



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

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, JUNE 18

5:00pm Mercedes Beck, Vito Antonio Chiechi,
Victor Vazquez (*Second Anniversary*),
Patrick Welton, Talato Cyrille Karfo

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 (*Corpus Christi – Fathers's Day*)

8:00am For All Fathers in Our Parish Family
9:00am For All Fathers in Our Parish Family
9:30am Per Tutti I Papa
11:00am For All Fathers in Our Parish Family
12:30pm Por todos los Padres en Nuestra Parroquia
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MONDAY, JUNE 20

9:00am Luigi & Calogero Carlino

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 (*Saint Aloysius Gonzaga*)

8:00am Grescila D. Castroverde
12:00pm Romana B. Guevara (*Death Anniversary*)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

(*Saints Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher & Thomas More*)

8:00am Sabbia & Raffaele Carullo & Family
12:00pm Joan Burke

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

(*The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*)

8:00am Leonardo & Giuseppina Grippi
12:00pm Teresa Tamame & Elias Saez

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 (*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*)

8:00am Margherita & Bernardino Petruso
12:00pm Michael T. O'Brien– Living

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

(*The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

8:00am Anthony Scott Guistiani
5:00pm Cecilia Socci, Declan French, Jaime Arenas,
Maria Theresa Bucasan (*1st Anniversary*),
Ana Belanich, Gladys Brume (*Living*)

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

(*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Barry Amodeo
9:00am Mario Carullo
9:30am Graciela V. Montalvo
(*58th Wedding Anniversary*)
11:00am Carlos C. DeGuzman
(*Birthday Anniversary*)
12:30pm Francisco Jose Marcial, Livia Vargas Ruiz,
Karina Lariño, Guillermo Valencia y por
Luis & Maria Quizhpi en su 40 Aniversario
de Matrimonio
5:00pm For the people of our parish

*Mass Intentions for loved ones are still available & can be reserved first come – first served. Upcoming available dates include: July 9 & 23, 2022 at the 5:00pm Mass and July 24, 2022 at the 8:00am Mass.

MEMORIAL OFFERINGS

The Altar Candles are being offered for
**Margherita & Bernardino Petruso &
Raffaele & Sabbia Carullo**
by Tony & Nina Carullo

The Sanctuary Lamp is being offered for
Vincenzo Barretta & Raffaele Carullo
by Ida Barretta



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

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 19, 2022: There will be a second collection after communion for our Parish Maintenance. Your generous contributions help us maintain the spaces and buildings in good condition for your use.

June 26, 2022: There will be a second collection after communion for Peter's Pence. This collection supports the work of the Holy See to carry out charitable works.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of June 13, 2022, 153 of our parishioners have pledged \$50,092 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$39,845 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.

*A parte del 13 de Junio, 2022, 153 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$50,092 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$39,845 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: **\$4,075**

Same weekend last year: **\$6,014**

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 PASTOR'S HEART

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known as the Feast of Corpus Christi. This Solemnity honors Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is really, truly, and substantially present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Real Presence happens through the change which the Church calls "transubstantiation" ("change of substance"), when at the moment of consecration during Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, "This is My Body," "This is the Chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me." On this day, we Catholics are reminded that Jesus Christ still gives Himself to us, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, is always with us until the end of time. In the Holy Eucharist, we have the most tangible form of His presence.

This year, this solemn feast of Corpus Christi coincides with Father's Day, when we honor all those men who have been fathers to us in our lives, not only through biological connection but also through personal affiliation because they chose to be father figures to us and have nurtured us in different ways. One little boy, when asked to explain about Father's Day, said, "It's just like Mother's Day, only you don't spend as much on the present." Yes, maybe we're not quite as sentimental about Father's Day, but it does not make this day any less significant than Mother's Day.

This Father's Day has a very difficult connotation for me as it is my second Father's Day without a father. For forty-six years I had one, and he was one of the best. But now he is no longer here. It seems strange that he is not around. In my family, he is never gone. We feel that he is still close by, always present, always available, just the way he used to be, because his words, his faith, and his way of life continue to shape our own. I am convinced by copious signs that seem to confirm my dad's abiding presence. I am blessed by all the memories of him that I will cherish forever, including some very tender, precious, and invaluable moments in my life. Like a warm fireplace in a large house, my dad was a source of comfort. Like a sturdy swing on the porch or a big shady tree in the backyard, he could always be found and leaned upon. His strong faith and passion for the Church inspired me, despite so much suffering he and my mother endured during the years after the Vietnam War, and through the early years of our resettlement in the United States as refugees.

I could say that all my life, my father was always a reassuring presence. He was the glue that held our large family together. Because he was there, life went smoothly for all of us. Everything in the house worked like a well-oiled machine; all the bills got paid on time, the lawn stayed mowed, and the garden was cultivated. Because he was there, our laughter was fresh, and our future was secure. Because he was there, I could concentrate on my vocation as a priest without needless worry about my family. This was particularly true throughout all my long years of serving the Church away from home. Because my dad was there, we never missed an important feast day, a family celebration, someone's birthday, baptism, marriage, anniversary... All those were the things on Dad's calendar. He made the decisions, broke up the fights, played with the grandkids, read the newspapers every morning, worked in the gardens, helped my mother with house chores, presided at night prayer, and made sure that the whole family go to Mass on Sundays. He didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do - be there for their family.

My dad's life was a beautiful expression of what it means to be a man after Christ's own heart. He comes to my mind each day because I see his imprints everywhere in my own thinking and behavior. He taught me how to shave and how to pray. He showed me by his examples how to be a father figure and a spiritual father to others. On occasions, when I hear a good joke, I could hear him chuckle. A good sense of humor is the one thing that I still need to learn from him.

I realize that mine is a unique experience of fatherhood that not everybody has. Some of you may not have had a father figure's presence in your life. But today, on this solemn Feast of Corpus Christi, when we praise, adore, and give thanks to Christ, who is the perfect model for all fathers, I believe that it's worth celebrating all that fatherhood stands for: love, responsibility, dedication, sacrifice, and most importantly, abiding presence. More than ever, we need fathers who will rise up and be the abiding presence to his children and family the way Christ is to the world through His Holy Body and Blood.

Happy Father's Day and a Blessed Corpus Christi Feast to you all!

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham

DEL CORAZON DEL PASTOR

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Este fin de semana la Iglesia celebra la Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo, tradicionalmente conocida como la Fiesta del Corpus Christi. Esta Solemnidad honra a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, quien está real, verdadera y sustancialmente presente bajo las apariencias del pan y del vino. Esta Presencia Real sucede a través del cambio que la Iglesia llama “transubstanciación” (“cambio de sustancia”), cuando en el momento de la consagración durante la Misa, el sacerdote pronuncia las palabras que el mismo Cristo pronunció sobre el pan y el vino: “Esto es Mi Cuerpo”, “Este es el Cáliz de Mi Sangre”, “Hacer esto en memoria de Mí.” En este día, a los Católicos se nos recuerda que Jesucristo todavía se da a nosotros, Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad. Jesús, la Segunda Persona de la Santísima Trinidad, está siempre con nosotros hasta el final de los tiempos. En la Sagrada Eucaristía tenemos la forma más tangible de Su presencia.

Este año, esta solemne fiesta del Corpus Christi coincide con el Día del Padre, en el que homenajeamos a todos aquellos hombres que han sido padres para nosotros en nuestra vida, no sólo por conexión biológica sino también por filiación personal porque eligieron ser figuras paternas para nosotros y nos han nutrido de diferentes maneras. Cuando se le pidió a un niño que explicara sobre el Día del Padre, dijo: “Es como el Día de la Madre, solo que no gastas tanto en el regalo.” Sí, tal vez no seamos tan sentimentales con el Día del Padre, pero eso no hace que este día sea menos significativo que el Día de la Madre.

Este Día del Padre tiene una connotación muy difícil para mí ya que es mi segundo Día del Padre sin padre. Durante cuarenta y seis años tuve uno, y era uno de los mejores. Pero ahora ya no está aquí. Me parece extraño que él ya no esté cerca. En mi familia, él nunca se ha ido. Sentimos que todavía está cerca, siempre presente, siempre disponible, tal como era, porque sus palabras, su fe y su forma de vida siguen marcando la nuestra. Me convencen las numerosas señales que parecen confirmar la presencia permanente de mi padre. Estoy bendecido por todos los recuerdos de él que atesoraré para siempre, incluyendo algunos momentos muy tiernos, preciosos e invaluable en mi vida. Como una cálida chimenea en una casa grande, mi papá era una fuente de consuelo. Como un robusto columpio en el porche o un gran árbol con sombra en el patio trasero, siempre se podía encontrar y apoyarse en él. Su fuerte fe y pasión por la Iglesia me inspiraron, a pesar de tanto sufrimiento que él y mi madre soportaron durante los años posteriores a la guerra de Vietnam y durante los primeros años de nuestro reasentamiento en los Estados Unidos como refugiados.

Podría decir que toda mi vida, mi padre siempre fue una presencia tranquilizadora. Él era el pegamento que mantenía unida a nuestra gran familia. Debido a que él estaba allí, la vida transcurrió sin problemas para todos nosotros. Todo en la casa funcionaba como una máquina bien engrasada; todas las facturas se pagaron a tiempo, el césped permaneció cortado y el jardín se cultivó. Debido a que él estaba allí, nuestra risa era fresca y nuestro futuro estaba seguro. Debido a que él estaba allí, pude concentrarme en mi vocación como sacerdote sin preocuparme innecesariamente por mi familia. Esto fue particularmente cierto durante todos mis largos años de servicio a la Iglesia lejos de casa. Debido a que mi papá estaba allí, nunca nos perdíamos un día de fiesta importante, una celebración familiar, el cumpleaños de alguien, el bautismo, el matrimonio, el aniversario... Todas esas eran las cosas en el calendario de papá. Él tomaba las decisiones, disolvía las peleas, jugaba con los nietos, leía los periódicos todas las mañanas, trabajaba en los jardines, ayudaba a mi madre en las tareas de la casa, presidía la oración de la noche y se aseguraba de que toda la familia fuera a misa los domingos. . No hizo nada inusual. Solo hizo lo que se supone que deben hacer los padres: estar allí para su familia.

La vida de mi padre fue una hermosa expresión de lo que significa ser un hombre conforme al corazón de Cristo. Viene a mi mente todos los días porque veo sus huellas en todas partes en mi propio pensamiento y comportamiento. Me enseñó a afeitarme y a rezar. Me mostró con sus ejemplos cómo ser una figura paterna y un padre espiritual para los demás. En ocasiones, cuando escucho un buen chiste, lo oigo reír. Un buen sentido del humor es lo único que todavía necesito aprender de él.

Me doy cuenta de que la mía es una experiencia de paternidad única que no todo el mundo tiene. Es posible que algunos de ustedes no hayan tenido la presencia de una figura paterna en su vida. Pero hoy, en esta solemne fiesta del Corpus Christi, cuando alabamos, adoramos y damos gracias a Cristo, que es el modelo perfecto para todos los padres, creo que vale la pena celebrar todo lo que significa la paternidad: amor, responsabilidad, entrega, sacrificio, y lo más importante, presencia permanente. Más que nunca, necesitamos padres que se levanten y sean la presencia permanente para sus hijos y su familia de la misma manera que Cristo lo es para el mundo a través de Su Santo Cuerpo y Sangre.

Un Feliz día del Padre y una bendecida fiesta de Corpus Christi,

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, June 19

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

Tuesday, June 21

7:00am – 4:00pm	Young Womens Leadership	Gym
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
7:00pm – 8:00pm	English Baptism Instruction	Lourdes A/B

Wednesday, June 22

7:00am – 4:00pm	Young Womens Leadership	Gym
5:00pm – 9:00pm	CYO	Gym
7:30pm – 9:30pm	Plant-Based Meeting	Guadalupe A/B+ Nazareth

Thursday, June 23

7:00am – 9:00pm	Young Womens Leadership	Gym
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe B

Friday, June 24

7:00am – 4:00pm	Young Women's Leadership	Gym
4:00pm – 11:00pm	Fiesta del Sagrado Corazon	Guadalupe

Saturday, June 25

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 – 7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth
5:00pm – 8:00pm	BiLingual Choir	Upper Room
6:00pm – 9:00pm	OLMC Ballet	Guadalupe A/B

Sunday, June 26

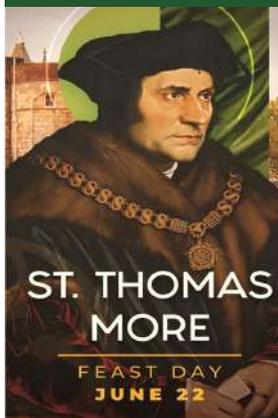
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10:30am – 12:30pm	Cursillo	Gym
1:30pm – 4:00pm	Quinceañera Class	Lourdes A/B
4:00pm – 7:00pm	Santiago Chinos Practica	Guadalupe A/B

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Saint of the Week



Sir Thomas More was a humanist and statesman in Tudor England. He is still widely known today as the author of *Utopia*. More was a prolific writer and theologian. A true martyr of the Church, he was beatified by Pope Leo XIII in 1886, and canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 19, 1935. More was born in London in 1478, the son of Sir John More, a lawyer, and judge. He attended Oxford where he studied Latin and Greek, as well as formal logic. He left Oxford in 1494 to train as a lawyer in London. After attaining the Bar, he spent time discerning a call to the priesthood. Though attracted to the Franciscan order More remained a lay Christian, continuing to fast, pray, and wear a hair shirt. He was married twice, the loving father of three daughters, a step-daughter by his second marriage, and one son. More wrote many letters to his children when he was away on business and his daughters were known for their academic abilities, as they received the same education as his son, an anomaly at the time. More rose to the Privy Council in 1514. He became a good friend and advisor to Henry VIII, and in 1521 he was knighted. In 1529 he was made Lord Chancellor of England. However, this appointment was the beginning of the end for the saint. He could not support the break with the Church in Rome when Henry failed to receive from the Pope the annulment of his first marriage to Katherine of Aragon to wed Anne Boleyn. More resigned as Lord Chancellor and continued to refuse to accept Henry as the head of the Church in England. Eventually, he was imprisoned, tried, and sentenced to a traitor's death, to be hanged, drawn, and quartered. Henry commuted the sentence of his former friend to the more humane beheading. More was executed at Tower Hill, on July 6, 1535, before his death he famously proclaimed that he was "the king's good servant, but God's first."



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/ Esposo(a): _____
Address/ Dirección: _____

Telephone/ Telefono: _____
E-mail/ Correo electrónico: _____

PLEASE CHECK/MARQUE SUS OPCIONES
 New Registration Change of Name/Address
 I prefer envelopes I prefer E-giving

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:

July 2, August 6 & September 3, October 1
Mass at 8:00am in the lower church
(Rosary recitation following the Mass).

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 **Miguelina Acevedo, Kent Finley, Mary Rocuzzo, & Luz Cobos.**

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.**



GIVING THE GIFT OF HEALING

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? The pain & sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer & Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion.



For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866.575.0075 or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

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.



WELCOME DEACON DAVID TRAN



We are happy to welcome transitional Deacon David Tran who was ordained to the diaconate for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio this past April 23. Deacon David will remain at our parish for two months as part of his pastoral immersion in a multi-cultural community. The young deacon comes from a devout Vietnamese American family of five brothers; he is the oldest. We are grateful that many bishops and seminary formators around the country continue to express their confidence in our parish's uniqueness and vitality, and we look forward to enjoying Deacon David's presence in our parish this summer. Please extend to him the courtesy and support of our community.

BIENVENIDO DIACONO DAVID TRAN

Nos complace dar la bienvenida al diácono en transición David Tran, quien fue ordenado diaconado para la Arquidiócesis de Cincinnati, Ohio, el pasado 23 de abril. El diácono David permanecerá en nuestra parroquia durante dos meses como parte de su inmersión pastoral en una comunidad multicultural. El diácono joven proviene de una devota familia vietnamita estadounidense de cinco hermanos; él es el mayor. Estamos agradecidos de que muchos obispos y formadores de seminarios de todo el país continúen expresando su confianza en la singularidad y vitalidad de nuestra parroquia, y esperamos disfrutar de la presencia del diácono David en nuestra parroquia este verano. Por favor extienda a él la cortesía y el apoyo de nuestra comunidad.

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

Baptism Ceremony
Sunday-2:00pm-Church

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

NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

FECHAS DE BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

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

Julio 5, 2022
Agosto 9, 2022
Septiembre 6, 2022
Octubre 4, 2022
Noviembre 8, 2022
Diciembre 6, 2022

Julio 10, 2022
Agosto 14, 2022
Septiembre 11, 2022
Octubre 9, 2022
Noviembre 13, 2022
Diciembre 11, 2022

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSING & MASS SCHEDULE



The rectory office will be closed on Monday, June 20, 2022 in observance of the national holiday, Juneteenth. There will only be one Mass in the Upper Church at 9:00am. The office will re-open on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 9:00am.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT

“You give them something to eat.” Does these words of Christ challenge you to give your all for Him as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact the vocations office at 718.827.2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Pray one for Another
- James 5:16



CAMPANELLA Youth Choir

From the Czech Republic

will perform at
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
on Sunday, June 26 at 11:30 AM
Lower Church – FREE ADMISSION



Campanella Choir has performed in 41 countries to great acclaim. Their wide-ranging repertoire stretches from Gregorian Chant to contemporary styles, including Folk Songs from around the world.

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.

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

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 en la Rectoría.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Jesus went to those most in need. He forgave the sinner, ate with the outcast, defended, and fed those who were poor and hungry. He worked for true justice, risked being unpopular, willingly accepted suffering and death, and always stayed connected with his Abba, Father. Jesus also consistently reminded folks that God's compassion, love, and mercy trump everything, even the law. This is the Christ that the Eucharist calls us to be. As we look around our churches, our towns and cities, and our world, there are many people who need to see the face and body of Christ. Some of those most in need may be right within our families. But it is always in the poorest of the poor and those most vulnerable that we find the greatest need. There are many who cannot function on their own. When the gift of the Eucharistic Christ takes root in our hearts, we can more readily see the face of Christ in others.

Many people are vulnerable. The highest on that list are the homeless. They show us the face of Christ. Whatever the cause, to have no place to go and no place to call home takes a toll on the human



spirit. For Jesus when there were hungry people, they were fed. God asks us to do the same ... feed people. There are many who are hungry physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Gifted by the Eucharistic presence of Christ, we can bring them Christ. Who are the hungry around us and how can we feed them?

When someone is hurting, you comfort them. When someone is hungry, you feed them. When someone needs clothes, you provide them. When someone is cold, you warm them. When someone is in prison, you visit

them. With over a million people who are homeless and over a quarter of them children, it is important to ask the question, "why?" and strategize for ways to lessen or alleviate the problem. Nevertheless, we are not off the hook for responding to the immediate needs that present themselves at our doors. Whether a person's current station in life is self-imposed or the result of being victimized, they are sacred vessels. We cannot lock the door and send them away and still believe we bear the Eucharistic presence of Christ. It doesn't work like that.

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



SACRED VESSELS

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them - not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment.

When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us.

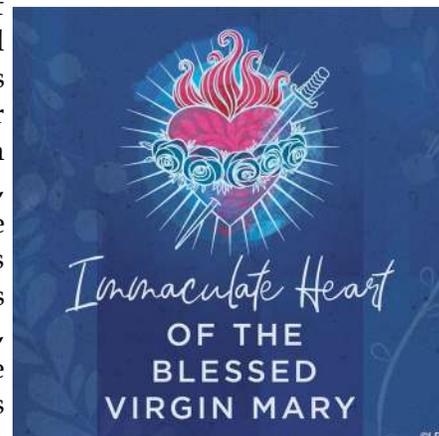
But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves— our bodies, our souls - with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVE THE LITURGY

Good dietitians will remind us that we are not only the product of what we eat but the disciplines we undertake. Many people spend a great deal of time and effort eating a healthy diet, getting a sufficient amount of rest, and engaging in regular exercise. Experts tell us that attending to these increases our chances for a longer life. While this is certainly a worthy pursuit, is our earthly life really the one that requires the most attention and effort? Faith kicks in to remind us that we are meant to live forever with God. Hence, isn't it our eternal destiny that requires most of our effort and attention? The food and nourishment we need to achieve this goal and fine tune our souls for this promised inheritance are the Body and Blood of Christ. Only this heavenly sustenance will unite us with God and our brothers and sisters, strengthen us to do what the Gospel asks us to do and prepare us for life eternal. Through the discipline of prayer, our desire to receive our Lord is deepened. It is this yearning, above anything else, that we want clearly seen and front and center when we close our eyes in death. God loves us so much that he gave us his only begotten Son. Let us rush to receive him!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



If one's gift or talent is making money, and one uses that money for honorable purposes, is it considered a spiritual gift?

What does our faith teach us about wealth and stewardship?

Jesus said it best: to whom much is given, much is expected. All gifts come from God, and our abilities are given to us to be used for the benefit of ourselves and of others and at the service of the Gospel. In an article entitled "The Many Faces of Stewardship," Catherine Doherty wrote about stewardship in the "nitty-gritty everydayness of my life," and about the currency or "money" of spiritual stewardship: love, understanding, and unselfishness.

For a gift to have a spiritual benefit, our intention and involvement would be part of the consideration.

If I give money to a charity, but do so in order to gain a tax advantage, it could hardly be a virtuous thing on my part. But if I give because I want to help and, in fact, am even willing to get involved, have committed me in a deeper, more meaningful way. Regardless of our money making talents, in the end, true stewardship comes down to how well we practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love within our life and with those in our community and church. Ultimately, the most important element in stewardship is not intangible-it's you!