



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

23-25 NEWTOWN AVENUE | 718.278.1834

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:17-19

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH MANAGER

Celeste Stewart, Ext. 111
cstewart@diobrook.org
church@mountcarmelastoria.org

RELIGIOUS ED COORDINATOR

Nelly Gutierrez, Ext. 114
reled@mountcarmelastoria.org
ccdmountcarmel@gmail.com

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST

Luis Sanchez Ext. 110
reception@mountcarmelastoria.org



PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Cuong M. Pham

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Rev. Michael McHugh
Rev. Joseph Hung Tran

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Ruben Mendez
Deacon Jacob Rodriguez

RETIRED PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Ed Brady, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Joseph Tan Pham
Rev. Msgr. John Harrington, K.H.S.

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Lucille Mascia
music@mountcarmelastoria.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 (*Saint Sylvester I*)

5:00pm John Pham, Dionisia Belen Ocampo,
Christopher Kambitsis, Eloina Garcia,
Frances Smalls & Lisa Velazquez

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 (*The Solemnity of the B.V.M*)

8:00am Rev. Cornelius P. Chang O.S.B
9:00am Bernardino & Margherita Petruso
9:30am Maria Hue Doan
11:00am John Lanca
12:30pm Fredesvinda Mena, Hortencia Piedradita,
Vicente Cruz & Anna Maria de Cruz,
Por las Almas Benditas
3:00pm For the people of our parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

(*Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*)

9:00am Mary Zatura

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 (*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*)

8:00am Joann Walker
12:00pm Irene & Joseph Dura

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 (*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*)

8:00am Marta Pope & Family (Living)
12:00pm Salvatore Tagliaferro

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 (*Saint John Neumann*)

8:00am Deceased Members of the Min & Suh Family
12:00pm John Tailto

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 (*Saint Andre Bessette*)

8:00am Purgatorial Society
12:00pm John Pham
7:30pm Maria Hue Doan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 (*Saint Raymond of Peñafort*)

8:00am Carmen Mont'Etna & Family (*Living*)
5:00pm Vito Avena, Pietro, Rosa, Mili Benanti
& Anna Viscovich, Roseanne Costello,
Aurelia Jimenez,
Bridget Tompkins (*Death Anniversary*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 (*The Epiphany of the Lord*)

8:00am Maria Bueno & Family (Living)
9:00am Salvatore Barretta
9:30am Juan Ramon Lopez
11:00am Jake Babcock
12:30pm Estela Maria Santana, Francisca Cayetano,
Reyna Aguilar Cano (Cumpleaños)
3:00pm For the people of our parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK



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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 8, 2022— There will be a second collection after Communion for our Diocesan Missions. Your donations will enable us to continue sharing the Good News and carry on Christ's mission.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Last weekend's collection: \$11,335

Same weekend last year: \$11,138

(These amounts do not include donations through *Faith Direct*)

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) 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 (Bi-lingual)
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

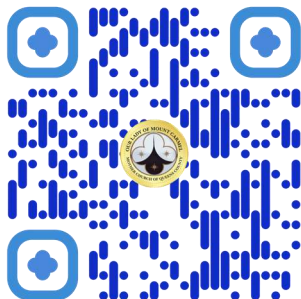
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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

718.728.0724—www.stjosephsch.org

school@mountcarmelastoria.org

NEW TO THE PARISH?
SCAN ME!



Follow us on Social Media:

@OLMCAstoria



IS THIS YOUR YEAR TO...

Between demanding schedules, traveling, or just trying to get out the door on time for Mass, it can be challenging to prepare your church contributions on a regular basis as God calls us to do. Plus, for many families, the church collection is one of the last places where you still have to use a checkbook or cash.

Our parish is excited to offer Faith Direct as a secure online giving option for families to easily give one-time as well as recurring gifts via electronic check or debit/credit card. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you can create your own online donor account to manage your gifts. It's as easy as online shopping or banking!

Faith Direct is already used by many of our parishioners. It is convenient, reliable and secure. It makes for safer record-keeping, faster processing, and more efficient communication for the parish office. As you begin a new year, why not prayerfully consider Faith Direct as a new way to ensure that your contributions will make a difference. Begin today by visiting Faith.direct/NY370, or call **Faith Direct at 866-507-8757**, or **send a text with the word "Enroll" to 929-254-3850**.

Imagine the possibilities for sharing your gifts without the hassle of remembering checks and envelopes! Faith Direct will save you a lot of time. Let's make it a part of your New Year goal.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of December 27, 2022, 201 of our parishioners have pledged \$73,302 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$71,122 have been collected so far. Any amount collected over the goal will be returned to the parish for projects that will benefit you. We are grateful to those who have made a pledge and donated, and we encourage everyone to participate in this worthy cause.

A parte del de diciembre, 2022, 201 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$73,302 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$71,122 han sido colectados hasta ahora. Cualquier donación sobre la meta será regresada a la parroquia para un proyecto que le beneficiara a usted. Estamos agradecidos a aquellos quienes han hecho una promesa y han donado, y alentamos a todos a participar en esta causa tan importante.



LIVE STREAMING

Beginning December 31, 2022, we will be live streaming the following Masses: Saturday— 5:00pm (English) & Sunday: 9:00am (Italian), 11:00am (English), 12:30pm (Spanish), & 3:00pm (Vietnamese). We hope this change encourages you to attend Mass in person and be able to receive the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ.

Dear parish family and friends,

As we embark upon a New Year, once again, we find that we are still dealing with many dark realities, such as the ongoing pandemic and its aftermath, the inflation and the rising costs of living, and the problem of poverty and violence in our own city. More and more people seem to have been pushed to their limits in terms of mental and emotional health.

I don't know about you, but perhaps there was a sense of hope last year at this time that, as we turned the page to a new year, this would all be behind us within a few months. But that's not the case. Like you, at times I feel frustrated at the slow pace of our society's

return to some form of "normalcy"- how things used to be only a few years ago. As a parish priest in one of the most densely populated neighborhoods of our city, and certainly in one of the most challenging areas in terms of pastoral needs, I find myself directly affected by the dark realities that many of you are facing. As an example, many of you have expressed concerns that our neighborhood is no longer safe as it once was. Civility and respect are certainly down, while vulgarity and violence are up. Patience, tolerance, fear of God and other virtues are largely absent in the streets these days, and even in church, some would say. Sadly, these concerns are all validated by my own daily experience in our parish, increasingly more so in the last few months.

It might not be news to some of you who are at church regularly and have witnessed the confrontational way in which some people have approached me, or one of our priests between Masses. At times, this has happened in the parish office to our parish receptionists. Almost always, such a confrontation involves someone who is either mentally challenged, dependent on medications, or has had a history of legal troubles. People like these are naturally attracted to the Church because they are often not treated with compassion anywhere else. While I have always tried to be as kind to them as Christ would want me to, I must admit that satisfying all their unreasonable demands is not humanly possible or even advisable. Often, an angry person would confront us solely to vent his or her rage and explosive outbursts over some little thing that she or she does not like about the parish, about someone in church, or about how this parish has changed and no longer meets his or her demands. Such confrontations, which often go along with verbal abuse, harassment, and even assault, have caused traumas to me and some among our priests and staff. When speaking with law enforcements about the issue, I learned that, sadly, this problem is not unique to our parish at this time, although our neighborhood does have a higher share of troubled individuals who need more than the help that any priest or any parish can give. I also sense everyone's powerlessness about it. Most people blame it on the pandemic; I don't quite know. I do know that the church is frequently a target for attack.

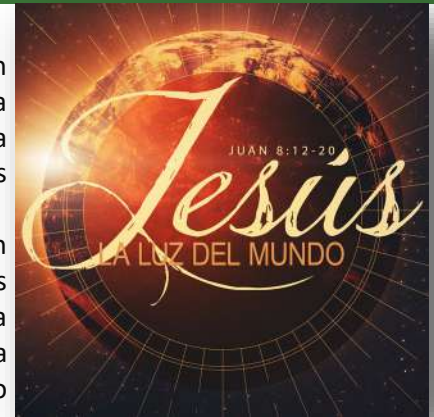
In this situation, it can be a real temptation to focus on the negative experiences. Nevertheless, I believe that this is no time for despair, and it is no time for retreat. Instead, it is time to focus on the many bright lights that still shine in the darkness. The goodness of so many of you in this parish, who genuinely love God and support His ministers, continues to sustain me in my current mission. While being a priest these days is not a vocation for the faint of heart, I still believe in that higher calling. God, the one who calls me to this life of service, is ultimately in control. He is *"the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last"*. (Revelation 22:13). While I cannot possibly know what the future holds, I know who holds the future! This conviction puts my mind at ease about the troubles that come my way, and about the troubled brothers and sisters that I am called to love despite the crosses that they bring to me.

So dear brothers and sisters, no matter what it looks like right now for you, God is still in control. As you begin the New Year, I invite you to join me in renewing our sense of Hope. Ultimately, our Hope has a name, and His Name is Jesus! Let's live with Hope and continue to serve Him, with perseverance and without fear.

A Blessed and Happy New Year to each of you from Vietnam, my homeland, where you are remembered daily at the Altar. See you again soon!

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham





Querida familia y amigos de la parroquia,

Mientras nos embarcamos en un Año Nuevo, una vez más, nos encontramos con que todavía estamos lidiando con muchas realidades oscuras, como la pandemia en curso y sus secuelas, la inflación y el aumento del costo de vida, y el problema de la pobreza y la violencia en nuestra propia ciudad. Cada vez más personas parecen haber sido llevadas al límite en términos de salud mental y emocional.

No sé ustedes, pero tal vez hubo una sensación de esperanza el año pasado en este momento de que, al pasar la página a un nuevo año, todo esto estaría detrás de nosotros en unos pocos meses. Pero ese no es el caso. Al igual que ustedes, a veces me siento frustrado por la lentitud del regreso de nuestra sociedad a alguna forma de "normalidad," como solían ser las cosas hace solo unos años. Como sacerdote parroquial en uno de los barrios más densamente poblados de nuestra ciudad, y ciertamente, en una de las zonas más desafiantes en términos de necesidades pastorales, me encuentro directamente afectado por las oscuras realidades que muchos de ustedes están enfrentando. Como ejemplo, muchos de ustedes han expresado su preocupación de que nuestro vecindario ya no es tan seguro como lo era antes. El civismo y el respeto ciertamente bajaron, mientras que la vulgaridad y la violencia subieron. La paciencia, la tolerancia, el temor de Dios y otras virtudes están en gran medida ausentes en las calles en estos días, e incluso en la iglesia, dirían algunos. Lamentablemente, todas estas preocupaciones están validadas por mi propia experiencia diaria en nuestra parroquia, cada vez más en los últimos meses.

Puede que no sea una novedad para algunos de ustedes que asisten a la iglesia regularmente y han sido testigos de la forma de confrontación en la que algunas personas se han acercado a mí o a uno de nuestros sacerdotes entre misas. A veces, esto ha sucedido en la oficina parroquial a nuestros recepcionistas parroquiales. Casi siempre, tal confrontación involucra a alguien que tiene problemas mentales, depende de medicamentos o ha tenido un historial de problemas legales. Las personas como estas se sienten naturalmente atraídas por la Iglesia porque a menudo no son tratadas con compasión en ningún otro lugar. Mientras siempre he tratado de ser tan amable con ellos como Cristo quisiera que fuera, debo admitir que satisfacer todas sus demandas irrazonables no es humanamente posible ni aconsejable. A menudo, una persona enojada nos confrontaría únicamente para desahogar su ira y arrebatos explosivos por alguna cosita que no le gusta de la parroquia, de alguien en la iglesia, o de cómo esta parroquia ha cambiado y ya no cumple sus demandas. Tales confrontaciones, que a menudo van acompañadas de abuso verbal, acoso e incluso agresión, nos han causado traumas a mí y a algunos de nuestros sacerdotes y personal. Cuando hablé con la policía sobre este tema, aprendí que, lamentablemente, este problema no es exclusivo de nuestra parroquia en este momento, aunque nuestro vecindario tiene una mayor proporción de personas con problemas que necesitan más ayuda que la que cualquier sacerdote o parroquia puede brindar. También siento la impotencia de todos al respecto. La mayoría le echa la culpa a la pandemia; no lo sé. Sé que la iglesia es frecuentemente un blanco de ataque.

En esta situación, puede ser una verdadera tentación centrarse en las experiencias negativas. Sin embargo, creo que este no es momento para desesperarse, y no es momento para retirarse. En cambio, es hora de concentrarse en las muchas luces brillantes que aún brillan en la oscuridad. La bondad de tantos de ustedes en esta parroquia, que aman genuinamente a Dios y apoyan a Sus ministros, continúa sosteniéndome en mi misión actual. Aunque ser sacerdote en estos días no es una vocación para los débiles de corazón, sigo creyendo en ese llamado superior. Dios, el que me llama a esta vida de servicio, tiene el control en última instancia. Él es *"el Alfa y la Omega, el Principio y el Fin, el Primero y el Último."* (Apocalipsis 22:13). No puedo saber lo que traerá el futuro, pero sé quién tiene el futuro en Sus manos! Esta convicción me tranquiliza sobre los problemas que se me presentan y sobre los hermanos y hermanas en problemas a los que estoy llamado a amar a pesar de las cruces que me traen.

Así que queridos hermanos y hermanas, no importa lo que parezca en este momento para ustedes, Dios todavía tiene el control. Al comenzar el Año Nuevo, los invito a unirse a mí para renovar nuestro sentido de Esperanza. En última instancia, nuestra Esperanza tiene un nombre, ¡y Su Nombre es Jesús! Vivamos con Esperanza y sigamos sirviéndole, con perseverancia y sin miedo.

Un Bendecido y Feliz Año Nuevo para cada uno de ustedes desde Vietnam, mi patria, donde son recordados diariamente en el Altar. ¡Los veo de nuevo pronto!

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 1

10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Upper Room+ Fatima
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B

Tuesday, January 3

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

Wednesday, January 4

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
4:30pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	Guadalupe A/B
7:30pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym

Thursday, January 5

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	Lourdes B
6:00pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—9:00pm	CYO	Gym

Friday, January 6

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
5:00pm—11:00pm	CYO	Gym
6:00pm—9:00pm	Cursillo Meeting	Nazareth
6:30pm—8:30pm	Youth Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
7:30pm—9:00pm	English RCIA	Fatima
8:00am—10:00pm	Hermanidad del Sagrado Corazon	Lourdes A/B

Saturday, January 7

9:00am—1:00pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
12:30pm—3:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
4:00pm—9:00pm	Adult Sewing Group	Lourdes A/B
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir Practice	Fatima

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPECIAL EVENT

Knights of Columbus Colon-Msgr. Higgins Council No. 309
Cordially invites you to their 125th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, February 12, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 21-17 45th Street Astoria, NY 11105

Mass In Thanksgiving at 12:30pm

Dinner at 2:00pm Msgr. Campbell Hall (Lower Church)

Music, 50/50 Raffle | \$75 per Person

RSVP January 27, 2023

For more information contact Boris Musich, 718-683-1051
or John Ketcham, 347-306-2366.

Please make checks payable to "Colon-Msgr. Higgins Council 309"
and mail to: Boris Musich, Financial Secretary at 20-18 74th
Street, Apt. 2 East Elmhurst, NY, 11370. You may also send your
payment via Zelle to boris.musich@gmail.com.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Fraternitas

January 21, 2023 —

A group for middle school—high school aged boys dedicated to instilling Christian values in young men with the goal of fostering true Catholic gentlemen. The afternoon will include prayer, catechesis, sports, pizza lunch and Sunday Vigil Mass. Please view the forms that are available in the parish office for more information.

Jeremiah Project

January 27—29, 2022—

A weekend retreat for young men 18 and older. An opportunity to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood through discussions, prayer and fraternity. Forms are available in the parish office or you may contact the Vocations Office at 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. Enrollment is \$10 per name. Those enrolled the Purgatorial Society will be remembered for a whole year. This month we have enrolled **Efrain Piana, Ermelando Quijano, Nelson Jorge, Eva Mae Tiglio, Maria Pastora Rodriguez, Carmena & Joseph Attard, Joseph Buttigieg, Doris Fenech, Dolores & Joseph Zahra.**

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have. It's a way for us to communicate with God and obtain His divine intervention. It can help sick people get well again and also gives us the strength in our own weakness and suffering. If you wish your loved ones who is sick to be prayed for at our daily Mass, kindly contact our parish office to place their names in our Prayer List. This week we are praying for **Joanne Callahan** to obtain the gift of healing.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

23-25 Newtown Avenue - Astoria, NY 11102

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31—New Year's Eve

5:00pm English Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2023—New Year's Day

8:00am (English), 9:30am (Bilingual), 11:00am (English)

9:00am Italian Mass (Lower Church)

10:30am Czech Mass (Lower Church)

12:30pm Spanish Mass

3:00pm Vietnamese Mass

Only the 5:00pm English Mass, December 31st & the 11:00am, 9:00am, 12:30pm & 3:00pm Masses on January 1st will be livestreamed.

They can be viewed online at

www.facebook.com/OLMCAstoria or www.mountcarmelastoria.org

*Wishing you and your family a very
Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year!*

SPIRITUAL NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

The beginning of a new year provides an opportunity to not only set material goals in our daily lives – like losing weight, traveling, or getting more sleep – but also to set spiritual resolutions. Ultimately, deepening our relationship with God is key to inner peace and contentment. One way of doing this is to set a goal to make more time to pray. The key word is *make*. A strong prayer practice does not come about by accident or convenience. It takes a dedicated prayer space and some good materials to keep you focused.

You can use time between tasks, time when you are waiting, or commuting, to pray, instead of defaulting to social media, a podcast, music, or other distraction. Read the day's Scriptures, say a decade of the Rosary, or use an app like Hallow and Laudate to learn about the Saint of the day. View those 'in-between times' less as throwaway time, and more as a moment to check in on your own soul and where you are with God. You will be surprised by your own growth and renewal.



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: _____

_____ ZIP _____

Telephone/Telefono: _____

E-mail/Correo electrónico: _____

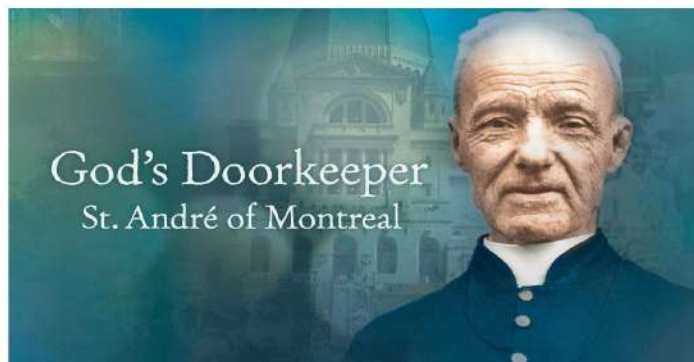
PLEASE CHECK/ MARQUE SUS OPCIONES

New Registration Change of Name/Address

I prefer envelopes I prefer E-giving

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The next Rosary Society meeting, due to the holiday, will take place **on February 5, 2023** after the 9:30am Bilingual Mass. All ladies over 15 years old are invited to come to the Institute and join us to pray the Rosary. Refreshments will be served.



SUPPORT THE BLOOD DIVE IN OUR PARISH!

BLOOD DRIVE



Our Lady of Mount Carmel will host a blood drive on January 15, 2023 from 9:15am until 3:15pm in the gym. Your donation will help save many lives! Please visit nybc.org for more information.

If your parish group or committee would like to volunteer and help the New York Blood Center, please contact Luis Sanchez at the parish office. Your volunteer time would be very much appreciated and will ensure that this event runs smoothly. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSINGS

in observance of the New Year holiday, the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 9:00am.

The parish office will also be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and will re-open on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 9:00am.

NEW YEAR'S



FORMED® THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



INFANT BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting

Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute

Baptism Ceremony

Saturday—12:00pm—Church

NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER 2022

January 24, 20223	January 28, 2023
February 21, 2023	February 25, 2023
March 21, 2023	March 25, 2023
April 18, 2023	April 22, 2023
May 23, 2023	May 27, 2023
June 20, 2023	June 24, 2023
July 18, 2023	July 22, 2023
August 22, 2023	August 26, 2023
September 19, 2023	September 23, 2023
October 24, 2023	October 28, 2023
November 21, 2023	November 25, 2023
December 19, 2023	December 23, 2023

FECHAS DE BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

Reunión de Preparación

Martes—6:00pm—Instituto

10 de Enero, 2023
7 de Febrero, 2023
7 de Marzo, 2023

Ceremonia de Bautismo

Sábado—12:00pm—Iglesia

14 de Enero, 2023
11 de Febrero, 2023
11 de Marzo, 2023

NO HAY BAUTISMOS EN ABRIL

Fecha de Bautizo para Mayo todavía No Anunciada

6 de Junio, 2023	10 de Junio, 2023
3 de Julio, 2023 (Tentativo)	8 de Julio (Tentativo)
8 de Agosto, 2023	12 de Agosto, 2023
5 de Septiembre, 2023	9 de Septiembre, 2023
10 de Octubre, 2023	14 de Octubre, 2023

NO HABRA BAUTISOS EN NOVIEMBRE

5 de Diciembre, 2023 9 de Diciembre, 2023

Please Note: Beginning January 2023, all Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday at 12:00pm instead of Sunday. Please note that attending the preparation meeting is required for both parents and godparents.

Por Favor Notar: Empezando enero 2023, todos los bautizos serán celebrados los Sábados a las 12:00pm en vez de los Domingos. Asistencia a estas juntas de preparación es mandatorio para los padres y padrinos.

DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

Fraternitas, 21 de enero, 2023 — Un grupo para jóvenes de secundaria y preparatoria, inculcando los valores Cristianos a ellos con la meta de fomentar caballeros Católicos verdaderos. La tarde incluye oración, catecismo, deporte, almuerzo de pizza y Misa Dominical de Vigilia. Por favor pida los formularios que se encuentran en la oficina parroquial.

Jeremiah Project, 27-29 de enero, 2023— Retiro de fin de semana para jóvenes adultos mayores de 18 años. Es una oportunidad para discernir una posible vocación al sacerdocio por medio de discusión, oración y fraternidad.

PROXIMA SEGUNDA COLECTA

8 de enero— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para las misiones diocesanas. Su contribución sostendrá el trabajo de evangelización en nuestra propia diócesis.

ESTE SERA EL AÑO QUE...

Entre horarios exigentes, viajes o simplemente tratar de salir a tiempo para la Misa, puede ser un desafío preparar las contribuciones para la Iglesia de manera regular como Dios nos llama a hacer. Además, para muchas familias, la colecta de la iglesia es uno de los últimos lugares donde todavía tiene que usar una chequera o dinero en efectivo.

Nuestra parroquia se complace en ofrecer Faith Direct como una opción segura de donaciones en línea para que las familias puedan dar fácilmente sus donaciones por medio de cheque electrónico o tarjeta de débito/crédito. Si configura una donación recurrente, puede crear su propia cuenta en línea para administrar sus donaciones. ¡Es tan fácil como comprar o manejar su cuenta de banco en línea!

Muchos de nuestros feligreses ya utilizan Faith Direct. Es cómodo, fiable y seguro. Permite registros más seguros, un procesamiento más rápido y una comunicación más eficiente para la oficina parroquial. Al comenzar un nuevo año, ¿por qué no considerar en oración a Faith Direct como una nueva forma de asegurarse de que sus contribuciones marquen la diferencia. Comience hoy visitando **Faith.direct/NY370**, o llame a **Faith Direct al 866-507-8757**, o envíe un mensaje de texto con la palabra **"Inscribirse"** al **929-254-3850**.

¡Imagine las posibilidades de compartir sus regalos sin la molestia de recordar cheques y sobres! Faith Direct le ahorrará mucho tiempo. Hagámoslo parte de tu meta de Año Nuevo.

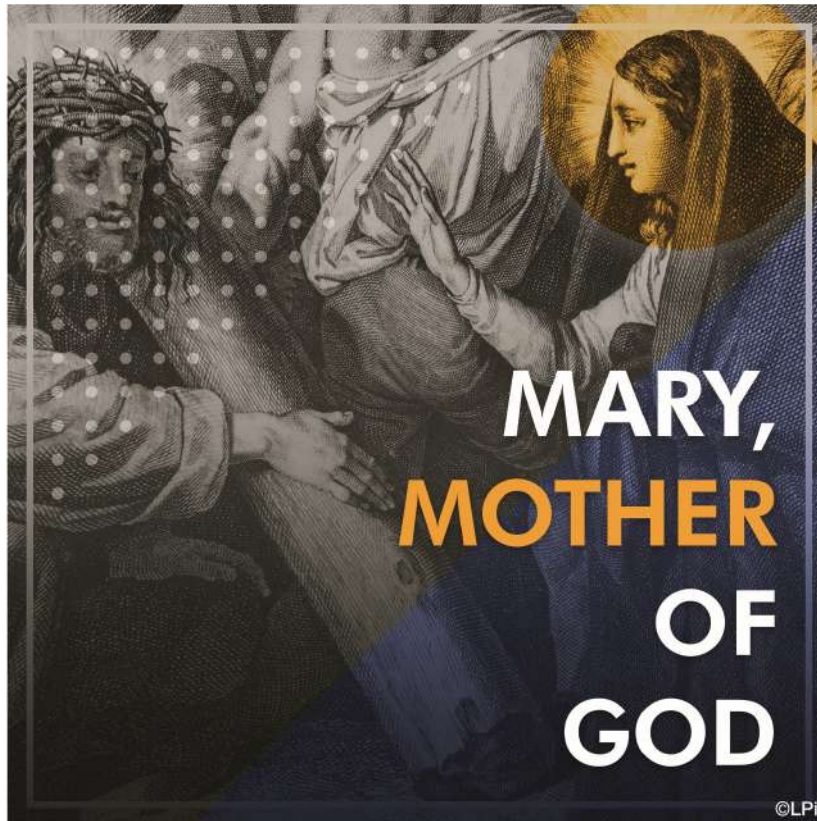
PARTICIPA EN EL BANCO DE SANGRE!



Dar sangre es donar vida

Nuestra parroquia tendrá un banco de sangre el 15 de enero, 2023 en el gimnasio. Su donación es muy valiosa ya que puede salvar muchas vidas. Puede ver mas información en nybc.org.

Si su grupo o ministerio parroquial pueden ser voluntarios el día del evento, por favor comuníquese con Luis en la oficina. Su tiempo será muy apreciado para que el evento fluya eficientemente.



SHE KEPT ALL THESE THINGS IN HER HEART

"What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?"

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history her "origin story," as they say in the movies.

I've got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it's a detail that wasn't scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it's a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become. I'm the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask. Mary kept all of these things in her heart. -Luke 2:19

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. John Neumann, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages!

Prayer for St. John Neumann's intercession

O St. John Neumann, your ardent desire of bringing all souls to Christ impelled you to leave home and country; teach us to live worthily in the spirit of our baptism which makes us all children of the one Heavenly Father and brothers of Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the family of God.

Obtain for us that complete dedication in the service of the needy, the weak, the afflicted, and the abandoned which so characterized your life. Help us to walk perseveringly in the difficult and at times painful paths of duty, strengthened by the Body and Blood of our Redeemer and under the watchful protection of Mary our Mother. May death still find us on the sure road to our Father's house, with the light of living faith in our hearts.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The shepherds returned from Bethlehem "glorifying and praising God." They were affected deeply by the sight of the infant Messiah and the message of the angels. What would the world look like, if we allowed ourselves to be likewise impacted by the word of God?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the



beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

- Father John Muir

WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THE ROSARY? WHERE DID THIS PRAYER COME FROM?

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means "garland of roses") was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 "Our Fathers" to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913.

In the apostolic letter *On the Most Holy Rosary*, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: "The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary's prayer, her perennial Magnificat... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love" (no. 1).

