



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AND THEY
OBEY
HIM.

— MARK 1:27 —

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 (*Saint Angela Merici*)

5:00pm John Thu Pham (3rd Anniversary),
Susan & Cettina Camenzuli, Marta Cutaia,
Arthur "Artie" Paparo, Luz Go

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 (*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Nancy Orellana
9:00am Ernesto DiMonte
9:30am Francisco Jose Marcial
11:00am Mario Nacinovich (*Memorial*)
12:30pm Damian Valencia, Ercilia Vidal (10 Mes),
Celestino Garcia Garcia (14 Aniversario),
Ermelindo Garcia Bravo,
Guadalupe Paez (*Vive*)
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00am Maria Nicola & Francesco Del Greco
12:00pm Florence Palazzolo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00am Douglas Colombo
12:00pm Xavier Veliz (*Living- Birthday*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 (*Saint John Bosco*)

8:00am Robert Russo, Jr.
12:00pm Antonina Leto

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00am Jane M. Bolin
12:00pm Maria & Nicola Mancini

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 (*The Presentation of the Lord*)

8:00am Purgatorial Society
12:00pm Hector Conde
7:30pm John Thu Pham

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 (*Saint Blaise, Saint Ansgar*)

8:00am Anna Hue
5:00pm Luz Go, James Nolan, In Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 (*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am The Living & Deceased Members of
Our Parish's Rosary Society
9:00am Gaspare Barretta
9:30am Serafina Castillo
11:00am Nicoletta Todisco
12:30pm Benjamin Mera, Neida Martinez (*Living*)
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MEMORIAL OF THE WEEK



*The Sanctuary Lamp is being offered for
Gaspare Barretta, by Ida & Nicoletta Carullo*



*The Altar Candles are being offered for
Gaspare Barretta,
by Tony & Nina Carullo and Family*

SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 11: There will be a second collection after communion for our Parish Maintenance. Your generosity enables us to maintain our parish spaces in good condition for your use.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	<i>Main Church:</i> 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Spanish) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) <i>Chapel:</i> 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 (Chapel)

CHURCH HOURS:
Weekday: 7:00am—7:00pm
Saturday: 7:00am—6:00pm
Sunday: 7:00am—4:00pm

OFFICE HOURS
Weekday:
9:00am—12:00 Noon
1:00pm—8:30pm
Saturday:
9:00am—12:00 Noon

PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage all who worship with us to consider registering to our parish. This will enable our parish to serve your needs better. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. Your participation will strengthen your sense of belonging in God's family.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

PLEASE CHECK:

New Registration **Changed Address**
 I prefer envelopes **I prefer E-giving**

TRIUMPH IN GENEROSITY



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

We are happy to announce that our parish's contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has not only met but surpassed our goal of \$67,815, reaching an inspiring grand total of \$81,787, pledged by 202 of our dedicated parishioners.



Impressively, only \$1,842 of this total remains outstanding! It is exciting to know that any amount exceeding our goal comes back to our parish, and in this case, it amounts to over \$8,000- a significant sum that we can utilize as per our parish's needs.

We want to extend my deepest thanks to each one of you for your generosity and commitment. Your contributions reflect not just financial support, but a profound investment in the life and mission of our church. This achievement is a testament to the strength and unity of our parish community. Thank you for being a vital part of our parish's journey of faith and service.

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham, Rev. Michael McHugh, Rev. Hung S. Tran

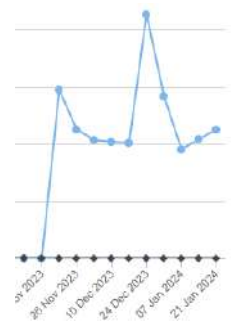
Welcome



MASS ATTENDANCE RECORD

Weekend of January 1/21 Number of Attendees

Saturday English Vigil 5:00pm	111
Sunday English 8:00am	88
9:00am Italian	22
9:30am Bilingual	168
10:00am Czech	20
English 11:00am	261
12:30pm Spanish	350
3:00pm Vietnamese	106



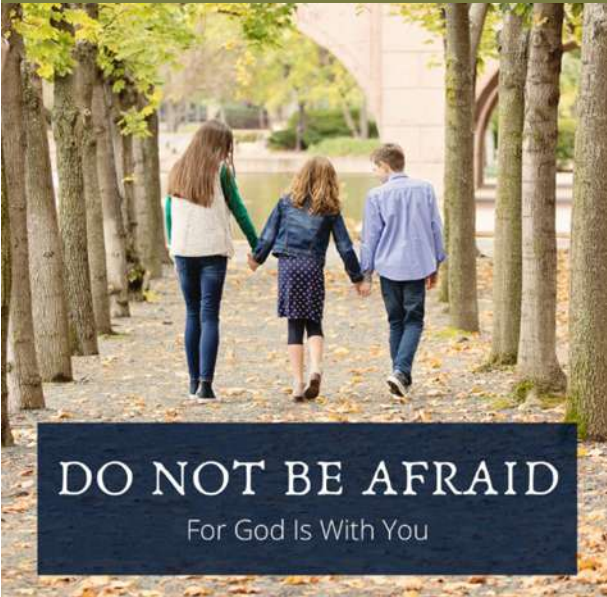
WEEKLY MASS OFFERINGS

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Last Sunday: \$5,625 Same Week Last Year: \$5,620

FAITH DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS

December 2022: \$4,047 December 2023: \$10,231



Dear friends in Christ,

As we enter the fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, our hearts and minds are drawn to the Scriptures of this Sunday Mass, which speak poignantly to the human condition of anxiety. I am particularly inspired by St. Paul's counsel for us to be free from anxieties and focus solely on the Lord (cf. 1 Corinthians 7:32-35) and by the story of Jesus liberating a man possessed by an unclean spirit (cf. Mark 1:21-28), a poignant symbol of the paralyzing fear and anxiety we too often face.

It is undeniable that anxiety is a present reality in our lives. Like a pervasive shadow, it can cripple our spirit and hinder the joy of living. At its best, anxiety distracts us from our relationship with God and the truth that He is "*Lord of heaven and earth*" (Matthew 11:25). At its worst, it is a crippling disease, taking over our minds and plunging our thoughts into darkness. Essentially, anxiety is the

natural result when our hopes are centered in anything short of God and His will for us.

While anxiety is a natural human experience, it is not what God wants for us. He desires us to live lives characterized not by fear and worry, but by faith, hope, and peace. St. Paul the Apostle advises us "*not to be anxious about anything, but in everything, through prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to let our requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:6-7).

Our journey to overcoming anxiety begins with a shift in focus. We are called to fix our thoughts on Jesus and the eternal promise of heaven (cf. John 14:2-3). This shift in perspective allows us to see our earthly fears in the light of God's eternal love and power.

Scripture scholars tell us that the phrase "*Be not afraid*" appears 366 times in the Bible— a daily reminder of God's constant presence and care. The stories of Saints who have walked before us are a testament to the transformative power of faith in the face of fear. Saints like Martha, Mary Magdalene, Catherine of Siena, our Holy Martyrs, John Paul II, Teresa of Calcutta and others, each faced their unique fears and anxieties by placing unwavering trust in the Lord. Their courage and strength came from a deep-seated faith and understanding of God's omnipotence.

To confront our own anxieties, we must first deepen our commitment to Christ, finding security and peace in Him. Prayer is indeed the key to overcoming or coping with anxiety, for it reassures us of God's presence and reminds us of our need to rely on His strength, not on our own. As St. John Vianney said, "*God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry.*"

Serving others shifts our focus from self-centered worries to the needs of those around us. Setting a time limit on our worries and learning to live one day at a time are also practical steps that can greatly alleviate the burden of anxiety.

I leave you with the profound words of St. Teresa of Avila, which resonate with the peace and strength found in our faith: "Let nothing disturb you, nothing cause you fear. All things pass; God is unchanging. Patience obtains all. Whoever has God needs nothing else; God alone suffices." May her words guide and comfort you in times of anxiety.

In Christ's love and peace,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Al entrar en el cuarto domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, nuestros corazones y mentes se sienten atraídos por las Escrituras de esta Misa dominical, que hablan conmovedoramente sobre la condición humana de la ansiedad. Me siento particularmente inspirado por el consejo de San Pablo de liberarnos de las ansiedades y centrarnos únicamente en el Señor (cfr. 1 Corintios 7:32-35) y por la historia de Jesús liberando a un hombre poseído por un espíritu impuro (cfr. Marcos 1:21-28), un símbolo conmovedor del miedo y la ansiedad paralizantes que a menudo enfrentamos.

Es innegable que la ansiedad es una realidad presente en nuestras vidas. Como una sombra omnipresente, puede debilitar nuestro espíritu y obstaculizar la alegría de vivir. En su mejor momento, la ansiedad nos distrae de nuestra

relación con Dios y de la verdad de que Él es *“Señor del cielo y de la tierra”* (Mateo 11:25). En su peor momento, es una enfermedad incapacitante, que se apodera de nuestras mentes y sumerge nuestros pensamientos en la oscuridad. En esencia, la ansiedad es el resultado natural cuando nuestras esperanzas están centradas en algo que no sea Dios y Su voluntad para nosotros.

Aunque la ansiedad es una experiencia humana natural, no es lo que Dios quiere para nosotros. Él desea que vivamos vidas caracterizadas no por el miedo y la preocupación, sino por la fe, la esperanza y la paz. San Pablo Apóstol nos aconseja *“no estar ansiosos por nada, sino en todo, mediante la oración y la súplica con acción de gracias, hacer conocer nuestras peticiones a Dios. Y la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa todo entendimiento, guardará vuestros corazones y vuestras mentes en Cristo Jesús”* (Filipenses 4:6-7).

Nuestro viaje para superar la ansiedad comienza con un cambio de enfoque. Estamos llamados a fijar nuestros pensamientos en Jesús y la promesa eterna del cielo (cfr. Juan 14:2-3). Este cambio de perspectiva nos permite ver nuestros miedos terrenales a la luz del amor y poder eternos de Dios.

Los eruditos de las Escrituras nos dicen que la frase *“No tengas miedo”* aparece 366 veces en la Biblia, un recordatorio diario de la presencia constante y el cuidado de Dios. Las historias de los santos que nos han precedido son un testimonio del poder transformador de la fe frente al miedo. Santos como Marta, María Magdalena, Catalina de Siena, nuestros Santos Mártires, Juan Pablo II, Teresa de Calcuta y otros, enfrentaron sus miedos y ansiedades únicos colocando una confianza inquebrantable en el Señor. Su valor y fortaleza vinieron de una fe profunda y del entendimiento de la omnipotencia de Dios.

Para enfrentar nuestras propias ansiedades, primero debemos profundizar nuestro compromiso con Cristo, encontrando seguridad y paz en Él. La oración es, de hecho, la clave para superar o lidiar con la ansiedad, ya que nos asegura de la presencia de Dios y nos recuerda nuestra necesidad de confiar en Su fuerza, no en la nuestra. Como dijo San Juan Vianney, *“Dios te manda a orar, pero te prohíbe preocuparte”*.

Servir a los demás cambia nuestro enfoque de preocupaciones centradas en uno mismo a las necesidades de quienes nos rodean. Establecer un límite de tiempo en nuestras preocupaciones y aprender a vivir un día a la vez también son pasos prácticos que pueden aliviar en gran medida la carga de la ansiedad.

Les dejo con las profundas palabras de Santa Teresa de Ávila, que resuenan con la paz y la fortaleza que se encuentran en nuestra fe: *“Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Todo se pasa; Dios no se muda. La paciencia todo lo alcanza. Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta; solo Dios basta”*. Que sus palabras los guíen y consuelen en momentos de ansiedad.

En el amor y la paz de Cristo,

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 28

10:00am—12:00pm Czech Community Lourdes A/B
 10:00am—12:00pm Spanish OCIA Fatima
 10:30am—12:30pm Cursillo Guadalupe A/B

Tuesday, January 30

3:30pm—6:00pm Porque Ser Catolico? Fatima
 5:30pm—7:00pm Mariachi School Balcony
 6:00pm—9:00pm Marriage Encounter Guadalupe+ Fatima
 7:00pm—9:00pm Coro #1 Nazareth

Wednesday, January 31

4:00pm—7:30pm Religious Education All Rooms

Thursday, February 1

10:00am—11:30am Legion of Mary Guadalupe A/B
 6:00pm—7:30pm Religious Education All Rooms
 7:30pm—8:30pm Grupo de Amistad Lourdes A/B

Friday, February 2

6:30pm—9:00pm Practica de Instrumentos Upper Room
 6:30pm—9:00pm Youth Night Gym
 7:00pm—9:00pm English OCIA Fatima

Saturday, February 3

9:00am—1:00pm AA Meeting Guadalupe A/B
 10:00am—12:00pm Spanish Children's Choir Fatima
 3:00pm—5:00pm Confirmation Sessions 1-3 Guadalupe
 4:00pm—9:00pm Adult Sewing Group Lourdes A/B
 5:00pm—7:00pm Spanish Choir Nazareth
 6:30pm—8:00pm Porque Ser Catolico? Fatima

SAINT BLAISE

The blessing of the throats in honor of the feast of Saint Blaise will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at both the 8:00am & 5:00pm English Masses.



ROSARY SOCIETY



The next Rosary Society meeting will be held on February 4th, starting at 10:00am in the Lourdes Room. All ladies over 15 years old are welcomed. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend!

ASK THE VOCATION DIRECTOR!

I'm here to help as you seek to discover God's call for your life! If you have questions, need to talk through your discernment, or want to make an appointment, please feel free to contact me, **Fr. Chris Bethge**, Vocation Director at 718-827-2454 or email cbethge@cathedralprep.org



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 **Frances Camisa**.

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 Minda Balhman, Ralph Vitacco, Leonida Soresca, Eugenio Acevedo, Wasyl Bodnar & Lillie Bonanno, Jalil Illera, and our pastor's father, John Thu Pham, on his third anniversary of entrance into eternal life.

JOIN FAITH DIRECT FOR E-GIVING

Your recurring gifts will help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries throughout the year, even if you need to miss a Sunday service. It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- * Visit faith.direct/NY370
- * Call the parish office at 718.278.1834
- * Scan the QR code
- * Text "Enroll" to 929.254.3850



DIOCESAN YOUTH HOLY HOURS

The Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens invites all youth and young adults and their families to their monthly Youth Holy Hours. Below are the upcoming dates and locations. For more information please call the parish office.

February 2, 2024 St. Bernard, 2055 E 69 Street,
Brooklyn
 March 1, 2024 Incarnation, 89-43 Francis Lewis Blvd.
Queens
 April 12, 2024 Ss. Peter & Paul, 228 Berry Street.
Brooklyn
 May 3, 2024 Mary's Nativity/St. Ann, 4602 Parsons Blvd.
Queens
 June 7, 2024 Holy Family/St. Thomas Aquinas, 249 9th St.
Brooklyn

SMART WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Did you know that there are ways to support our beloved 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. To learn more please contact Neida Martinez at our parish office 718-278-1834 or call the Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.

FORMAS INTELIGENTES DE APOYAR NUESTRA QUERIDA PARROQUIA

¿Sabías que existen formas de apoyar a nuestra querida parroquia y la misión de la Iglesia que también pueden ofrecerte beneficios fiscales... y potencialmente incluso una fuente de ingresos? Si tienes un activo como acciones apreciadas, un plan de jubilación, arte, bienes raíces u otros activos, un regalo planificado podría ser una manera más inteligente de dar que solo efectivo. Con un regalo planificado, como los mencionados anteriormente, puedes sostener a nuestra querida parroquia al mismo tiempo que tomas decisiones financieras inteligentes para beneficiar a tu familia. Para obtener más información, por favor contacta a Neida Martínez en nuestra oficina parroquial al 718-278-1834 o llama a la Fundación Católica al 718-965-7375.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Dedicated offerings can be reserved every week in honor or in memory of a loved one. You can reserve by visiting the parish office.

Altar Candles: \$15.00 Sanctuary Lamp: \$25.00
Altar Bread & Wine \$35.00 Altar Flowers: \$100.00

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

Registrarse permite que nuestra parroquia les pueda servir sus necesidades espirituales. Por favor devuelva este formulario en la colecta o déjelo en la oficina parroquial. Su participación fortalecerá su fe y su sentido de pertenencia en la familia de Dios.

Nombre(s): _____
Dirección: _____ Apt _____
Ciudad _____ Estado _____ C. Postal _____
Teléfono: _____
E-mail: _____

POR FAVOR MARCAR:

Nueva Registración Cambio de dirección
 Prefiero Sobres Donaciones en línea

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, February 2nd, 2024**. 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.



INFANT BAPTISM/ BAUTISMOS

Preparation Meeting	Baptism Ceremony
Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute	12:00pm— Upper Church
January 23, 2024	January 27, 2024
February 20, 2024	February 24, 2024
March 19, 2024	March 23, 2024
April 23, 2024	April 27, 2024
May TBA	May TBA
June— NO CLASS	No English Baptisms
July 23, 2024	July 27, 2024
August 20, 2024	August 24, 2024
September 24, 2024	September 28, 2024
October 22, 2024	October 26, 2024
November 19, 2024	November 23, 2024
December 17, 2024	December 21, 2024

Reunión de Preparación	Ceremonia de Bautismo
Martes—6:00pm—Instituto	12:00pm—Iglesia de Arriba
9 de Enero, 2024	13 de Enero, 2024
6 de Febrero, 2024	10 de Febrero, 2024
5 de Marzo, 2024	9 de Marzo, 2024
Abril TBA	Abril TBA
Mayo TBA	Mayo TBA
4 de Junio	8 de Junio
9 de Julio	13 de Julio
6 de Agosto	10 de Agosto
10 de Septiembre	14 de Septiembre
8 de Octubre	12 de Octubre
5 de Noviembre	9 de Noviembre
10 de Diciembre	14 de Diciembre



I HAVE A FRIEND WHO RECEIVES COMMUNION, BUT I KNOW FOR A FACT IS IN A STATE OF MORTAL SIN. SHOULD I TELL OUR PRIEST? IS IT MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SAY SOMETHING?

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without an objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

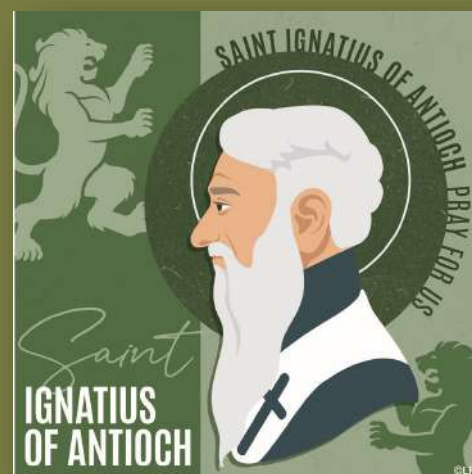
We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Ignatius of Antioch, a bishop of Antioch in the first century, was a direct disciple of the apostle John. Despite being thrown to the lions and martyred in Rome's Colosseum for his faith, his teachings and hope for Christian unity live on as early examples of Christian theology.

Prayer for the Youth

Dear Lord, Be with our young people this week and always keep them in Your care. Help them to form godly friendships, speak the truth, and know You in the personal way that will challenge, shape, and guide them. Amen.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves. The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity - him and indeed it does. All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat

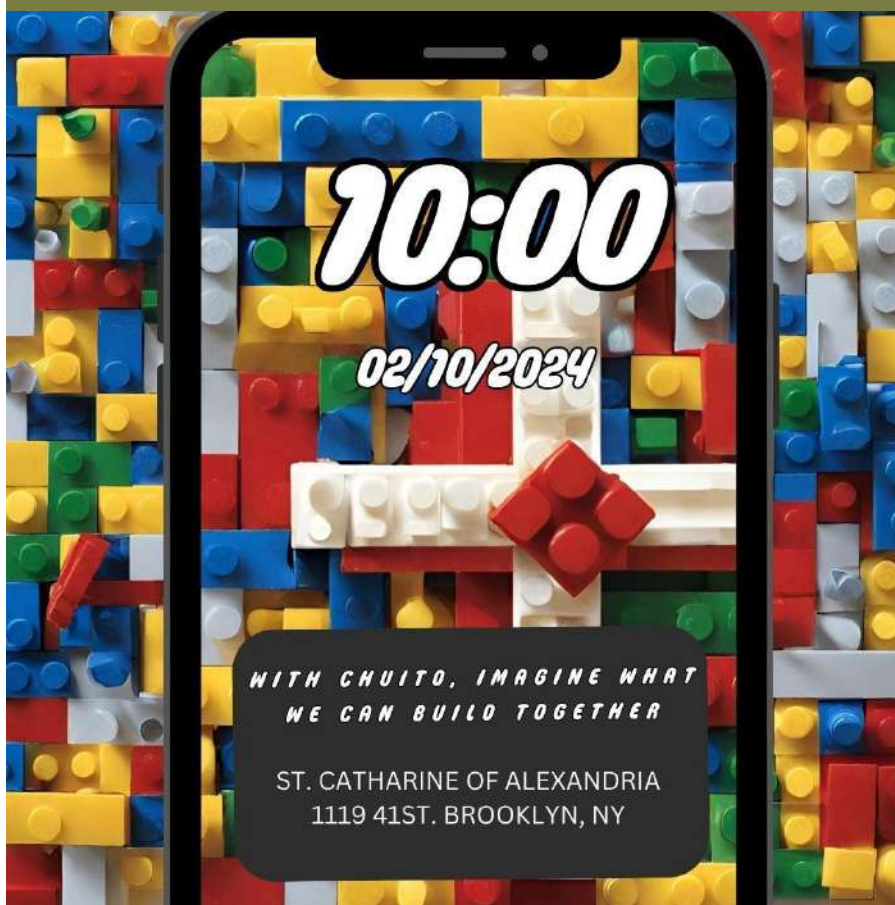
tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division.

They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g. in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

Father John Muir



RETIRO JUVENIL PRE-JORNADISTA



El movimiento de Jornadas de Vida Cristiana invita a todos los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia de **edades 12 – 19** a participar en este retiro especial el **10 de febrero en Santa Caterina de Alejandría en Brooklyn, empezando a las 10:00am hasta las 5:00pm.**

El lema del retiro es **“Con Chuito, imagínate lo que podemos construir.”** Padres son bienvenidos a sentarse a observar el retiro. El retiro se dará en Inglés.

**Lema del Movimiento:
Jóvenes Evangelizando a Jóvenes**

Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor llame a Luis en la oficina parroquial.

SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH



January is the month dedicated to the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. These days, it is particularly meaningful to us Catholics since our nation is preparing for another election this fall. In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation. All believers are called to faithful citizenship, to become informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process. The U.S. Bishops *“encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely*

as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate more fully in building the culture of life.” Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Even those who are not citizens are called to participate in the debates which shape our common life. It is never wrong to be on the side of life.

MES DE LA SANTIDAD DE LA VIDA



Enero es el mes dedicado a la santidad de toda vida humana, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Estos días, es particularmente significativo para nosotros, los Católicos, ya que nuestra nación se está preparando para una otra elección el próximo otoño. En la tradición Católica, la ciudadanía responsable es una virtud; la participación en el proceso político es una obligación moral. Todos los creyentes están llamados a una ciudadanía

fiel, a informarse, ser activos y responsables en el proceso político. Los obispos de los Estados Unidos *“animan a todos los ciudadanos, en particular a los Católicos, a abrazar su ciudadanía no solo como un deber y privilegio, sino como una oportunidad para participar de manera significativa en la construcción de la cultura de la vida”*. Cada voz importa en el foro público. Cada voto cuenta. Incluso aquellos que no son ciudadanos están llamados a participar en los debates que dan forma a nuestra vida común. Nunca está mal estar del lado de la vida.

Please Join Us!



St. Joseph Catholic Academy

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4**



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Comparative Chart

2023 NYS Testing Program	New York City Public Schools	Diocese of Brooklyn	St. Joseph Catholic Academy
Grade 4 ELA	52.5%	60.95%	60.9%
Grade 6 ELA	47.8%	62.66%	67.6%
Grade 7 ELA	51.7%	68.8%	84.6%
Grade 4 Math	52.3%	54.98%	60.5%
Grade 6 Math	45.5%	56.27%	76.4%
Grade 7 Math	51.2%	62.30%	92.5%



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