

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

5:00pm Ingrid Vega (*Birthday Memorial*),
Susan Camenzuli, Ed Moser, Alberto Gomez,
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*)
Alberto Xique (*1 mes de fallecido*)
Maria Zhumi (*Por su Salud y Trabajo*)
Por los 16 Años de Michelle Macias
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 22

8:00am Deceased Members of the Balaoro,
Bitancur, Leyco & Arnedo Families
12:00pm Patricia & Mike Cini

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 (*Saints George & Adalbert*)

8:00am Leonardo & Giuseppina Grippi
12:00pm Joseph Mosler

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 (*Saint Fidelis*)

8:00am Viola Lucente
12:00pm Goffredo Barretta

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 (*Saint Mark*)

8:00am Thanksgiving to God
12:00pm Dorothy Haufe

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

8:00am Leonardo DiVittorio
12:00pm Celeste Del Greco
& Domenico Mancini

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:00am John Travgott
5:00pm Luisito T. Rueda, Margaret Grande, Lena Borg,
Alfonsina Pasquariello, Michael Morano —
(For healing), For those Living the Jornada Retreat this
weekend, especially, Michael Cordova & Daniel Moreno

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 (*Fifth Sunday of Easter*)

8:00am Tertullano V. Guevara Sr.
9:00am Privata
9:30am Liliana Dominguez
11:00am Donald Olskey
12:30pm Maria Eugenia, Christina Garcia,
Christian Lezama & Juan, Almas de Purgatorio,
Por La Familia Melchor Aguilar,
Mercedes Contreras en su primer Aniversario,
Esperanza Guerra Diaz en su 4º Aniversario,
Susana Moreno, Justiniano Leonidas
Dume Peña, y por Omar Luis Alfonseca
(en celebración de su Segundo Cumpleaños)
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS



The Altar Candles are being offered for **Pina Suriano Beata**,
by Ida Barretta



The Altar Bread & Wine are being offered for
Goffredo Barretta, by Maria Barretta



The Sanctuary Lamp is being offered for **Mario Del Greco**,
by his wife & children

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

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 (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 15, 2024, we have 71 donors who have pledged \$35,532 towards our parish goal of \$67,815. We have so far collected \$23,238. 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 13/14	Number of Attendees
Saturday English Vigil 5:00pm	176
Sunday English 8:00am	115
9:00am Italian	25
9:30am Bilingual	165
10:00am Czech	16
English 11:00am	330
12:30pm Spanish	375
3:00pm Vietnamese	67

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: \$5,473 Same Week Last Year: \$6,239

FAITH DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we observe Good Shepherd Sunday, a day also designated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In our Mass readings, we are immersed in the imagery of God's loving care for us, portrayed through the steadfast vigilance of a shepherd watching over his flock.

The enduring metaphor of the Good Shepherd continues to resonate profoundly within our hearts, evoking our innate longing for guidance and protection. Psalm 23, *"The Lord is My Shepherd,"* remains a cherished prayer of our faith, embodying the assurance of divine provision and guidance. But why does this ancient imagery still speak to us in our modern, post-agricultural world? The answer is quite simple: we all yearn for a shepherd. In times of turmoil and uncertainty, we seek someone to lead, protect, and guide us—much like sheep instinctively rely on their shepherd for direction and safety.

Like sheep, we humans are inherently social beings, finding comfort and security in community. Whether it's in sports, politics, work, or school, we naturally gravitate towards like-minded individuals, drawn together by shared interests and beliefs. Yet, within the tapestry of our faith communities, we recognize a unique unity amidst diversity. Unity and love between shepherds and their flocks are essential for the flourishing of the body of Christ, bringing glory to the Lord and offering hope to the world.

When Jesus gathered his disciples, he demonstrated the importance of community in our journey of faith. Much like the sheep that recognize their shepherd's voice amidst chaos, we are called to heed the voice of Christ amidst the clamor of competing voices in our modern world. He is the shepherd we need, offering solace and direction amidst life's complexities and challenges.

The ministry of priests in the Church serves as a tangible embodiment of Christ's shepherding care for his flock. Just as Jesus appointed disciples to continue his work on earth, so too does he call forth shepherds in every generation to tend to his sheep. The title of "pastor," bestowed upon parish priests, underscores their role as spiritual shepherds, entrusted with the sacred task of leading, feeding, and nurturing their flock.

Let us, therefore, lift up our priests in prayer, especially our pastors who bear the weight of shepherding their flocks. Let us also remember the seminarians, young men who are discerning the call to priesthood, and offer them our support and encouragement on their journey of faith. In nurturing future shepherds, we ensure the continuation of Christ's ministry on earth, ensuring that his flock is always tended to with love and care.

I am sincerely grateful for the support and esteem that you have extended to my brother priests and me in our parish community. Your prayers and encouragement fortify us in our commitment to faithfully serve God's people. Please continue to remain close to us in prayer as we navigate the challenges of our calling with humility and devotion. Know that we are here to care for you, especially for those among our flock who may feel particularly in need.

Commending you all to the loving care of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

En este cuarto domingo de Pascua, observamos el Domingo del Buen Pastor, un día también designado como el Día Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones. En nuestras lecturas de la Misa, nos sumergimos en la imagen del cuidado amoroso de Dios por nosotros, retratado a través de la vigilancia firme de un pastor cuidando a su rebaño.

La metáfora perdurable del Buen Pastor sigue resonando profundamente en nuestros corazones, evocando nuestro anhelo innato de guía y protección. El Salmo 23, *“El Señor es mi Pastor”*, sigue siendo una piedra angular querida de nuestra fe, encarnando la seguridad de la provisión divina y la orientación. Pero ¿por qué esta antigua imagen sigue hablándonos en nuestro mundo moderno, post-agrícola? La respuesta es bastante simple: todos anhelamos un pastor. En tiempos de turbulencia e incertidumbre, buscamos a alguien que nos guíe, proteja y oriente, al igual que las ovejas confían instintivamente en su pastor para dirección y seguridad.

Como ovejas, los seres humanos somos seres inherentemente sociales, encontrando consuelo y seguridad en la comunidad. Ya sea en deportes, política, trabajo o escuela, naturalmente nos inclinamos hacia individuos afines, unidos por intereses y creencias compartidas. Sin embargo, dentro del tapiz de nuestras comunidades de fe, reconocemos una unidad única en medio de la diversidad. La unidad y el amor entre pastores y sus rebaños son esenciales para el florecimiento del cuerpo de Cristo, trayendo gloria al Señor y ofreciendo esperanza al mundo.

Cuando Jesús reunió a sus discípulos, demostró la importancia de la comunidad en nuestro viaje de fe. Al igual que las ovejas que reconocen la voz de su pastor en medio del caos, estamos llamados a prestar atención a la voz de Cristo en medio del clamor de voces competidoras en nuestro mundo moderno. Él es el pastor que necesitamos, ofreciendo consuelo y dirección en medio de las complejidades y desafíos de la vida.

El ministerio de los sacerdotes en la Iglesia sirve como una encarnación tangible del cuidado pastoral de Cristo por su rebaño. Así como Jesús designó discípulos para continuar su obra en la tierra, también llama a pastores en cada generación para cuidar de sus ovejas. El título de “pastor”, otorgado a los sacerdotes parroquiales, subraya su papel como pastores espirituales, encomendados con la tarea sagrada de guiar, alimentar y nutrir a su rebaño.

Por lo tanto, elevemos en oración a nuestros sacerdotes, especialmente a nuestros párrocos que llevan el peso de pastorear a sus congregaciones. Recordemos también a los seminaristas, jóvenes que están discerniendo el llamado al sacerdocio, y brindémosles nuestro apoyo y aliento en su viaje de fe. Al nutrir a futuros pastores, aseguramos la continuación del ministerio de Cristo en la tierra, garantizando que su rebaño siempre sea cuidado con amor y atención.

Estoy sinceramente agradecido por el apoyo y el respeto que ustedes han brindado a mis hermanos sacerdotes y a mí en nuestra comunidad parroquial. Sus oraciones y alientos nos fortalecen en nuestro compromiso de servir fielmente al pueblo de Dios. Por favor, continúen cercanos a nosotros en oración mientras navegamos los desafíos de nuestro llamado con humildad y devoción. Sepan que estamos aquí para cuidarlos, especialmente para aquellos entre nuestro “rebaño” que puedan sentirse particularmente necesitados.

Encomendándolos a todos al cuidado amoroso de Jesús, nuestro Buen Pastor, me despido,

Atentamente,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, April 21

9:00am—10:00pm	CYO	Gym
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad	Upper Room
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B
12:30pm—3:00pm	San Diego Alcala Venta	Guadalupe A/B
6:00pm—8:00pm	Sagrado Corazon	Lourdes A/B

Monday, April 22

5:00pm—9:00pm	CYO	Gym
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Tuesday, April 23

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 24

7:30pm—9:00pm	CYO	Gym
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Thursday, April 25

10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe A/B
7:30pm—9:00pm	CYO	Gym
7:30pm—8:30pm	Grupo de Amistad	Lourdes A/B

Friday, April 26

6:30pm—9:00pm	Practica de Instrumentos	Upper Room
6:30pm—9:00pm	Youth Group	Guadalupe A/B

Saturday, April 27

All Day	CYO	Gym
9:00am—12:30pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
2:00pm—6:00pm	Family Gathering	Guadalupe A/B
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir Practice	Nazareth
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Lourdes A/B
6:00pm—7:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima

Sunday, April 28

10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad	Upper Room
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B
12:30pm—3:00pm	Matrimonios Venta	Guadalupe A/B

SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 5, 2024: There will be a second collection after communion for our parish maintenance. Your generosity enables us to keep and maintain our parish spaces in good condition for your use.

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, Maria Colombo Bianco.**

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, Gillermo Rivarola, Manuel Bazul Torero, Azpauza Family.**



DIGGING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Peter bore witness to the Sanhedrin that it was the crucified and risen Jesus who healed the crippled man and through whom we are saved. Have you ever told someone else about your faith in Jesus?

Second Reading: John tells us that as believers we are destined one day to be like the resurrected and glorified Jesus. How do you think we can best prepare for such a future? Jn 10:14-15

Gospel Reading: As the "Good Shepherd," Jesus speaks of the power given to him by the Father to lay down his life for his sheep. What could you do this week for the benefit of another?

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.

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@OLMCAstoria



INFANT BAPTISM/ BAUTISMOS

Preparation Meeting

Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute

April 23, 2024

May 21, 2024

June— NO CLASS

July 23, 2024

August 20, 2024

September 24, 2024

October 22, 2024

November 19, 2024

December 17, 2024

Baptism Ceremony

12:00pm— Upper Church

April 27, 2024

May 25, 2024

No English Baptisms

July 27, 2024

August 24, 2024

September 28, 2024

October 26, 2024

November 23, 2024

December 21, 2024

Reunión de Preparación

Martes—6:00pm—Instituto

NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EL MES DE MAYO

4 de Junio

9 de Julio

6 de Agosto

10 de Septiembre

8 de Octubre

5 de Noviembre

10 de Diciembre

Ceremonia de Bautismo

12:00pm—Iglesia de Arriba

8 de Junio

13 de Julio

10 de Agosto

14 de Septiembre

12 de Octubre

9 de Noviembre

14 de Diciembre

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.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for our Religious Education Program will begin May 1st through the end of 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.

	May Prices	June, July, August Prices
For 1 Child	\$65.00	\$75.00
For 2 Children	\$100.00	\$120.00
For 3 or more children (Siblings)	\$140.00	\$160.00

INSCRÍBANSE PARA LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Las inscripciones para el programa de catecismo comenzaran el 1 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. La cuota de inscripción es la siguiente:

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

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, May 3rd, 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.

VOCATION STATION

FRATERNITAS
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1-5 PM
CATHEDRAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND SEMINARY

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.

JEREMIAH PROJECT
MAY 3-5 | Arrive at 5 PM
SAINT JOSEPH SEMINARY, YONKERS

High School and college discernment retreats for young men. Experience Christ through fraternity and prayer!

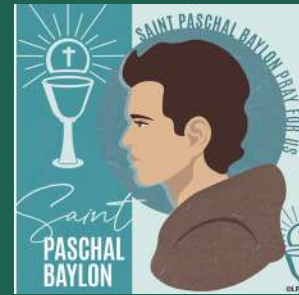
For either event above

**RSVP to vocations@diobrook.org
 or 718-827-2454**

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 requests 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. Paschal Baylón was a devout Spanish monk. In his vocation as a lay brother, he worked as a chef, porter, gardener, and official beggar. He often gave so much to the poor that his brothers tried to limit his generosity. Because of his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he is the Patron Saint of Eucharistic Congresses and Societies.

Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord, You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go. Amen.

PROXIMAS VENTAS DE COMIDA


28 de Abril	Matrimonios	Guadalupe A/B
5 de Mayo	Matri/ Posadas	Guadalupe A/B
26 de Mayo	C. Guadalupano	Guadalupe A/B
2 de Junio	Matri/ Posadas	Guadalupe A/B
16 de Junio	San Diego Alcala	Guadalupe A/B
30 de Junio	C. Guadalupano	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 confio!

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.

Nombre(s): _____

Dirección: _____ Apt _____

Ciudad _____ Estado _____ C. Postal _____

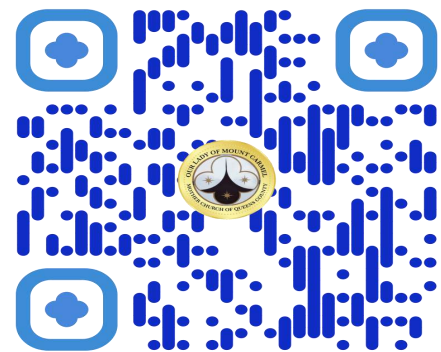
Teléfono: _____

E-mail: _____

POR FAVOR MARCAR:

- Nueva Registración Cambio de dirección
- Prefiero Sobres Donaciones en línea

NEW TO THE PARISH?



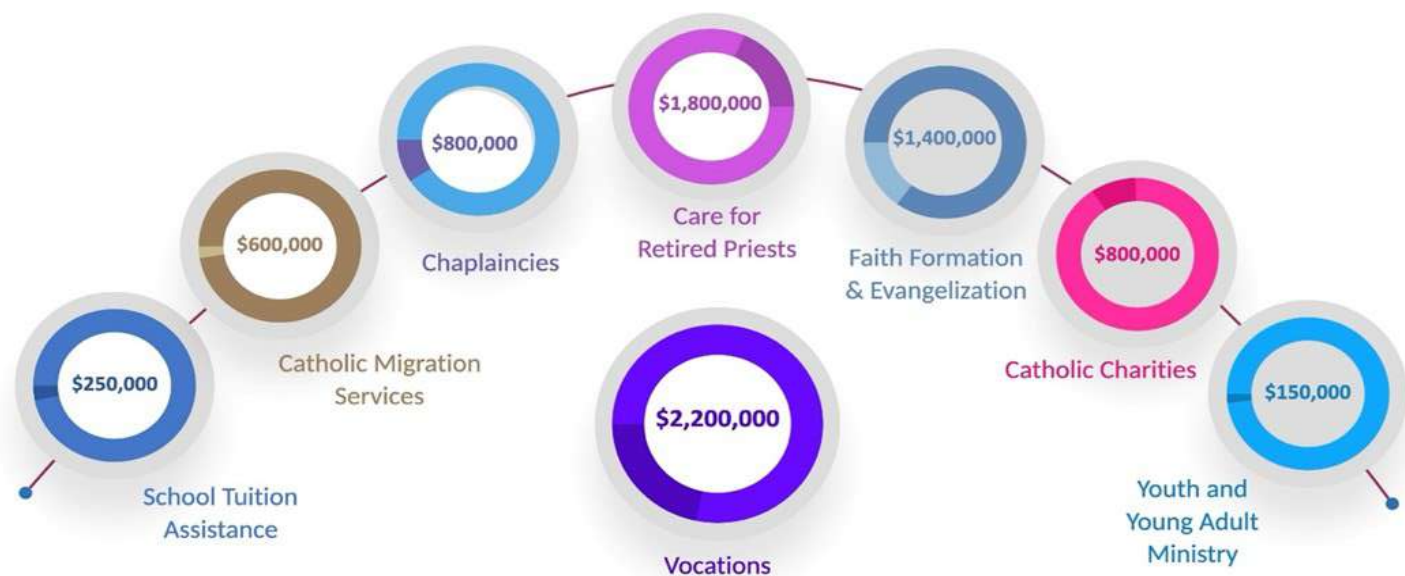


We want to thank all those generous individuals who have made a pledge to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish.

We ask each family to consider making a tax-deductible gift today if you have not already done so. It is our hope for this appeal to receive a prayerful gift no matter the amount from every family so that we can reach our goal!

Daily Sacrifice	Amount per Week (approximately 36 weeks)	Total Pledge Amount for 2023
\$5.95	\$41.60	\$1,500
\$4.76	\$33.34	\$1,200
\$3.96	\$27.78	\$1,000
\$1.98	\$13.89	\$500
\$0.99	\$6.95	\$250
\$0.40	\$2.78	\$100

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal helps support the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes, I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line. When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my

friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense. Libby How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is all relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me -and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

Father John Muir

THE TWIST ENDING

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest. It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs. I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs-real or imagined that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing. I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation not because she should, but because she has to. She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much

more. The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: what's in it for Him? we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. Why does He keep trying? He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us. "I will lay down my life for the sheep John 10:11

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WHAT IS UNIQUE OR DIFFERENT ABOUT THE WAY CATHOLICS READ AND ARE EXPOSED TO THE BIBLE?

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the Lectionary. The Lectionary is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading. These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself.

In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday. Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.