



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

and

CHAPEL OF SAINT MARGARET MARY

Parish of Queens Deanery #1, Brooklyn Diocese



JANUARY 10, 2020

WELCOME

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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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

9-18 27th Avenue, Astoria, NY 11102
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stmargmarylic1@aol.com

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 10TH, 2021— THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

(Christmas Weekday)

5:00pm Wasył Bodnar (Happy Birthday in Heaven)
Sandra Gilligan— Living; Camilla Fulcani

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

(Baptism of the Lord)

8:00am Nacinovich, Stanisich, Harvey & Mejia
Deceased Family Members
9:00am Salvatore Barretta
10:00am Neida Martinez, Sr.
11:15am Sally O'Connell
12:30pm Lucila Abreu— 44 Aniversario;
Norbero Gutierrez Chavez— 2do mes de fallecido;
Pedro Hernandez Vazquez;
5:00pm Our Parish Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

(Weekday)

8:00am Pedro Bitancur, Sr.
12:00pm John Smith

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

(Weekday)

8:00am Dominador V. Castroverde
12:00pm Joseph, Mary & Kevin O'Neill

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

(Saint Hilary)

8:00am Dominador V. Castroverde, Sr.
12:00pm Dominador V. Castroverde, Sr.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

(Weekday)

8:00am Beato Nunzio Sulprizio
12:00pm Rosaria & Giuseppe, Angelina &
Antonino Arcabascio

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

(Weekday)

8:00am Giuseppe & Bernarda DiLorenzo
12:00pm Anne Teligades

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

(Weekday)

8:00am Ann Del Grande
10:00am Beato Roberto
5:00pm Selrio Del Nero; Mercedes Beck; Pasquina D'Sa

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am Margaret Miller
9:00am Leonardo DiVittorio
10:00am Nancy Collins
11:15am Charles John Cooper
12:30pm Intenciones Disponibles
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 3

Clare Devitt	Carl Nicolosi	Rosa Herrera	Kristy Dechenaux
Pablo Toribio	Alicia Albornoz	Susan Shohet	Bill Porzelt
Evelyn Castroverde	Stewart Cohen	Branka Ivancic	Anne Keefe
Nina Petruso- Carullo			

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Jorge Martinez Blanca Guillen

SECOND COLLECTIONS/ SEGUNDA COLECTA

January 10, 2021— There will be a second collection for "Diocesan Mission." Your donations are very much appreciated and can be dropped off in the collection boxes by the entrances of the church.

10 de enero 2021— *Habra una segunda colecta para 'Mision Diocesana.'* *Sus donaciones son muy apreciadas y se pueden hechar en las cajas de coleccion por las entradas de la Iglesia.*

January 17, 2021— There will be a second collection for our Parish Maintenance. Your donations are very much appreciated and can be dropped off in the collection boxes by the entrances of the church.

17 de enero, 2021— *Habra una seguna colecta para el Mantenimiento Parroquial.* *Sus donaciones son muy apreciadas y pueden hecharse en las cajas de coleccion por las entradas de la iglesia.*

DEDICATED OFFERINGS



The Altar Candles are being offered for
John "Jack" Smith
This was requested by the Hasselberg Family



The Altar Bread & Wine is being offered for
Our Parish Family



The Sanctuary Lamp is being offered for
Our Parish Family

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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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.



SCAN ME

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. Times shown may reflect set up and clean up time; please look in the bulletin for more information for events. Thank you.

Sunday, January 10

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

Monday, January 11

Tuesday, January 12

7:00pm– 9:00pm Marriage Encounter Guadalupe A/B

Wednesday, January 13

Thursday, January 14

10:00am– 11:30am Legion of Mary Fatima
6:00pm– 7:30pm Religious Education All Rooms
7:15pm– 9:45pm English RCIA Assumption

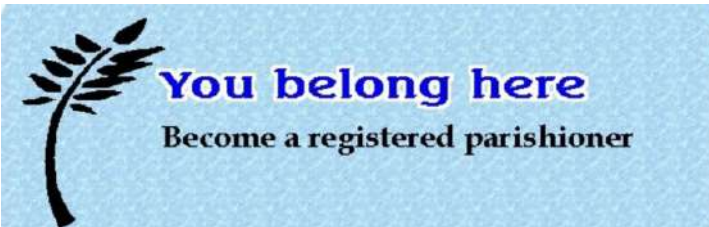
Friday, January 15

Saturday, January 16

Sunday, January 17

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

Monday, January 18



Sunday 8am Mass Antiphons

Procession/ Entrance Antiphon

Dilexisti iustitiam, et odisti iniquitatem: propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo laetitiae prae consortibus tuis.

Your love is for justice, and your hatred for evil. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.

Offertory Antiphon

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini: benediximus vobis de domo Domini: Deus Dominus, et illuxit nobis, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord is God, and has given us light, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Omnes qui in Christo baptizati estis, Christum induistis, alleluia.

All who have been baptized in Christ, have put on Christ, alleluia.

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 December 28, 2020 we have 234 pledges totaling over \$71,000 towards our parish goal of \$64,586. So far we have received more than \$66,000. Thank you for your support.

ST. MARGARET MARY

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 10, 2021
(The Baptism of the Lord)
10:15 am

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 reúne cada segundo Sabado del mes a las 3pm en la capilla de Santa Margarita Maria.

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.

FROM THE OGLE OFFICE

Dear Friends & Parishioners:

This week's letter summarizes statements from our Diocese about a special observance this year for Catholic education. Our parish is formally affiliated with St Joseph Catholic Academy in Astoria:

For many, this time in January marks an end to the "Christmas Season" as we think of it; time to take down the tree, return unwanted gifts, and hide the Christmas cookies in the face of New Year's Resolutions. The Season of the Epiphany and the Lord's Baptism, however, tells us to STOP what we are doing and remember Jesus. It is a reminder that we are still celebrating. The joy of Christmas that flows from the birth of Jesus is not isolated to one day and time. It is spread throughout the year. The witness of John the Baptist confirmed that of the shepherds and the magi about the world's celebration of Jesus.

—It is our role to guide others to know and love Jesus, especially in light of the Christmas Season. Pope St. Paul VI stated: *The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church. It is a task and mission which the vast and profound changes of present-day society make all the more urgent. Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize.*

It is in the spirit of evangelization in the Lord, throughout the Diocese, we are engaging in a **"Year of Renewal for Catholic Education."** This is an opportunity for the collective faithful to share the joy of Jesus through our children. Jesus constantly sought children to share His message with and through His example. We understand that we too are called to share His message through the new evangelization.

The **"Year of Renewal"** is an opportunity for our faith community to manifest the knowledge and truth of Jesus to all. We have all heard the truth of Jesus; it brings us to the pews each Sunday. Our call now is for **evangelization**. We must look to the children as the future of our Faith. The children will be the ones who will carry our faith forward as we look ahead. Pope St. John Paul II, while addressing thousands of youth gathered for World Youth Day said: *"Young people of World Youth Day, the Church asks you to go, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to those who are near and those who are far away. Share with them the freedom you have found in Christ. People thirst for genuine inner freedom. They yearn for the Life which Christ came to give in abundance.... In your hands, carry the Cross of Christ. On your lips, the words of Life. In your hearts, the saving grace of the Lord."*

These words express our goals for renewal; they stem from evangelization: creating vibrant opportunities for Catholic education in our Catholic Academies, Parish Schools, and Religious Education Programs. Research has repeatedly shown that high-quality Catholic education has a lasting impact on the faith lives of the students. Students who experience vibrant religious education are more likely to attend church as adults, involve their families in a parish, volunteer, and enter into an ordained life. By investing in our children, we are investing in the future of the Church.

The **Year of Renewal for Catholic Education** will seek to strengthen specific areas of Catholic education, with the core focus being the development of vibrant and rigorous religious education in Catholic Academies and Parish Schools as well as Parish Religious Education programs. The Renewal will also address enrollment, academic excellence, financial viability, and governance. Each of these themes will include action steps taken within parishes, Catholic Academies, and Parish Schools. As a Diocese, we will also address the need to expand opportunities for underserved populations, in connection with the history of Catholic education: service to the poor, the underserved, and the immigrant. Once again, Pope St. John Paul II made this point abundantly clear with his Message to the National Catholic Educational Association of the United States, April 16, 1979: *"In order that the Catholic school and the Catholic teachers may truly make their irreplaceable contribution to the Church and to the world, the goal of Catholic education itself must be crystal clear. Beloved sons and daughters of the Catholic Church, brothers and sisters in the faith: Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others."*

Pope Francis, in his 2019 Epiphany homily challenged us all when he said: *It is not enough to know where Jesus was born, as the scribes did, if we do not go there. It is not enough to know that Jesus was born, like Herod, if we do not encounter him. When his place becomes our place, when his time becomes our time, when his person becomes our life, then the prophecies come to fulfillment in us. Then Jesus is born within us. He becomes the living God for me.* Today we are asked to imitate the Magi. They do not debate; they set out. They do not stop to look, but enter the house of Jesus. They do not put themselves at the center, but bow down before the One who is the center. They do not remain glued to their plans, but are prepared to take other routes. Their actions reveal a close contact with the Lord, a radical openness to him, a total engagement with him. With him, they use the language of love, the same language that the infant Jesus speaks in his public ministry after the Baptism. Indeed, the Magi go to the Lord not to receive, but to give. John the Baptist gave Jesus the gift of initiating His public ministry. As they brought Jesus gifts, consider what gifts will you bring to partake in this **renewal year for Catholic education**.

When we think of gifts, we often think of monetary or physical possessions. Such gifts are always beneficial in mission-driven work, but gifts are anything that we offer in God's name. As we seek the renewal of Catholic education, consider offering material gifts, but also consider the gifts of time and prayer. We enter into this period of renewal understanding the challenges that lie ahead. We ask that you pray for the mission of Catholic education and engage in our efforts to bring the love and understanding of Christ to all children.

Msgr. Sean G. Ogle

DE LA OFICINA DEL PASTOR

La carta de esta semana resume las declaraciones de nuestra Diócesis sobre una observancia especial de este año para la educación católica. Nuestra parroquia está formalmente afiliada a la Academia Católica San José en Astoria:

Para muchos, esta vez en enero marca el final de la "temporada navideña" como la pensamos; Es hora de derribar el árbol, devolver los regalos no deseados y esconder las galletas navideñas ante los propósitos de Año Nuevo. Sin embargo, el tiempo de la Epifanía y el Bautismo del Señor nos dice que DETENGAMOS lo que estamos haciendo y recordemos a Jesús. Es un recordatorio de que todavía estamos celebrando. La alegría de la Navidad que brota del nacimiento de Jesús no se limita a un día y una hora. Se distribuye durante todo el año. El testimonio de Juan Bautista confirmó el de los pastores y los magos sobre la celebración mundial de Jesús.

Nuestro papel es guiar a otros a conocer y amar a Jesús, especialmente a la luz de la temporada navideña. El Papa San Pablo VI declaró: La tarea de evangelizar a todas las personas constituye la misión esencial de la Iglesia. Es una tarea y una misión que los vastos y profundos cambios de la sociedad actual hacen aún más urgente. Evangelizar es, de hecho, la gracia y la vocación propia de la Iglesia, su identidad más profunda. Ella existe para evangelizar.

Es en el espíritu de evangelización en el Señor, en toda la Diócesis, estamos participando en un **"Año de Renovación para la Educación Católica"**. Esta es una oportunidad para que los fieles colectivos compartan la alegría de Jesús a través de nuestros hijos. Jesús constantemente buscó niños para compartir su mensaje con y a través de su ejemplo. Entendemos que también nosotros estamos llamados a compartir su mensaje a través de la nueva evangelización.

El **"Año de la Renovación"** es una oportunidad para que nuestra comunidad de fe manifieste el conocimiento y la verdad de Jesús a todos. Todos hemos escuchado la verdad de Jesús; nos lleva a las bancas todos los domingos. Nuestro llamado ahora es **a la evangelización**. Debemos mirar a los niños como el futuro de nuestra fe. Los niños serán los que llevarán nuestra fe hacia adelante mientras miramos hacia el futuro. El Papa San Juan Pablo II, al dirigirse a miles de jóvenes reunidos para la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud, dijo: "Jóvenes de la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud, la Iglesia os pide que vayáis, en el poder del Espíritu Santo, a los que están cerca y a los que están muy lejos. Comparta con ellos la libertad que ha encontrado en Cristo. La gente tiene sed de auténtica libertad interior. Anhelan la Vida que Cristo vino a dar en abundancia.... En tus manos, lleva la Cruz de Cristo. En tus labios, las palabras de vida. En vuestros corazones, la gracia salvadora del Señor".

Estas palabras expresan nuestras metas de renovación; surgen de la evangelización: creando oportunidades vibrantes para la educación católica en nuestras academias católicas, escuelas parroquiales y programas de educación religiosa. Las investigaciones han demostrado repetidamente que la educación católica de alta calidad tiene un impacto duradero en la vida de fe de los estudiantes. Los estudiantes que experimentan una educación religiosa vibrante tienen más probabilidades de asistir a la iglesia como adultos, involucrar a sus familias en una parroquia, ser voluntarios y entrar en una vida ordenada. Al invertir en nuestros hijos, invertimos en el futuro de la Iglesia.

El **Año de Renovación para la Educación Católica** buscará fortalecer áreas específicas de la educación católica, con el enfoque principal en el desarrollo de una educación religiosa vibrante y rigurosa en las academias católicas y escuelas parroquiales, así como los programas de educación religiosa parroquial. La Renovación también abordará la inscripción, la excelencia académica, la viabilidad financiera y la gobernanza. Cada uno de estos temas incluirá medidas de acción tomadas dentro de las parroquias, academias católicas y escuelas parroquiales. Como Diócesis, también abordaremos la necesidad de ampliar las oportunidades para las poblaciones desatendidas, en relación con la historia de la educación católica: servicio a los pobres, los desatendidos y los inmigrantes. Una vez más, el Papa San Juan Pablo II dejó este punto muy claro con su Mensaje a la Asociación Nacional de Educación Católica de los Estados Unidos, 16 de abril de 1979: "Para que la escuela católica y los maestros católicos puedan realmente hacer su contribución insustituible para la Iglesia y para el mundo, el objetivo de la educación católica en sí debe ser muy claro. Amados hijos e hijas de la Iglesia católica, hermanos y hermanas en la fe: la educación católica es ante todo una cuestión de comunicar a Cristo, de ayudar a formar a Cristo en la vida de los demás".

El Papa Francisco, en su homilía de Epifanía de 2019, nos desafió a todos cuando dijo: No basta con saber dónde nació Jesús, como hicieron los escribas, si no vamos allí. No basta con saber que nació Jesús, como Herodes, si no lo encontramos. Cuando su lugar se convierte en nuestro lugar, cuando su tiempo se convierte en nuestro tiempo, cuando su persona se convierte en nuestra vida, entonces las profecías se cumplen en nosotros. Entonces Jesús nace dentro de nosotros. Se convierte en el Dios vivo para mí. Hoy se nos pide que imitemos a los magos. No debaten; ellos partieron. No se detienen a mirar, sino que entran en la casa de Jesús. No se ponen en el centro, sino que se postran ante Aquel que es el centro. No se quedan pegados a sus planes, sino que están preparados para tomar otros caminos. Sus acciones revelan un estrecho contacto con el Señor, una apertura radical hacia él, un compromiso total con él. Con él usan el lenguaje del amor, el mismo lenguaje que habla el niño Jesús en su ministerio público después del Bautismo. De hecho, los magos no van al Señor para recibir, sino para dar. Juan el Bautista le dio a Jesús el don de iniciar su ministerio público. Mientras los trajeron los regalos de Jesús, considere qué regalos traerá para participar en este **año de renovación para la educación católica**.

Cuando pensamos en regalos, a menudo pensamos en posesiones monetarias o físicas. Tales dones siempre son beneficiosos en el trabajo impulsado por la misión, pero los dones son todo lo que ofrecemos en nombre de Dios. Mientras buscamos la renovación de la educación católica, considere ofrecer regalos materiales, pero también considere los regalos de tiempo y oración. Entramos en este período de renovación comprendiendo los desafíos que tenemos por delante. Le pedimos que ore por la misión de la educación católica y que participe en nuestros esfuerzos para llevar el amor y la comprensión de Cristo a todos los niños.

WHEN GOD WHISPERS

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

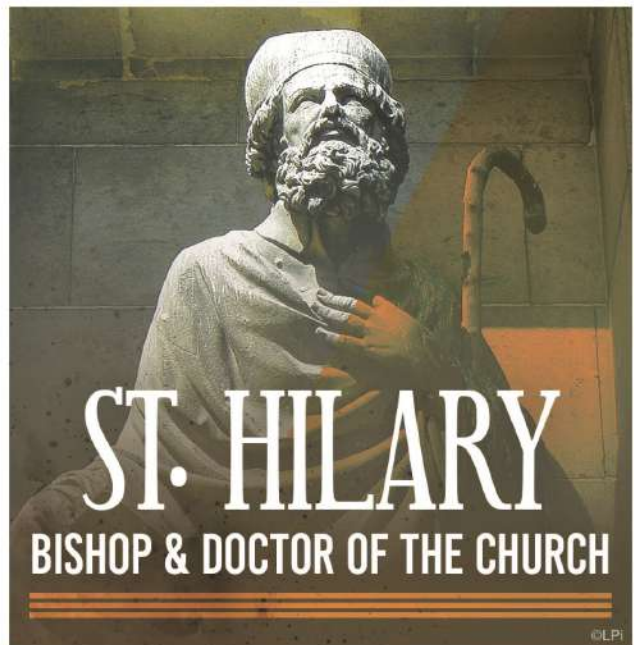
WHY DO WE HOLD HANDS DURING THE OUR FATHER?

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within

ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.





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 5 de Enero 2021	10 de Enero 10, 2021
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 offices of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Margaret Mary will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 18, 2021. The offices will re-open at 9:00am, January 19th.

Las oficinas de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo y Santa Margarita Maria estaran cerradas por dia de Martin Luther King el 18 de enero 2021. Las oficinas volveran abrir el martes, 19 de enero a las 9:00am.

Electronic Giving

Enroll at 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.

Pro-Life trip to Washington D.C.

The Annual Pro Life Trip to Washington D.C. will be held on Friday, January 29, 2021. Free Buses will leave from St. Joseph, Astoria, at 6:00am. Contact St. Joseph for more information at 718.278.1611.

Viaje Pro-Vida a Washinton D.C.

El viaje Pro-Vida anual a Washington D.C. tomara lugar el 29 de enero, 2021. Buses gratis saldran de San Jose, Astoria, a las 6:00am. Para mas informacion llame a San Jose al 718.278.1611.

Giving Tree Success!

Our annual "Giving Tree" initiative was our most successful in the 13 years we have been conducting this program! The parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel donated a total of \$1,847.11 in cash, checks and gift cards during this past Christmas where Covid-19 restrictions prevented us from accepting any physical gifts. This money will be distributed among parish families that have experienced a hardship because of the virus and need our monetary assistance. Thank you for making this year's Giving Tree such a tremendous success!

¡Dando éxito al árbol de regalos!

¡Nuestra iniciativa anual "árbol de regalos" fue la más exitosa en los 13 años que estamos haciendo este programa! Los feligreses de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo donaron un total de \$1,847.11 en efectivo, cheques y tarjetas de regalo durante la pasada Navidad, donde las restricciones de Covid-19 nos impidieron aceptar regalos físicos. Este dinero se distribuirá entre las familias de la parroquia que han experimentado dificultades debido al virus y necesitan nuestra ayuda monetaria. ¡Gracias por hacer el "árbol de regalos" de este año un éxito tan grande!



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.