

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."

- Jn 13:33a, 34a

The Mission of our parish is to serve our neighbors with Jesus, to pray in faith with Jesus, and to evangelize 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.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 14 (Saint Matthias)

5:00pm Jack & Angela O'Connor,
Sandra Gilligan (Living),
Ann Feeney & Family (Living),
Mary Hynes & Family (Living),
Mary Conroy & Family (Living)

SUNDAY, MAY 15 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

8:00am Gina Mejia- Memorial
9:00am Pina Suriano
9:30am Louis Charles
11:00am Blessed Roberto de la Salle
12:30pm Marina Antonia Estevez Cepeda,
Segundo Lorenzo Ponce, Roberto
Vasquez (Memorial de Cumpleaños),
Alicia Vasquez, Mercedes Beck
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MONDAY, MAY 16

8:00am Giuseppe & Bernarda DiLorenzo
12:00pm Lucy & Pietro Mascia

TUESDAY, MAY 17

8:00am Alfred G. Magistrado, Jr.
(Death Anniversary)
12:00pm Joseph Albanese

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 (Saint John I)

8:00am Vincenzo & Giuseppa Barretta & Family
12:00pm Ricardo Machado

THURSDAY, MAY 19

8:00am Francesco & Maria Nicola Del Greco
12:00pm Peter McCullagh

FRIDAY, MAY 20 (Saint Bernardine of Sienna)

8:00am In Shik Min (Death Anniversary)
12:00pm Betty Leto

SATURDAY, MAY 21 (Saint Christopher Magallanes)

8:00am Mr. & Mrs. James Roeder
5:00pm Aaron Maravilla, Sal Worlds,
Moses Syldort, Winifred "Winnie" Burke,
Michael Ramos (Death Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 22 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

8:00am Thelma Nacinovich
9:00am Santa Rita
9:30am The Disabled of the Parish
11:00am Annie McCullagh
12:30pm Francisco Jose Marcial (5^{to} Mes)
Gilberto Hinstroza Perlaza, Julio Hidalgo
Camila Perlaza, Masimino Cuero
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

The Altar Candles are being offered for
Moses Syldort
by Adrienne Edma

The following Memorials are available:

Altar Flowers: \$100
Altar Bread & Wine: \$35.00
Sanctuary Lamp: \$25

SUPPORT CHRISTIANS IN BETHLEHEM

The Good Shepherds of Bethlehem is a group that supports the small Catholic community in Bethlehem, the Holy Land. George and Katherine Awwad will be at our parish on the weekend of May 28th and 29th, selling olive wood carvings made by the Catholic families there after all the Masses. Please support this ministry by purchasing a gift for you or a loved one. Thank you for showing support to our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem during these very difficult times.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass) <i>Upper Church:</i> 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bi-lingual) 11:00 AM (English)
Sunday	12:30 PM (Spanish) 5:00 PM (English) <i>Lower Church:</i> 9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese)
Weekdays	8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
First Friday	7:30 PM (Spanish)
Saturday	8:00 AM
Holy Days	8:00 AM, 12 PM (English) and 7:30 PM (Bilingual)
Holidays	Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30pm – 4:30pm (lower church)

CHURCH HOURS:

Weekday: 7:00am – 7:00pm

Weekend: 7:00am – 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Weekday:

9:00am – 12:00 Noon & 1:00pm – 8:30pm

Saturday:

9:00am – 12:00 Noon

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

28-46 44th St., Astoria, NY 11103

718.728.0724 – www.stjosephsch.org
school@mountcarmelastoria.org

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We would like to thank all parishioners who have made a pledge to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal at our Parish.

As of May 9, 2022, 102 of our parishioners have pledged \$34,206 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$24,240 have been collected so far. If you are still considering your donation, please complete a donation envelope by the entrances of the church and hand it in by June 1st or Text **DONATE** to 917-336-1255 today.

Quisieramos agradecer a todos los feligreses generosas que se han comprometido con la Campaña Católica Anual del 2022 en nuestra Parroquia.

*Desde el 9 de Mayo, 2022, 102 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$34,206 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$24,240 han sido colectados hasta ahora. Si todavía no han hecho su compromiso, complete un sobre de donación por las entradas de la iglesia y entréguelo antes del 1 de junio o envíe hoy un mensaje de texto con la palabra **DONATE** al 917-336-1255.*

E-GIVING OPPORTUNITY

This is a time of year when many of us focus on getting organized and “de-cluttering” our surroundings. Why not streamline your offertory and simplify your support for our parish & ministries that mean so much to you?

Now is a great time to stop using checks and envelopes, which tend to arrive late or even get lost in the mail as many of you have already experienced, by switching to e-Giving. You can easily sign up for this convenience from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help give our parish a steady, consistent contribution that strengthens the programs, services & ministries that we provide for our church families & for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting www.faith.direct/NY370, or text ‘Enroll’ to (929) 254-3850. Your generosity will go a long way.



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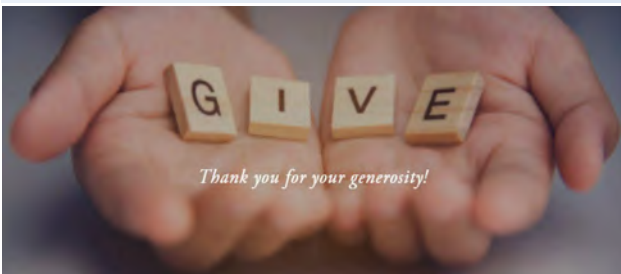
TEXT-TO-GIVE

Another way to securely make a gift to our parish is by texting a dollar amount to (929) 254-3850. You will be prompted 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. Many parishioners and families have found this way of giving very easy, fast and efficient.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Your Weekly Church Offering
(Does not include offerings
through Faith Direct)

Last weekend's collection: **\$5,006**
Same weekend last year: **\$5,832**



FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Dear brothers and sisters,

The unprecedented leak of a draft of the U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding abortion policy in the United States last week has unleashed ferocious, and at times violent, reactions of people who support legalized abortion across the nation. As the current hysteria is largely driven by political ideologies and fueled by anger and rage, it seems that there is not enough willingness to address this important issue rationally. It is disheartening that people who are vocal on either side of the debate, including the most rational, often miss the point that abortion hurts both the mother and the child.

No matter what views you hold, the glaring fact remains that, in the nearly half-century since abortion was legalized throughout the United States, some 65 million preborn children have been killed by legal abortion. Beyond a doubt, there are millions of women who have regretted making that choice, women whose mental and physical health, jobs and careers, education and relationships - even with future children - were harmed by that decision. The fact that several generations have grown up with legal abortion, and the majority of our people may think of it as a non-issue, does not change the reality that it remains a tragedy and a violence against life.

We have seen and heard many slogans that belie the truth about abortion these days. The term "pro-choice," for example, fails to point to what is really chosen, and would never be applied to child abuse or violent crime. Some choices have victims, including the choice of abortion. "Keeping abortion safe and legal" is another slogan which misleads people into thinking that if it is legal, it must be safe, and to keep it safe, we need to keep it legal. Yet the abortion industry is the most unregulated surgical industry in the nation, and regularly destroys the health and lives of the women who procure it in legal facilities. Most people do not know that there is an abortion every 20 seconds in America; it is legal and happens throughout all nine months of pregnancy; and less than 1% occur because of rape or incest. In 2019 alone, the ratio was 195 abortions per 1,000 live births (*CDC Abortion Surveillance, Center for Disease Control and Prevention*).

For many women, it's not a choice at all. Many women are coerced by parents, boyfriends or even employers to "terminate their pregnancies." But these women are the ones alone on the table, watching their own flesh and blood being destroyed. Contrary to the celebratory tone of some current protesters who tout abortion as something all women should be proud of, it is an ugly, brutal procedure that hurts a person, not just physically. As a priest, I can attest to the pain and devastation it brings to the women who experienced it. I have met countless women who came to talk to me about their pain and regrets. Many have developed mental, emotional, psychological and physical scars that torment them for the rest of their lives. For many of them, it seems that even the forgiveness of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation cannot remove the hurt and heal the wound from this tragedy.

Many protesters these days accuse religious, pro-life people of focusing exclusively on the rights of the unborn, while failing to pay due attention to the needs of the mother. While that may be true among some quarters, an authentically Catholic and pro-life position, however, takes both mother and child into consideration. Indeed, for Catholics, to be pro-life is to be pro-woman. One cannot love the child without loving the mother. The opposite is also true, namely, one cannot love the woman without loving the child, nor can one harm the child without harming the mother. The challenge the Church must pose to society is, "Why can't we love them both?" One reason why many of us are reluctant to talk about abortion is because we do not want to make a choice between defending the rights of the baby or those of the mother, or that we have to consider the baby as more important than the mother. But the authentic pro-life message is a message of equality. It is an invitation to expand the circle of our love, welcome, and protection to include both mother and child. All who work to defend and protect life in the womb must work as diligently to defend and protect all life outside the womb, especially the vulnerable life of women in crisis pregnancies.

I must admit that it was not easy to write this letter. People may have strong feelings about abortion. A few will react angrily no matter how the subject is spoken about. Nevertheless, I want to address it upfront and personal as a pastor, given what is going on in our country and city. I don't want to bury this important issue in the sand. The lives of so many people are at stake, and the tragedy of abortion is not helped by silence. A woman grieving over abortion might infer from their priests' silence that they do not know her pain, or that they don't care, or that there is no hope for her in the Church. I want to say to all such women that none of this is true.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proclaims a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you!" Let us show our love for both mother and child. There are many choices for women that are better than abortion. I think of the thousands of helping centers that provide women with financial assistance, medical services, legal advice, counseling, a place to live, jobs, education, and help to keep their child or to place their child for adoption. While it is important to communicate the Church's position on abortion, it is no less important to communicate our willingness to provide alternatives. In this month of motherhood, let us pray that no mother in crisis would ever have to resort to such a tragedy.

With prayers and love,
Msgr. Cuong M. Pham

DEL CORAZON DEL PASTOR

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

La filtración sin precedentes de un borrador de la decisión de la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos con respecto a la política del aborto en los Estados Unidos la semana pasada ha desatado reacciones feroces, y en ocasiones violentas, de personas que apoyan la legalización del aborto en todo el país. Dado que la histeria actual está impulsada en gran medida por ideologías políticas y alimentadas por la ira y la rabia, parece que no hay suficiente voluntad para abordar racionalmente este importante tema. Es desalentador que las personas que expresan su opinión en los dos lados del debate, incluidos los más racionales, a menudo no entiendan que el aborto daña tanto a la madre como al niño.

Independientemente de las opiniones que tengan, el hecho evidente sigue siendo que en casi medio siglo desde que se legalizó el aborto en los Estados Unidos, unos 65 millones de niños no nacidos han sido asesinados por el aborto legal. Sin duda, hay millones de mujeres que se han arrepentido de haber tomado esa decisión, mujeres cuya salud mental y física, trabajos y carreras, educación y relaciones, incluso con futuros hijos, se vieron perjudicadas por esa decisión. El hecho de que varias generaciones hayan crecido con el aborto legal, y la mayoría de nuestra gente pueda pensar que no es un problema, no cambia la realidad de que sigue siendo una tragedia y una violencia contra la vida.

Hemos visto y escuchado muchas propagandas que desmienten la verdad sobre el aborto en estos días. El término "pro-elección", por ejemplo, no señala lo que realmente se elige, y nunca se aplicaría al abuso infantil o el crimen violento. Algunas elecciones tienen víctimas, incluida la elección del aborto. "Mantener el aborto seguro y legal" es otro término que induce a la gente a pensar que si es legal, debe ser seguro, y para mantenerlo seguro, debemos mantenerlo legal. Sin embargo, la industria del aborto es la industria menos regulada de la nación y regularmente destruye la salud y la vida de las mujeres que lo practican en instalaciones legales. La mayoría de la gente no sabe que hay un aborto cada 20 segundos en los Estados Unidos; es legal y ocurre durante los nueve meses de embarazo; menos del 1% se debe a violación o incesto. Solo en 2019, la proporción fue de 195 abortos por cada 1,000 nacidos vivos (*CDC Abortion Surveillance, Center for Disease Control and Prevention*).

Para muchas mujeres, no es una opción en absoluto. Muchas mujeres son coaccionadas por sus padres, novios o incluso por sus empleadores para "interrumpir sus embarazos." Pero estas mujeres son las únicas en la mesa, viendo cómo se destruye su propia carne y sangre. Contrariamente al tono de celebración de algunos manifestantes actuales que promocionan el aborto como algo de lo que todas las mujeres deberían estar orgullosas, es un procedimiento feo y brutal que lastima a una persona, no solo físicamente. Como sacerdote, puedo dar fe del dolor y la devastación que trae a las mujeres que lo experimentaron. He conocido a innumerables mujeres que vinieron a hablarme sobre su dolor y remordimientos. Muchos han desarrollado cicatrices mentales, emocionales, psicológicas y físicas que los atormentan por el resto de sus vidas. Para muchos de ellos, parece que incluso el perdón de Dios en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación no puede quitar el dolor y sanar la herida de esta tragedia.

Muchos manifestantes en estos días acusan a las personas religiosas pro-vida de centrarse exclusivamente en los derechos de los no nacidos sin prestar la debida atención a las necesidades de la madre. Si bien eso puede ser cierto entre algunos sectores, una posición auténticamente católica y pro-vida, sin embargo, toma en consideración tanto a la madre como al niño. De hecho, para los católicos, ser pro-vida es ser pro-mujer. No se puede amar al niño sin amar a la madre. Lo contrario también es cierto, es decir, no se puede amar a la mujer sin amar al niño, ni se puede dañar al niño sin dañar a la madre. El desafío que la Iglesia debe plantear a la sociedad es: "¿Por qué no podemos amarlos a los dos?". Una de las razones por las que muchos de nosotros somos reacios a hablar sobre el aborto es que no queremos elegir entre defender los derechos del bebé o los de la madre, o que tenemos que considerar al bebé como más importante que la madre. Pero el auténtico mensaje pro-vida es un mensaje de igualdad. Es una invitación a ampliar el círculo de nuestro amor, acogida y protección para incluir tanto a la madre como al niño. Todos los que trabajan para defender y proteger la vida en el útero deben trabajar diligentemente para defender y proteger toda la vida fuera del útero, especialmente la vida vulnerable de las mujeres en crisis de embarazo.

Debo admitir que no fue fácil escribir esta carta. Las personas pueden tener sentimientos fuertes sobre el aborto. Algunos reaccionarán con enojo sin importar cómo se hable del tema. Sin embargo, quiero abordarlo de manera directa y personal como pastor, dado lo que está sucediendo en nuestro país y ciudad. No quiero enterrar este importante tema en la arena. La vida de tantas personas está en juego, y el silencio no ayuda a la tragedia del aborto. Una mujer en duelo por un aborto podría inferir del silencio de sus sacerdotes que no conocen su dolor, o que no les importa, o que no hay esperanza para ella en la Iglesia. Quiero decirles a todas esas mujeres que nada de esto es cierto.

En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús proclama un mandamiento nuevo: "¡Ámense uno a otro como yo los he amado!" Demostremos nuestro amor por la madre y el niño. Hay muchas opciones para las mujeres que son mejores que el aborto. Pienso en los miles de centros de ayuda que brindan a las mujeres asistencia financiera, servicios médicos, asesoría legal, consejería, un lugar para vivir, trabajo, educación y ayuda para quedarse con su hijo o para darlo en adopción. Si bien es importante comunicar la posición de la Iglesia sobre el aborto, no es menos que comunicar nuestra voluntad de brindar alternativas. En este mes de la maternidad, oremos para que ninguna madre en crisis tenga que recurrir jamás a semejante tragedia.

Con oraciones y amor,
Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, May 15

8:00am – 1:00pm	Beato Roberto	Lourdes A/B
9:00am – 11:30am	Reunion de Amistad	Nazareth
10:00am – 1:00pm	Czech Community	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am – 12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Fatima+ Upper Room
10:30am – 12:30pm	Cursillo	Gym

Monday, May 16

7:00am – 5:00pm	Young Womens Leadership	Gym
5:00pm – 9:00pm	CYO	Gym

Tuesday, May 17

7:00am – 4:00pm	Young Womens Leadership	Gym
3:30pm – 6:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
5:00pm – 9:00pm	CYO	Gym
5:30pm – 6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe+ Fatima
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth

Wednesday, May 18

7:00am – 4:00pm	Young Womens Leadership	Gym
4:30pm – 7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm – 10:00pm	CYO	Gym
7:30pm – 9:30pm	Grupo de Consolacion	Fatima

Thursday, May 19

7:00am – 9:00pm	Young Womens Leadership	Gym
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe B
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms

Friday, May 20

7:00am – 5:00pm	Young Women's Leadership	Gym
4:00pm – 11pm	CYO	Gym
6:30pm – 10:00pm	Spanish Pre-Cana	Guadalupe A/B

Saturday, May 21

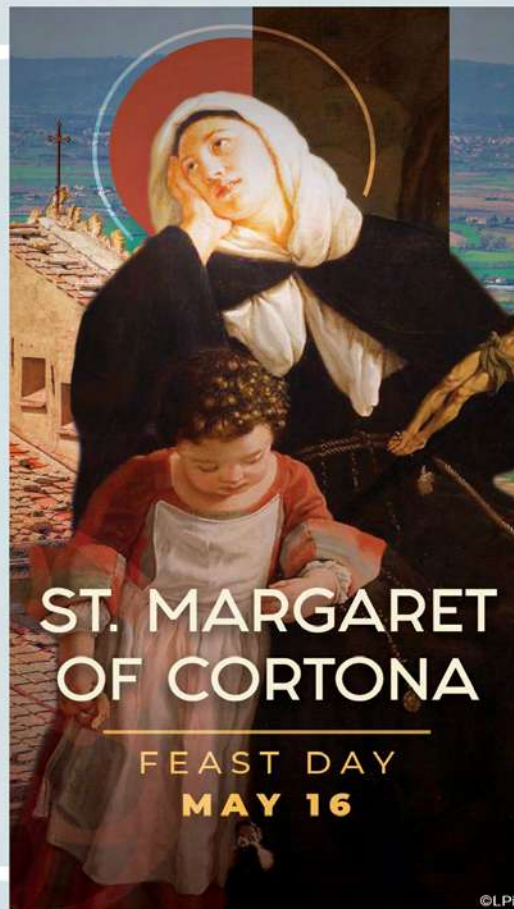
8:00am – 1:30pm	Catechist Lunecheon	Guadalupe A/B
9:00am – 12:30pm	AA Meeting	Lourdes A/B
9:00am – 9:00pm	CYO	Gym
10:00am – 12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Fatima
6:00pm – 8:00pm	BiLingual Choir	Nazareth

Sunday, May 22

9:00am – 9:00pm	CYO	Gym
9:00am – 11:30am	Reunion de Amistad	Nazareth
10:00am – 1:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am – 12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Fatima+ Upper Room
10:30am – 12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B
1:00pm – 8:00pm	Children's Concert	Guadalupe A/B

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Saint of the Week

Though St. Margaret of Cortona (1247 – 1297) is today known as being an incredibly pious Catholic, she didn't start out that way. Born into a farming family in Laviano, Tuscany, her mother died when St. Margaret was seven. Her father remarried, but life with her stepmother was so difficult that St. Margaret moved out of the home and instead chose to live with a man named Arsenio, though they weren't married. They had been living together for nine years when she gave birth to a son. Knowing in her heart that this wasn't the life that God intended for her to have, she prayed for purity.

One day while waiting for Arsenio, his dog led her into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. So shocked was St. Margaret that she fell into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, but still found her stepmother to be as unwelcoming as ever. They then went to Cortona, and eventually her son became a friar.

Three years after her conversion, St. Margaret followed in her son's footsteps and became a Franciscan tertiary. During her life, St. Margaret established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. She was canonized in 1728.



STRING TRIO

The String Trio will play on Ascension Thursday, May 26th at the 12:00 noon Mass.

MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSINGS & MASS SHCHEDULE

The parish office will be closed on Monday May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day. There will only be one Mass in the Upper Church at 9:00am. The office will re-open on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 9:00am.



SATURDAYS OF REPARATION

"I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary." - Our Lady to Saint Lucia at Fatima.

Join us in making the Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the first five Saturdays of the month as follows:

June 4, July 2, August 6 & September 3.

Mass at 8:00am in the lower church
(Rosary recitation following the Mass).

PLANT-BASED NUTRITION

Thanks to our amazing Father Brady always supporting health and wellness we rallied our parishioners ready to embrace change and health empowerment. Last week, Enrica Sacca, Community Organizer for Plant Powered Metro NY shared the news and evidence on how we can take back our health with plant-based nutrition. Join us for more as Lily Correa, a registered dietitian, talks about **Diabetes** and how it's reversible, **Wednesday, May 25 from 7:30pm – 9pm at the Mount Carmel Institute, Guadalupe B.**



PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage all who worship with us to consider joining our parish officially. Registering will enable our parish to serve your spiritual needs better. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. Your active participation will strengthen your faith and your sense of belonging in God's family.

Registrarse oficialmente permitirá que nuestra parroquia les pueda servir sus necesidades espirituales mejor. Por favor devuelva este formulario en la colecta o déjelo en la oficina parroquial. Su participación activa fortalecerá su fe y su sentido de pertenencia en la familia de Dios.

Last Name/Apellido: _____

First Name/Nombre: _____

Spouse/Espos(a): _____

Address/Dirección: _____

Telephone/Telefono: _____

E-mail/Correo electrónico: _____

PLEASE CHECK/MARQUE SUS OPCIONES

New Registration

Change of Name/

SENIOR HOUSING APPLICATIONS

The new Bishop Rene Valero Senior Residence at 23-11 31st Road in Astoria have begun to accept applications for review.

This new building was constructed specifically as affordable housing for seniors, featuring onsite supportive social services, a community senior center, and more.

Deadline to apply is June 15, 2022. Instead of the online application, people can apply by mail by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Bishop Valero Senior Residence c/o
Catholic Charities
191 Joralemon Street 8th Floor,
Brooklyn, NY, 11201.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Luis Sanchez at the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2022



Arista, Alex
Ayala, Alysson
Chauca, Julia Adela
Fajardo Aqualema, Kelly Rocio
Galicia, Matthew
Garcia Carlos, Guadalupe
Garcia Hernandez, Denisse
Garcia Hernandez, Daniel
Hernandez, Destin
Hernandez, Analia Victoria
Hernandez, Sofia Victoria
Hernandez Quintero, Yaretzi Abigai
Lema Minchala, William Andres
Leon, Alexander Xavi
Leon, Rachael

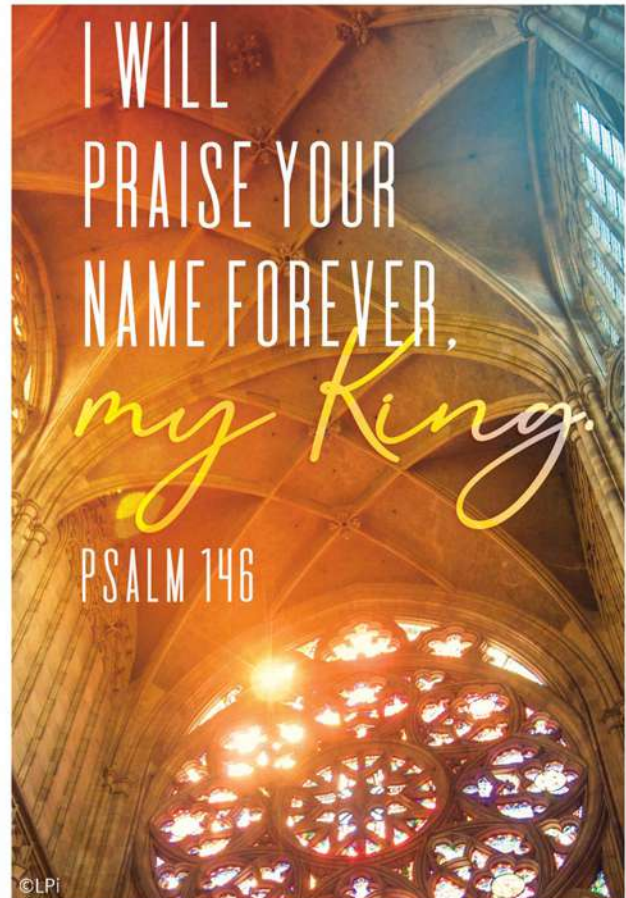
Leon, Alexandra
Mariotti, Olivia Myla
Martinez Fragoso, Dulce Jessenia
Moncada Roa, Sofia
Monteleone, Gabriella Julianna
Pomaquiza, Olmedo
Robles, Lidia Cecilia
Rosas, Christopher
Sandoval Amarillas, Eric Daniel
Solis, Michael Nelson
Tenesaca Vazquez, Scarlett Andrea
Torres, Braylin David
Valencia Briones, Brandon
Valencia-Briones, Melanie
Verdejo, Abraham



AT MY GRANDSON'S BAPTISM, THE PRIEST PUT A BIB ON THE BABY. I DO NOT REMEMBER SEEING THIS BEFORE. WHY IS THIS DONE? IS IT SOMETHING NEW?

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.



ADULTOS– RITO DE INICIACION

Si usted es un adulto mayor de 18 años que no ha recibido los Sacramentos del Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación, lo invitamos a considerar prepararse para recibir estos dones espirituales.



RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA

La duración del curso de preparación son entre seis meses y un año, según el nivel de conocimiento y compromiso de cada persona con las enseñanzas y prácticas de la fe. Los participantes se reúnen con nuestro diácono y un equipo dedicado de instructores una vez a la semana durante una hora. Los Sacramentos serán conferidos el próximo año durante Semana Santa o Pentecostés aquí mismo en nuestra parroquia durante una Misa Solemne.

Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para saber cómo puede participar en nuestro programa RICA. Si conoce a alguien que pueda beneficiarse de este programa, anímelo a llamar o hablar con uno de nuestros sacerdotes.

OFICINA CERRADA POR EL DIA CONMEMORATIVO Y HORARIO DE MISA

La oficina estará cerrada el lunes, 30 de mayo del 2022 en honor a los hombres y mujeres que murieron mientras servían en el ejército de los EE. UU. Habrá solo una misa en la Iglesia de Arriba a las 9:00am en inglés. La oficina volverá abrir el martes 31 de mayo, 2022 a las 9:00am.

INFANT BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting
Tuesday 7:00pm–Institute

June 21, 2022
July 19, 2022
August 23, 2022
September 20, 2022
October 18, 2022
November 22, 2022

NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

Baptism Ceremony
Sunday-2:00pm–Church

June 26, 2022
July 24, 2022
August 28, 2022
September 25, 2022
October 23, 2022
November 28, 2022

FECHAS DE BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

Reunión de Preparación Ceremonia de Bautismo
Martes – 6:00pm – Instituto Dom – 2:00pm – Iglesia

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

SANANDO DESPUES DEL ABORTO

Conoces a alguien que lleve el sufrimiento del aborto? Siempre hay esperanza. El dolor y la pena del aborto no necesitan perdurar para toda la vida. Un “día de Oración y Sanación” ofrece la oportunidad para experimentar el amor y la misericordia de Dios y para responder a Su invitación de empezar el camino de sanar la herida del aborto. Para saber sobre las próximas fechas, ubicaciones, y registro confidencial a las Hermanas de Vida al 866.575.0075 o hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org o llamar a Rosemary al 646.522.8093.

INSCRIPCIONES PARA EL CATECISMO

Ya hemos comenzado aceptar registraciones para el catecismo para todos los estudiantes, tanto nuevos como los que ya están asistiendo. Los estudiantes que ya están en catecismo este año pueden pasar por la oficina y pedir un formulario de re-inscripción y solo necesita actualizar la información y hacer el pago. Habrá un descuento solo por el mes de mayo. Para más información, por favor comuníquese con la Oficina de Formación Religiosa en la Oficina Parroquial.



VIVIENDA PARA PERSONAS MAYORES

La Residencia nueva para personas mayores, Obispo Rene Valero, 23-11 31st Road en Astoria ya ha comenzado aceptar aplicaciones para reviso.

Este edificio nuevo fue construido especialmente como vivienda económica para personas mayores adonde se ofrecerá servicios sociales, un centro de comunidad y mas.

La ultima fecha para aplicare es el 15 de junio, 2022. Envés de una aplicación en línea, puede mandar un sobre con su dirección y con estampa postal a la dirección de abajo (para que le manden una aplicación a su casa por correo).

Bishop Valero Senior Residence
c/o Catholic Charities
191 Joralemon Street 8th Floor,
Brooklyn, NY, 11201.



Si tiene alguna pregunta favor comuníquese con el recepcionista Luis Sanchez en la oficina parroquial.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything



is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We have now begun accepting applications for Religious Education for all students, returning and new. Parents of current students have to ask for the re-registration form at the office for review and payment. There is only a discounted price for the month of May. For more information please contact the Religious Formation Office.



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LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually **LOVING** each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.



KEEP FORGIVING

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Would you like the parish community to pray for your loved ones who are sick or suffering in our daily Mass? You may enroll their names in our Prayer List by calling the parish office. This is a meaningful way to comfort and console those who are most in need of healing and peace through the power of prayer. We are praying for *Frances Grace, Marcia daSilva, Paul Schmalzried.*



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

