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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 (*Saint Martin I*)

5:00pm Natale Forzano, Saul Mendoza, Eva Palaxos,
Ferdinand Medalla, Demosthenes Alegrado
Ed Ocampo

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 (*Third Sunday of Easter*)

8:00am Aniela Wladyslaw Polkosnik
9:00am Madre Zangara
9:30am Miguel Carlos Fuentes
11:00am Mildred Ciangiola
12:30pm Feliciano Verdejo (*Memorial de Cumpleaños*),
Luis Lavayen Vazquez (*13 Aniversario*),
Maria Cenia Ocampo, Pedro Luis Osorio,
Federico & Angelita Mendez,
Carlos Fernando Villegas,
Manuel Ortega, Diana Tito,
Faustina Sandoval Enrique
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 15

8:00am Giuseppe & Bernarda DiLorenzo
12:00pm Ryan Veliz (*Birthday*)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

8:00am Mercedes Beck
12:00pm Joan Burke

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

8:00am Anna Su & Maria Nguyen
12:00pm Frank Giraudo & Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

8:00am Joseph Paul Immordino
12:00pm Maureen McGuire

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

8:00am Vincenzo DiRada
12:00pm Anna Doan Hat

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:00am Tertullano, Jr. & Felicitas Guevara
5:00pm Ingrid Vega (*Birthday Memorial*),
Susan Camenzuli, Ed Moser,
Fr. Stephen Arabadjis (*For Healing*)
Joselyn Valencia (*18th Birthday—Living*)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 (*FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*)

8:00am Vaughan & Smith Family
9:00am In Memoria di Angela Frisina
9:30am Donald Sanchez
11:00am Dr. George Mascia
12:30pm Maria Morales, Victor Mendez, Rosa Ortiz,
Elvia Cordova, Balbina Juliana Batista,
Feliciano Verdejo (*1 Aniversario*)
Maria Zhumi (*Por su Salud y Trabajo*)
Por los 16 Años de Michelle Macias
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

This week The Altar Candles are being offered for **Antonio & Maria Carullo and Family**, by Ida Barretta

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 14: There will be a second collection after communion for Catholic Home Missions. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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 (Bilingual) |
| 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

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As of April 8, 2024, we have 68 donors who have pledged \$35,032 towards our parish goal of \$67,815. We have so far collected \$22,952. 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. We invite you to stand with our 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 April 6/7 | Number of Attendees |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Saturday English Vigil 5:00pm | 195 |
| Sunday English 8:00am | 121 |
| 9:00am Italian | 28 |
| 9:30am Bilingual | 142 |
| 10:00am Czech | 24 |
| English 11:00am | 295 |
| 12:30pm Spanish | 506 |
| 3:00pm Vietnamese | 45 |

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



Welcome



WEEKLY MASS OFFERINGS

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Last Sunday: \$5,934 Same Week Last Year: \$6,557

FAITH DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS

March 2023: \$4,937 March 2024: \$6,518



Dear friends in Christ,

As we gather this third Sunday of Easter, I am reminded of a true story from *Ripley's Believe It or Not* about a judge in Yugoslavia who was pronounced dead after an unfortunate accident, only to wake up in a funeral home! Imagine the shock of his wife, neighbors, and the night watchman when he began making calls or showing up at their doors, very much alive. This bizarre yet humorous tale echoes today's Gospel reading from Luke 24:35-48, where Jesus, too, had to convince His disciples He was not a ghost but alive, resurrected in His glorified body.

This past week, I had an enriching experience that mirrored the challenge of belief and witness to the Resurrection of Jesus. I rode in a Lyft taxi, driven by a young, inquisitive Muslim. Our conversation veered into a deep discussion about faith, specifically about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He questioned how Christians could be so certain that Christ indeed rose from the dead and that it wasn't merely someone's imagination. I shared with him that while there is a lot of compelling empirical evidence pointing towards the Resurrection, such as the famous Shroud of Turin, the Relics of the Passion, and historical accounts outside the Bible about the early Church's transformation by their belief in Christ being alive, the heart of this belief is still a matter of faith that transcends scientific evidence.

The Apostles themselves gave the most potent witness to the Resurrection, even unto death. They could not have willingly faced martyrdom for a mere idea or hallucination but did so for a real, living Person whom they experienced as being alive. Although I am not sure if our animated discussion turned my driver into a believer, it was gratifying to share with him what I believe, bringing him closer to understanding the Christian perspective.

Today's Gospel profoundly illustrates the reality of Christ's Resurrection. By inviting His apostles to look closely at Him, touch Him, and observe Him eating, the risen Jesus dispelled any notion that they were witnessing a ghost. He demonstrated that He was as real and alive. This authentic encounter is what transformed the apostles into fervent witnesses of Christ's Resurrection. Their faith was deeply rooted in the personal and communal experience of Jesus as the living Lord.

This brings us to the crux of today's Gospel message and our own lives as followers of Christ. Today, the risen Jesus still invites us to a personal and communal encounter with Him, especially in the Holy Eucharist, which is not merely an abstract idea or tradition but a vibrant, transformative experience of His living presence.

Just as the Yugoslavian judge's return to life was met with disbelief, so too we must bridge the gap of skepticism with the truth and vitality of Jesus Christ. Our strongest testimony is not found in words alone but in the transformative power of our encounters with the Risen Lord. When the joy, love, and peace of Christ are evident in our lives, even the most skeptical can become curious about the source of our hope.

Let us, therefore, renew our commitment to embody and share the joy of the living Christ. As Easter people, may our lives reflect the hope and renewal found in Christ's Resurrection.

Peace and blessings,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Al reunirnos este tercer domingo de Pascua, me viene a la mente una historia verdadera de *Ripley's Believe It or Not* sobre un juez en Yugoslavia que fue declarado muerto después de un desafortunado accidente, ¡solo para despertar en una funeraria! Imaginen el impacto de su esposa, vecinos y el vigilante nocturno cuando comenzó a hacer llamadas o aparecer en sus puertas, muy vivo. Esta historia, tan insólita como humorística, hace eco del Evangelio de hoy de Lucas 24:35-48, donde Jesús también tuvo que convencer a sus discípulos de que no era un fantasma, sino que estaba vivo, resucitado en su cuerpo glorificado.

Esta pasada semana, tuve una experiencia enriquecedora que reflejó el desafío de creer y ser testigo de la Resurrección de Jesús. Viajé en un taxi de Lyft, conducido por un joven musulmán inquisitivo. Nuestra conversación se adentró en una profunda discusión sobre la fe, específicamente sobre la Resurrección de Jesucristo. Él cuestionaba cómo los cristianos podían estar tan seguros de que Cristo realmente había resucitado de entre los muertos y que no era simplemente la imaginación de alguien. Le compartí que, aunque hay muchas evidencias empíricas convincentes que apuntan hacia la Resurrección, como la famosa Sábana Santa de Turín, las Reliquias de la Pasión y relatos históricos fuera de la Biblia sobre la transformación de la iglesia primitiva por su creencia en que Cristo estaba vivo, el corazón de esta creencia sigue siendo una cuestión de fe que trasciende la evidencia científica.

Los apóstoles mismos dieron el testimonio más potente de la Resurrección, incluso hasta la muerte. No podrían haber enfrentado voluntariamente el martirio por una simple idea o alucinación, sino que lo hicieron por una Persona real y viva que experimentaron como estando viva. Aunque no estoy seguro si nuestra discusión animada convirtió a mi conductor en creyente, fue gratificante compartir con él lo que creo, acercándolo a entender la perspectiva cristiana.

El Evangelio de hoy ilustra profundamente la realidad de la Resurrección de Cristo. Al invitar a sus apóstoles a mirarlo de cerca, tocarlo y observarlo comer, Jesús resucitado disipó cualquier noción de que estaban presenciando un fantasma. Demostró que era tan real y vivo como lo había sido durante los tres años que pasaron juntos. Este encuentro auténtico es lo que transformó a los apóstoles en fervientes testigos de la Resurrección de Cristo. Su fe estaba profundamente arraigada en la experiencia personal y comunitaria de Jesús como el Señor vivo.

Esto nos lleva al meollo del mensaje del Evangelio de hoy y nuestra propia vida como cristianos. Hoy, Jesús todavía nos invita a un encuentro personal y comunitario con Él, especialmente en la Santa Eucaristía, que no es simplemente una idea abstracta o tradición, sino una experiencia vibrante y transformadora de su presencia viva. Así como el retorno a la vida del juez yugoslavo se encontró con incredulidad, también debemos cerrar la brecha del escepticismo con la verdad y vitalidad de Jesucristo. Nuestro testimonio más fuerte no se encuentra solo en palabras, sino en el poder transformador de nuestros encuentros con el Señor Resucitado. Cuando la alegría, el amor y la paz de Cristo son evidentes en nuestras vidas, incluso los corazones más escépticos pueden volverse curiosos sobre la fuente de nuestra esperanza.

Por lo tanto, renovemos nuestro compromiso de encarnar y compartir la alegría de Cristo vivo. Como pueblo de Pascua, que nuestras vidas reflejen la esperanza y renovación encontradas en la Resurrección del Señor.

Paz y bendiciones,

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, April 14

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| 8:00am—11:30pm | Italian Community | Lourdes A/B |
| 9:00am—10:00pm | CYO | Gym |
| 10:00am—1:00pm | Czech Community | Guadalupe B |
| 10:00am—12:00pm | Spanish OCIA | Fatima |
| 10:00am—11:00am | Grupo de Amistad | Upper Room |
| 10:30am—12:30pm | Cursillo | Guadalupe A |
| 1:00pm—4:00pm | Quinceañera Practice | Lourdes A/B |
| 3:00pm—8:00pm | Cursillo Meeting | Guadalupe A/B |

Monday, April 15

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| 7:00am—5:00pm | TYWLS | Gym |
| 5:00pm—9:00pm | CYO | Gym |

Tuesday, April 16

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

Wednesday, April 17

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| 7:00am—4:00pm | TYLWS | Gym |
| 4:00pm—7:30pm | Religious Education | All Rooms |
| 7:30pm—9:00pm | CYO | Gym |

Thursday, April 18

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| 7:00am—5:00pm | TYLWS | Gym |
| 10:00am—11:30am | Legion of Mary | Guadalupe A/B |
| 6:00pm—7:30pm | Religious Education | All Rooms |
| 7:30pm—9:00pm | CYO | Gym |
| 7:30pm—8:30pm | Grupo de Amistad | Lourdes A/B |

Friday, April 19

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| 7:00am—5:00pm | TYWLS | Gym |
| 6:30pm—9:00pm | Practica de Instrumentos | Upper Room |
| 6:30pm—9:00pm | Youth Group | Guadalupe A/B |
| 7:30pm—9:00pm | English RCIA | Fatima |

Saturday, April 20

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| All Day | CYO | Gym |
| 9:00am—12:30pm | AA Meeting | Guadalupe A/B |
| 10:00am—1:00pm | Saturday Lessons in Faith | Lourdes A/B |
| 10:00am—12:00pm | Spanish Children's Choir | Upper Room |
| 4:00pm—9:00pm | Adult Sewing Group | Lourdes A/B |
| 5:00pm—7:00pm | Bilingual Choir Practice | Nazareth |
| 5:00pm—7:00pm | Ministerio de Consolacion | Upper Room |
| 6:00pm—7:30pm | Porque Ser Catolico? | Fatima |
| 7:00pm—10:00pm | Jornada Anniversary | Guadalupe A/B |

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 please pray for **Roseann Rodeschini, Elaine Gannon and Frances Camisa, Elma Chang-Protatio, Eileen Leggio.**

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 **Teresa Valera, Carlos Charini, Maria Severina Moloche, Enrique Zavala, Carlos Oswaldo Zavala Moloche, Susana Charini de Zavala, Nelly Zavala de Obando, Susanita & Luchito Zavala Charini, Julio Obando Alva, Eduardo Toledo Anicama, Teresa Stuard de Zavala, Enrique Araki, Guillermo Ames, Cesar Augusto Rodriguez Valeria, Cristina Zavala Vola de Loayza, Hector Loayza, Esperanza de Zavala, Carlos Enrique, Hernan, Lucho & Jose Zavala, Francisco Gonzalez, Ramon Feliz Nunez, Maxino Vega, Lucha Rodriguez de Vega, Priest Missionaries & Religious, Guillermo Rivarola, Manuel Bazul Torero, Azpauza Family.**



DIGGING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Peter challenges the religious leaders of Jerusalem who put Jesus to death to repent of their sins and be converted. Have you ever seen someone have a conversion to the Faith?

Second Reading: John tells us that we should turn to Jesus, our Advocate, when we sin and fail to keep his commandments. Can you think of a time when you sought Jesus in a time of need?

Gospel Reading: The resurrected Jesus taught the disciples how they were witnesses to the Scriptures being fulfilled in his suffering, death, and resurrection and that forgiveness of sins was to be preached in his name. How might you share your faith this week at home or at work?

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The next Rosary Society meeting will be held May 5th, starting at 10:00am in the Lourdes Room. All ladies over 15 years old are welcomed. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend!

ROSARY SOCIETY SUMMER FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 22, 2024

12:00PM-3:00PM in the Institute

Hot Buffet Lunch* including wine and soda will be served
50/50 Raffle

Reserve your seat along with your payment of \$50 in either cash or check made out to Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the parish office. For more information, call the parish office or email Neida Martinez at media@mountcarmelastoria.org.

*Food will be catered by Cronin & Phelan.

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.
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.

INFANT BAPTISM/ BAUTISMOS

| Preparation Meeting | Baptism Ceremony |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute | 12:00pm— Upper Church |
| 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**

NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EL MES DE MAYO

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| 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 |

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.

VOCATION STATION

The extreme heroism of a few priests is well known. You've heard stories of priests who were martyred, or sacrificed their own lives for others, or endured great hardships for the sake of the Gospel.

Imagine a man who comes home to see his house on fire, and risks his life to save his family from the flames. In this selfless act, he shows great courage. He may even make the nightly news for his bravery. But what about the everyday heroism of being a faithful husband, a good father, and a hard worker? While he probably won't be recognized publicly, this man is an example of courage which is more profound than a one-time act of extreme bravery.

Priesthood is much the same. While some priests will be recognized as great theologians or martyrs, every faithful priest shows profound courage by carrying out his duties day after day, year after year.

Consider these challenges that parish priests encounter:

Always on call. A priest in a parish expects to be regularly awakened in the middle of the night for emergencies. Priests officially have one day off a week, but he may even find that difficult to take on occasion because of the needs of his parishioners.

No place to call home. A priest can expect to change assignments at least five times in the course of his life. He makes friends at his parish, gets comfortable in the rectory, might even feel like he's settling in — until the bishop assigns him to a new city, and it starts all over again.

Not much money. Priests forgo lucrative careers to give themselves to God and his Church. In doing so, they rely on their parish for a modest salary, room and board. Even the priest's black clerical clothing is an outward sign of his modest standard of living.

Thanklessness. Though they may be loved and appreciated by members of the Church, priests often face derision from non-believers who think priesthood is a wasted life.

No wife or kids. Priests sometimes joke about not having to deal with loud children at home, but the truth is that not having one's own family can feel lonely at times. Let's be real: celibacy is a true sacrifice. But priests count on the grace of Holy Orders and the blessings that come from a good prayer life to embrace the gift of celibacy and live it with great joy.

Yes, giving up family, stability, and wealth does take courage. Priests are called to stand in place of our Lord — including participation in the suffering of His Passion! But Jesus assures us these sacrifices also have their reward:

“Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come.” (Mark 10:29-30)

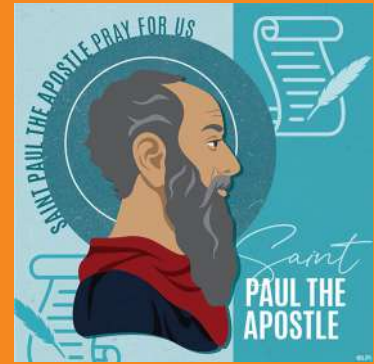
Rev. Chris Bethge, *Director of Vocations*

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| <p>PROJECT ANDREW APRIL 21 4-6 PM RESURRECTION ASCENSION, REGO PARK</p> <p>Project Andrew is 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 the Vocation Director, Fr. Chris Bethge, for an evening of prayer, dinner, and conversation.</p> <p>RSVP to vocations@diobrook.org or 718-827-2454</p> | <p>FRATERNITAS SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1-5 PM CATHEDRAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND SEMINARY</p> <p>High School and middle-school discernment group for young men. Experience Christ through fraternity and prayer! The afternoon includes prayer, catechesis, sports, pizza, and Mass.</p> <p>RSVP to vocations@diobrook.org or 718-827-2454</p> | <p>JEREMIAH PROJECT MAY 3-5 Arrive at 5 PM SAINT JOSEPH SEMINARY, YONKERS</p> <p>High School and college discernment retreats for young men. Experience Christ through fraternity and prayer!</p> <p>RSVP to vocations@diobrook.org or 718-827-2454</p> |
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WEEKLY CHURCH REMINDERS

- To avoid fire hazards, please keep the aisles free from carriages, strollers, carts, and similar items. Our ushers are here to help guide you to designated storage areas for these items during Mass.
- We also request that parishioners, using contribution envelopes, clearly write the donation amount on the envelopes. This greatly assists our collection counters and streamlines the process for them.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, was the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. Due to a miraculous experience that he had on the road to Damascus, he went from persecuting early Christians to traveling all over the region preaching the Gospel of Jesus.

Prayer in Times of Darkness

Dear Jesus, When I feel troubled, alone, frightened, be with me. Be a flicker of flame in this darkness. Help me to know you in the stark seasons as I do in times of elation. You are the light I seek. Amen.

PROXIMAS VENTAS DE COMIDA


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| 21 de Abril | San Diego Alcalá | Guadalupe A/B |
| 28 de Abril | Matrimonios | Guadalupe A/B |
| 5 de Mayo | Matri/ Posadas | Guadalupe A/B |
| 26 de Mayo | C. Guadalupeño | Guadalupe A/B |
| 2 de Junio | Matri/ Posadas | Guadalupe A/B |
| 16 de Junio | San Diego Alcalá | Guadalupe A/B |
| 30 de Junio | C. Guadalupeño | Guadalupe A/B |

Gracias por su apoyo!

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

CORONILLA CANTADA

6:30pm en la Iglesia de Arriba



Jesus, en Ti confío!

Sabados en 2024:

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

Comuniquese con la oficina parroquial si necesita alguna informacion adicional.

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

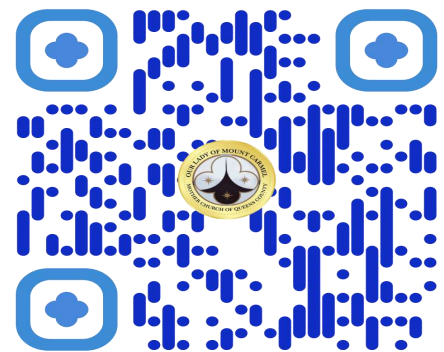
Registrarse permite que nuestra parroquia les pueda servir sus necesidades espirituales. Por favor devuelva este formulario en la colecta o déjelo en la oficina parroquial. Su participación fortalecerá su fe y su sentido de pertenencia en la familia de Dios.

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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

With so much uncertainty in the world, the resolve of our priests and religious, ministers and teachers, and all people of faith has only grown stronger in Brooklyn and Queens, but so have the needs. More than ever, we need your help to spread the light of Christ to our city and neighbors by giving to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your participation joins you in faith with others in the Church to do good works during challenging times in new, innovative ways:

Connecting our young people to the Church, Feeding the hungry, Visiting the sick and imprisoned
Giving shelter to the homeless, Welcoming the stranger, Caring for the elderly
Sharing our faith, Educating the young, Forming deacons and priests

The work you support with a donation to the Appeal goes beyond the abilities of any one parish while benefiting the faithful in all parishes, including our own.

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. We are grateful to the 52 donors who have already made a generous commitment to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Parish Goal: 67,815 Amount Pledged by Parishioners as of April 1st: \$30,847

During Masses across our diocese and at our parish on April 20 & 21st, we will conduct a commitment weekend, asking for the support of all who are able.

You may also make your gift online now at annualcatholicappeal.org or text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255** or call 718-965-7375 and have a pledge card mailed to your home.

"Cada uno ponga al servicio de los demás el don que haya recibido, administrando fielmente la gracia de Dios en sus diversas formas." (1 Pedro 4:10)

Con tanta incertidumbre en el mundo, la determinación de nuestros sacerdotes y religiosos, ministros, maestros, y todas las personas de fe, ha aumentado en Brooklyn y Queens, pero de igual manera las necesidades han aumentado también.

Más que nunca, necesitamos su ayuda para difundir la luz de Cristo en nuestra ciudad y vecindarios contribuyendo a la Campaña Católica Anual del 2024. Su participación lo une en la fe con otros en la Iglesia para hacer buenas obras durante tiempos desafiantes con nuevas formas innovadoras:

Conectando a nuestros jóvenes a la Iglesia, Alimentando a los hambrientos, Visitando a enfermos y presos,
Dando refugio a las personas sin hogar, Dando la bienvenida al extranjero, Cuidando a los ancianos,
Compartiendo nuestra fe, Educando a los jóvenes, Formando diáconos y sacerdotes

Las obras que usted apoya con su donación a la Campaña van más allá de las capacidades de cualquier parroquia, la cual beneficia a los fieles en todas las parroquias, incluyendo nuestra parroquia.

Como feligrés comprometido, amigo y católico, necesitamos su apoyo para mantener nuestra misión. Agradecemos a los **51** personas que han hecho un compromiso generoso a la Campaña Católica Anual del 2024.

La Meta de la parroquia: \$67,815 Cantidad prometida por los feligreses: \$30,847

Durante las Misas a través de nuestra diócesis y en nuestra parroquia el fin de semana del 20 y 21 de Abril, llevaremos a cabo un fin de semana de compromiso pidiendo el apoyo de todos los que puedan.

También puede hacer ahora su donación en línea en annualcatholicappeal.org o enviar un mensaje de texto con la palabra DONAR al 917-336-1255 o llamar al 718-965-7375 y pedir que le envíen una tarjeta de compromiso a su casa.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late- arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light. The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report

that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread." With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

Father John Muir

THE TWIST ENDING

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the "dead main character trope" fairly often. This is the [famous Sixth Sense twist ending (I would say "spoiler alert," but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you've probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story. I'm always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You've come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth. I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don't like to have the rug pulled out. It's why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief. The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It's what bridges the

divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger. The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: he was a ghost the whole time! The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time. "Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." Luke 24:39

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



I'VE HEARD THAT WE BECOME ANGELS WHEN WE DIE. IS THIS WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES?

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation, No other physical creature - plant or animal possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are

neither male nor female, despite the art we often see As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.