



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

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 30 (*Saint Peter Chrysologus*)

5:00pm Tracy O'Donnell, Rev. Manuel Machado,
Jose Machado, Vito Avena, Liu Ping Yu

SUNDAY, JULY 31

(*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am John Pham
9:00am Maria Petruso
9:30am Pascuale & Maria LaPorta
11:00am Jimmy G. Garcia
12:30pm Por Las Almas del Purgatorio que esten
mas Cercas a Subir al Cielo,
Graciela Gloria Quinto Tapia,
Farida Said (*Por Sanacion*), Gustavo Ortiz,
Osiel Perez (*Sexto Aniversario de Muerte*)
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 1 (*Saint Alphonsus Liguori*)

8:00am Deceased Members of the
Min & Suh Family
12:00pm Barbara Leto

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 (*Saint Eusebius of Vercelli & Saint Peter Julian Eynard*)

8:00am Gaspare Barretta
12:00pm Joseph Coughlin—Living

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00am Anna Danyluk
12:00pm Maria Camisa

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00am Mary Duran—Living
12:00pm Maria & Joachino Cinquemani

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00am Purgatorial Society
12:00pm Goffredo Barretta
7:30pm Richard J. Gallagher (*Happy Birthday*)

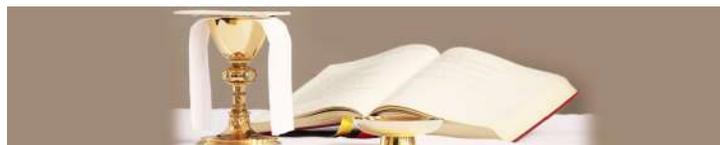
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00am Maria Hue Doan
5:00pm John Pham, Marlene Ellen Baer,
Marta Wojtkicwicz

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

(*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Maria Hue Doan
9:00am Madonna Degl'Angeli
9:30am The Living & Deceased Members of
Our Parish's Rosary Society
11:00am Francis Marfe
12:30pm Por las Almas del Purgatorio que esten
mas pronto a subir al Cielo,
Angelica Lopez Chavez, Araceli,
Candido Cazares
5:00pm For the people of our parish



MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

The Altar Flowers are being offered for
Maria Camisa by Fran Camisa

The Altar Candles, Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp are
being offered for **Pasquale & Maria LaPorta**
by Elisabetta LaPorta

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
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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 13 & 14— Fr. Bruno Piccolo will speak at all Masses about the work of the PIME Missionaries. Founded in Italy in 1850, PIME Missionaries are priests and brothers who dedicate themselves as lifelong messengers of the Gospel to those who have not yet heard the Word of God. They live and work alongside the poorest among us in 19 countries, shedding light on the silent struggles of our brothers and sisters in the missions and connecting them to those with a spirit to help. Find out more at: www.pimeusa.org.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of July 25, 2022, 178 of our parishioners have pledged \$62,227 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$52,838 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 25 de Julio, 2022, 178 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$67,227 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$52,838 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**.*



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2022**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Your Weekly Church Offering

*(Does not include offerings
through Faith Direct)*

Last weekend's collection: **\$4,749**

Same weekend last year: **\$6,853**

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.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As this month of July comes to an end, we find ourselves faced with one last month before our children go back to school or return to college. Our young people surely know better than the rest of us the importance of taking a break. As a priest living in a rectory community, I feel fortunate to have many of our household chores taken care of by diligent staff. Yet, even with that blessing, rest and relaxation still seem a luxury as my days are filled with the call to ministry and the constant demand of administrative responsibilities. I am sure the parents in our parish know this very well from their own daily experience: taking care of the kids; doing the laundry; cooking; cleaning; driving here and there; making money and keeping up with relationships, etc. Life can be exhausting.

Nevertheless, it is important to find time for rest. Rest and relaxation are not a luxury but a necessity. It is good for our body and soul. In our very busy lives, I still appreciate the need to escape the mindless humdrum of daily responsibilities. I know firsthand that our lack of appreciation for rest and our default habit of keeping ourselves busy with fidgety works have grave consequences on the quality of our life, health, relationships, and even our faith. The banal routines that become entrenched in our habits often take the life out of our days, and the inability to rest only makes it worse as it affects our sense of fulfillment and self-regard. Yet the remedy for this compulsion to overwork can be quite simple. I invite you, for example, to savor the remainder of this summertime when there is not much to do. Let's enjoy our friends; spend time enjoying this wonderful city we call home; taste the rich food and discover the fascinating cultures around us! Let's take advantage of living at a slower, more rested pace. And most importantly, let's take time to just stop and be still.

From the opening pages of the Bible, we might say that aside from breathing life into the cosmos, the first act of love God shared with humanity was that after making us, He took time to rest. Scripture tells us that on the sixth day, God created man and gifted him the earth, thus giving us our first vocation to fill it and care for it. Then *"He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done"* (Gen 2:1-3). I see this first act of rest as an act of love between God and His creation. It conveys to me the significance of God's command for the Israelites, and for us, to observe rest, not only as a people once a week but also as individuals when we can. God surely does not need to rest, yet finds rest refreshing nonetheless. God rests so His people can partake in His refreshment. His rest from work fosters His relationship with His people. People take delight in the "very good" creation of God, upon which humanity's work is meant to build. Thus taking time off from the busy and monotonous routines is a good way for us to honor God. How wonderful it is to be able to take trips to the beach and feel the sand between our toes. How marvelous it is to watch the sunset glow across the ocean horizon or the gleaming city skyline. How fulfilling it is to be with our loved ones and friends and really hear the melody of their voices. God has entrusted all these gifts to us as an act of love. They must be returned as an act of gratitude. We must do with them what God had intended for us: to enjoy. It is in the enjoyment of God's creation that we are taken out of ourselves and oriented towards Him who wants us to spend quality time with Him, and who has left us traces of Himself in His creation.

This Sunday we are reminded in the Gospel that God wants us to orient our lives towards heavenly things and to detach ourselves from worldly treasures. This is not to say that these things are bad. Rather, the Lord invites us to not see things as ends in themselves, but as important tools in orienting us towards Him. We human beings need a rhythm of work and rest in order to live up to our God-given potential. Work gives us the opportunity to partner with God in His goals for creation; rest allows us to enter into communion with Him in the enjoyment of creation. So, I urge you, brothers and sisters, though I personally know too well that it can be difficult to heed, to slow down, and enjoy life as God intended. Prayerful rest is also a right and just way to give Him thanks.

Always, you are in my prayers,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Al llegar a su fin este mes de julio, nos encontramos ante un último mes antes de que nuestros hijos vuelvan a la escuela. Seguro que nuestros jóvenes saben mejor que el resto de nosotros la importancia de tomarse un descanso. Como sacerdote que vive en una comunidad de rectoría, me siento afortunado de que el personal diligente de la parroquia se encargue de muchas de nuestras tareas domésticas. Sin embargo, incluso con esa bendición, el descanso todavía parecen un lujo ya que mis días están llenos del llamado al ministerio y la constante demanda de responsabilidades administrativas. Estoy seguro de que los padres de nuestra parroquia lo saben muy bien por su propia experiencia diaria: cuidar a los niños; lavar la ropa; cocinar; limpiar; conduciendo aquí y allá; ganar dinero y mantenerse al día con las relaciones, etc. La vida puede ser agotadora.

Sin embargo, es importante encontrar tiempo para descansar. El descanso no son un lujo sino una necesidad. Es bueno para nuestro cuerpo y alma. En nuestras vidas muy ocupadas, todavía aprecio la necesidad de escapar de la monotonía de las responsabilidades diarias. Sé de primera mano que nuestra falta de aprecio por el descanso y nuestro hábito predeterminado de mantenernos ocupados con trabajos inquietos tienen graves consecuencias en la calidad de nuestra vida, salud, relaciones e incluso nuestra fe. Las rutinas banales que se arraigan en nuestros hábitos a menudo quitan vida a nuestros días, y la incapacidad para descansar solo lo empeora, ya que afecta nuestro sentido de realización y autoestima. Sin embargo, el remedio para esta compulsión al exceso de trabajo puede ser bastante simple. Los invito, por ejemplo, a saborear lo que queda de este verano cuando no hay mucho que hacer. Disfrutemos de nuestros amigos; pasar tiempo disfrutando de esta maravillosa ciudad a la que llamamos hogar; ¡Prueba la rica comida y descubre las fascinantes culturas que nos rodean! Aprovechemos de vivir a un ritmo más lento, más descansado. Y lo más importante, tomemos tiempo para detenernos y estar quietos.

Desde las primeras páginas de la Biblia, podríamos decir que además de dar vida al cosmos, el primer acto de amor que Dios compartió con la humanidad fue que después de crearnos, se tomó un tiempo para descansar. La Escritura nos dice que en el sexto día, Dios creó al hombre y le regaló la tierra, dándonos así nuestra primera vocación para llenarla y cuidarla. Entonces *“descansó el séptimo día de toda la obra que había hecho”* (Gn 2,1-3). Veo este primer acto de descanso como un acto de amor entre Dios y su creación. Me transmite el significado del mandato de Dios para los israelitas, y para nosotros, de observar el descanso, no solo como pueblo una vez a la semana, sino también como individuos cuando podamos. Seguramente Dios no necesita descansar, sin embargo encuentra el descanso refrescante. Dios descansa para que su pueblo pueda participar de su refrigerio. Su descanso del trabajo fomenta Su relación con Su pueblo. La gente se deleita en la creación “muy buena” de Dios, sobre la cual se pretende edificar la obra de la humanidad. Por lo tanto, tomarnos un descanso de las rutinas ocupadas y monótonas es una buena manera de honrar a Dios. Qué maravilloso es poder hacer excursiones a la playa y sentir la arena entre los dedos de los pies. Qué maravilloso es ver el resplandor del atardecer en el horizonte del océano o el resplandeciente horizonte de la ciudad. Qué gratificante es estar con nuestros seres queridos y amigos y escuchar realmente la melodía de sus voces. Dios nos ha confiado todos estos dones como un acto de amor. Deben ser devueltos como un acto de gratitud. Debemos hacer con ellos lo que Dios ha destinado para nosotros: disfrutar. Es en el disfrute de la creación de Dios que somos sacados de nosotros mismos y orientados hacia aquel que quiere que pasemos tiempo de calidad con Él, y que nos ha dejado huellas de Sí mismo en Su creación.

Este domingo se nos recuerda en el Evangelio que Dios quiere que orientemos nuestra vida hacia las cosas celestiales y nos desprendamos de los tesoros mundanos. Esto no quiere decir que estas cosas sean malas. Más bien, el Señor nos invita a no ver las cosas como fines en sí mismas, sino como herramientas importantes para orientarnos hacia Él. Los seres humanos necesitamos un ritmo de trabajo y descanso para estar a la altura del potencial que Dios nos ha dado. El trabajo nos da la oportunidad de asociarnos con Dios en Sus metas para la creación; el descanso nos permite entrar en comunión con Él en el disfrute de la creación. Entonces, los insto, hermanos y hermanas, aunque personalmente sé muy bien que puede ser difícil prestar atención, reducir la velocidad y disfrutar la vida como Dios lo ordenó. El descanso en oración también es una forma correcta y justa de darle gracias.

Siempre, están en mis oraciones,
Mons. Cuong M. Pham



WELCOME BACK FATHER HUNG TRAN



We welcome back with joy our own Father Hung Tran, who returns to our parish this weekend after his first trip to Vietnam in eleven years. The highlight of Father Hung's emotional trip back to his fatherland was the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving that he celebrated on July 12, 2022 in the presence of his parents and family. It was an incredibly public display of faith that will inspire many priestly vocations, including his own. We are blessed to have Father Hung back among us, and we look forward to hearing about his experiences in such a deeply Catholic country.

FAREWELL TO DEACON DAVID TRAN



This Friday, August 5, Transitional Deacon David Tran will complete his eight-week summer assignment at our parish. He will return to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio to continue his last year of priestly formation and studies. God willing, Deacon David will be ordained on Saturday,

May 20, 2023 for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, where he and his family reside. We are grateful for his inspiring presence and ministry among us this summer. Please keep him in your prayers!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, July 31

9:00am—11:30am	Reunion de Amistad	Nazareth
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Fatima+ Upper Room
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B

Tuesday, August 2

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

Thursday, August 4

10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe A/B
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Friday, August 5

10:00am—2:00pm	Kids Fun Day	Parking Lot
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Saturday, August 6

9:00am— 12:30pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
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
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth

VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact the vocations office at 718.827.2454 or email vocations@diobrook.org.

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.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are still accepting applications for Religious Education for all students, returning and new. Parents of current students have to ask for the re-registration form at the office for review and payment. For more information please contact the Religious Formation Office.

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.

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.

Follow us on Social Media:

@OLMCAstoria





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

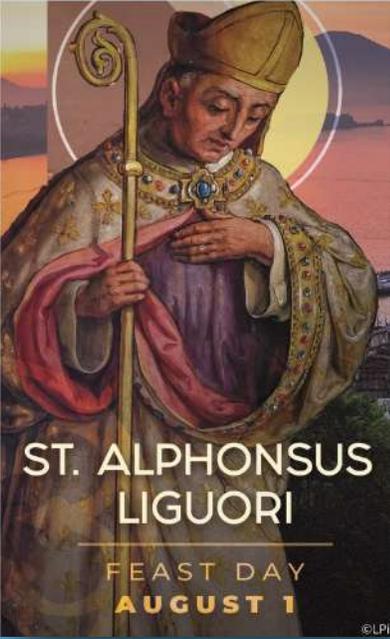
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SATURDAYS OF REPARATION

"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).



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

Saint Alphonsus traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called "mission among the people," he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there.

Saint Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher, he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, Saint Alphonsus taught about God's redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages. In 1762 Saint Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.

DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

“La vida no consiste en abundancia de bienes.” Si la sencillez de la vida y los consejos evangélicos de pobreza, castidad y obediencia le atraen espiritualmente, descubra esta vida como un Sacerdote, Diacono, hermana o hermano. Póngase en contacto con la oficina de vocaciones al 718.827.2454 o a vocations@diobrook.org.



PROXIMA SEGUNDA COLECTA

13 & 14 de Agosto— El padre Bruno Piccolo hablara en todas las Misas sobre el trabajo de **PIME Missionaries** que fue fundado en Italia en 1850. PIME Missionaries son sacerdotes y hermanos quienes se dedican como mensajeros del Evangelio a quienes no han escuchado la Palabra del Señor. Ellos viven y trabajan con los mas pobres en 19 países. Encuentre mas información en www.pimeusa.org.

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.

MINISTROS DE HOSPITALIDAD

Estamos en necesidad de gente de buena fe (hombres y mujeres) para servir como ministros de hospitalidad, particularmente en la misa de las 5:00pm los Sabados y a las 8:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm los domingos. Si esta interesado por favor deje su nombre y telefono en la Rectoria o llame directamente al Padre Mike al 718.278.1835. Gracias por considerar este ministerio importante.



INFANT BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting
Tuesday—7:00pm—Institute

August 23, 2022
September 20, 2022
October 18, 2022
November 22, 2022

Baptism Ceremony
Sunday—2:00pm—Church

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
Martes—6:00pm—Instituto

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

Ceremonia de Bautismo
Dom.—2:00pm—Iglesia

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

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.



BIENVENIDO DE NUEVO PADRE HUNG TRAN

Damos la bienvenida con alegría a nuestro Padre Hung Tran, quien regresa a nuestra parroquia este fin de semana después de su primer viaje a Vietnam en once años. El punto culminante del emotivo viaje de regreso a su patria del Padre Hung fue la Misa Solemne de Acción de Gracias que celebró el 12 de julio de 2022 en presencia de sus padres y familiares. Fue una muestra de fe increíblemente pública que inspirará muchas vocaciones sacerdotales, incluyendo la suya. Tenemos la bendición de tener al Padre Hung de nuevo entre nosotros, y esperamos escuchar acerca de sus experiencias en un país tan profundamente católico.

DESPEDIDA DEL DIÁCONO DAVID TRAN

Este viernes, 5 de agosto, el Diácono de transición David Tran completará su asignación de verano de ocho semanas en nuestra parroquia. Regresará al Seminario Mount St. Mary en Cincinnati, Ohio, para continuar su último año de formación y estudios sacerdotales. Si Dios quiere, el joven será ordenado sacerdote el sábado 20 de mayo de 2023 para la Arquidiócesis de Cincinnati, donde residen él y su familia. Estamos agradecidos por su inspiradora presencia y ministerio entre nosotros este verano. ¡Por favor manténganlo en sus oraciones!

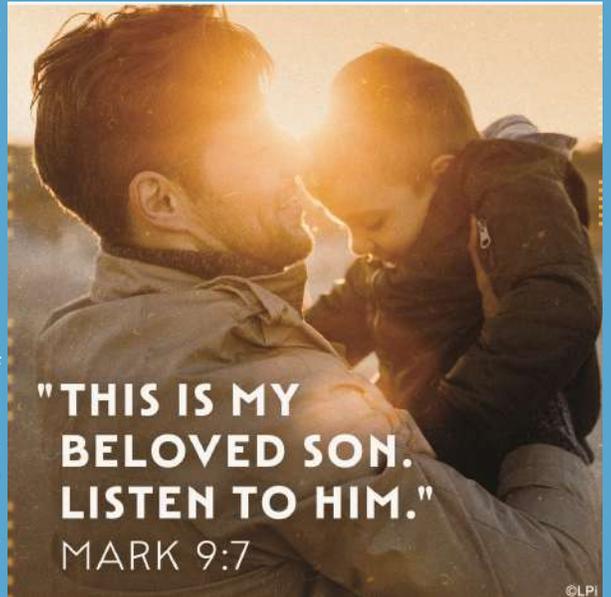
GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

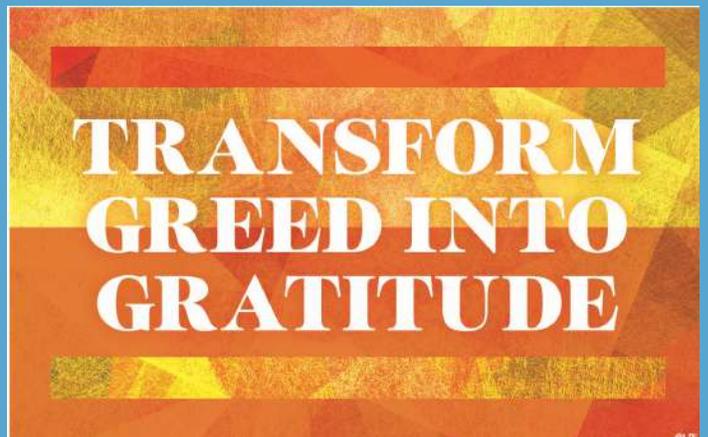
We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Greed is more present and powerful in our lives than we care to admit. We like our "stuff" and are hesitant to part with it. What we convince ourselves that we really need, we really do not. If everything we own is taken away from us tomorrow, life will continue. We will find happiness again. How many relationships are ruined because of inheritance issues? Our possessions cannot come with us when we die. Why do we foolishly think that we cannot live without them here? Wealth and happiness do not have physical origins. True wealth and happiness are gifts of God's kingdom and matters of heart and soul. We are much more than what we possess, and greed is more real and operative than we think. Let us begin our journey to detachment with an honest admission. We often place more importance on things than on people and God. Ask God to accept our conflicted hearts and give us the courage to do things differently.



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, August 5, 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.



MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

We are in great need of faithful people (both men & women) to serve as greeters and collectors, particularly at the 5:00pm Saturday and 8:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm Sunday Masses.



If you are interested, please leave your name and number at the Rectory or call Fr. Mike directly at 718.278.1835.

Thank you for considering this important ministry.

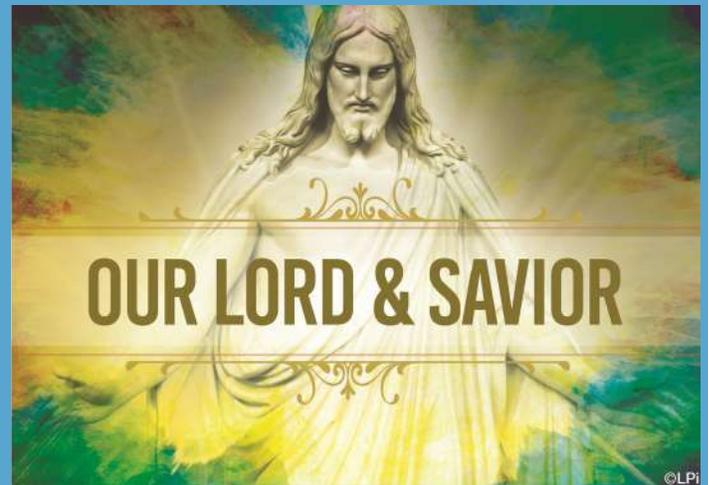
WHY DO THE GOSPELS DIFFER IN THEIR DETAILS?

I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT NOT ALL OF THE GOSPELS TELL THE SAME STORIES. DOESN'T THIS TAKE AWAY FROM THEIR CREDIBILITY?

Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics, and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out are also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of

the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.



WHAT WE STORE IN THE BARN

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief

all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it, she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



Farmer Brown gave bushels of green beans to the homeless shelter. When he died, God said, "I remember you. You gave me green beans when I was hungry. Come on in." Farmer Smith never shared any green beans with the hungry. When he died God said, "I do not know you. You never shared." God wanted Farmer Smith to learn to share so that God would know him at heaven's gate.

PRAYER

Give me the will to share what I have with others.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will share my toys and books with others this week.