

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

23-25 NEWTOWN AVENUE, ASTORIA, NY 11102 | 718.278.1834

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 2

5:00pm Charles Timothy Cyr, Winthrop Liwag,
Maria Theresa Bucasan (*1st Anniversary*),
Giovanni Silva

SUNDAY, JULY 3

(*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Blaze Montuori
9:00am Mario Carullo
9:30am The Living & Deceased Members of
Our Parish's Rosary Society
11:00am Jimmy Garcia
12:30pm Refugio Garcia & Bladimir Soriano,
Miguel Carlos Fuentes (*3 Aniversario*),
Jesus Fuentes Fuentes, Abdel Halim Majid,
Dagoberto Guillermo Magallanes Perez
Rosa Bustamante Camacho,
Emily-Aleinad Polanco (*III Cumpleaños*)
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MONDAY, JULY 4 (*Independence Day*)

9:00am Winifred "Winnie" Burke

TUESDAY, JULY 5 (*Saint Elizabeth*)

8:00am Jose Ferreira
12:00pm Joseph Ricci

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

8:00am Antonio Comunale (*Death Anniversary*)
12:00pm In Honor of Saint Joseph

THURSDAY, JULY 7

8:00am Mario Carullo
12:00pm Joseph Ricci

FRIDAY, JULY 8

8:00am Raffaele & Sabbia Carullo and Family
12:00pm Augusto & Zenaida Santos (*Birthday*)

SATURDAY, JULY 9 (*Saint Augustine Zhao Rong*)

8:00am Deceased Members of the
Min & Suh Families
5:00pm Matthew Ospina (*Birthday*),
Constina Soccoli

SUNDAY, JULY 10

(*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Michael Alvino
9:00am Mario Carullo
9:30am Milan Vecera
11:00am Jake Babcock
12:30pm Ruben Vargas (*II Aniversario*), Jesus Ruiz,
Alberto Aguilar, Francisco Vargas,
Luz Rendon, Ashley Ayala (*XVI Años*)
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

The Altar Candles are being offered for
Miguel Carlos Fuentes
by Julia Soriano



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	Upper Church: 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bi-lingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) 5:00 PM (English) Lower Church: 9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak)
Weekdays	8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturday	8:00 AM
First Fridays	7:30 PM (Spanish)
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

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 10, 2022: There will be a second collection after communion for our parish maintenance. Your generosity enables us to maintain the parish buildings in good condition for your use.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of June 27, 2022, 163 of our parishioners have pledged \$57,312 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$46,598 have been collected so far. If you are still considering your donation, please complete a donation envelope by the entrances of the church and or Text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255** today.



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2022**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

*A parte del 27 de Junio, 2022, 163 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$57,312 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$46,598 han sido colectados hasta ahora. Si todavía no han hecho su compromiso, complete un sobre de donación por las entradas de la iglesia o envíe hoy un mensaje de texto con la palabra **DONATE** al **917-336-1255**.*

E-GIVING OPPORTUNITY

When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support your parish and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and plan your summer offertory by setting up a recurring donation.

eGiving sustains our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY370, or text "**Enroll**" to **(929) 254-3850**. Your generosity will go a long way.

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Your Weekly Church Offering

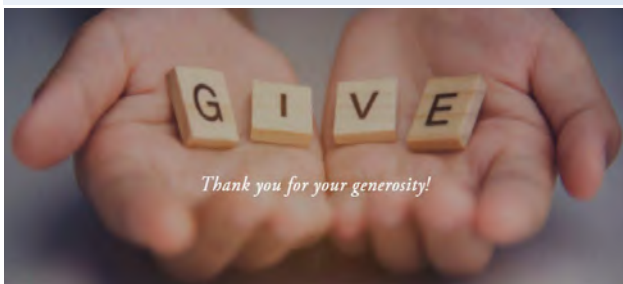
*(Does not include offerings
through Faith Direct)*

Last weekend's collection: **\$4,832**

Same weekend last year: **\$4,788**

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.



FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend, our nation celebrates its Independence. We take time to look back and reflect on the gift of freedom, and where true freedom lies. As Christians, we believe that everything good in life comes from God, including our freedom. From the Catholic perspective, true freedom allows us to do that which is right. Too often, however, liberty can be misunderstood for license. Yet the truth is that we are not free to do whatever we want. Our nation was founded on Judeo-Christian principles which presumed that there is objective right and wrong. Our Founding Fathers had a clear sense that all our rights come from God.

On this national holiday, we are reminded that we are one nation, under God. May we never forget this basic truth as we see our contemporary culture trying to redefine much of the natural order established by God and failing to protect the most vulnerable lives. As a Church, we must be a prophetic voice calling our nation to never forget the true Source of our freedom, and the true Power that guarantees it. At the same time, let us never forget those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom, and those who have served and are serving to maintain the privileges that we continue to enjoy in this land.

I remember growing up under the communist regime in Vietnam and was deeply inspired by the American concepts of “the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”. While Americans understood these rights as God-given, sometimes taken granted, they existed for me and my people only as a dream then. When I came to this country as a young teenager and began attending school here in New York City, I was very proud of putting my hand over my heart and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in school every morning: *“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”* Those words have a powerful meaning for me because I know that what they represent is not free and I would never take it for granted.

Now as a proud citizen of this great nation, I am grateful for our heritage. I am grateful for the privilege of living in *“the land of the free and the home of the brave.”* I am thankful for those who came before us paving the way for unrivaled liberties that allow us to freely make choices about our life, our faith, our work and our lifestyle. I am indebted to past and present veterans who made sacrifice in the pursuit and protection of these freedoms. Ultimately, I am thankful to God for all the blessings that have come into my life in the United States of America, including the ability to practice my faith and live out my faith, comfortable housing, decent healthcare, social mobility, an abundant wardrobe, a diverse menu of fantastic foods, and state-of-the-art communication and entertainment. I feel that I am blessed beyond my deserving.

Yet as a responsible and faithful person, I am also concerned for our future. I am concerned that our nation’s many different perspectives and ideologies are now driving us further apart from one another. Threats of violence, the abuse of political power, the divisiveness of harsh and misleading political rhetoric, a lack of civil discourse, a growing sense of hostility towards human life, a constant pushing of the envelopes in terms of morality. These concerns have given me heightened anxiety about the direction of our society in general. I suspect that many of you also feel the same as you look upon the current state of our nation.

This weekend, I invite you to pray that these sentiments of gratitude and concerns will lead us to a deeper appreciation of what God has done for us in Christ. Without Christ there is no life. Without Christ there is no liberty. Without Christ there is no pursuit of happiness. May we who live in this land and enjoy its privileges never take God for granted, for He is indeed the author and guarantor of all our rights.

Wishing each of you and your family a very blessed Independence Day weekend,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham

DEL CORAZON DEL PASTOR

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Este fin de semana, nuestra nación celebra su Independencia. Nos tomamos el tiempo para mirar hacia atrás y reflexionar sobre el regalo de la libertad y dónde se encuentra la verdadera libertad. Como cristianos, creemos que todo lo bueno en la vida proviene de Dios, incluyendo nuestra libertad. Desde la perspectiva Católica, la verdadera libertad nos permite hacer lo correcto. Con demasiada frecuencia, sin embargo, la libertad puede malinterpretarse como una licencia. Sin embargo, la verdad es que no somos libres de hacer lo que queramos. Nuestra nación fue fundada sobre principios judeo-cristianos que presumían que existe el bien y el mal objetivos. Nuestros Padres fundadores tenían un sentido claro de que todos nuestros derechos provienen de Dios.

En esta fiesta nacional, se nos recuerda que somos una nación, bajo Dios. Que nunca olvidemos esta verdad básica cuando vemos que nuestra cultura contemporánea intenta redefinir gran parte del orden natural establecido por Dios y falla en proteger las vidas más vulnerables. Como Iglesia, debemos ser una voz profética llamando a nuestra nación a nunca olvidar la verdadera Fuente de nuestra libertad, y el verdadero Poder que la garantiza. Al mismo tiempo, no olvidemos nunca a quienes han pagado el precio máximo por nuestra libertad, ya quienes han servido y sirven para mantener los privilegios que seguimos disfrutando en esta tierra.

Recuerdo haber crecido bajo el régimen comunista en Vietnam y me inspiraron profundamente los conceptos estadounidenses de "los derechos a la vida, la libertad y la búsqueda de la felicidad". Si bien los estadounidenses entendían estos derechos como otorgados por Dios, a veces dados por sentados, existían para mí y mi gente solo como un sueño en ese momento. Cuando vine a este país siendo un adolescente y comencé a asistir a la escuela aquí en la ciudad de Nueva York, estaba muy orgulloso de poner mi mano sobre mi corazón y recitar el Juramento a la Bandera en la escuela todas las mañanas: *"Prometo lealtad a la Bandera de los Estados Unidos de América, y a la República que representa, una nación, bajo Dios, indivisible, con libertad y justicia para todos."* Esas palabras tienen un significado poderoso para mí porque sé que lo que representan no es gratis y nunca lo daría por hecho y no apreciarlo.

Ahora, como un orgulloso ciudadano de esta gran nación, estoy agradecido por nuestra herencia. Estoy agradecido por el privilegio de vivir en *"la tierra de los libres y el hogar de los valientes"*. Estoy agradecido por aquellos que nos precedieron preparando el camino para libertades inigualables que nos permiten tomar decisiones libremente sobre nuestra vida, nuestra fe, nuestro trabajo y nuestro estilo de vida. Estoy en deuda con los veteranos del pasado y del presente que hicieron sacrificios en la búsqueda y protección de estas libertades. En última instancia, estoy agradecido con Dios por todas las bendiciones que han llegado a mi vida en los Estados Unidos de América, incluida la capacidad de practicar mi fe y vivir mi fe, una vivienda cómoda, atención médica decente, movilidad social, un guardarropa abundante, un menú diverso de comidas fantásticas y comunicación y entretenimiento de última generación. Siento que soy bendecido más allá de mi merecimiento.

Sin embargo, como persona responsable y fiel, también me preocupa nuestro futuro. Me preocupa que las muchas perspectivas e ideologías diferentes de nuestra nación nos estén separando cada vez más unos de otros. Las amenazas de violencia, el abuso del poder político, la división de la retórica política dura y engañosa, la falta de un discurso cívico, una creciente sensación de hostilidad hacia la vida humana, un constante empuje de los límites en términos de moralidad. Estas preocupaciones me han dado una mayor ansiedad sobre la dirección de nuestra sociedad en general. Sospecho que muchos de ustedes también sienten lo mismo al ver el estado actual de nuestra nación.

Este fin de semana los invito a orar para que estos sentimientos de gratitud e inquietudes nos lleven a una apreciación más profunda de lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros en Cristo. Sin Cristo no hay vida. Sin Cristo no hay libertad. Sin Cristo no hay búsqueda de la felicidad. Que los que vivimos en esta tierra y disfrutamos de sus privilegios nunca demos por sentado a Dios, pues Él es en verdad el autor y garante de todos nuestros derechos.

Deseando a cada uno de ustedes y su familia un muy bendecido fin de semana y Día de la Independencia,

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, July 3

9:00am – 1:00pm	Rosary Society	Lourdes A/B
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 B

Tuesday, July 5

3:30pm – 6:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
5:30pm – 6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe+ Fatima
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Spanish Baptism Instruction	Lourdes A/B

Thursday, July 7

10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe B
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Saturday, July 9

9:00am – 12:30pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A
10:00am – 12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
10:00am – 1:00pm	Saturday Lessons in Faith	Lourdes A/B
4:00pm – 9:00pm	Adult Sewing Group	Lourdes A/B
5:00pm – 8:00pm	BiLingual Choir	Fatima
6:00pm – 9:00pm	OLMC Ballet	Guadalupe A/B

Sunday, July 10

8:00am – 11:30	Italian Community	Lourdes A/B
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 – 12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe B
4:00pm – 7:00pm	Santiago Chinos Practica	Guadalupe A/B

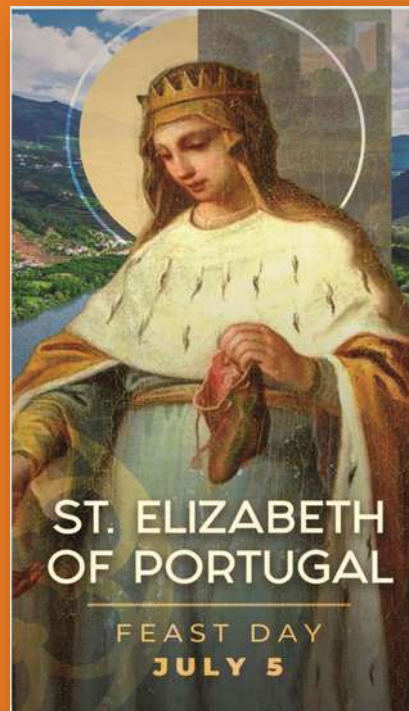
ASSOCIATION OF VINCINTIAN CHARITIES

When you donate your car, our parish may be able to 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 and mention the name of our parish.

Follow us on Social Media:

@OLMCAstoria



Saint of the Week

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men. After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.. Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to 5 July since 4 July is Independence Day, a national holiday.



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/Address

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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:

August 6 & September 3, October 1
Mass at 8:00am in the lower church
(Rosary recitation following the Mass).

UPCOMING PARISH PATRONAL FEAST

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our parish's Patronal Feast, will occur this year on Saturday, July 16. All parishioners, groups, ministries and ethnic apostolates of our parish are cordially invited to participate. Please mark your calendar for the following:



- 8:00am Solemn Mass with Consecration to Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Distribution of the Holy Scapulars
- 5:00pm Solemn Mass with Outdoor Procession starting at Mary's Garden & Distribution of the Holy Scapulars
- 6:30pm Parish Celebration in the Institute featuring international food, music and cultural performances

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are still accepting applications for Religious Ed. 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. For more information please contact the Religious Formation Office.



PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Remembering our deceased loved ones by having them prayed for at Mass on every first Friday of the month – the day traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a meaningful way to express our love. Those enrolled the Purgatorial Society will be remembered for a whole year. We have just enrolled **Anna Danyluk & Eugenio Acevedo.**

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 **Angelo E.P. Mazza, Anthony Pelle, Alex Lidster, Sakina Santiago, Cruz Acevedo, Marcia DaSilva & James Lesley DeSilva, Roger Pollard.**

INFANT BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting
Tuesday 7:00pm-Institute

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

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

Agosto 9, 2022
Septiembre 6, 2022
Octubre 4, 2022
Noviembre 8, 2022
Diciembre 6, 2022

Agosto 14, 2022
Septiembre 11, 2022
Octubre 9, 2022
Noviembre 13, 2022
Diciembre 11, 2022

NO COST MAMMOGRAMS

The American-Italian Cancer Foundation will be providing no costs mammograms at our parish on Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 9:00am until 4:30pm. You can register by calling 646.221.0639 or 887.628.9090.



VOCATION DISCERNMENT

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Are you being called by the Lord of the harvest to proclaimed His kingdom as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the vocations office at 718.827.2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 all parishioners to come and spend some time before the Real Presence of the Lord on Friday, July 1, 2022. Exposition and Adoration will take place right after the 8:00am Mass and will conclude with Solemn Benediction before the start of the 12 Noon Mass.

RECTORY CLOSING AND MASS SCHEDULE- INDEPENDENCE DAY

The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. There will be only one Mass at 9:00am in the Upper Church. The office will re-open on Tuesday, July 5th at 9:00am. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.



Maria Goretti Network
For all victims of abuse

July 15th at 8pm

NYC Chapter Meeting Online

contact nyc@mgoretti.org

MGN Maria Goretti Network exists to help survivors of any type of abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc.) find support and healing in the spirit of St. Maria Goretti. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone. Steps to forgiveness can set you free.

MGN Maria Goretti Network is a non-profit 501 (c)(3)

Lay Catholic Apostolate www.mgoretti.org



Pray for those
affected by abuse.

DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

“En cuanto a ti, ve y anuncia el reino de Dios.” Si usted está considerando una vocación al Sacerdocio, Diaconado, o a una vida consagrada, comuníquese con la oficina de vocaciones al 718.827.2454.

PROXIMA SEGUNDA COLECTA

10 de julio 2022: Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para nuestro mantenimiento parroquial. Sus donaciones generosas nos permite mantener los espacios y edificios en buena condición para su uso.

OFFICINA CERRADA Y HORARIO DE MISA POR EL DIA DE INDEPENDENCIA

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el lunes, 4 de julio por el Día de la Independencia. Habrá solo una Misa en Inglés a las 9:00am en la Iglesia de Arriba. La oficina volverá abrir el martes, 5 de julio a las 9:00am. Que tengan un buen y sano Día de la Independencia.

INSCRIPCIONES PARA EL CATECISMO

Todavía estamos aceptando registraciones para el catecismo para todos los niños comenzando desde el primer grado. Los padres de estudiantes que ya estuvieron en el 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. Para más información, por favor comuníquese con la Oficina de Formación Religiosa.

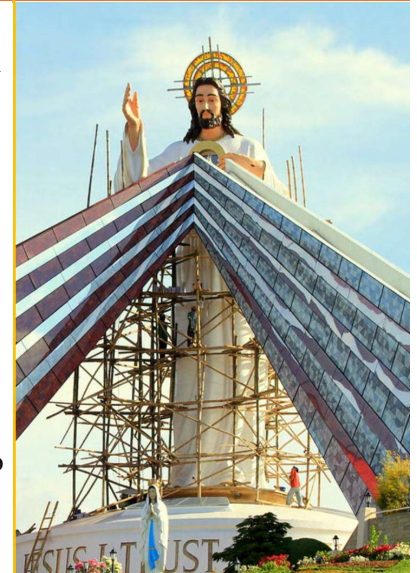


PEREGRINACION AL SANTUARIO NACIONAL DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA, ENCUENTRO LATINO

Únase a los Marianos en un día especialmente dedicado a los peregrinos latinos!

Sábado, 6 de Agosto
Santuario Nacional de La Divina Misericordia en Stockbridge, MA

Para más información o para registrarse, comuníquese con José Sandoval, dejando su nombre y teléfono en la oficina parroquial.
Ladivinamisericordia.org



FIESTA PATRONAL PROXIMAMENTE

La fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo, la patrona de nuestra parroquia, ocurrirá este año el sábado, 16 de julio. Todos los feligreses, grupos, ministerios y apostolados étnicos de nuestra parroquia están cordialmente invitados a participar. Por favor marque sus calendarios.



- 8:00am Misa Solemne con Consagración a Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo & Distribución de los Escapularios
- 5:00pm Misa Solemne con Procesión empezando en Jardín de María & Distribución de los Escapularios
- 6:30pm Celebración parroquial en el Instituto con comida internacional, música y actos culturales

MAMOGRAMAS GRATIS

La fundación Americana – Italiana estará proveyendo mamogramas sin costo el sábado, 30 de julio de 9:00am hasta las 4:30pm. Puede registrarse llamando al 646.221.0639 o 887.628.9090.



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.

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.

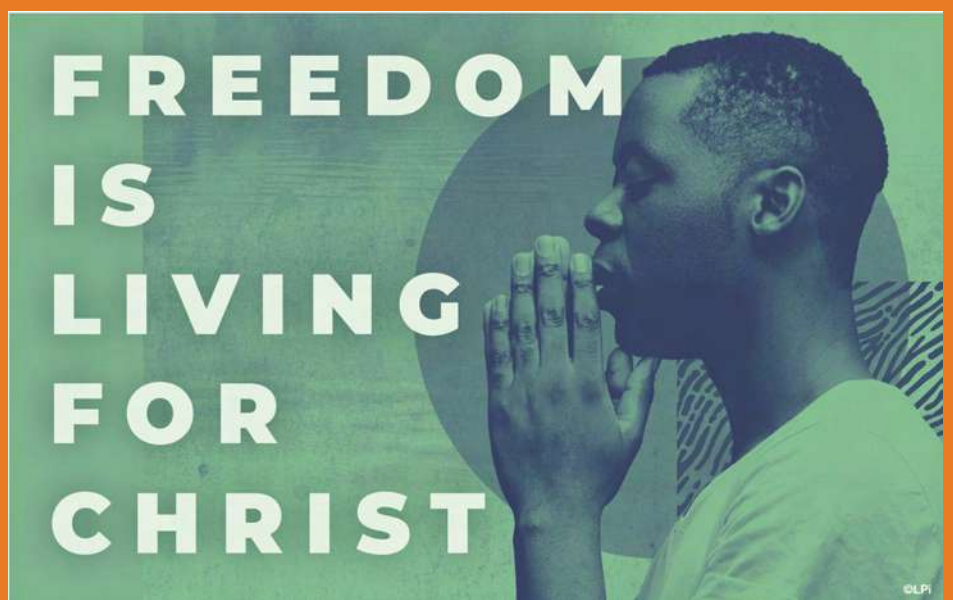
Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para saber cómo puede participar en nuestro programa RICA. Si conoce a alguien que pueda beneficiarse de este programa, anímelo a llamar o hablar con uno de nuestros sacerdotes.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom



can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty

are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you are an adult 18 years and older who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation, we invite you to consider preparing yourself to receive these very important spiritual gifts.

The duration of the preparation course typically ranges from six months to a year depending on each person's level of knowledge and commitment to the teachings and practices of the faith. Participants meet with our Deacon and a dedicated team of instructors once a week for an hour. The Sacraments will be conferred next year on Easter or Pentecost during a Solemn Mass.

Please call the parish office to learn how you can participate in our RCIA program. If you know anyone who may benefit from this program, please encourage them to call or speak to one of our priests.



WHEN GOD SPEAKS LIKE A POLISH GRANDMOTHER

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

He knows us best knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE HAVE A LITURGICAL SEASON CALLED ORDINARY TIME? CAN YOU EXPLAIN?

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The celebration of our country's independence gives us cause to reflect on the gift of freedom. We treasure the liberties our country provides, but are they the real source of freedom? True freedom is a gift given to us by God, not by the world. In fact, the world robs us of freedom by tethering us to a need for money, power, possessions, and prestige as vehicles to success and measures of self-worth. Even though we possess certain liberties, we are held captive by a system that sees no value in the Cross of Christ. It is no wonder Jesus sent his seventy-two disciples into the world with only what they were wearing. The freedom given to us by God is a matter of the heart and requires detachment from the very things we think we cannot do without. A heart secure in God's peace is something no one can take away and something really worth dying for.

