



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

PENTECOST SUNDAY



[Jesus said to his disciples:] "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." - Jn 14:23

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 4

5:00pm Delphine Bertolotti, Donna Connors,
Marie Bradley, Janet Ortega,
David Dioquino, Jaime Arenas

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 (*Pentecost Sunday*)

8:00am Calvin de los Santos (*Death Anniversary*)
9:00am Mario Carullo
9:30am The Living & Deceased Members of
our parish's Rosary Society
11:00am Tina Soccoli
12:30pm Graciela Gloria Quinto Tapia,
Rafaela Calderon (*Aniversario*),
Angela Calixto, Isabel Zamora,
Jesus Marquez, y por los Novios y
los Matrimonios
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MONDAY, JUNE 6 (*Mary Mother of the Church*)

8:00am Claudette Cowell & Janet Williams McFee
12:00pm Bruce Cosgrove (*3rd Anniversary*)

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

8:00am Madonna Immordino Faraci
12:00pm Joseph Ricci

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

8:00am Mario Carullo
12:00pm Carlos C. De Guzman (*Death Anniversary*)

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 (*Saint Ephrem*)

8:00am In Thanksgiving by the Bitancur Family
12:00pm Joseph Ricci

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

8:00am Peter Suh (*Death Anniversary*)
12:00pm Elen Good & Irma Rode

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 (*Saint Barnabas*)

8:00am Lino Morales (*Memorial*) &
Ahtziri Morales (*Birthday*)
5:00pm Loretta Pagona (*Birthday Memorial*),
Rodolfo Monge (*Memorial*),
Mr. & Mrs. Sal Grippi,
Ariel Moyano & Eldo Moyano,
Luis & Maria Quizphi (*40th Wedding Anniversary*)

SUNDAY, JUNE 12 (*The Most Holy Trinity*)

8:00am Mario R. Nacinovich (*Birthday*)
9:00am Alberto DiBenedetto
9:30am Donald Sanchez
11:00am Vito Todisco & Allen Lanner
12:30pm Zoraida E. Camacho, Fabio Leon Diaz,
Jose Paul Loor (*I Aniversario*),
Victor Vazquez (*II Aniversario*),
Nicola Chiechi & Anna Vesia
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MEMORIAL OFFERINGS

The Altar Candles are being offered for
Sebastiano & Nina Leto
by Ida Barretta

The Sanctuary Lamp is being offered for
Mario & Nicolo Del Greco
by Ida Del Greco



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

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

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 5, 2022: There will be a second collection after communion for Communications. The mission of this collection is to contribute to the process of the Church's evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and the Catholic press sponsored by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of May 31, 2022, 130 of our parishioners have pledged \$43,861 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$34,148 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.

*Desde el 31 de Mayo, 2022, 130 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$43,861 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$34,148 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: **\$5,430**

Same weekend last year: **\$5,445**

Faith Direct– May 2021: \$5,927

Faith Direct– May 2022: \$6,496

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,

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles who were united in prayer. St. Luke describes this experience in the Acts of the Apostles as a strong wind that filled the upper room where the disciples were gathered, and as tongues of fire that appeared on each one of them. The Evangelist also tells us about other tongues: when the Apostles went out to preach the Good News with zeal and boldness, all those who heard them were astonished by the fact that, although they came from different countries, they could still understand the message proclaimed, each one in his native tongue.

Thus, the Feast of Pentecost is also a celebration of the gift of unity that the Holy Spirit brings. He brings together people who speak different languages and who come from different cultures and puts them in contact with those who witness the Risen Christ. As a result, all can experience the power of God, which transcends the sad divisions between them. The Holy Spirit is not one who imposes a rigid uniformity that chokes up diversity. He is like a holy dew that shines on the different plants and flowers of the Garden of Creation, without destroying or eradicating their God-given uniqueness.

This understanding of Pentecost urges and inspires us to work together in building up an inclusive society that welcomes diversity as a great gift of the Creator's Spirit. As members of the Catholic Church, a faith community that grows from ancient roots, but always embraces a diversity of cultures and languages, we have a golden opportunity to witness love, which is the universal language that everyone can understand. These days, sadly, we can see how pride, prejudices, and hatred often lead to exclusion, destruction, and even senseless murders in our pluralistic society. The Christian response to these tragedies is love. Love leads to the building up of the human family. Love restores the original unity and peace that God created for us to enjoy. Love can build bridges that help us to cross over the abyss of racism, xenophobia, of all kinds of prejudice and fear.

In the last 182 years, the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Astoria has been a spiritual home to countless families of immigrants, refugees, and foreigners. Together, they built up this community and left us with a rich Catholic legacy that still benefits our generation. Worshiping and journeying together as diverse people is not easy, but thanks to the Holy Spirit who has blessed us with the common language of love, unity is always a proud hallmark of our parish family. Today, it is our mission to witness this gift.

"Veni Creator Spiritus!" Today the Church fervently prays, *"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth!"* Let us pray that our hearts may be set ablaze with love for everyone, including all who speak different tongues among us.

Happy Pentecost to all!

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham

DEL CORAZON DEL PASTOR



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Cincuenta días después de la Pascua, celebramos la venida del Espíritu Santo sobre los Apóstoles que estaban unidos en la oración. San Lucas describe esta experiencia en los Hechos de los Apóstoles como un fuerte viento que llenó el aposento alto donde estaban reunidos los discípulos, y como lenguas de fuego que aparecieron sobre cada uno de ellos. El evangelista también nos habla de otras lenguas: cuando los Apóstoles salían a predicar la Buena Nueva con celo y denuedo, todos los que los oían se asombraban de que, aunque venían de diferentes países, aún podían entender el mensaje proclamado, cada uno en su lengua materna.

Así, la fiesta de Pentecostés es también una celebración del don de la unidad que trae el Espíritu Santo. Reúne a personas que hablan diferentes idiomas y que provienen de diferentes culturas y las pone en contacto con quienes dan testimonio de Cristo Resucitado. Como resultado, todos pueden experimentar el poder de Dios, que trasciende las tristes divisiones entre ellos. El Espíritu Santo no es quien impone una rígida uniformidad que ahoga la diversidad. Él es como un rocío santo que brilla sobre las diferentes plantas y flores del Jardín de la Creación, sin destruir ni erradicar su unicidad dada por Dios.

Esta comprensión de Pentecostés nos da urgencia e inspira a trabajar juntos en la construcción de una sociedad inclusiva que acoja la diversidad como un gran don del Espíritu del Creador. Como miembros de la Iglesia Católica, una comunidad de fe que crece a partir de raíces antiguas, pero que siempre abarca una diversidad de culturas e idiomas, tenemos una oportunidad de oro para ser testigos del amor, que es el idioma universal que todos pueden entender. En estos días, lamentablemente, podemos ver cómo el orgullo, los prejuicios y el odio muchas veces conducen a la exclusión, la destrucción e incluso asesinatos sin sentido en nuestra sociedad pluralista. La respuesta cristiana a estas tragedias es el amor. El amor conduce a la edificación de la familia humana. El amor restaura la unidad y la paz originales que Dios creó para que las disfrutemos. El amor puede tender puentes que nos ayuden a cruzar el abismo del racismo, de la xenofobia, de todo tipo de prejuicios y miedos.

En los últimos 182 años, la parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo en Astoria ha sido un hogar espiritual para innumerables familias de inmigrantes, refugiados y extranjeros. Juntos construyeron esta comunidad y nos dejaron un rico legado católico que aún beneficia a nuestra generación. Adorar y viajar juntos como personas diversas no es fácil, pero gracias al Espíritu Santo que nos ha bendecido con el lenguaje común del amor, la unidad es siempre un sello distintivo de nuestra familia parroquial. Hoy, es nuestra misión ser testigos de este don.

“¡Veni Creator Spiritus!” Hoy la Iglesia reza con fervor: *“Ven, Espíritu Santo, llena los corazones de tus fieles y enciende en ellos el fuego de tu amor. Envía Tu Espíritu y serán creados. ¡Y Tú renovarás la faz de la tierra!”* Oremos para que nuestros corazones se enciendan de amor por todos, incluidos todos los que hablan lenguas diferentes entre nosotros.

¡Feliz Pentecostés para todos!

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, June 5

9:00am – 9:00pm	Fr. Vincent – Reception	Gym
9:00am – 11:30am	Reunion de Amistad	Nazareth
9:00am – 1:00pm	Rosary Society	Lourdes A/B
10:00am – 1:00pm	Czech Community	Guadalupe A
10:00am – 12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Fatima+ Upper Room
10:30am – 12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe B

Monday, June 6

9:00am – 9:00pm	Young Womens Leadership	Gym
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Tuesday, June 7

7:00am – 9:00pm	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
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Spanish Baptism Instruction	Lourdes A/B
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth

Wednesday, June 8

7:00am – 4:00pm	Young Womens Leadership	Gym
5:00pm – 9:00pm	CYO	Gym

Thursday, June 9

7:00am – 5:00pm	Young Womens Leadership	Gym
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe B
5:00pm – 9:00pm	CYO	Gym

Friday, June 10

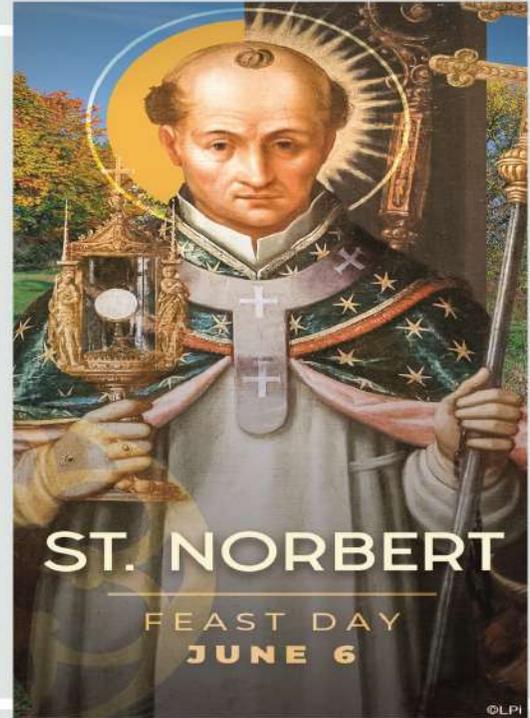
7:00am – 4:00pm	Young Women's Leadership	Gym
4:00pm – 11:00pm	CYO	Gym

Saturday, June 11

9:00am – 12:30pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A
9:00am – 7:00pm	CYO	Gym
10:00am – 12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
10:00am – 1:00pm	Saturday Lessons in Faith	Lourdes A/B
3:00pm – 10:00pm	Dia De Los Padres	Guadalupe A/B
3:30pm – 9:00pm	Adult Sewing Group	Lourdes A/B
4:00pm – 5:30pm	SIA	Fatima
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth
6:00pm – 8:00pm	BiLingual Choir	Lourdes A/B
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Reception Set Up	Gym

Sunday, June 12

8:00am – 11:30am	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



Saint of the Week

Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten was ordained as a sub-deacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power, and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest.

Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope's request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded a women's branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium, he preached against heresies that denied the Blessed Sacrament.

Eventually, he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward, he returned to Germany to the court of Emperor Lothar as an advisor, at end of his life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died.

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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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 the parish office.



FIRST MASS OF THANKSGIVING



Vincent Vu
Diocese of Brooklyn

This Sunday, June 5, at 3:00pm, there will be a First Mass of Thanksgiving in our Upper Church, celebrated by newly ordained Father Vincent Vu, one of the three transitional deacons who was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Robert Brennan this past Saturday,

June 4. Father Vincent is a member of our Vietnamese community. As a seminarian, he had been assigned to serve at our parish for a summer a few years ago under the direction of Msgr. Sean Ogle.

All parishioners are invited to attend this solemn Mass, which will be celebrated in English and Vietnamese, and receive Father Vincent's First Blessing, which includes a Plenary Indulgence. Following the Mass, all are invited to the Institute for a festive reception, featuring international food and cultural performances in honor of the new priest and his family.

Please welcome the large number of guests including many priests, seminarians and religious to our parish.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

We would like to thank in a special way all those who have collaborated in the planning and preparation for Father Vincent Vu's First Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception today. Your generosity is a great sign of support to him as he begins his priestly ministry. Your work together is also a tribute to the unity that is a hallmark of our parish. Thank you!

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, October 1

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

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.

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.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT

“The Spirit gave them ability.” Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord’s mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the vocations office at 718.827.2454.

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, June 3, 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.

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.

PENTECOST: SPRINGTIME OF THE CHURCH



There are three "mega-festivals" in the Christian calendar. They are Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. God the Father's wonderful Christmas gift of His only Son, and Christ's Easter triumph over the power of sin and death would mean nothing if the Holy Spirit did not give us faith. Because Pentecost is the day that God poured out His Holy Spirit on Christ's disciples, the Season after Pentecost, the longest of the liturgical year, focuses on the work of the Holy Spirit in the life and mission of the church. Through the Holy Spirit's gift of faith, Christians are able to believe in Christ as Lord and proclaim Him in their daily lives by service to others. *Ordinary Time*, which lasts from Trinity Sunday until the First Sunday of Advent, is a time to grow in the faith and to focus on Christian living, evangelism, stewardship, and service. The liturgical color of this season is green, the color of growth and life.

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.



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.

PRIMER MISA EN ACCION DE GRACIAS



Vincent Vu
Diocese of Brooklyn

Este domingo 5 de junio, a las 3:00p.m., habrá una Primera Misa de Acción de Gracias en nuestra Iglesia de arriba, celebrada por el nuevo sacerdote Padre Vincent Vu, uno de los tres candidatos que

fueron ordenado al sacerdocio por el Obispo Robert Brennan el sábado pasado 4 de junio. Padre Vincent es miembro de nuestra comunidad vietnamita. Como seminarista, fue asignado a servir en nuestra parroquia durante un verano hace unos años. Todos los feligreses están invitados a la Misa solemne en inglés y vietnamita, y recibir la Primera Bendición del Padre Vincent, que incluye una Indulgencia Plenaria. Después de la Misa, todos están invitados al Instituto Parroquial para una Recepción Festiva con comida internacional, música de Mariachi, bailes culturales y actuaciones vietnamitas en honor al nuevo sacerdote y su familia. Por favor den la bienvenida a la gran cantidad de invitados, incluyendo a muchos sacerdotes, seminaristas y religiosos que visitarán nuestra parroquia este día.

AGRADECIMIENTO ESPECIAL

Queremos agradecer de manera especial a todos aquellos que han colaborado en la planificación y preparación de la Primera Misa de Acción de Gracias y Recepción del Padre Vincent Vu en el día de hoy. Su generosidad es un gran signo de apoyo para él en el inicio de su ministerio sacerdotal. Su trabajo en conjunto es también un tributo a la unidad que es un sello distintivo de nuestra parroquia. ¡Gracias!



INSCRIPCIONES PARA EL CATECISMO

Ya hemos comenzado aceptar registros 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 Rectoría.

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

Junio 7, 2022
Julio 5, 2022
Agosto 9, 2022
Septiembre 6, 2022
Octubre 4, 2022
Noviembre 8, 2022
Diciembre 6, 2022

Junio 12, 2022
Julio 10, 2022
Agosto 14, 2022
Septiembre 11, 2022
Octubre 9, 2022
Noviembre 13, 2022
Diciembre 11, 2022

DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

“El Espíritu les concedía expresarse.” Es el Espíritu Santo que te prepara a compartir la misión del Señor como un sacerdote, diacono, o en la vida consagrada? Pongase en contact con la oficina de vocaciones al 718.827.2454 o a vocations@diobrook.org.

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).

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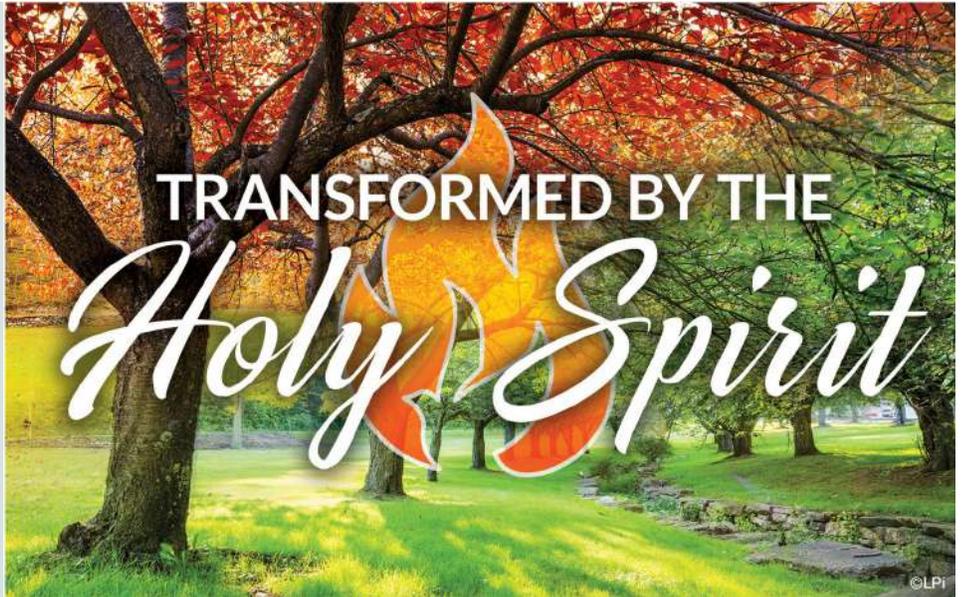
GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless deadwood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no



way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is

untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

PENTECOST



LIVE THE LITURGY– INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

St. Josemaria Escriva tells us, "To live according to the Holy Spirit means to live by faith and hope and charity. To allow God to take possession of our lives and to change our hearts, to make us resemble him more and more." Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given freely by God to us. The Holy Spirit is the very breath of God and the true source of our power and strength. When we accept that God is the beginning and the end of all things, we open ourselves to receiving this powerful presence. The Holy Spirit alone is the one who teaches us how to pray, who stirs us to lift our eyes to heaven in search of our Creator, and opens them to recognize the wonderful gifts of faith, hope, and love God gives us. The Holy Spirit is the one who teaches us how to understand ourselves, God, others, and the world. When we allow God's Own breath to truly take possession of us, we realize that we are meant to become like God and know Him as He really is. This ultimate helper lifts our eyes from what is below to what is above and empowers us to live life with joy and keener vision!



DO YOU SPEAK STEWARDSHIP?

If you are married, I'm guessing that you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost. Maybe you know your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers - we have all learned the language of the people we love.

The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready & willing to hear. Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels - but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IS THE MASS REALLY CELEBRATED THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE WORLD?

One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no."

On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even the local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even

here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40).