



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Deacon Jacob Rodriguez

## RETIRED PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

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Rev. Joseph Tan Pham  
Rev. Msgr. John Harrington, K.H.S.

## MUSIC DIRECTOR

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

5:00pm Mary DePinto, Karina Lariño (1st Anniversary)  
Salvatore Carlino, Jorge Molanphy,  
Bustamante Family

### SUNDAY, MAY 7 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

8:00am Augusto & Zenaida Santos  
(Living— In Honor of their Birthdays)  
9:00am San Giuseppe Lavatore  
9:30am The Living & Deceased Members  
of Our Parish's Rosary Society  
11:00am Rose Tavano  
12:30pm Fredesvinda Mena, Benjamin Mera,  
Maria Antonia Estevez Cepeda, Julia Ortiz,  
Oscar Muñoz, Victor Vazquez,  
Alejandria Guaman (Memorial de Cumpleaños)  
3:00pm For the people of our parish

### MONDAY, MAY 8

8:00am Calogera & Luigi Carlino and  
Deceased Members of the Macaluso Family  
12:00pm Francesco Salamone (Death Anniversary)

### TUESDAY, MAY 9

8:00am Raffaele & Mario Carullo and Family  
12:00pm Vivian Richman

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

(*Saints John of Avila & Damien de Veuster*)  
8:00am Mario Carullo  
10:00am Maria Santissima del Romittello  
12:00pm Carmelo & Maria Cini

### THURSDAY, MAY 11

8:00am Julia Jarrick Immordino  
12:00pm Rose Tavano

### FRIDAY, MAY 12

(*Saints Nereus & Achilleus*)  
8:00am Frank Palazzolo  
12:00pm Joseph Mascia

### SATURDAY, MAY 13 (Our Lady of Fatima)

8:00am Saul Salomon Mendoza  
5:00pm Giuseppe Castellisi, Alicia & Roberto Vazquez,  
Maria Caposio Savino, Anne McGloin,  
Joseph Sabater (*Anniversary*),  
Living & Deceased Camenzuli &  
Ragusa Families

### SUNDAY, MAY 14 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Our Masses at 8:00am, 9:00am (Italian), 9:30am (Bilingual),  
11:00am (English), 12:30pm (Español), and 3:00pm  
(Vietnamese) are offered for the Mothers in Our Parish  
Family.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK



*The Altar Candles have been offered for  
Brendaliz Fuentes, by Beatriz Fuentes*



*The Altar Bread & Wine have been offered  
In Honor of Maria Santissima del Romittello  
by Tony & Nina Carullo*



## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**May 14, 2023**— There will be a second collection after communion for our parish maintenance. Your generosity enables us to keep and maintain our parish buildings in good condition for your use.



## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Main Church:</b> 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bi-lingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) <b>Chapel:</b> 9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak)
<b>Weekdays</b>	8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM
<b>First Fridays</b>	7:30 PM (Spanish)
<b>Holy Days</b>	8:00 AM, 12 PM (English) and 7:30 PM (Bi-lingual)
<b>Holidays</b>	Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30pm—4:30pm (Chapel)

### CHURCH HOURS:

Weekday: 7:00am—7:00pm

Saturday: 7:00am—6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am—5:00pm

### OFFICE HOURS

#### Weekday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

1:00pm—8:30pm

#### Saturday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

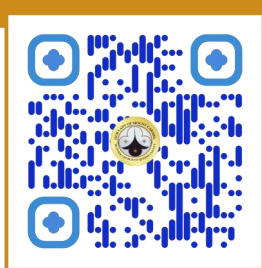
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### NEW TO THE PARISH?



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to all the generous individuals who have made a pledge to our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of May 1st, there are 61 donors who pledged \$24,560 towards our goal of \$67,815. We have received \$19,248.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING BY FAITH DIRECT

Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. Ensuring that such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct, if you have not already done so. You can sign up online at [faith.direct/NY370](http://faith.direct/NY370), text 'Enroll' to 929-254-3850 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Thank you for your support.

## WIN-WIN SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH

Did you know that there are ways to support our parish and the mission of the Church that can also provide you with tax benefits...and potentially even a source of income? If you have an asset such as appreciated stocks, a retirement plan, art, real estate or other assets, a planned gift could be a smarter way to give than cash alone. With a planned gift, like those mentioned above, you can sustain our beloved parish while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family. If you are interested in learning more please contact the Catholic Foundation and mention the name of our parish at 718-965-7375.

## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED

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. We have currently enrolled **Maggie Madiefsky, Emmanuel Pippis, Faustina Sandoval, Paula Enrique Morelos, Carmelo Sandoval, Mario Santos Rodriguez.**

## 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. We are currently praying for **Raymond Pickering & Ophelia Roas, Maria Neiva, Valdir Alves, Joanne Callahan, Regina Barbosa, Daysi Ortiz, Rafael Sanchez, Gina Caridi.**

## WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

**Does not Include Electronic Donations by Faith Direct, which will be reported monthly.**

**Last weekend's collection: \$5,590**

**Same weekend last year: \$5,202**



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we have the joy of celebrating the First Holy Communion of 49 children and the Confirmation of 25 young people who participate in the Religious Education Program of our parish. It is a special time of grace for all of us, as we witness these young members of our community taking important steps in their faith journey.

As we celebrate this joyous occasion, I invite you to reflect on the significance of these Sacraments in your lives. These Sacraments are special ways by which God shares his divine life to us. They bring us closer to Him and empower us to become agents of His love and mercy in the world.

The Holy Eucharist, as the source and summit of our Catholic faith, is the most perfect expression of Christ's love for us. Through the Eucharist, we are united with Christ and with one another. It is through the Eucharist that we are nourished and strengthened, and we are empowered to live our lives in accordance with God's will and bear witness to Him.

The image of children piously receiving the Lord for the first time in Holy Communion should remind us that we must always receive the Eucharist with faith and devotion. When we approach the Altar to receive the Lord, we must do so with a deep sense of humility and gratitude, recognizing that we are unworthy of this great gift. Indeed, we must always receive the Eucharist in a state of grace, free from mortal sin, and with a heart that longs to be united with the Lord.

Celebrating the Eucharist with utmost respect and reverence shows the depth of our faith in the Lord's Real Presence and our intense love for Him. Exterior appearances and gestures are thus essential, and not accidental, to this sacred liturgical action. Our fasting for at least one hour before receiving Holy Communion; the way we come dressed up for Mass; the reverent bow or genuflection before the Blessed Sacrament; the conscious removal of our baseball caps and hats when entering the church; and the way in which we purposely raise our two hands, with one palm upon the other as if forming a throne for the Lord when we receive Him, are all meaningful and common sense ways to express our readiness for the personal encounter with Christ, our Lord and God. Together with our interior disposition, these outward signs ensure that our reception of the Lord is both worthy and indicative of who we are and what we truly believe in.

The Sacrament of Confirmation, as a sign of the Holy Spirit's presence and work within us and the world, empowers us with the special grace to remain close to Christ and to be able to carry out His mission in the world. Through the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, each one of us is equipped to love and serve others as Christ did, and to bring His light and joy to those around us. The image of our young people eagerly approaching the Bishop to receive those gifts of the Holy Spirit should remind us of the enthusiasm and passion that we must have about our faith in order to set the world on fire with Christ and His teachings.

To our young brothers and sisters who celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmation this weekend, I urge you to remain close to Jesus and His family, the Church. May you always cherish the gifts that you have received among us, and continue to grow in faith as you journey through the challenges and joys of your life with grace.

Commending you all to the loving protection of the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Eucharist and Spouse of the Holy Spirit, I pray that what the Lord has begun in you will be brought to completion.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

**Msgr. Cuong M. Pham**



Estimados feligreses,

Este fin de semana tenemos la alegría de celebrar la Primera Comunión de 49 niños y la Confirmación de 25 jóvenes que participan en el Programa de Educación Religiosa de nuestra parroquia. Es un momento especial de gracia para todos nosotros, ya que somos testigos de cómo estos jóvenes miembros de nuestra comunidad dan pasos importantes en su camino de fe.

Mientras celebramos esta alegre ocasión, los invito a reflexionar sobre el significado de estos Sacramentos en sus vidas. Estos Sacramentos son formas especiales por las cuales Dios comparte su vida divina con nosotros. Nos acercan a Él y nos capacitan para convertirnos en agentes de Su amor y misericordia en el mundo.

La Sagrada Eucaristía, como fuente y cumbre de nuestra fe Católica, es la expresión más perfecta del amor de Cristo por nosotros. A través de la Eucaristía, estamos unidos con Cristo y entre nosotros. Es a través de la Eucaristía que somos nutridos y fortalecidos, y somos capacitados para vivir nuestras vidas de acuerdo con la voluntad de Dios y dar testimonio de Él.

La imagen de los niños recibiendo piadosamente al Señor por primera vez en la Sagrada Comunión debe recordarnos que siempre debemos recibir la Eucaristía con fe y devoción. Cuando nos acercamos al Altar para recibir al Señor, debemos hacerlo con un profundo sentido de humildad y gratitud, reconociendo que somos indignos de este gran don. En efecto, debemos recibir siempre la Eucaristía en estado de gracia, libres de pecado mortal y con un corazón que anhela unirse al Señor.

Celebrar la Eucaristía con sumo respeto y reverencia muestra la profundidad de nuestra fe en la Presencia Real del Señor y nuestro intenso amor por Él. Las apariencias exteriores y los gestos son, pues, esenciales, y no accidentales, a esta sagrada acción litúrgica. Nuestro ayuno de al menos una hora antes de recibir la Sagrada Comunión; la forma en que venimos vestidos para Misa; la reverencia o genuflexión ante el Santísimo Sacramento; la eliminación consciente de nuestras gorras y sombreros al entrar a la iglesia; y la forma en que deliberadamente levantamos nuestras dos manos, con una palma sobre la otra como si formáramos un trono para el Señor cuando lo recibimos, son todas formas significativas y de sentido común para expresar nuestra disposición para el encuentro personal con Cristo, nuestro Señor y Dios. Junto con nuestra disposición interior, estos signos externos aseguran que nuestra recepción del Señor sea digna e indicativa de quiénes somos y en qué creemos verdaderamente.

El Sacramento de la Confirmación, como signo de la presencia y obra del Espíritu Santo en nosotros y en el mundo, nos otorga la gracia especial de permanecer cerca de Cristo y poder llevar a cabo Su misión en el mundo. A través de los dones del Espíritu Santo de sabiduría, entendimiento, consejo, fortaleza, conocimiento, piedad y temor del Señor, cada uno de nosotros está equipado para amar y servir a los demás como lo hizo Cristo, y para llevar Su luz y alegría a quienes nos rodean. La imagen de nuestros jóvenes acercándose ansiosamente al Obispo para recibir estos dones del Espíritu Santo debe recordarnos el entusiasmo y la pasión que debemos tener por nuestra fe para encender al mundo con la fe en Cristo y compartir sus enseñanzas.

A nuestros hermanos y hermanas jóvenes que celebran la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación este fin de semana, les pido que permanezcan cerca de Jesús y Su familia, la Iglesia. Que siempre aprecien los dones que han recibido entre nosotros y continúen creciendo en la fe a medida que atraviesan los desafíos y las alegrías de sus vidas con gracia.

Encomendándoos a todos a la amorosa protección de la Virgen María, Madre de la Eucaristía y Esposa del Espíritu Santo, pido que lo que el Señor ha comenzado en vosotros se lleve a término.

Fielmente tuyo en Cristo,  
*Monseñor Cuong M Pham*

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Sunday, May 7

9:00am—1:00pm Rosary Society Lourdes A/B  
 10:00am—2:00pm Czech Community Guadalupe A/B  
 10:00am—12:00pm Spanish RCIA Upper Room+ Fatima  
 10:30am—12:30pm Cursillo Gym  
 1:00pm—3:30pm Venta de Comida— Matrimonios Gym

### Monday, May 8

5:00pm—9:30pm CYO Gym

### Tuesday, May 9

3:30pm—6:00pm Porque Ser Catolico? Fatima  
 5:00pm—9:30pm 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, May 10

4:30pm—7:30pm Religious Education All Rooms  
 7:30pm—9:30pm CYO Gym

### Thursday, May 11

10:00am—11:30am Legion of Mary Guadalupe B  
 6:00pm—7:30pm Religious Education All Rooms  
 7:30pm—8:30pm Grupo de Amistad Fatima  
 7:30pm—9:00pm CYO Gym

### Friday, May 12

5:00pm—11:00pm CYO Gym  
 6:30pm—8:30pm Youth Meeting Guadalupe A/B  
 7:00pm—9:00pm Hispanic Meeting Fatima

### Saturday, May 13

9:00am—9:00pm CYO Gym  
 9:00am—1:00pm AA Meeting Guadalupe A/B  
 10:00am—12:00pm Spanish Children's Choir Upper Room  
 5:00pm—7:00pm Ministerio de Consolacion Nazareth  
 5:00pm—7:00pm Bilingual Choir Practice Fatima

## INFANT BAPTISM

## BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting	Baptism Ceremony
<b>Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute</b>	<b>12:00pm— Upper Church</b>
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

Reunión de Preparación	Ceremonia de Bautismo
<b>Martes—6:00pm—Instituto</b>	<b>12:00pm—Iglesia de Arriba</b>
9 de Mayo, 2023	13 de Mayo, 2023
6 de Junio, 2023	10 de Junio, 2023
27 de Junio, 2023	8 de Julio, 2023
8 de Agosto, 2023	12 de Agosto, 2023
5 de Septiembre, 2023	9 de Septiembre, 2023
10 de Octubre, 2023	14 de Octubre, 2023
<b>NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EN NOVIEMBRE</b>	
5 de Diciembre, 2023	9 de Diciembre, 2023

**Please Note:** 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 god-parents.

**Por Favor Notar:** Todos los bautizos serán celebrados los Sábados a las 12:00pm en vez de los Domingos. Asistencia a las juntas de preparación es mandatorio para los padres y padrinos.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

## REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

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.*

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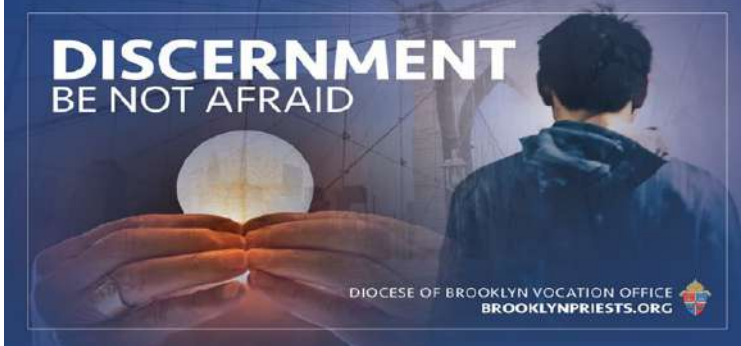
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**PLEASE CHECK** [ ] *New Registration* [ ] *Changed Address*  
 [ ] *I prefer envelopes* [ ] *I prefer E-giving*

**POR FAVOR** [ ] *Nueva Registración* [ ] *Cambio de dirección*  
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## VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### FRATERNITAS — MAY 20, 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. Contact [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org) for more information.

### JEREMIAH PROJECT — JUNE 2—4, 2023

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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

### PROJECT ANDREW— MAY 21, 2023

An opportunity for young men (high school age and older) to learn more about the priesthood. Join bishops, priests, and seminarians from the Diocese of Brooklyn with Vocation Director, Fr. Chris Bethge, for Sunday evening prayer, dinner, and conversation, 4:00pm — 6:00pm. Contact [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org) for more information.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for our Religious Education Program will be open during the months of **May, June, July & August ONLY**.

For new registrations, please pick up an application at the parish office, fill it out with clear letters, & please provide the certificates of all the sacraments your child has already made along with the birth certificate and pay the required fee.

If your child was in our religious education program this year, please ask for the re-registration form, update the form as needed and pay the required fee.

Registration Fee:	May	June, July, August
<b>1 Child</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>2 Children</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
<b>3 or more</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>

## ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The next Rosary Society meeting will take place **on May 7**, 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.

## CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Every fourth Sunday of the month, all members are invited to attend Mass at 9:00am in Italian preceded by the recitation of the Rosary. If you are interested in becoming a member, you will be installed at our annual Feast Day Mass in July. Please call the parish office and leave your name and number.

## CHOIR & STRING TRIO

The Mount Carmel Choir will be performing at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 20th. On Sunday, May 28th, they will be joined by the Mount Carmel String Trio, at the 11:00 A.M. mass to celebrate the feast of Pentecost.

## MARIA SANTISSIMA DEL ROMITELLO

An Italian Mass in Honor of Maria Santissima del Romitello will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 10am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Astoria. All are invited.



Una Messa in Italiano verra celebrata Mercoledì Maggio 10, 2023 all' ore 10 del Mattino nella Chiesa di Monte Carmelo Astoria, in Onore a Maria Santissima del Romitello Borgetto. Tutti sieti invitati ha questa Santa Messa. **MARIA SANTISSIMA DEL ROMITELLO PREGA PER NOI**

## COOK NEEDED

The rectory of Immaculate Conception Parish in Astoria needs a cook: Full or Part Time, Monday through Friday. Benefits Included. Please contact Msgr. Ferrarese at 718.728.1613.

## WIN—WIN CAR DONATION

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 Saint Vincent de Paul will give back to our Church \$100/\$2000 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.



# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of May 07, 2023



## Spiritual Motherhood | The Augustine Institute Show

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Sr. Maris Stella for a conversation on the vocation of every woman, that of motherhood. Although all women will not be called to be physical mothers, every woman is called to be a spiritual mother.



## The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.

REAL WOMANHOOD  
LISA COTTER



## Real Womanhood by Lisa Cotter

What does it mean to be a real woman in today's culture? Join Lisa Cotter in her talk *Real Womanhood*, as she draws on modern-day saints, St. John Paul II to define what it means to be an authentic woman.

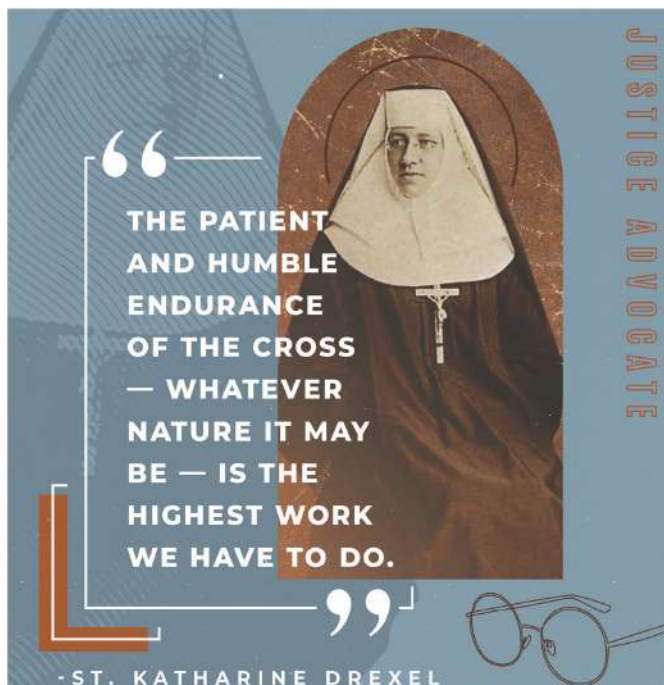
Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.



## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



We would like to thank all the generous individuals who have brought back their baby bottles in support of the Bride to Life organization, who helps expecting mothers in need. If you have not yet brought back your baby bottles please either bring it to the office during the week or hand to an usher at Mass the weekend of May 13 & 14.



## DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

**Fraternitas, 20 de mayo, 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, 2— 4 de junio**— 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.



## REGISTRACIONES PARA CATECISMO

Las inscripciones para el programa de catecismo estarán abiertas durante de los meses de **Mayo, Junio, Julio y Agosto SOLAMENTE.**

Para una nueva registración, por favor recoja una aplicación en la oficina parroquial y llene el cuestionario con letra clara y además debe de traer los certificados de los sacramentos ya recibidos y haga el pago requerido.

Si su niño/a ya estuvo en nuestro programa este año, por favor vaya a la oficina y pida el formulario de re-inscripción y haga el pago requerido.

Cuota de Inscripción:

Por el mes de	Mayo	Junio, Julio y Agosto
1 niño (a)	\$65.00	\$75.00
2 niños (as)	\$100.00	\$120.00
3 niños (as) o más	\$140.00	\$160.00

## DIVINA MISERICORDIA



Se les invita a la Coronilla Cantada el 27 de Mayo, en la Iglesia de Arriba, a las 6:30pm.

Para mas información, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al 718.278.1834



## BUILDING ON THE CORNERSTONE

Before I married my husband, I assumed there were "ugly houses" and "pretty houses," and that was that. But Matt is an architect, someone who reads books with titles like "A Field Guide to American Houses" for fun and who uses the term vernacular architecture like he knows what it means.

Through him, I've come to learn a lot about why certain structures simply don't have a pleasing look. There is a logic to ugliness, as it turns out. One of the main reasons a building or a home might strike some of us as ugly is because it has undergone a careless renovation. Whether out of laziness or an effort to be cost-effective, additions are made that depart from the architectural style of the original structure. The result is slapdash, confusing ugly, for lack of a better word.

What is added on later must somewhat resemble the original. If you want to depart dramatically from the original style of a building, it's better to build a separate structure altogether.

I think of this principle when I consider Christ as the "cornerstone." We know we are called to model ourselves on Christ, to build on his example. But so often we cherry-pick elements of his message and attempt to build on it with additions that make no sense.

When someone looks at us, at our lives, they should be able to tell after whom that life is patterned. We must resemble the cornerstone, if we do not, it will be apparent, unseemly. You can't see God the Father without embracing God the Son. You can't chart the future of a house without any thought for its past.

If Christ is not our inspiration, he will be our contradiction. "...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." - 1 Peter 2:5

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## ARE CATHOLICS OBLIGATED TO ATTEND MASS EACH SUNDAY & RECEIVE COMMUNION?

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy. Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (Dies Domini, no. 7).

## DIGGING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading

We hear today of some of the practical problems (assisting widows) the early Christians faced with the growing Church in Jerusalem. They solved the problem with division of labor. Which of your co-workers or friends need your help this week to carry a burden?

### Second Reading

Peter contrasts those with faith who announce the praises of God to those without faith who disobey God's word. How do you react to family or friends who are without faith?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus assured his disciples that "whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." How do you think you imitate Jesus?





## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich made it her short life's mission in early 1900s New Jersey, to educate everyone about humanity's universal call to holiness. Her writings can be found in a book called *The Greater Perfection*. She lived a life of contemplation and charity.



### Official Prayer for the

#### Canonization of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, whom Blessed Miriam Teresa loved so ardently, grant that we like her may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to continue to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a lasting tribute of our veneration and love. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

*ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE*

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is priesthood.

St. Peter says to us, "You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'" To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.



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