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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

(The Seven Founders of the Servite Order)

5:00pm Angelina Brincat, Vitoantonio Chiechi,
Ana Vessia, Nicola Mossa (*Birthday Memorial*)
& Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 (*First Sunday of Lent*)

8:00am Rose Tavano
9:00am In Memoria di Nick Messina
9:30am Gregorio Nuñez
11:00am Giulio Moretti & John Albani
12:30pm Feliciano Verdejo, Abraham Deliz,
Mercedes & Felix Arias, Celeste Stewart (*Vive*)
En Celebracion y por la Salud de
Carmen Emilia Sepulveda
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 (*Presidents' Day*)

9:00am Anna D'Angelo (*Living*)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00am Nicola & Serafina DiPompo and Family
12:00pm The Deceased Members of the Collins Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 (*Saint Peter Damian*)

8:00am Anna Lee (*Death Anniversary*)
12:00pm Maria Celestre

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

(The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle)

8:00am Gaspare Barretta
12:00pm Armando Rodriguez

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 (*Saint Polycarp*)

8:00am Leonardo & Giuseppina Grippi
12:00pm Irene Cuisia Rellosa

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00am All Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm Pauline Barrett, Teresa Crichton,
Delores Fulton, Ramon Nazario,
Mairead Feighery

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 (*Second Sunday of Lent*)

8:00am In Thanksgiving to God
9:00am Gino Augusto
9:30am Guadalupe Vidal (*Feliz Cumpleaños*)
11:00am Luigi Lanca (*Memorial*)
12:30pm Victor Vazquez, Ismael Moran Santana,
Lino Serrano, Ercilia & Paula Vidal,
Diacono Ruben & Consuelo Mendez (*Vivos*)
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MEMORIAL OF THE WEEK

SECOND COLLECTIONS



The Altar Candles are being offered for **Gaspare Barretta**, by Marianna, Frank and Alba del Greco



The Sanctuary Lamp is being for **Manuele Vdokakes**, by Margaret Vdokakes

February 18: There will be a second collection after communion for Black & Indian. Your generosity enables the church to reach those in the poorest communities.

March 10: There will be a second collection after communion for Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

We thank all who contributed to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. A total of \$85,397 has been pledged by 204 parishioners and what remains to be collected is \$1,451. Once all monies are collected, \$17,582 will remain in the parish to be used to finance parochial projects which will benefit the people of our parish.

This week begins the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. We encourage everyone to view the 2024 ACA video online at www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo.

Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal make a significant impact, aiding individuals in Brooklyn & Queens in ways beyond the capacity of any single parish.

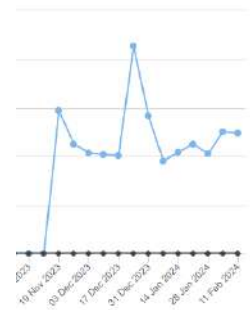
Let us pray for the success of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, envisioning a triumph that not only empowers us to extend love to those in need but also enables our hearts to respond to Jesus, who calls us to be in Communion, Participation & Mission.

We invite you to stand with your parish in supporting the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. To donate, visit www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text **DONATE** to **917.336.1255**.

MASS ATTENDANCE RECORD

Weekend of February 10/11 Number of Attendees

Saturday English Vigil 5:00pm	135
Sunday English 8:00am	111
9:00am Italian	31
9:30am Bilingual	127
10:00am Czech	20
English 11:00am	311
12:30pm Spanish	302
3:00pm Vietnamese	203



WEEKLY MASS OFFERINGS

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Last Sunday: \$5,915 Same Week Last Year: \$5,373

FAITH DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS

January 2023: \$5,901 January 2024: \$5,907

LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we embark on the first week of Lent, we enter a profound 40-day journey coinciding with the springtime - a season of rebirth and new life that we witness in nature around us. This sacred time invites us to deepen our spiritual growth, renew our relationship with God, and progress in our path to holiness.

Like the catechumens preparing for their initiation into the Church at Easter, we are all called to undergo a conversion, examining our lives and sins in the light of God's grace. As Catholics, we are called to pray, fast and abstain, but it's crucial to reflect on how these practices enhance our prayer life, generosity, and sanctity. Our Lenten observances should lead to true conversion and a richer life in Christ; otherwise, they risk becoming mere rituals.

In fact, Lent isn't solely about penitential practices; it's also a season of joyful spiritual feasting. I'd like to share with you some inspiring thoughts from William Arthur Ward that I found particularly meaningful:

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ within them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.

Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from instant gratifications; feast on self-denial.

Fast from worry; feast on divine providence.

And finally, fast from sin; feast on the abundance of God's mercy!

Pope Francis, in his message for Lent, reminds us that this season is a time to refocus on God's mercy. Lent leads to the triumph of mercy, liberating us from what diminishes our worth as God's children. This understanding of Lent can be truly freeing, helping us shed attitudes and behaviors that stifle our spiritual growth and realigning us towards those that foster our development into the individuals God envisions us to be – people of the Resurrection.

As your pastor, I carry you and your family in my daily prayers, especially at the Altar. May this Lenten season be a time of transformation for you all.

Faithfully yours,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En esta primera semana de Cuaresma, comenzamos un profundo viaje de 40 días que coincide con la primavera - una temporada de renacimiento y vida nueva que observamos en la naturaleza que nos rodea. Este tiempo sagrado nos invita a profundizar en nuestra fe, renovar nuestra relación con Dios y avanzar en nuestro camino hacia la santidad.

Al igual que los catecúmenos que se preparan para su iniciación en la Iglesia en Pascua, todos estamos llamados a una conversión, examinando nuestras vidas y pecados a la luz de la gracia de Dios. Como Católicos, estamos llamados a orar, ayunar y abstenernos, pero es crucial reflexionar sobre cómo estas prácticas enriquecen nuestra vida de oración, generosidad y santidad. Nuestras observancias cuaresmales deberían conducir a una verdadera conversión y a una vida más plena en Cristo; de lo contrario, corren el riesgo de convertirse en meros rituales.

De hecho, la Cuaresma no se trata únicamente de prácticas penitenciales; también es una temporada de gozosa celebración espiritual. Me gustaría compartir con ustedes algunos pensamientos inspiradores de William Arthur Ward que encontré particularmente significativos:

Ayuna de juzgar a los demás; festina en el Cristo dentro de ellos.

Ayuna del énfasis en las diferencias; festina en la unidad de la vida.

Ayuna de pensamientos de enfermedad; festina en el poder curativo de Dios.

Ayuna de palabras que contaminan; festina en frases que purifican.

Ayuna del descontento; festina en la gratitud.

Ayuna de la ira; festina en la paciencia.

Ayuna del pesimismo; festina en el optimismo.

Ayuna de quejarse; festina en el aprecio.

Ayuna de lo negativo; festina en lo afirmativo.

Ayuna del rencor; festina en el perdón.

Ayuna de la preocupación por uno mismo; festina en la compasión por los demás.

Ayuna del desánimo; festina en la esperanza.

Ayuna de la letargia; festina en el entusiasmo.

Ayuna de pensamientos que debilitan; festina en promesas que inspiran.

Ayuna del chisme ocioso; festina en el silencio con propósito.

Ayuna de problemas que abruman; festina en la oración que sostiene.

Ayuna de gratificaciones instantáneas; festina en la auto-negación.

Ayuna de la preocupación; festina en la providencia divina.

Y finalmente, ayuna del pecado; festina en la abundancia de la misericordia de Dios.

El Papa Francisco, en su mensaje para la Cuaresma, nos recuerda que esta temporada es un tiempo para reenfocarnos en la misericordia de Dios. La Cuaresma conduce al triunfo de la misericordia, liberándonos de lo que disminuye nuestro valor como hijos de Dios. Entendida de esta manera, la Cuaresma puede ser una experiencia liberadora, ayudándonos a desprendernos de actitudes y comportamientos que no nos dan vida y reorientándonos hacia aquellos que asegurarán nuestro crecimiento en la persona que Dios nos llama a ser: personas de la Resurrección.

Como su párroco, llevo a Ustedes y a sus familias en mis oraciones diarias, especialmente en el Altar. Que esta temporada de Cuaresma sea un tiempo de transformación para todos Ustedes.

Atentamente en Cristo,
Monseñor Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 18

10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish OCIA	Fatima
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B
12:30pm—4:00pm	Venta de Comida	Guadalupe A/B
6:00pm—8:00pm	Sagrado Corazon	Lourdes A/B

Tuesday, February 20

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

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

11:00am—12:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Lourdes A/B
6:30pm—9:00pm	Practica de Instrumentos	Lourdes A/B
6:30pm—9:00pm	Youth Night	Guadalupe A/B
7:00pm—9:00pm	English OCIA	Fatima

Saturday, February 24

7:30pm—2:00pm	Retiro Cuaresmal	Gym
9:00am—5:00pm	Spanish Pre-Cana	Guadalupe A/B
9:00am—12:30pm	AA Meeting	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—1:00pm	Saturday Lessons in Faith	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir Practice	Nazareth
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Lourdes A
6:30pm—8:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima

PRESIDENTS' DAY— OFFICE CLOSING

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 in honor of Presidents' Day. There will only be one Mass celebrated in the Main Church at 9:00am. The office will re-open at 9:00am on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

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, March 1st, 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.

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.

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 Balhaman, Ralph Vitacco, Leonida Soresca, Eugenio Acevedo, Wasyl Bodnar & Lillie Bonanno, Jalil Illera, Dilara Ayse Osman, 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



SATURDAY LESSONS IN FAITH

Video Presentation & Topic for February 24: World War 111? What Mary said Heaven wants and how it connects to Fatima. Please join us in the Lourdes Room of the Parish Institute at 10:00am.

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.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



You are cordially invited to participate in our parish's communal celebration of the Stations of the Cross/Via Crucis. **This traditional devotion is held every Friday during Lent right after the 12 Noon Mass in the chapel.** Booklets will be provided for all participants. Come to retrace the steps of Jesus, to know the depth of His Love for you!

INFANT BAPTISM/ BAUTISMOS

Preparation Meeting	Baptism Ceremony
Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute	12:00pm— Upper Church
February 20, 2024	February 24, 2024
March 19, 2024	March 23, 2024
April 23, 2024	April 27, 2024
May 21, 2024	May 25, 2024
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
5 de Marzo	9 de Marzo
9 de Abril	13 de Abril
NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EL MES DE MAYO	
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



Lent

fast · give · pray

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The penitential and grace-filled Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024. It is a time of hope-filled renewal as the Church journeys towards Easter. During Lent, the Church calls us to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, “which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1434 and 1969*). To foster this spirit, the Church reminds us of the following obligations:

Abstinence: Healthy Catholics age 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, every Friday of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: Healthy adult Catholics age 18-59 inclusive are bound to fast, limiting food to one full meal with minimal food at the other two mealtimes and nothing in between.

Almsgiving: The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a witness of fraternal charity, and an expression of Lenten conversion. Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church through regular stewardship to their parish, support of charities, and their generous response to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal.

Those not bound by these regulations, such as young and elderly persons or those who are sick, are encouraged to practice other forms of personal penance and sacrifice.



REGLAMENTOS DE CUARESMA

La temporada de Cuaresma penitencial y llena de gracia comienza con el Miércoles de Ceniza, 14 de febrero de 2024. Es un tiempo de renovación llena de esperanza a medida que la Iglesia camina hacia la Pascua. Durante la Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos llama a un espíritu más profundo de penitencia, ayuno, limosna y oración, “que expresan la conversión en relación con uno mismo, con Dios y con los demás” (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, nos. 1434 y 1969*). Para fomentar este espíritu, la Iglesia nos recuerda las siguientes obligaciones:

Abstinencia: Todos los fieles que han cumplido 14 años de edad deben abstenerse de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma.

Ayuno: Todos los fieles entre las edades de 18 y 59 inclusive están obligados a ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. El ayuno significa limitarse a una comida completa y evitar los alimentos entre comidas. El sustento ligero se puede tomar en otras dos ocasiones durante el día. El café, el té y el zumo están permitidos en cualquier momento.

La limosna: El acto de dar a los pobres, en la más antigua tradición de la Iglesia, es expresión de penitencia, testimonio de caridad fraterna y expresión de conversión cuaresmal. Los católicos animan a apoyar generosamente las obras caritativas de toda la Iglesia a través de la administración regular de su parroquia, el apoyo a las organizaciones benéficas y su generosa respuesta a la Campaña Católica Anual.

A los que no están sujetos a estas normas, como los jóvenes y las personas o los enfermos, se les anima a practicar otras formas de penitencia y sacrificio personal.

Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo
23-25 Newtown Avenue
Astoria, NY 11102

CORONILLA CANTADA

6:30pm en la
Iglesia de Arriba

Sabados en 2024:

27 de enero
10 de febrero
23 de marzo

Celebracion de la Divina
Misericordia sera el
Domingo 7 de Abril;
Misa a las 12:30pm seguido
con la fiesta en el gimnasio.

25 de mayo
29 de junio
20 de julio
31 de agosto
28 de september
26 de octubre
30 de noviembre

Comuniquese con la oficina parroquial si necesita alguna informacion adicional.



Jesus, en Ti confio!

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Pius X's devotion to the Eucharist was truly inspiring! He lowered the age of First Communion to seven years old, encouraging young hearts to encounter Christ early-on. He also advocated that everyone, regardless of their social class, should have access to the Eucharist.

Prayer for Lent

Dear Jesus, This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you. Amen.

DIGGING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

God used a rainbow as a sign of his covenant with Noah and all living creatures to never again flood the earth. Are there some additional signs in your life of God's love for us?

Second Reading

Peter taught that baptism serves as an appeal or pledge to God for a clear conscience. What leads you to an examination of conscience?

Gospel Reading

After a brief report of Jesus' temptation by Satan in the desert, we hear the first words of Jesus at the launch of his public ministry in Galilee: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As we begin the Lenten journey, what are some temptations you plan to face this Lent?

El comite

Via Crucis

les invita a participar en la dramatizacion de la pasion del Señor.

Si desea participar, por favor visite el Instituto Parroquial despues de la Santa Misa los domingos adonde se realizan las practicas.

Para mas informacion comuniquese con la oficina parroquial 718.278.1834 y deje su nombre y telefono





Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

As a member of the Diocese of Brooklyn, you are part of a family of Catholics who practice their faith and lives a life of stewardship throughout Brooklyn and Queens. You can help maintain vital programs and ministries that serve Jesus by reaching out in love to our brothers and sisters in the Lord through your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Q: What do the contributions from the Annual Catholic Appeal support?

A: Simply, PEOPLE. Our greatest challenge as Catholics is to play our part in loving and serving our neighbor. So many of our brothers and sisters are in need, and we are blessed when we freely share our gifts with others with God's Love, Compassion, and Joy.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is at the center of our efforts to put Jesus' love to work. By making a pledge commitment, you make possible the work which goes beyond any one parish alone; outreach to those in need through our diocesan social ministry programs; increasing our Church's efforts in recruiting and training candidates for the priesthood and religious life; Supporting Faith Formation; enable Catholic Charities to continue their multi-services in our community; support our retired priests; make chaplains available to hospitals, prisons, and schools; and ensure that we are able to continue assisting the newest members of our community--immigrants.

Q: Does our parish benefit from this effort?

A: Our parish benefits – the diocesan-wide ministries benefit - and all living in Brooklyn & Queens benefit. Your kindness nurtures the Words of Christ in many wonderful ministries, programs, and services provided throughout Brooklyn and Queens – including those in our parish. As an example, the future of all parishes depends on having enough priests to minister to them. The Annual Catholic appeal does the job of supporting vocations in ways that no one parish alone could ever hope to accomplish ensuring that there will priests to celebrate Mass in all of our parishes.

In addition to this one clear example, our parish will also receive all funds raised over the parish goal to fund parish initiatives. In essence, your support of the ACA allows our parish to utilize funding for other initiatives. Of course, your weekly support of our parish is crucial, and you are encouraged to continue to share your generosity with our parish primarily through the Sunday collection. But it is also important to remember that the Church extends far beyond the walls of our beautiful church and great parish.

Q: I can only give a small amount, my gift is not important – so, why should I give?

A: We are asking people to give proportionately to their ability - every gift is important. The Lord has shared many gifts with each of us. As Christians, we are called to share His blessing with others. Your gift is truly a personal sacrifice that we are most grateful for, so reflect upon this decision as you share your gift. No matter if it is a one-time gift of \$50 or a pledge for the year of \$2,500, every gift gets our parish closer to fulfilling its responsibility to the broader Catholic Community in Brooklyn and Queens. Every Gift makes a difference!

The Diocese of Brooklyn is made up of people like you from 173 different parishes bonded together in the love of Christ. Part of being a responsible Catholic is looking after others, particularly those in need. As St. Paul says, "When one member suffers, we all suffer. When one rejoices, we all rejoice." that is why we have the Annual Catholic Appeal.

***Please be as generous as you can when you are asked to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal.
Thank you!***

Q: How is the money donated used – is there a list?



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

DAY OF LENTEN RENEWAL

DÍA DE RENOVACIÓN CUARESMAL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

MARTES, 20 DE FEBRERO 2024



AGENDA

- 08:00am: Holy Mass & Stations of the Cross in English
Santa Misa & Via Crucis en inglés
- 10:00am: Multilingual Rosary Prayer with Scriptural Reflections
Santo Rosario Multilingüe con Reflexiones Bíblicas en inglés
- 12:00pm: Holy Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Santa Misa & Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento
- 03:00pm: Divine Mercy Devotion & Benediction
Devoción a la Divina Misericordia & Bendición
- 05:00pm: Stations of the Cross in Spanish
Santa Misa & Via Crucis en español
- 07:00pm: Holy Mass in English & Spanish
Santa Misa en inglés & español

