between the parish Rosary Society and our Parish Food Pantry at St Margaret Mary, we have instituted a monthly food collection on the First Sunday of the month at all Masses. Please bring only dried or canned foods (non-perishables). **Please no food beyond expirations dates.** Thank you for your help in carrying out the Corporal Works of Mercy in this era of need. All women of the parish are welcome to join them in their prayer, good works, and conviviality. Next Pantry is Sunday, March 6, 2016.

APOYO DESPENSA DE COMIDAS Y NUESTRA SOCIEDAD DEL ROSARIO:

En una iniciativa conjunta entre la Sociedad del Rosario y la Parroquia despensa de alimentos a Santa Margarita María, que se instituyo una colección mensual de alimentos en el primer domingo del mes en todas las misas. Favor de traer solamente los alimentos secos o enlatados (no perecederos). **Por favor no comida expirada.** Gracias por su ayuda en la realización de las Obras de Misericordia Corporales en esta época de necesidad. Todas las mujeres de la parroquia están invitados a unirse a ellos en sus oraciones, buenas obras, y la convivencia domingo proximo. Proxima vez: 6 de Marzo del 2016.

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CASINO TRIP

Bus trip to Empire City Casino in Yonkers sponsored by Most Precious Blood Rosary Society Wednesday, February 24, 9:15am Pick up near Most Precious Blood Rectory, 32-23 36th St. LIC.

Donation \$25/ Food \$5 / Coin \$10 Free raffle on Bus. All monies are due upon making reservations. For more information, please call 347.596.6104 or 631.456.3630. Thank you for your support.

FREE LUNCHEON SEMINAR

Thomas M. Quinn & Sons Funeral Home
35-20 Broadway, Long Island City, NY 11106
Friday, March 4, 2016
11:00am– 2:30pm

Topics to be Discussed:

11:00am: Welcome (Kevin R. Mack, Gen. Manager), 11:15am: Donna Furey Esq.– Estate Planning Including Health Care Proxy and Wills
11:45am: Stephen Duer- “Your Life, Your Legacy” -The Benefits to Pre-Arranging a Funeral, 12:45pm Lunch, 1:30pm: Reverend Vincent F. Miceli– Pastor of Saint Joseph’s RC Church. Funeral Traditions in the Catholic Church, 2:00pm: Maria Torres– LIVEONNY– Understanding the Importance of Organ & Tissue Donation.
Please RSVP at 718.721.9200 by March 2, 2016.

YOUNG ADULTS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

In honor of the Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy and as a parish selected for Holy Door we invite young adults in their 20s and 30s to a Holy Year Pilgrimage at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Astoria.

On Saturday, April 9th 2016 at 3:00pm, young adults from the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Manhattan will walk through the Holy Door at OLMC Church followed by adoration and reflection for the Holy Year of Mercy. Confessions will be available. The event will be followed by a celebration in the community. We thank Paul Morisi for organizing this opportunity.

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JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

*Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel*



11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 9 – 19, 2016

HOSTED BY MSGR. SEAN G. OGLE
& FR. JOE PHAM

*Visiting Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and
Rome with Vatican City and A Papal Audience*

OUR GRATITUDE:

At this time, we have reached full capacity. Our sincere gratitude to all those who have brought back the application and have submitted it with their deposit to participate in this pilgrimage.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Office
Tel: (718) 278-1834 or
Email: pilgrimage@mountcarmelastoria.org

BAPTISMS IN 2016

BAPTISM SCHEDULE—ENGLISH

WEDNESDAY

Conference 8:00pm- Institute Ceremony 2:00 pm
February 24 February 28

THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

April 20	April 24
May 11	May 15
June 22	June 26
July 20	July 24
August 24	August 28

HORARIO DE BAUTISMOS—ESPAÑOL

MIERCOLES

Charla 8:00pm— Instituto Ceremonia 2:00pm

NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EL MEZ DE MARZO

6 de Abril	10 de Abril
4 de Mayo	8 de Mayo
8 de Junio	12 de Junio
6 de Julio	10 de Julio
10 de Agosto	14 de Agosto

DOMINGO

Ceremonia 2:00pm

NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EL MEZ DE MARZO

10 de Abril
8 de Mayo
12 de Junio
10 de Julio
14 de Agosto

THIS WEEK AT OLMC PARISH INSTITUTE

We try to keep our schedule that is printed in the bulletin as accurate as possible. For the most up-to-date calendar please visit our website at mountcarmelastoria.org. Thank you.

Sunday February 21

10:00am– 12:30pm	Spanish RCIA	Fatima+ Upper Room
10:30am– 12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B
11:30pm– 12:30pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
2:00pm– 6:00pm	Via Crucis Practice	Guadalupe A/B
4:00pm– 6:00pm	Scripture Group #1	Fatima
6:00pm– 7:00pm	Zumba	Guadalupe A/B

Monday February 22

7:00am– 5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
11:00am– 1:00pm	Scripture Group #2	Fatima
5:30pm– 9:30pm	CYO	Gym

Tuesday February 23

7:00am– 5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
1:00pm– 3:00pm	Scripture Group #3	
5:00pm– 7:00pm	Project Connect#1	Lourdes A
6:00pm– 8:00pm	Project Connect#2	Lourdes B
5:30pm– 9:30pm	CYO	Gym
6:30pm– 9:30pm	Knights of Rizal	Fatima
7:00pm– 9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe B + Nazareth
7:00pm– 9:00pm	Scripture Group #4	Lourdes A

Wednesday February 24

7:00am– 5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
4:00pm– 7:00pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:00pm– 10:00pm	CYO	Gym
8:00pm– 9:00pm	English Bapt. Instruction	Guadalupe A

Thursday February 25

7:00am– 5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
1:00pm– 4:00pm	Carmel Diamond Seniors	Guadalupe A/B
5:30pm– 9:30pm	CYO	Gym
6:00pm– 7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
6:00pm– 8:00pm	Religious Education	Guadalupe A
7:30pm– 9:00pm	Scripture Group #'s 5 & 6	Guadalupe B+ Lourdes A/B

Friday February 26

7:00am– 4:30pm	TYWLS	Gym
9:30pm– 1:00pm	Scripture Group #7	Fatima
4:30pm– 9:30pm	CYO	Gym
6:00pm– 9:00pm	Spanish Pre-Cana	Fatima
7:00pm – 10:00pm	Jornada Youth	Guadalupe A
7:00pm– 9:00pm	Practica Virgen de Guadalupe	Guadalupe B
7:00pm– 9:00pm	English RCIA	Lourdes A
8:00pm– 10:00pm	Drama Group	Lourdes B

Saturday February 27

7:30pm– 2:00pm	Astoria School Symposium	Gym+ Guadalupe A/B
10:00am– 12:00pm	Saturday Faith Fellowship	Lourdes A/B
3:00pm– 9:00pm	CYO	Gym
3:00pm– 5:00pm	First Communion Meet.	Guadalupe A/B
4:00pm– 5:30pm	SIA	Fatima
5:00pm– 7:00pm	Clases de Apologetica	Guadalupe A/B
5:00pm– 9:00pm	Choir Party	Lourdes A/B
6:00pm– 8:00pm	Adult Spanish RCIA-	Upper Room + Fatima

LETTER FROM BISHOP DIMARZIO

Dear Friends in Christ,

We all have received countless blessings in our lives because of the generosity of God. Through these gifts, we are called to assist our brothers and sisters in need, which is perhaps our most tangible demonstration of faith, love and living the words of Jesus.

The theme for the 2016 **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**, *Share the Joy of the Gospel*, is inspired by Pope Francis from his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel* ("Evangelii Gaudium"). "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept His offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew."

The 2016 **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** offers an opportunity for all making a gift to encounter Jesus by supporting critically important ministries of our Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens: Catholic Charities, support for vocations and for our retired priests, tuition assistance for Catholic education, Catholic Migration Services, chaplaincies, faith formation and parish assistance to name just a few. Your gift in support of these ministries, each meeting needs much larger than one parish alone can serve, helps make Christ Jesus, our hope, present to all in an immediate and powerful way. Please consider making a sacrificial pledge to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Thanking you for your consideration and asking the Lord to extend His choicest blessings upon you, I am

Sincerely in Christ,



MOST REVEREND NICHOLAS DIMARZIO, PH.D., D.D.
BISHOP OF BROOKLYN

FROM THE OGLE OFFICE

Dear Parish Family Member,

Last year our parish participated in the major Capital Campaign **Generations of Faith (GOF)** along with many other parishes in the diocese. Over 340 parishioners joined in the **GOF** effort and made it a resounding success for our parish. As you can see from the above letter from Bishop DiMarzio, we now open the **Annual Catholic Appeal 2016 (ACA)** for the support of ongoing essential diocesan services. As we explained last year, during the year that **Generations of Faith** is run, a parish does not participate in the **ACA**; but the **ACA** resumes the following year. Thus we did not run the **ACA** in 2015. The payment period for **ACA** is ten months. Depending on where you fit, we are asking you to participate in different ways:

- If you are currently paying off your **GOF** pledge, we understand that you may not be in a position to make a pledge to the **ACA** this year. We invite your prayers and encouragement of our efforts in this regard. But if your circumstances permit, an **ACA** pledge would certainly be welcome.
- If you made a one-time gift to **GOF**, then I would invite you to consider making a pledge to the **ACA** 2016. It would be a fine way to show your continued support for and interest in our parish's pastoral efforts.
- If you did not make a pledge to **GOF**, then we ask you to "step up to the plate" and make a strong effort this year to support **ACA**. Many of our best regular **ACA** donors are fully committed to the **GOF** five-year payment plan, and therefore cannot take on this additional commitment. We need you to help "take up the slack" and help our parish reach its **ACA** goal.

This year our parish goal for the **ACA** is the same, \$59,118, and again, all over-goal monies will remain in the parish. As we have done for the last few years, we will again put those over-goal monies toward the Church Restoration, now nearing completion. Please do your best to be a part of this important effort. Thanks again for being a generous donor and a faithful evangelizer.

God love you,
Msgr. Sean G. Ogle

CARTA DEL OBISPO MONSEÑOR DIMARZIO

Queridos Amigos en Cristo,

Todos hemos recibido bendiciones innumerables en nuestras vidas debido a la generosidad de Dios. A través de estos dones, estamos llamados a ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados, que es quizás la manifestación más tangible de fe, amor y vivir las palabras de Jesús.

El tema de la **CAMPANA CATÓLICA ANUAL** de 2016, *compartir la alegría del Evangelio*, está inspirado en Francis Papa de su exhortación apostólica, la alegría del Evangelio ("Evangelii Gaudium"). "La alegría del Evangelio llena los corazones y las vidas de todos los que encuentro de Jesús. Aquellos que aceptan su oferta de salvación se fijan libres del pecado, tristeza, vacío interior y soledad. Con Cristo, alegría constantemente nace nuevo."

La **CAMPANA ANUAL CATÓLICA** de 2016 ofrece una oportunidad para todos hacer un regalo a encuentro Jesús apoyando críticamente importantes ministerios de la diócesis de Brooklyn y Queens: Caridades Católicas, soporte para las vocaciones y para nuestros sacerdotes jubilados, ayuda de matrícula para la educación católica, católica servicios de migración, capellanías, formación en la fe y ayuda de parroquia nombrar unos pocos. Su regalo para apoyar estos ministerios, cada reunión necesita mucho más grande que puede servir solo una parroquia, ayudará a Cristo Jesús, nuestra esperanza, presente para todos en forma inmediata y poderosa. Por favor considere hacer una promesa de sacrificio a la Apelación Católica Anual del 2016.

Gracias por su consideración y pidiéndole al Señor para extender sus bendiciones más selectas sobre vosotros, estoy

Sinceramente en Cristo,



MONSEÑOR NICHOLAS DIMARZIO, PH. D., D.D.
OBISPO DE BROOKLYN

DE EL PASTOR (PROXIMA PAGINA EN ESPAÑOL)

El año pasado nuestra parroquia participó en la campaña de capital **GENERACIONES DE FE (GOF)** junto con muchas otras parroquias de la diócesis. Más de 340 feligreses se unieron al esfuerzo **GOF** y lo convirtieron en un gran éxito para nuestra parroquia. Como se puede ver en la carta anterior del Obispo DiMarzio, ahora abrimos **LA CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA ANUAL 2016 (ACA)** para el apoyo de los servicios diocesanos esenciales en curso. Como explicamos el año pasado, durante el año que **GENERACIONES DE FE** se ejecuta, una parroquia no participa en el **ACA**; pero el **ACA** se reanuda el año siguiente. Por lo tanto nosotros no corremos el **ACA** en 2015. El período de pago de **ACA** es de diez meses. Dependiendo de dónde encaja, le estamos pidiendo a participar de diferentes maneras:

- Si actualmente está pagando su promesa **GOF**, entendemos que es posible que no estén en condiciones de hacer una promesa a la **ACA** este año. Invitamos a sus oraciones y el estímulo de nuestros esfuerzos en este sentido. Pero si sus circunstancias lo permitan, una promesa **ACA** sin duda sería bienvenido.
- Si ha hecho un regalo de una sola vez a **GOF**, entonces me gustaría invitarle a considerar hacer un donativo a la **ACA** 2016. Sería una buena manera de mostrar su continuo apoyo e interés en los esfuerzos pastorales de nuestra parroquia.
- Si usted no hizo un compromiso de **GOF** entonces le pedimos que ayúdenos ahora y hacer un gran esfuerzo este año para apoyar **ACA**. Muchos de nuestros mejores donantes habituales **ACA** están plenamente comprometidos con el plan de pagos de cinco años **GOF**, y por lo tanto no puede asumir este compromiso adicional. Necesitamos que usted ayude a sus hermanos y ayude a nuestra parroquia alcance su objetivo **ACA**.

Este año nuestra meta de la parroquia para el **ACA** es lo mismo, \$ 59.118, y de nuevo, todo el dinero más de gol permanecerán en la parroquia. Como lo hemos hecho en los últimos años, volveremos a poner ese dinero sobre-meta hacia la Iglesia de la Restauración, ahora a punto de concluir. Por favor, haga todo lo posible para ser parte de este importante esfuerzo. Gracias de nuevo por ser un donante generoso y un evangelizador fiel.

Dios les cuida,
Mons. Sean G. Ogle

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CLASES PRE-MATRIMONIALES

El Diacono Ruben Mendez esta aceptando aplicaciones para las clases pre-matrimoniales. Las aplicaciones se pueden encontrar en la oficina parroquial. Las clases empezaron 29 de Enero del 2016.

SUNDAY 8AM MASS ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Reminiscere miserationum tuarum, Domine, et misericordiae tuae, quae a saeculo sunt. Ne umquam dominentur nobis inimici nostri; libera nos, Deus Israel, ex omnibus angustiis nostris.

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

Offertory Antiphon

Meditabor in mandatis tuis, quae dilexi valde: et levabo manus meas as mandata tua, quae dilexi.

I will ponder your statutes, which I have greatly loved; and I will lift my hands to your commandments, which I have loved.

Communion Antiphon

Visionem quam vidistis, nemini dixeritis, donec resurgat a mortuis Filius hominis.

Tell no one the vision you have seen, until the Son of Man shall rise from the dead.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If anyone is in need of a contribution statement for tax purposes, please contact the rectory. If possible, please have your envelope number ready. Thank you.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

SEGUNDA COLECTA

February 21, 2016– Parish Maintenance– There will be a second collection after communion for our Parish Maintenance. Your donation, as always, are very much appreciated.

Febrero 21, 2016– Mantenimiento Parroquial– Habra una segunda colecta despues de la comunion para nuestro Mantenimiento Parroquial. Sus donaciones, como siempre, son muy apreciadas.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 12:00 pm Mass. English and Spanish at 7:00pm.

ZUMBA AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Astoria, sponsored by the Filipino Community invites you to Zumba every Sunday from 6:00pm– 7:00pm in the Mount Carmel Institute.

For more information please contact:

Josie: 917.822.6493 Mark: 917.482.4080
Melvin: 718.734.1897 Ven: 718.728.7963

FAITH DIRECT

You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **NY370**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER

Let us pray that stewardship may become a way of life for us as we share the many gifts we have received from the Lord. Reflecting on our lives, and all that we have been given, we pray for the courage to truly live our faith by sharing our time, talent, and treasure in answer to the Lord's call to relieve the suffering of those in need in our Church, our communities, and our world.

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Teach us, O Lord, to
Share the Joy of the Gospel,
understanding always, that generosity is shown in
acts of friendship, respect, and encouragement, and in
every act of human kindness toward our brothers and sisters in
need.
Guide us to be generous in our thoughts and actions
and give us the grace to realize that in each measure
we give, we also receive.
Amen

PRAYER OF THE WEEK- February 21 Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 15:5-12,17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36

Today Jesus leads us up Mount Tabor with Peter, James, and John. In the Bible a mountain was often the place to meet God. Both Moses and Elijah encountered God on mountains: Moses on Mount Sinai and Elijah on Mount Carmel.

On Mount Tabor, Jesus meets not only Moses and Elijah but also His Heavenly Father. There Jesus reveals His true identity to the disciples. They see Jesus' face all aglow and His garments dazzlingly white. They see Him talk with Moses and Elijah. The climax of the Transfiguration comes after a cloud covers the mountain, when the Father speaks: "This is My beloved Son, Listen to Him."

The experience on Mount Tabor was meant to prepare the disciples for what was coming: the journey to Jerusalem and Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Jesus had tried to tell them that He must suffer and die for our salvation. Peter does not want to leave. He wants to freeze the mountain, but Jesus leads them down the mountain.

We all have mountaintop experiences, great moments when our faith is deepened, and we feel close to God. Those moments of grace are great, but the life of faith is lived on level ground. If we learn to experience God in everyday moments of life, we will surely grow in faith.

Father John Murray, C.Ss.R.

Submitted by Bernadette Santos
Share your favorite prayers:
media@mountcarmelastoria.org

WELCOME BROCHURE

To reduce printing costs, we have decided to make a pamphlet entitled **Welcome Brochure—Pastoral Services and Societies**. Each week this information was printed in the bulletin. This pamphlet can be found at the doors of the church for your convenience. Please feel free to take one.

LATIN CHANT PRACTICE

Many of you have told us how you love the Latin Chants of our Catholic tradition. So here's a chance to learn a little more. Sandra, who chants at the Sunday 8 AM Mass weekly, will spend a few minutes after Mass starting Sunday, Feb. 21 to review some of the basic chants of the Mass. Please join her in front the St Joseph altar from 9 to 9:15 on Sundays. *Jubilare Deo!* ("Rejoice in God!")

PRO-VITA MASS

The Pro-Vita Mass is scheduled for Saturday March 5, 2016 at 5 PM at St James Cathedral, 250 Cathedral Pl, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

DIDN'T RECEIVE YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES?

If you did not receive your contribution envelopes, please use a white envelope and write your name, address and if possible, your envelope number so we can credit the amount of your donation to your account with us. Thank you very much.

LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Pastoral Institute,
School of Evangelization Diocese of Brooklyn

Are You Being Called To Lay Leadership? Do you want to be more involved in Parish Life? Would you like to become a Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader? Have you considered the Lay Ministry Program for Lay Leaders? Meet With Your Pastor/Administrator To Apply.

An Information Session for classes starting in September 2016 will be held on March 14, 2016 at Bishop Molloy Retreat House, 86-45 Edgerton Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11432 starting at 7:15 PM.

To register for the Information Session go online to

<http://store.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/showproduct.aspx?ProductID=10344>

Or contact Christine at 718.965.7300, ext. 5416 or cgeorgi@diobrook.org

