



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

and

## CHAPEL OF SAINT MARGARET MARY



Parish of Queens Deanery #1, Brooklyn Diocese

JANUARY 31, 2021

WELCOME

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Mission of our parish is to serve our neighbors with Jesus, to pray in faith with Jesus, and to teach as His Church with Jesus, so "that all may have more abundant life." (John 10:10). The Word of God, the Sacraments, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are the instruments and standards of this work of evangelization and faith formation.*

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**Saturday** (Upper Church) 5:00pm (*Vigil Mass*)

**Sunday** (Upper Church)

**English Masses:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:15am, 5:00pm\*  
(7:00pm during the Summer months from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, inclusive)

**Misa en Español:** 12:30pm

**Sunday** (Lower Church)

9:00am (Italian) 10:30am (Czech-Slovak)  
3:00pm (Vietnamese)

**Monday-Friday** (Lower Church)

8:00am and 12:00pm

**Saturday:** 8:00am

**Church Hours:** Weekday 7:00am- 6:30pm

Weekend: 7:00am—End of last Mass for the day

**Parish Office Hours/ *Horario de la Oficina***

**Weekdays:** 9:30am-12:00 Noon and 1:00pm-8:30pm  
Saturday: Closed for now

### CHAPEL OF ST. MARGARET MARY

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Rosary in Spanish Daily at 7:00pm

**Sunday Mass**

10:15am (Español)

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Saint Joseph Catholic Academy**

28-46 44th St Astoria, NY 11103

718.728.0724—www.stjosephsch.org

**Financial Assistance/ *Ayuda Financiera:***

school@mountcarmelastoria.org

•**Confessions/Confesiones:** Saturday (Lower Church) 3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment.

•**Weddings/ Bodas:** Wedding arrangements should be made 6 months in advance  
*Arreglos para bodas deben hacerse 6 meses en avance.*

•**Sweet Sixteen/ Quinceaños:** Must have made the sacrament of Confirmation  
*Debe haber recibido el sacramento de Confirmacion*

•**Legal Holidays :** There will only be one Mass at 9:00am.

•**Recitation of the Rosary:** After weekday masses.

•**Novena:** *To Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude* every Wednesday after the 12:00 Noon Mass  
Always check our weekly bulletin for any changes and please view our Informational Pamphlet.



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# JANUARY 31ST, 2021— FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

(Weekday)

8:00am Intention Available  
5:00pm Sophia Harkins

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

(Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am Mario Nacinovich (Memorial)  
9:00am Per Ringraziamento  
10:00am Robert Fox  
11:15am Elaine Marie Roeder— Birthday Memorial  
12:30pm Damian Valencia; Luisa Garcia- 16 Años;  
Idaliz Montes; Gilberto Hinestroza Perlaza  
5:00pm Our Parish Family

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

(Weekday)

8:00am Riley Brana— For Healing  
12:00pm Intention Available

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

(The Presentation of the Lord)

8:00am Joseph Rottmann  
12:00pm Maria & Nicola Mancini

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

(Saints Blaise & Saint Ansgar)

8:00am Joseph Lauron, Jr.— Birthday  
12:00pm Antonia & Salvatore Leto

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

(Weekday)

8:00am Deceased Members of the Carlino Family  
12:00pm Bernard Giraudo

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

(Saint Agatha)

8:00am Purgatorial Society  
12:00pm Elisabeth & Giuseppe Randazzo  
7:30pm Intencion Disponible

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

(Saint Paul Miki)

8:00am Intention Available  
5:00pm Riley Brana— For Healing

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am Nicolo Sacramone  
9:00am Intention Available  
10:00am Living & Deceased Members of  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rosary Society  
11:15am Rose Tavano  
12:30pm Christian Ponce  
5:00pm Our 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

Dr. Wesley Hoo Joyce Blake Marlene Wong Riley Brana  
Victor Mayo Mary Rocuzzo Joana Darc Folchinni

### Week 3

Clare Devitt Carl Nicolosi Rosa Herrera Kristy Dechenaux  
Pablo Toribio Evelyn Castroverde Stewart Cohen Anne Keefe  
Eileen Dugan Filomena Taormina Iris Paduani Alawi Hussien  
Michelle Yashita

## PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

## SECOND COLLECTIONS/ SEGUNDA COLECTA

**February 28, 2021**— There will be a second collection for Our Parish Maintenance. Your donations, as always, are very much appreciated and can be dropped off in the collection boxes by the entrances of the church.

**28 de febrero, 2021**— *Habra una segunda colecta para nuestro mantenimiento parroquial. Sus donaciones, como siempre, son muy apreciados y de pueden hechar en las cajas de coleccion por las entradas de la iglesia.*

**DEDICATED OFFERINGS CAN BE RESERVED EVERY WEEK IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE. YOU CAN RESERVE BY CALLING OR VISITING THE PARISH OFFICE. BELOW ARE THE PRICES FOR EACH:**

DEDICATED OFFERINGS	
	Altar Candles: \$15.00
	Sanctuary Lamp: \$25.00
	The Altar Bread & Wine is being offered for Stephen Edward Parisi This was requested by the Collura Family
	Altar Flowers: \$75.00

## PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

We pray for the souls in Purgatory every first Friday of the month. You may enroll names in the Purgatorial Society, to be prayed for one year, for a donation of \$10.00. The following have been enrolled: Luis San Pascual, Rodolfo Lesaca Garcia, Jackie Carr, Julia Connolly, Betty L. Clemente, Irene Pariselli, Stephanie Payawol, Marina Bellesi, Baby Carlo Cercone, Ellen Doherty, Eleanor Rugusa.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings can be found by scanning the QR code here or on the posted signs by the doors of the church or you can go online to USCCB.org on your smartphone.



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# Weekly Schedule

We try to keep the 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](http://mountcarmelastoria.org). Times shown may reflect set up and clean up time; please look in the bulletin for more information for events. Thank you.

## Sunday, January 31

10:00am– 12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Upper Room + Fatima
10:30am– 12:30pm	Cursillo	Gym

## Monday, February 1

## Tuesday, February 2

5:00pm– 6:00pm	114th Precinct Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
7:00pm– 9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe A/B

## Wednesday, February 3

7:30pm– 9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico? F	Lourdes A/B
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## Thursday, February 4

10:00am– 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Fatima
6:00pm– 7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:15pm– 9:45pm	English RCIA	Assumption
7:30pm– 9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Guadalupe A
7:30pm– 9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Guadalupe B

## Friday, February 5

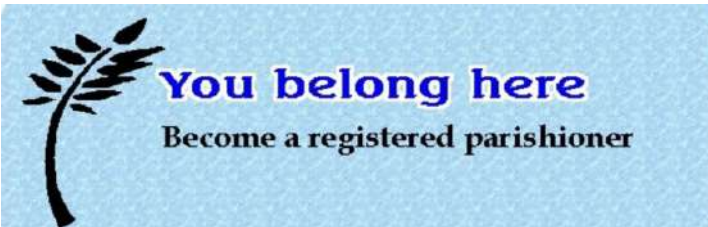
10:00am– 11:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Lourdes A/B
7:30pm– 9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima

## Saturday, February 6

3:30pm– 5:00pm	First Communion Meeting	Gym
4:00pm– 9:00pm	Adult Sewing Group	Lourdes A/B
6:30pm– 8:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico? S&F	Fatima

## Sunday, February 7

10:00am– 12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Upper Room + Fatima
10:30am– 12:30pm	Cursillo	Gym



## ST. MARGARET MARY

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**  
*(Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)*  
 10:15 am Gregorio Perdomo

### 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.

### RUMMAGE SALE/ VENTA

Dates will be announced.  
 Las fechas seran anunciadas.

### 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.

## Sunday 8am Mass Antiphons

### Procession/ Entrance Antiphon

Laetetur cor quaerentium Dominum: quaerite Dominum, et confirmamini: quaerite faciem eius semper.

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### Offertory Antiphon

Bonum est confiteri Domino, et psallere nomini tuo, Altissime.

It is good to give praise to the Lord, and sing praise to your name, O Most High.

### Communion Antiphon

Illumina faciem tuam super servum tuum, et salvum me fac in tua misericordia. Domine, non confundar, quoniam invocavi te.

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

## Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

### We thank everyone for supporting the 2020 ACA

The works and services made possible through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn & Queens in ways that no one parish can do alone. Please remain assured that your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal **cannot be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than their intended purpose.**

As of January 25, 2021 we have 241 pledges totaling over \$77,000 towards our parish goal of \$64,586. So far we have received more than \$74,000. Thank you for your support.

### 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

### 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

### ST. MARGARET MARY FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Food Pantry: as available. Please check signs on the doors at Saint Margaret Mary for hours.

*(This week's letter is my homily for our "Mass Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (from the Roman Missal), celebrated on Saturday, January 23 at 12:00 PM, marking the occasion of the tragic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our country. Our diocese recommended that every parish conduct an observance of some kind in lieu of the annual March for Life in Washington DC on January 29 which will be conducted in a virtual mode this year. The livestream of our Mass is accessible via our Facebook page. The virtual activities around the March for Life are being livestreamed from January 21 thru 29 via: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-livestream-events>. )*

### **Homily for the Mass for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children:**

During the past year of pandemic, one of the many emotional sufferings that has accompanied the physical pain and death has been the sadness of lost opportunities: lost family gatherings, a lost Easter, a lost Christmas, lost vacations and travels, lost opportunities to say goodbye to old friend and to make new ones. That same sense of lost opportunities can be applied when we consider the 61 million babies in the U.S. who have been aborted since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973, 48 years ago. Lost lives, lost opportunities, lost achievements, lost loves, lost children of God to praise Him and create a better world for everyone.

The Judeo-Christian tradition stands on the bedrock of human dignity based upon our very creation in the image and likeness of God, created out of pure love, protected by a loving Providence, and directed to a complete communion in eternal love with our Creator in the life to come. That profound and holistic vision of human dignity echoes in every line of sacred Scripture including those we have heard today.

Our first reading, Isaiah 49:1-19, speaks of a "Servant of God". Who is that Servant? At times he seems to be an individual, at other times he is an embodiment of Israel. This is natural because in Hebrew culture and writing, the individual often embodies the group he or she belongs to. That servant is "called from the womb" to his vocation. This isn't merely a stray line. We find the same thought in Jeremiah, in Genesis, and throughout the Psalms. That vocation is here said to be to "gather together the lost sheep of Israel" and even more "to be a light to the nations." For us, that means that God's loving plan reaches back to our very conception and extends out to all space and time, including the salvation of all. Secondly, it means that each of us, like Isaiah's Servant, has a role to play in that salvific history, including the defense of the moral order in an amoral world.

Our Savior chose to come among us as each one of us came into this world, by spending nine months in a mother's womb. Blessed Mother Teresa used to talk about this a lot. She reminded us that our religion begins with the story of two pregnant women and their unborn children. And it was an unborn child, John the Baptist, who was the first to proclaim Christ's presence — when he leapt in his mother's womb at the Visitation. (Luke 1:39-45). Jesus Himself became Incarnate for our salvation by entering into the kind of family of which St Paul speaks in today's Letter to the Ephesians: one shaped not only by human generation, but that "Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, that we may be rooted and grounded in love".

And the rejection of abortion has been a basic element of Catholic identity since the church's earliest days. The Didache, a manual of church morals written even earlier than the later writings of the New Testament, condemns abortion as infanticide. Athenagoras, a catechist, had the courage to the Roman emperor in 177 A.D. that the church considers abortion "murder" because "the fetus in the womb is a created being and therefore an object of God's care."

For the Catholic, this belief goes to the heart of the mystery that Christ came into this world to reveal to us. This mystery is reflected in our country's founding document, which speaks of our being endowed by our Creator with rights that no one can take away from us or pretend that we don't have — the first of these being the right to life.

Can we make real progress on any of the critical issues that we face as a nation if we can't agree to protect the smallest and most defenseless among us?

During the pandemic, it has been a mantra of many that we should "follow the science" to determine our actions. Well, if we follow the science of the conception of human life, we see that abortion is not a Catholic or even a religious issue, but a human rights issue: because modern biology clearly shows that life begins at conception.

Abortion proponents today no longer even pretend to deny that, but insist that the individual's will overrides the science of pre-born life that is the basis for the right to life of the unborn. Instead, they choose to exalt the imperial ego over inherent human rights, and to destroy the lives of the most defenseless among us. Legal abortion is clearly the dictatorship of relativism to the highest degree, pure narcissism incarnate.

Therefore we as Catholics and all people of good will, of every creed or none, have the obligation to enter the arena of moral reasoning and discussion for the sake of protecting the human rights of the unborn.

As Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles has written: *To pose these questions isn't to impose beliefs on others. Rather, it is the political contribution that a morally mature people must make in a democracy. To enter this dialogue is bearing witness to the truths that Jesus has revealed to us — truths that are enshrined in our country's founding document; truths that find their origin in God's will.* I would add: and their expression in Holy Scripture and in two thousand years of Christian practice.

Before we cast aside considering the protection of the most defenseless, let us recall the poem of Lutheran German pastor Martin Niemoller at the end of World War II reflecting on the rise of Nazism in his Christian country years before:

*First they came for the [communists](#),  
and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a communist.  
Then they came for the [trade unionists](#),  
and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a trade unionist.  
Then they came for the [Jews](#),  
and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a Jew.*

*Then they came for the [Catholics](#),  
and I didn't speak out because I was Protestant.  
Then they came for me  
and there was no one left to speak out for me.*

The moral reminder is this: when the rights of the most defenseless are at risk, then ultimately we are all at risk. Let us collaborate with those groups who seek to support defenseless life such as: the Bridge to Life which provides material and emotional support to expectant and new mothers; the Helpers of God's Precious Infants who for over 30 years have offered prayerful, peaceful presence outside abortion mills in our area; and the Sisters of Life, a magnificent young religious order of nuns dedicated to promoting respect for life.

May Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, continue to intercede for us that we will be servants of life enabling Christ to dwell in even more hearts in our world today.

*(La carta de esta semana es mi homilía para nuestra "Misa de agradecimiento a Dios por el don de la vida humana" (del Misal Romano), celebrada el sábado 23 de enero a las 12:00 PM, marcando la ocasión del trágico Roe v. Wade decisión de la Corte Suprema que legaliza el aborto en nuestro país. Nuestra diócesis recomendó que cada parroquia lleve a cabo una observancia de algún tipo en lugar de la Marcha por la Vida anual en Washington DC el 29 de enero, que se llevará a cabo de manera virtual este año. se puede acceder a nuestra Misa a través de nuestra página de Facebook. Las actividades virtuales en torno a la Marcha por la Vida se transmitirán en vivo del 21 al 29 de enero a través de: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-livestream-events>.)*

#### **Homilía de la Misa por la Protección Legal del Niño por Nacer:**

Durante el último año de pandemia, uno de los muchos sufrimientos emocionales que ha acompañado el dolor físico y la muerte ha sido la tristeza de las oportunidades perdidas: reuniones familiares perdidas, una Pascua perdida, una Navidad perdida, vacaciones y viajes perdidos, oportunidades perdidas de decir adiós a los viejos amigos y a hacer nuevos. Ese mismo sentido de oportunidades perdidas se puede aplicar cuando consideramos a los 61 millones de bebés en los EE. UU. Que han sido abortados desde que se decidió Roe v. Wade en 1973, hace 48 años. Vidas perdidas, oportunidades perdidas, logros perdidos, amores perdidos, hijos perdidos de Dios para alabarlos y crear un mundo mejor para todos.

La tradición judeocristiana se asienta sobre los cimientos de la dignidad humana basada en nuestra propia creación a imagen y semejanza de Dios, creada por puro amor, protegida por una amorosa Providencia y dirigida a una completa comunión en el amor eterno con nuestro Creador en la vida por venir. Esa visión profunda y holística de la dignidad humana resuena en cada línea de la Sagrada Escritura, incluidas las que hemos escuchado hoy.

Nuestra primera lectura, Isaías 49: 1-19, habla de un "Siervo de Dios". ¿Quién es ese sirviente? A veces parece un individuo, otras veces es una encarnación de Israel. Esto es natural porque en la cultura y la escritura hebreas, el individuo a menudo representa al grupo al que pertenece. Ese siervo está "llamado desde el vientre" a su vocación. Esta no es simplemente una línea perdida. Encontramos el mismo pensamiento en Jeremías, en Génesis y en todos los Salmos. Aquí se dice que esa vocación es "reunir las ovejas perdidas de Israel" y más aún "ser una luz para las naciones". Para nosotros, eso significa que el plan amoroso de Dios se remonta a nuestra propia concepción y se extiende a todo el espacio y el tiempo, incluida la salvación de todos. En segundo lugar, significa que cada uno de nosotros, como el Siervo de Isaías, tiene un papel que desempeñar en esa historia salvífica, incluida la defensa del orden moral en un mundo amoral.

Nuestro Salvador eligió venir entre nosotros cuando cada uno de nosotros vino a este mundo, al pasar nueve meses en el vientre de una madre. La Beata Madre Teresa solía hablar mucho de esto. Nos recordó que nuestra religión comienza con la historia de dos mujeres embarazadas y sus hijos por nacer. Y fue un niño por nacer, Juan el Bautista, quien fue el primero en proclamar la presencia de Cristo, cuando saltó en el vientre de su madre en la Visitación. (Lucas 1: 39-45). Jesús mismo se encarnó para nuestra salvación entrando en el tipo de familia de la que habla san Pablo en la Carta de hoy a los Efesios: una formada no sólo por la generación humana, sino para que "Cristo more en nuestros corazones por la fe, para que seamos arraigados y cimentados en el amor".

Y el rechazo al aborto ha sido un elemento básico de la identidad católica desde los primeros días de la Iglesia. El Didache, un manual de la moral de la iglesia escrito incluso antes que los escritos posteriores del Nuevo Testamento, condena el aborto como infanticidio. Atenágoras, un catequista, tuvo el coraje ante el emperador romano en 177 d.C. de que la iglesia considera el aborto como un "asesinato" porque "el feto en el útero es un ser creado y, por lo tanto, un objeto del cuidado de Dios".

Para el católico, esta creencia va al corazón del misterio que Cristo vino a este mundo para revelarnos. Este misterio se refleja en el documento fundacional de nuestro país, que habla de que nuestro Creador nos ha otorgado derechos que nadie puede quitarnos o pretender que no los tenemos; el primero de ellos es el derecho a la vida.

¿Podemos lograr un progreso real en cualquiera de los problemas críticos que enfrentamos como nación si no podemos aceptar proteger a los más pequeños e indefensos entre nosotros?

Durante la pandemia, ha sido un mantra de muchos que debemos "seguir la ciencia" para determinar nuestras acciones. Bueno, si seguimos la ciencia de la concepción de la vida humana, vemos que el aborto no es un problema católico o incluso religioso, sino un problema de derechos humanos: porque la biología moderna muestra claramente que la vida comienza en la concepción.

Los defensores del aborto hoy en día ya ni siquiera pretenden negar eso, sino que insisten en que la voluntad del individuo anula la ciencia de la vida antes de nacer que es la base del derecho a la vida de los no nacidos. En cambio, eligen exaltar el ego imperial sobre los derechos humanos inherentes y destruir las vidas de los más indefensos entre nosotros. El aborto legal es claramente la dictadura del relativismo en su máxima expresión, el narcisismo puro encarnado.

Por lo tanto, nosotros, como católicos y todas las personas de buena voluntad, de todos los credos o de ninguno, tenemos la obligación de entrar en la arena del razonamiento y la discusión moral en aras de la protección de los derechos humanos de los no nacidos.

Como ha escrito el arzobispo Gómez de Los Ángeles: plantear estas preguntas no es imponer creencias a los demás. Más bien, es la contribución política que debe hacer un pueblo moralmente maduro en una democracia. Entrar en este diálogo es dar testimonio de las verdades que Jesús nos ha revelado, verdades consagradas en el documento fundacional de nuestro país; verdades que tienen su origen en la voluntad de Dios. Yo añadiría: y su expresión en la Sagrada Escritura y en dos mil años de práctica cristiana.

Antes de dejar de lado la consideración de la protección de los más indefensos, recordemos el poema del pastor alemán luterano Martin Niemöller al final de la Segunda Guerra Mundial reflexionando sobre el ascenso del nazismo en su país cristiano años antes:

*Primero vinieron por los comunistas,  
y no hablé porque no era comunista.  
Luego vinieron por los sindicalistas,  
y no hablé porque no era sindicalista.  
Luego vinieron por los judíos,  
y no hablé porque no era judío.*

*Luego vinieron por los católicos,  
y no hablé porque era protestante.  
Luego vinieron por mí  
y no quedaba nadie que hablara por mí.*

El recordatorio moral es este: cuando los derechos de los más indefensos están en peligro, en última instancia, todos estamos en riesgo. Colaboremos con aquellos grupos que buscan apoyar la vida indefensa como son: el Puente a la Vida que brinda apoyo material y emocional a las mujeres embarazadas y nuevas madres; los Auxiliares de los Preciosos Infantes de Dios que durante más de 30 años han ofrecido una presencia pacífica y en oración fuera de las fábricas de abortos en nuestra área; y las Hermanas de la Vida, una magnífica orden religiosa de monjas jóvenes dedicada a promover el respeto por la vida.

Que María, la Madre de Dios y nuestra Madre, continúe intercediendo por nosotros para que seamos servidores de la vida, permitiendo a Cristo habitar aún más corazones en nuestro mundo de hoy.

## RCIA

Those adults over 18 years of age that are looking to make the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and/ or confirmation, please call the parish office and ask to speak to a priest to learn more about our RCIA classes.

*Aquellos adultos mayores de 18 años que buscan hacer el sacramento de Bautismo, Comunion y/o confirmacion, por favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial y hablar con un sacerdote para aprender mas sobre las clases de RICA.*



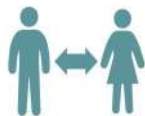
### WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



### DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



### KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

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del Monte Carmelo  
23-25 Newtown Avenue  
Astoria, NY 11102

Cordialmente te invita  
a participar  
en la coronilla cantada

Bienaventurado quien viva a la sombra  
de estos dos rayos,  
porque no le alcanzara  
la justa mano de Dios. (Diario 299)

**Sábado 20 de febrero  
a las 6:30pm en la Iglesia de Arriba**

**Para más información llame a la oficina  
parroquial: 718.278.1834**

## PARISH REGISTRATION INSCRIPCIÓN PARROQUIAL

**Please return this form in the collection or drop off at the rectory. We will send you weekly collection envelopes every two months. Favor de volver en la colecta o en la casa curial. Les enviamos los sobres semanales cada dos meses por el correo.**

Family Name/ Apellido: \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Household/ Cabeza de familia \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Esposo(a) \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Dirección donde vive \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code/Código postal \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #/Telefono # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail/Dirección del Correo electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ONE/ MARQUE LA RAZON  
[ ] New Registration [ ] Change of Name/Address

PLEASE CHECK ONE/ MARQUE UNO  
[ ] ENVELOPES [ ] ELECTRONIC GIVING

### PLEASE REMEMBER ALWAYS:

- Before Mass, please silence your cell phones.
- For their own safety, children should not be allowed to go unattended to the rest rooms.
- No texting during Mass.
- After Mass, please tidy up your pew for the next group.

### POR FAVOR, RECUERDE SIEMPRE:

- Antes de la Misa silenciar sus celulares.
- Por seguridad, niños pequeños no deben ir al baño sin supervision.
- No textear durante la Misa
- Después de la misa limpia su banco para la proxima misa.



## BAPTISMS / BAUTISOS

### BAPTISM SCHEDULE—ENGLISH

2 Part Instruction	SUNDAY
Conference 7:00pm— Institute	Ceremony 2:00 pm
Sat. 1/16 & Tues. 1/19, 2021	January 24, 2021
Sat. 2/20 & Tues. 2/23, 2021	February 28, 2021
None	No English Baptism
Sat. 4/17 & Tues. 4/20, 2021	April 25, 2021
Sat. 5/15 & Tues. 5/18, 2021	May 23, 2021

### HORARIO DE BAUTISMOS— ESPANOL

MARTES	DOMINGO
Charla 6:00pm—Instituto	Bautismo 2:00 pm
Martes 9 de Febrero	14 de Febrero, 2021
Martes 9 de Marzo	14 de Marzo, 2021
Martes 6 de Abril	11 de Abril, 2021
Martes 4 de Mayo	9 de Mayo, 2021

English Baptism Instructions take place the Saturday (at 10:00am via Zoom) and Tuesday (at 7:00pm in person) before the date of Baptism at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Parents and Godparents baptizing their children at other parishes but taking the classes here must call to register for the class at least a week before the class. We remind parents and godparents to inform us if they will be unable to attend the pre-Baptismal class they registered for. Private baptisms are not celebrated unless the family has a priest or deacon friend who will perform the ceremony. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

*Las clases pre-bautismales toman lugar los martes antes del bautizo en Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo a las 6:00pm. En orden para que los padres y padrino puedan dar su atención completa a la clase pre-bautismal, les pedimos que no se traiga a niños a la instrucción.*

*Padres y padrinos bautizando a los niños en otras parroquias pero que desean tomar las clases aquí deben llamar para registrarse para la clase al menos una semana antes de la clase. Recordamos a los padres y padrinos que nos informen si no podrán asistir a la clase pre-bautismal para la que se registraron. Los bautismos privados no se celebran a menos que la familia tenga un amigo sacerdote o diácono que llevará a cabo la ceremonia. Si tiene alguna pregunta favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial.*

### Rectory Closings— Oficinas Cerradas

The rectory office of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day on Monday, February 15, 2021. The offices will re-open at 9:00am, February 16. Saint Margaret Mary office remains closed except as announced for the Food Pantry days.

*La oficina de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo estara cerrada por dia de Martin Luther King el 18 de enero 2021. La oficina volvera abrir el martes, 19 de enero a las 9:00am. La oficina de Santa Margarita Maria sigue cerrada excepto los dias anunciados para la dispensa de comida.*

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—First Fridays

Spiritual writers speak of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as the Mass held in contemplation". As a way of encouraging devotion to the Eucharist, we invite everyone to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament each First Friday of the month. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8:00am Mass until the 12 Noon Mass. Come join us in prayer.

### Electronic Giving

Enroll at [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net)— code NY370



### Text-To-Give

To securely make a gift to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, text a dollar amount to 929.254-3850. You will be asked to complete a one-time registration page with your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to our phone number.

### FORMED



### 40 Days to Grace and Glory

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Available for free on FORMED.

### Contribution Statements

You can now begin to request your contribution statements for tax purposes. Please visit, call or email the parish office to request your statement for pick-up or to be mailed to you.

### Association of Vincentian Charities

Our Lady of Mount Carmel should share in the profits. For every car, truck or van, **running or not**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle that they would like to dispose of. Call the Association of Vincentian Charities at 718.491.2525. Thank you for your participation.