

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Roman Catholic Church

Astoria, New York

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, 2022

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Schedule of Masses

Sunday English Masses (Upper Church)
Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:15am, 5:00pm

Misa en Español: 12:30pm (Iglesia de Arriba)

Masses in the Lower Church
9:00am (Italian)
10:30am (Czech-Slovak)
3:00pm (Vietnamese)

English Masses Monday-Friday (Lower Church)
8:00am and 12:00pm
Saturday: 8:00am

Church Hours: Weekday 7:00am- 7:00pm
Weekend: 7:00am—End of last Mass for the day

Pastoral Team

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Cuong M. Pham

Pastor Emeritus-SMM

Rev. Ed Brady

Parochial Vicars

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Rev. Joseph Hung Tran

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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.

Masses For The Week



SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

5:00pm Catherine Kenney; Bridget Tomkins
Constantin Serafin Popescu, Mary Zatura

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

(The Baptism of the Lord)

8:00am Nancy Orellana
9:00am Maria Scenna
10:00am Gilberto Martinez– 16th Anniversary
11:15am Wasyl Bodnar– Birthday in Heaven
12:30pm Rosalina Mediavilla, Angelo M. Rodriguez,
Miguel A. Rodriguez, Dominga Javier,
Consuelo & Anselmo Otero, Virgilio Peguero
5:00pm For the People of our Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00am Eugenio Acevedo– Happy Birthday in Heaven
12:00pm Dominador V. Castroverde, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00am Maria Batista
12:00pm Aquile Lugo & Lorenza Lugo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

(Saint Hillary)

8:00am Milena Sipy– Living
12:00pm Raffaele & Sabbia Carullo and Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00am Lillie Bonanno– Happy Birthday in Heaven
12:00pm Mario Carullo

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00am Giuseppe & Bernarda DiLorenzo
5:00pm Catherine Kenney, Charles Cooper,
Maureen Walsh, Gli Cirio (Glenn) Suberable,
Rose D'Agostino– 95th Birthday Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am Rubi Morales & Family (Living)
9:00am Salvatore Barretta
10:00am Nacinovich & Mejia Family (Memorial)
11:15am Beato Roberto
12:30pm Raul Guzman– 4 años de fallecido,
Mercedes Beck
5:00pm For the People of our Parish

Dedicated Offerings This Week

This week's Altar Candles are being offered in loving memory of John "Jack Smith", by the Hasselberg Family

This week's Altar Flowers are being offered in loving memory of Rose D'Agostino, by Kathleen D'Agostino

Parish Sacrificial Giving Report

Regular Sunday Offering

(Does not include offering through Faith Direct)

Last Week's Collection- **\$4,725**

Last Year's Collection- **\$5,742**

Thank you!

Second Collections/ Segunda Colecta

January 9, 2022– There will be a second collection after communion for our Diocesan Mission. Your gift will enable the Church to continue its pastoral services in our Diocese. We are grateful for your generosity.

9 de enero 2022– Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para las Misiones Diocesanas. Su regalo habilitará a la Iglesia continuar sus servicios en nuestra Diócesis. Estamos agradecidos por su generosidad.

January 23, 2022– There will be a second collection after communion for our Parish Maintenance. We depend on your generosity to keep our parish facilities in good condition for your use.

23 de enero 2022– Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para el mantenimiento parroquial. Dependemos de su generosidad para mantener los edificios en buena condición para su uso.

Electronic Giving Opportunity

Supporting our Church financially is a concrete way to live out the faith and participate in Christ's mission. To make it more convenient for you to make your weekly contributions, we encourage you to enroll in this electronic way of giving which is both secure and easy. If you prefer to use a credit card, you can accumulate reward points. We are grateful for your generosity and faithfulness. Enroll at faithdirect.net– code NY370.

Text-To-Give

Another way to securely make a gift to our parish is by texting a dollar amount to (929) 254-3850. You will be asked to complete a one-time registration providing your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to the phone number above.

From Your Pastor's Heart



Dear parish family and friends,

As you may be aware, Pope Francis has asked the entire Church over the world to begin a journey of listening attentively to the Holy Spirit and to each other in order to deepen our understanding of what it means to live together as disciples of Christ, called to announce His Gospel in the world today. This journey, in which dialogue and consultation with all members of the Church will play a key role, will culminate in a special encounter called a Synod of Bishops, to be held in Rome in 2023. The theme of that Synod will be “Toward a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”.

The word Synod comes from two Greek words which mean “journeying forward on the way together”. Essentially, the Holy Father is calling us to reflect on our experience of being part of the Church and how, together, we can better preach the Good News in the contexts of today’s world. In other words, what does it mean for us to belong to Christ and be in relationship with His Church? What does it mean for us to be engaged and involved with Christ in His Church? What does it mean for us to be sent out, to proclaim, and to serve, by Christ and His Church? We are being asked to rediscover together what it means to be a Church at the service of humanity, modeled after Christ who came “not to be served, but to serve (Mk. 10:45).

Participating in the Synod process at the grassroots level—the parish—is an opportunity for every baptized Catholic to be involved in shaping our Church for the future. In our own Diocese of Brooklyn, Bishop Emeritus Nicholas DiMarzio and our new Bishop Robert Brennan have asked every parish to participate in it. To help guide the process, the Diocesan Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis has provided us with some questions for group reflection and discussion together. The result of this will feed into the national Synod document which will be forwarded to the Holy Father by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In a real sense, the collective input of the entire People of God will help the Pope and the Bishops of the world to shape their pastoral vision and planning into the future. It will serve the Church in her renewal to be more open to the voice of the Spirit (Pope Francis, *Address for the Opening of the Synod*, 9 October 2021).

I encourage everyone in our parish to take part in the Synod by participating in the Listening and Discerning Session which will take place on Saturday, January 15, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in the Parish Institute, following the 8 AM Mass in the Lower Church, during which we will pray especially for the Lord’s blessing upon our parish’s Synod encounter. Mindful of the challenges still presented by Covid 19, I ask that all participants wear masks and observe the health protocols when you arrive for the session. It would be ideal to have a good representation of people from all ethnic backgrounds and from each group and organization within our parish.

At that meeting, we will share our experiences of Church, and dialogue about how we can enrich and grow the Church in the current cultural and societal contexts. Participants will be asked to form small groups according to the languages spoken; each group will have a facilitator and note-taker to assist in the process. All will have an opportunity to speak, and all inputs will be summarized and submitted to Bishop Brennan, who will, in turn, submit the summarized results to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to be forwarded to Rome.

As you can see from this consultative process, the Church values each member’s experience and wants to know what you think. This is active participation at its best. I especially look forward to listening to you, as your inputs for the universal Church will also help shape my own pastoral vision and planning for the future growth of our own parish.

Please pray for our Holy Father and the Synodal process in our Diocese and worldwide, that the Holy Spirit will draw us more closely together and enable us to be a light to the nations. May God bless you and our parish family as we begin this journey together, confident that our united efforts will bear fruit in a more fervent experience of faith.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Msgr. Cuong Pham

Del Corazon del Pastor



Queridos familiares y amigos de la parroquia,

Como sabrán, el Papa Francisco ha pedido a toda la Iglesia en el mundo que comience un camino de escucha atenta al Espíritu Santo y a los demás para profundizar nuestra comprensión de lo que significa vivir juntos como discípulos de Cristo, llamado para anunciar Su Evangelio en el mundo de hoy. Este camino, en el que el diálogo y la consulta con todos los miembros de la Iglesia tendrán un papel clave, culminará en un encuentro especial denominado Sínodo de los Obispos, que se celebrará en Roma en 2023. El tema de ese Sínodo será "Hacia una Iglesia sinodal: comunión, participación y misión".

La palabra Sínodo proviene de dos palabras griegas que significan "caminar juntos hacia adelante en el camino". Esencialmente, el Santo Padre nos está llamando a reflexionar sobre nuestra experiencia de ser parte de la Iglesia y cómo, juntos, podemos predicar mejor la Buena Nueva en los contextos del mundo actual. En otras palabras, ¿qué significa para nosotros pertenecer a Cristo y estar en relación con Su Iglesia? ¿Qué significa para nosotros estar comprometidos e involucrados con Cristo en Su Iglesia? ¿Qué significa para nosotros ser enviados, proclamar y servir por Cristo y Su Iglesia? Se nos pide que redescubramos juntos lo que significa ser una Iglesia al servicio de la humanidad, inspirada en Cristo que vino "no para ser servido, sino para servir (Mc 10, 45).

La participación en el proceso del Sínodo a nivel de base, la parroquia, es una oportunidad para que todos los católicos bautizados participen en la configuración de nuestra Iglesia para el futuro. En nuestra propia Diócesis de Brooklyn, el obispo emérito Nicholas DiMarzio y nuestro nuevo obispo Robert Brennan han pedido a todas las parroquias que participen en él. Para ayudar a guiar el proceso, el Secretariado Diocesano para la Evangelización y la Catequesis nos ha proporcionado algunas preguntas para la reflexión y discusión en grupo. El resultado de esto se incorporará al documento del Sínodo nacional que será remitido al Santo Padre por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. En un sentido real, la aportación colectiva de todo el Pueblo de Dios ayudará al Papa y a los Obispos del mundo a moldear su visión pastoral y su planificación para el futuro. Servirá a la Iglesia en su renovación para estar más abierta a la voz del Espíritu (Papa Francisco, *Discurso de Apertura del Sínodo*, 9 de octubre de 2021).

Animo a todos en nuestra parroquia a participar en el Sínodo participando en la Sesión de Escucha y Discernimiento que tendrá lugar el sábado 15 de enero de 9:30 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. en el Instituto Parroquial, después de la misa de 8 a.m. en la Iglesia de Abajo, durante la cual oraremos especialmente por la bendición del Señor sobre el encuentro del Sínodo de nuestra parroquia. Consciente de los desafíos que todavía presenta Covid 19, pido que todos los participantes usen máscaras y observen los protocolos de salud cuando lleguen a la sesión. Sería ideal tener una buena representación de personas de todos los orígenes étnicos y de cada grupo y organización dentro de nuestra parroquia.

En esa reunión, compartiremos nuestras experiencias de la Iglesia y dialogaremos sobre cómo podemos enriquecer y hacer crecer la Iglesia en los contextos culturales y sociales actuales. Se pedirá a los participantes que formen pequeños grupos de acuerdo con los idiomas hablados; cada grupo tendrá un facilitador y un tomador de notas para ayudar en el proceso. Todos tendrán la oportunidad de hablar, y todas las aportaciones serán resumidas y enviadas al obispo Brennan, quien enviará los resultados resumidos a la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos Católicos para que los envíen a Roma.

Como puede ver en este proceso consultivo, la Iglesia valora la experiencia de cada miembro y quiere saber lo que piensa. Esta es la participación activa en su máxima expresión. Espero especialmente escucharlos, ya que sus aportes para la Iglesia universal también ayudarán a dar forma a mi propia visión pastoral y planificación para el crecimiento futuro de nuestra propia parroquia.

Por favor oren por nuestro Santo Padre y el proceso sinodal en nuestra Diócesis y en todo el mundo, para que el |Espíritu Santo nos acerque más y nos permita ser una luz para las naciones. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a nuestra familia parroquial al comenzar este viaje juntos, confiando en que nuestros esfuerzos unidos darán fruto en una experiencia de fe más ferviente.

Suyo devotamente en Cristo,
Mons. Cuong M. Pham

Weekly Schedule ©LPI

This provisional schedule is updated daily on our website at mountcarmelastoria.org. Times shown may reflect set up and clean up time; please refer to this bulletin for actual event times.

Sunday, January 9

7:00am– 5:00pm	Blood Drive	Gym
8:00am– 11:30am	Italian Community	Lourdes
9:00am– 11:30am	Reunion de Amistad	Nazareth
10:00am– 1:00pm	Czech Community	Guadalupe A
10:00am– 12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Fatima+ Upper Room
10:30am– 11:30am	Cursillo	Guadalupe B

Tuesday, January 11

5:30pm– 6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm– 9:00pm	Marriage Enctr.	Guadalupe + Fatima
7:00pm– 9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth

Wednesday, January 12

4:30pm– 7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
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Thursday, January 13

10:00am– 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe
6:00pm– 7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm– 8:30pm	Altagracia Novena	Guadalupe

Saturday, January 15

9:00am– 12:30pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe
10:00am– 1:00pm	Saturday Lessons in Faith	Lourdes
10:00am– 12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
5:00pm– 7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth
6:00pm– 7:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico? S&C	Guadalupe
7:00pm– 8:00pm	Altagracia Novena	Lourdes

"Giving Tree" Success

Our fourteenth annual "GIVING TREE" Donation Boxes was our most successful Christmas initiative ever! The parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel raised an incredible **\$2,515.29** in cash, checks and gift cards this past Christmas season. We surpassed last year's wonderful efforts by \$668.18!

This money will be distributed among parish families that have been experiencing a hardship and need our monetary assistance. Thank you all for making this year's event such a tremendous achievement!



Infant Baptisms

BAPTISMS IN ENGLISH

Preparation Meeting Tuesdays @ 7:00pm–Institute	Baptism Ceremony– Church Sunday @ 2:00pm
January 18, 2022	January 23, 2022
February 22, 2022	February 27, 2022
March 22, 2022	March 27, 2022
April 19, 2022	April 24, 2022
May 17, 2022	May 22, 2022
June 21, 2022	June 26, 2022
July 19, 2022	July 24, 2022
August 23, 2022	August 28, 2022
September 20, 2022	September 25, 2022
October 18, 2022	October 23, 2022
November 23, 2022	November 28, 2022

THERE ARE NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

Reunión de Preparación Martes @ 6:00pm—Instituto	Ceremonia de Bautismo-Iglesia Domingo @ 2:00pm
8 de febrero 2022	13 de febrero, 2022
8 de marzo 2022	13 de marzo, 2022
NO HAY BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL EN ABRIL	
Mayo 3, 2022	Mayo 8, 2022
Junio 7, 2022	Junio 12, 2022
Julio 5, 2022	Julio 10, 2022
Agosto 9, 2022	Agosto 14, 2022
Septiembre 6, 2022	Septiembre 11, 2022
Octubre 4, 2022	Octubre 9, 2022
Noviembre 8, 2022	Noviembre 13, 2022
Diciembre 6, 2022	Diciembre 11, 2022

To register your child for Baptism, please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment with Deacon Jacob Rodriguez. More information regarding the process will be given during the call.

Para registrar a su hijo por el Bautismo, llame a la Oficina Parroquial para una cita con el Diácono Jacob Rodríguez. Mas informacion sobre el proceso se le dara durante la llamada.

Dando el Exito al Arbol de Regalos

¡Nuestra decimocuarta anual "ÁRBOL DE REGALOS" fue nuestra iniciativa navideña más exitosa! Los feligreses de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo recaudaron la increíble cantidad de **\$2,515.29** en efectivo, cheques y tarjetas de regalo esta pasada temporada navideña. ¡Superamos los maravillosos esfuerzos del año pasado por \$668.18! Este dinero se distribuirá entre las familias de la parroquia que han pasado por dificultades y necesitan nuestra ayuda monetaria. ¡Gracias a todos por hacer del evento de este año un logro tan tremendo!

New Diocesan Covid Protocols

Bishop Robert Brennan has mandated that all parishioners must wear masks while being in church. Priest celebrants will wear masks during the entrance, recessional processions and when distributing Holy Communion. This mandate will be in effect until January 15, 2022.

Protocolos Nuevos Sobre Covid

El obispo Robert Brennan ha ordenado que todos los feligreses deben usar máscarillas mientras estén en la iglesia. Los sacerdotes celebrantes usarán máscarillas durante las procesiones de entrada, salida y cuando distribuyan la Sagrada Comunión. Este mandato estará vigente hasta el 15 de enero de 2022.

National Pro-Life Event

Traveling to DC for the March for Life? Start the day at the National Prayer Service! We will honor Texas for its Heartbeat Law and Mississippi, whose pro-life law led to the Supreme Court case that could reverse *Roe vs. Wade*! Please join Bishop Joseph Coffey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, Fr. Frank Pavone of the Priests for Life, the National Pro-Life Religious Council, and Faith & Liberty at the 27th annual *National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers & Fathers*, the morning of the March, Friday, January 21, 2022 at DAR Constitution Hall, Washington DC, from 8:30– 10:30am. It will be a time of prayer, praise, music & inspiring speakers and will be the premier prayer event marking the tragic commemoration of *Roe vs. Wade*. Danielle D'Souza Gill will be the MC for the event. Admission is free. For more information on this and other events surrounding the March, go to www.NationalPrayerService.com.

Purgatorial Society & Spiritual Remembrance

If you wish to have the souls of your deceased loved ones remembered in a special way every first Friday of the month, you may enroll their names in the Purgatorial Society for one year.

Praying for the Sick

If you wish to have a loved one who is sick or in suffering remembered in our prayers at Mass, you may enroll their names by calling the parish office. May Christ the Divine Physician bring them healing and peace.

Si usted desea tener a un ser querido que esta enfermo o en sufrimiento recordado en nuestras oraciones durante la Misa, puede dejar el nombre en la oficina parroquial. Que Cristo, el Médico Divino, le brinde curación y paz.

Rectory Office Closing

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 18 at 9:00am.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el lunes, 17 de enero, 2022 en honor del Día de Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. La oficina volverá abrir el martes, 18 de enero, 2022 a las 9:00am.

PARISH REGISTRATION

INSCRIPCIÓN PARROQUIAL

We welcome and encourage all who worship with us to consider joining our parish officially. Your registration will enable us to serve your spiritual and pastoral needs better. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the Parish Office. Your active participation in the mission of the Church will be a strong testimony to your faith and will strengthen your sense of belonging.

Last Name/ Apellido: _____

First Name/ Nombre _____

Spouse/Espos(a) _____

Address/Dirección _____

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

I prefer envelopes

I prefer electronic giving

Vocation Discernment Opportunities

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister? Contact the Vocation Office at 718.827.2454 or vocations@diobrook.org



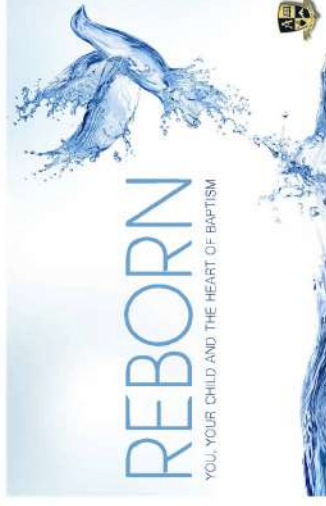
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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 9, 2022

REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



WATCH



LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2:

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist — the man who would baptize Jesus.

LEARN

CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



LISTEN



BLOOD DRIVE

HELP SAVE A LIFE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

9:15am — 3:15pm

PARISH INSTITUTE—GYM

There is a nationwide shortage of blood and now more than ever we need donors to come and donate blood. You can donate as young as 16 years old with parental consent. You can save up to 3 lives with one donation.

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