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SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth.

Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 11

5:00pm Joseph Mascia, Rose Tavano,
Leonidas G. Sorosca, Amelia Selma Pelecia,
Cosme Juan Rivera Fructuoso, Jose Paul Loor Loor,
Elissa Stanblakos (*Living*)

SUNDAY, MAY 12 (*Seventh Sunday of Easter*)

8:00am, 9:30am, **For All the Mothers**
11:00am, 3:00pm *In Our Parish Family*
9:00am Per Tutte Le Mamme
12:30pm Por Las Madres en Nuestra Familia Parroquial



MONDAY, MAY 13 (*Our Lady of Fatima*)

8:00am Frank Palazullo
12:00pm Familia Veliz

TUESDAY, MAY 14 (*Saint Matthias*)

8:00am Francisco Enrique Forero (2nd Anniversary)
12:00pm Joseph Albanese

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 (*Saint Isidore*)

8:00am Giuseppe & Bernarda DiLorenzo
12:00pm Lucy & Pietro Mascia

THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:00am Mercedes Beck
12:00pm Alfred Magistrado, Sr.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8:00am Souls in Purgatory
12:00pm Giuseppe Castellisi

SATURDAY, MAY 18 (*Saint John I*)

8:00am Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm Alicia & Roberto Vazquez, Maria DiRico,
Giuseppa Del Greco, Giacinta Ciancio,
Camilla Della, Karina Lariño,
Joseph Sabater (*2nd Anniversary*)

SUNDAY, MAY 19 (*Pentecost Sunday*)

8:00am Luis Alvarado (*Birthday*)
9:00am Vincenzo Agosto
9:30am Gina Mejia
11:00am Peter McCullagh
12:30pm Victor Vazquez, Pedro Hernandez,
Juan Garcia, Victor Leonidas Aguilar Zacatenco,
Francisca Juarez, Feliciano Verdejo,
Rosario Ortega Isidoro (*10 Aniversario*)
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED IN THE PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

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. 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, Miguelina Acevedo, Genara Acevedo, John Bodnar, Anna Danyluk, Margarita Dostall.**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	<i>Main Church:</i> 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bilingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) <i>Chapel:</i> 9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak)
Weekdays	8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturday	8:00 AM
First Fridays	7:30 PM (Spanish)
Holy Days	8:00 AM, 12 PM (English) and 7:30 PM (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—8:00pm

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of May 6, 2024, we have 93 donors who have pledged \$44,259 towards our parish goal of \$67,815. We have so far collected \$31,749. 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. Please remember to use our parish **code #4167** in support of the 2024 ACA. To donate, visit **www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org** or text **DONATE** to **917.336.1255**.

If you have not received your donation card or have had a difficult time contacting the Annual Catholic Appeal website or office, please call the parish office and we will assist you with any issues you have.



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MASS ATTENDANCE RECORD

Weekend of May 4/5	Number of Attendees
Saturday English Vigil 5:00pm	139
Sunday English 8:00am	110
9:00am Italian	31
9:30am Bilingual	137
10:00am Czech	14
English 11:00am	233
12:30pm Spanish	340
3:00pm Vietnamese	82

Welcome



WEEKLY OFFERINGS



The Altar Candles are being offered for **Margherita Petruso & Sabbia Carullo**, by Tony & Nina Carullo and Family



The Altar Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp are being offered for **Mercedes Beck**, by Nora Abreu.

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.

May 19, 2024: There will be a second collection after communion in support of Catholic Communications, which connects Catholics with Christ in the United States and developing countries, using internet, television, radio & print media. Half of the money collected stays in our diocese to fund local communication efforts.

WEEKLY MASS OFFERINGS

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Last Sunday: \$5,948 Same Week Last Year: \$5,827

FAITH DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS

April 2023: \$4,606 April 2024: \$4,870



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather this Seventh Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate Mother's Day, a time to honor and reflect on the role of motherhood within our faith and families. In the second reading for this Sunday, we learn that if God loved us so profoundly, we too must love one another (cf. 1 Jn 4:11-16). This call to love is vividly embodied in the sacrificial, enduring love of a mother. In the Gospel, Jesus offers a High Priestly Prayer, emphasizing unity and protection for His disciples (cf. Jn 17:11b-19). This protective love mirrors the maternal care a mother provides, tirelessly working to unite and shield her family through the strength of her faith and love.

Mother's Day, while a celebration, can also evoke a spectrum of emotions. For some, like Naomi in the Book of Ruth in the Old Testament, who experienced the profound loss of her sons, today may revive memories of children lost. For others, like Eve in the Book of Genesis, who endured the heartbreak of witnessing her first son, Cain, strike down her beloved younger son, Abel, today may bring reminders of the complexities and sometimes painful outcomes of children's choices. These stories from Scripture open our hearts to the various paths of motherhood encountered in our congregation.

This month of May, we also honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the exemplar of motherly care and love. Mary's journey underscores her unwavering faith and the profound sorrows and joys of motherhood. From her acceptance of her role as the mother of Jesus to her silent sufferings and steadfast presence at the foot of the cross, Mary exemplifies the deep spiritual vocation of a mother. Her life reminds us that true motherly love is both a refuge and a beacon for her children, guiding them through the light of faith and love.

Every woman among us, whether she bears children or nurtures others through spiritual kinship, participates in the vocation of motherhood. Our Church is blessed with many mothers and all who take on a mothering role, nurturing and guiding not just through words, but through the example of their lives.

On this special day, like all of you, I want to say a big Thank You to my own mother, the most precious person in my life, for all her love throughout my life, and above all for her continued sacrifice of letting me go from our beloved home in Forest Hills, so that I can dedicate my whole life to God's service and be present to you here at this parish, even as she would need me to be with her now more than ever in her old age. I must also express my deep gratitude to my adopted "American" grandmother who lives in Kew Gardens, a silent apostle of prayer, who has accompanied me with so much love and prayerful support since my seminary days until now. Additionally, I am blessed by a few remarkable women in this community who have shown me motherly care, attending to both my spiritual and physical well-being with such loving concern. I am deeply grateful for their goodness and support.

Today, as we reflect on the varied experiences of biblical mothers like Naomi, Eve, and Mary, let us embrace the full spectrum of motherhood in our own community. Whether you are experiencing the immediate challenges of raising children, navigating the complexities of adult children's choices, mourning a loss, or celebrating the successes of your offspring, know that your role is vital and cherished.

I encourage each of you to extend your motherly care within our parish. Our community thrives under the guidance of those who, like Mary, act as beacons of faith and love. This Mother's Day, let us recommit to nurturing each other, offering support, wisdom, and love to all in need.

With deepest affection and gratitude for all that you do, dear mothers, may God bless you, comfort you, and grant you joy in every aspect of motherhood.

Happy Mother's Day!

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Al reunirnos este Séptimo Domingo de Pascua, también celebramos el Día de las Madres, una ocasión para honrar y reflexionar sobre el papel de la maternidad dentro de nuestra fe y nuestras familias. En la segunda lectura de este domingo, aprendemos que si Dios nos amó tan profundamente, nosotros también debemos amarnos unos a otros (cfr. 1 Jn 4:11-16). Este llamado al amor se encarna vívidamente en el amor sacrificial y perdurable de una madre. En el Evangelio, Jesús ofrece una Oración Sacerdotal, enfatizando la unidad y la protección para sus discípulos (cfr. Jn 17:11b-19). Este amor protector refleja el cuidado maternal que una madre proporciona, trabajando incansablemente para unir y proteger a su familia a través de la fuerza de su fe y amor.

El Día de las Madres, aunque es una celebración, también puede evocar un espectro de emociones. Para algunas, como Noemí en el Libro de Rut del Antiguo Testamento, que experimentó la profunda pérdida de sus hijos, hoy puede revivir recuerdos de hijos perdidos. Para otras, como Eva en el Libro del Génesis, que sufrió al ver a su primer hijo, Caín, matar a su querido hijo menor, Abel, hoy puede traer recordatorios de las complejidades y a veces dolorosos resultados de las decisiones de los hijos. Estas historias de la Escritura abren nuestros corazones a los diversos caminos de la maternidad que encontramos en nuestra congregación.

Este mes de mayo, también honramos a la Santísima Virgen María, el ejemplo por excelencia de cuidado y amor maternal. El viaje de María subraya su fe inquebrantable y las profundas penas y alegrías de la maternidad. Desde su aceptación de su papel como madre de Jesús hasta sus sufrimientos silenciosos y su presencia firme al pie de la cruz, María ejemplifica la profunda vocación espiritual de una madre. Su vida nos recuerda que el verdadero amor maternal es tanto un refugio como un faro para sus hijos, guiándolos a través de la luz de la fe y el amor.

Cada mujer entre nosotros, ya sea que tenga hijos o nutra a otros a través del parentesco espiritual, participa en la vocación de la maternidad. Nuestra Iglesia está bendecida con muchas madres y todas aquellas que asumen un papel maternal, nutriendo y guiando no solo con palabras, sino a través del ejemplo de sus vidas.

En este día especial, al igual que todos ustedes, quiero decir un gran Gracias a mi propia madre, la persona más preciosa en mi vida, por todo su amor a lo largo de mi vida, y sobre todo por su sacrificio continuo al dejarme ir de nuestro amado hogar en Forest Hills, para que pueda dedicar toda mi vida al servicio de Dios y estar presente aquí en esta parroquia, incluso cuando más que nunca necesitaría que estuviera con ella en su vejez. También debo expresar mi profunda gratitud a mi abuela adoptiva "americana" que vive en Kew Gardens, una apóstol silenciosa de la oración, que me ha acompañado con tanto amor y apoyo orante desde mis días de seminario hasta ahora. Además, estoy bendecido por unas pocas mujeres notables en esta comunidad que me han mostrado cuidado maternal, atendiendo tanto a mis necesidades espirituales como físicas con tanto amor y preocupación. Estoy profundamente agradecido por su bondad y apoyo.

Hoy, al reflexionar sobre las variadas experiencias de madres bíblicas como Noemí, Eva y María, abracemos el espectro completo de la maternidad en nuestra propia comunidad. Ya sea que estén experimentando los desafíos inmediatos de criar hijos, navegando las complejidades de las decisiones de hijos adultos, lamentando una pérdida o celebrando los éxitos de su descendencia, sepan que su papel es vital y apreciado.

Les animo a cada una de ustedes a extender su cuidado maternal dentro de nuestra parroquia. Nuestra comunidad prospera bajo la guía de aquellas que, como María, actúan como faros de fe y amor. Este Día de las Madres, recomprometémonos a cuidarnos mutuamente, ofreciendo apoyo, sabiduría y amor para todos los que lo necesitan.

Con el más profundo afecto y gratitud por todo lo que hacen, queridas madres, que Dios les bendiga, les consuele y les otorgue alegría en cada aspecto de la maternidad.

¡Feliz Día de las Madres!

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

THE MOUNT CARMEL STRING TRIO

On Sunday, May 19th, the string trio will perform with the choir for the 11:00 A.M. Mass for Pentecost.



INFANT BAPTISM/ BAUTISMOS

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

OFFICE CLOSING & MASS SCHEDULE

The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. There will be only one Mass celebrated in the Main Church at 9:00am. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th at 9:00am.



DIGGING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: We learn how Peter and the apostles prayed for guidance from the Lord in choosing the right successor to Judas. What difficult decision in your life could you turn to the Lord for help in deciding?

Second Reading: John teaches us that God's love remains in those who acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God. When are you most comfortable sharing your faith with others?

Gospel: Jesus prays to the Father to keep his followers united in faith, protected from the evil one, and consecrated in the truth. Have you ever thought that Jesus actually prays these things for you?

Sunday, May 12

8:00am—11:30am	Italian Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Guadalupe B
10:00am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad	Upper Room
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	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, May 15

7:00am—4:00pm	TYLWS	Gym
4:00pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—9:00pm	CYO	Gym
8:00pm—10:00pm	Knights of Columbus	Guadalupe A

Thursday, May 16

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	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, May 17

7:00pm—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
5:00pm—11:00pm	CYO	Gym
6:30pm—9:00pm	Practica de Instrumentos	Fatima
6:30pm—9:00pm	Youth Group	Guadalupe A/B

Saturday, May 18

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	Fatima
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	Guadalupe
6:00pm—7:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima

Sunday, May 19

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
2:00pm—7:00pm	Children's Concert	Guadalupe A/B
6:00pm—8:00pm	Sagrado Corazon	Lourdes A/B

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis, We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: Tutti dentro. It means, "Everyone in." He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church's primary longing is for everyone to join Her. This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus' concern is unity, praying to the Father, "that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish. Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope's desire because it is that of Jesus - and it should be ours, too.

Father John Muir

SAINT OF THE WEEK



The Fátima children, St. Francisco Marto, St. Jacinta Marto, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, ages 7-10 years, impacted the world after the many apparitions of Mary they experienced. They shared Mary's call to pray the rosary and for peace in the world.

Prayer of Mission

Dear Lord, Grace us with courage and zeal as we go forth in Your name, speaking Your Word, offering Your love, and bringing Your healing to a world in need. Amen.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for our Religious Education Program is opened from 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 esta abierto desde 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, June 7th, 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.

PADRE PIO– ITALIAN MASS

The Italian Community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel of Astoria invites all to come and celebrate a Mass in Honor of Saint Padre Pio on **Saturday May 25, 2024 at 10 AM**. Distribution of bread will take place after the 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. This week please pray for **Frances Camisa, Elma Chang-Protatio, Eileen Leggio, Maria Colombo Bianco, Ezequiel Gonzalez, Roger Dostall, Kathy Albright, Theresa Mello**.

PROXIMAS VENTAS DE COMIDA

FECHA	COMITE	LUGAR
26 de Mayo	C. Guadalupano	Guadalupe A/B
2 de Junio	Matri/ Posadas	Guadalupe A/B
16 de Junio	San Diego Alcalá	Guadalupe A/B
30 de Junio	C. Guadalupano	Guadalupe A/B

Gracias por su apoyo!



SUMMERTIME CONVENIENT GIVING

Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support our church and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. You can sign up online at faith.direct/NY370 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757.

You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

DAR CONVENIENTEMENTE ESTE VERANO

¿Haciendo planes para el verano? ¡Asegúrese de planificar su ofertorio también! Cuando sus viajes de verano lo alejan de los servicios dominicales, eGiving le permite continuar apoyando a nuestra iglesia y los ministerios que aprecia. Puede registrarse desde su computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta, y configurar una donación recurrente o hacer un regalo único.


Las donaciones recurrentes sostienen a nuestra parroquia durante los ajetreados meses de verano. Nos brindará un apoyo constante, incluso si está fuera un domingo, por lo que los programas, servicios y ministerios que significan tanto para nuestra comunidad nunca perderán el ritmo. Puede registrarse en línea en faith.direct/NY370 o llamar al servicio al cliente de Faith Direct al 866-507-8757.

Nos brindará un apoyo constante que nos ayudará a estar siempre listos con programas, servicios y ministerios para las familias de nuestra iglesia y para los necesitados en toda la comunidad. Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial.

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.

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

POR FAVOR MARCAR:

- Nueva Registración Cambio de dirección
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VOCATION STATION

When Pope Francis was a young seminarian in his twenties, he had to think about celibacy very carefully. A few years ago, when he was a cardinal, he recalled in an interview:

"I was dazzled by a girl I met at an uncle's wedding... I was surprised by her beauty, her intellectual brilliance...and, well, I was bowled over for quite a while. I kept thinking and thinking about her. When I returned to the seminary after the wedding, I could not pray for over a week because when I tried to do so, the girl appeared in my head. I had to rethink what I was doing."

Let's state the obvious: young men and women are strongly attracted to one another. And this attraction becomes even stronger when you meet someone who shares your ideals and interests.

If you are a faithful Catholic, the attraction deepens even further when you meet another Catholic who is serious about her faith.

This is why, for example, a seminarian can suddenly find himself "a person of interest" in a way that he did not experience before seminary. In situations where a seminarian takes classes in a co-ed environment, he often finds it easy to make friends with female students. Why? Because these young woman feel both unthreatened — "He's going to be a priest, right?" — and also attracted by a man who is intentionally pursuing holiness. And the seminarian himself can feel the same way about a good-looking student in his philosophy class. As one seminary professor observed, "It's hard to resist virtue in a pretty package."

Writing about sexual attraction in his famous book *Love and Responsibility*, Karol Wojtyla wrote that "Love begins with desire." But when you're discerning your vocation, that strong attraction can become a burdensome *distraction*. Like the young Jorge Bergoglio, who found himself unable to pray because of visions of an Argentinean beauty, some guys can become distraught, falling into a cycle of "God or the girl" obsession.

Many vocation directors have noted that a candidate often meets the "woman of his dreams" the summer before entering seminary. Just as frequently, though, the men who delayed seminary to pursue a last-minute relationship experience disappointment in the end.

So, if you are serious about discerning priesthood, the best advice is to *discern one vocation at a time*. Sometimes a man goes on a "dating fast," reasoning that it would not be fair to lead on a woman if the priesthood was constantly in the back of his mind. Think about it from this perspective: if you were dating a woman and found yourself falling in love, how would you feel if she announced, "I'm very seriously considering religious life; I was just dating you to rule out marriage."

Sexual attraction is both beautiful and good — and it doesn't magically disappear when you put on a black shirt with a white collar. After all, even the Holy Father had to work through a crush as a young Jesuit seminarian. So as you discern, be realistic about your attractions, and don't let them disturb your peace.

ASK THE VOCATION DIRECTOR!



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



THE TRUTH WE CANNOT SEE

I only pray out loud when I want my kids to hear what I'm saying.

I know what you're thinking-hypocrites in the synagogue and the street corner, go to your room and shut the door- but I think if Jesus had to raise children he would understand where I'm coming from. I pray out loud not because I want my kids to think I'm holy and not because I want them to admire me but because I want them to know how broken I am, how desperately I rely on the mercy and love of God.

It's also a really effective way to send a message. "God, I'm sorry I've been losing my patience today. Please help me. And send your Holy Spirit to make these kids stop fighting. Vocal prayer, in front of other people, is an incredibly vulnerable action, so it strikes me whenever Jesus chooses to pray out loud in front of his disciples. Surely, mental prayer was something of a perpetual state for him. I imagine Jesus was ceaselessly in conversation with his Father in heaven throughout even the most ordinary of days. So, when he chooses to make those communications public, my ears perk up.

He wants his kids to hear what he's saying.



You Do Not
Belong to
the World
- John 17:14-15 NLT -

In John, chapter 17, we see that he wants us to remember who we are. His disciples are about to see things that will shake the very foundations of their faith. The only way they will make it to the other side is if they remember that truth does not consist only of what we can see with our eyes.

This is the same truth in which we have been consecrated. We belong to this truth in a way the world will never understand or accept. It is the truth we cannot see "I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." - John 17:14

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COULDN'T JESUS HAVE DONE MORE GOOD IF HE STAYED ON EARTH, RATHER THAN ASCENDING INTO HEAVEN?

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

