OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

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Mass Times

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)
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

Live-streamed Masses can be accessed on our website

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—5:00pm

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
5:00pm Mario Del Greco, Pearl Odu, Jeny D'Souza, Nicola & Vessia Ana Chiechi, Luis Banos *(For Healing)*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 27
8:00am Jeny Adam D'Souza
9:00am Divina Misericordia
9:30am Babies, Nicholas & Dimitri Bazas and for Nelly Gutierrez *(Living—Birthday)*
11:00am William Reynolds *(Memorial)*
12:30pm José Flavio Santos, Cristian Lezama Garcia, Cristina García Morales, Juan Manuel Lopez, Gloria Edith Hernández Villagrán, Carlota Vargas, Ambrosio Vargas, Leucadio Dutan Humala, María Teresa Azitinbay, Guillermo Macias Castillo, Por los Cumpleaños de Destin Hernández *(12)* y Michelle Macias *(17)*
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 28
(Saints Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion de Montfort)
8:00am Leonardo & Giuseppina Grippi
12:00pm Celeste Del Greco & Domenico Mancini

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 *(Saint Catharine of Sienna)*
8:00am Gaspare Barretta
12:00pm Vincent Camilleri (6th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 *(Saint Pius V)*
8:00am Holy Saint
12:00pm Raffaele & Adele and Francesco Iocco

THURSDAY, MAY 1 *(Saint Joseph the Worker)*
8:00am Joseph Thinh Pham
12:00pm Joseph Zatura

FRIDAY, MAY 2 *(Saint Athanasius)*
8:00pm Purgatorial Society
12:00pm Betty Leto
7:30pm Alicia Pineda

SATURDAY, MAY 3 *(Saints Phillip & James)*
8:00am Enriquetta Zeron
5:00pm Rose Tavano *(5th Anniversary),* Maria Rita Lattanzio

SUNDAY, MAY 4
8:00am Pope Francis
9:00am San Giuseppa Lavoratore
9:30am The Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rosary Society
11:00am Antonia Nacinovich
12:30pm Marina Antonia Estevez Cepeda, Josefina Maldonado, Alejandrina Huaman, Lucia Puente *(1 Aniversario)*, Jimmy Borrero, Giovanny Esteban Echaverry *(1 Aniversario)*, por los Cumpleaños de Victoria Sinchi *(70)* y Aida Cahuana *(60)*
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

The Altar Candles are being offered for ***Mosie Syldort,*** *by his Wife*

VOTIVE OFFERINGS AND MEMORIALS

Mass Intentions now through June 30	**$15**
Mass Intentions starting July 1	**$20**
Purgatorial Mass with Booklet	**$20**
Purgatorial Mass with Card	**$15**
Weekly Altar Flowers:	$100.00
Weekly Altar Bread and Wine:	$40.00
Weekly Sanctuary Lamp:	$30.00
Weekly Altar Candles:	$20.00

The Tree of Life: (east wall of the church vestibule)
Gift categories include:

Silver Leaf:	$ 500.00
Gold Leaf:	$1,000.00
Gold Rock at Base of Tree:	$2,500.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Second collections are taken after communion during Sunday Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

April 27, 2025— Catholic Home Missions
May 4, 2025— Parish Maintenance Collection

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GROUPS AND SOCIETIES AT OUR PARISH INSTITUTE

Sunday, April 27

9:00am—4:00pm	Divine Mercy	Gym
9:30am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad #5	*Assumption*
10:00am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad #9	*Balcony*
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish OCIA	*Upper Room+ Fatima*
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	*Lourdes A/B*
10:00am—12:30pm	Cursillo	*Guadalupe A/B*
2:00pm—3:00pm	Grupo de Amistad	*Fatima*
6:00pm—9:00pm	Sagrado Corazon	*Guadalupe A/B*

Monday, April 28

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	*Gym*
6:00pm—9:00pm	CYO	*Gym*

Tuesday, April 29

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	*Gym*
5:30pm—7:00pm	Academia Mariachi	*Balcony*
6:00pm—9:00pm	CYO	*Gym*
6:00pm—9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	*Guadalupe A/B+ Fatima*
7:30pm—8:30pm	Clase de Guitarra	*Lourdes A/B*
7:00pm—9:00pm	Coro #1	*Nazareth*

Wednesday, April 30

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	*Gym*
4:00pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	*All Rooms*
7:30pm—9:00pm	CYO	*Gym*

Thursday, May 1

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	*Gym*
10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	*Guadalupe B*
5:30pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	*All Rooms*
7:30pm—9:00pm	CYO	*Gym*

Friday, May 2

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	*Gym*
5:00pm—10:00pm	CYO	*Gym*
6:30pm—9:00pm	OLMC Youth Group	*Guadalupe A/B*
6:30pm—9:00pm	Practica de Instrumentos	*Upper Room*
7:00pm—9:00pm	OCIA Class	*Lourdes A/B*
9:00pm—11:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	*Fatima*

Saturday, May 3

9:00am—9:00pm	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	*Fatima*
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	*Fatima*
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir Practice	*Nazareth*

MASS ATTENDANCE RECORD

Weekend of April 19-20	Number of Attendees
5:00pm English Vigil	683
8:00am English	188
9:00am Italian	26
9:30am Bilingual	203
10:00am Czech	30
11:00am English	437
12:30pm Spanish	687
3:00pm Vietnamese	136

WEEKLY MASS OFFERINGS

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ARIL 19 & 20

Last Sunday: $6,929
Same Week Last Year: $4,671

(Does not include Faith Direct)

INFANT BAPTISM/ BAUTISMOS

Please call the office to make an appointment to speak with Deacon Jacob to register your child for Baptism.

Preparation Meeting Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute	**Baptism Ceremony 12:00pm—Upper Church**
May 20, 2025	May 24, 2025
June 24, 2025	June 28, 2025
July 22, 2025	July 26, 2025
August 19, 2025	August 23, 2025
September 23, 2025	September 27, 2025
October 21, 2025	October 25, 2025
November 18, 2025	November 22, 2025
December 23, 2025	December 27, 2025

Reunion de Preparacion Martes—6:00pm—Instituto	**Ceremonia de Bautismo 12:00pm—Iglesia de Arriba**
NO CLASE DISPONIBLE	NO BAUTISMOS EN MAYO
10 de Junio 2025	14 de Junio 2025
8 de Julio 2025	12 de Julio 2025
5 de Agosto 2025	9 de Agosto 2025
9 de Septiembre 2025	13 de Septiembre 2025
7 de Octubre 2025	11 de Octubre 2025
4 de Noviembre 2025	8 de Noviembre 2025
9 de Diciembre 2025	13 de Diciembre 2025

ROSARY SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

This is a reminder that the May 4th meeting is cancelled. The next Rosary Society meeting will take place on Sunday, **June 1, 2025** at the conclusion of the bilingual Mass in the Lourdes Room in the Parish Institute. $3.00 per person is the donation for refreshments. Yearly dues are $10.00 per person. All ladies over age 15 are invited to join. Bring a friend!

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

April 27, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you read this letter, I am in the Eternal City of Rome, attending the Funeral of our beloved Pope Francis. This is my third return to Rome, where I had the privilege of living and serving as a priest for fourteen years—six of those years working directly under Pope Francis in the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, the legislative department of the Vatican. During that time, I witnessed firsthand his attentiveness, care, and deep concern for the poor, the voiceless, and the marginalized. He was not only a shepherd but also a teacher and a father to many of us. His witness profoundly shaped my priesthood and deepened my understanding of God as Mercy itself.

It is profoundly moving to be here in Rome, as we lay to rest a Pope whose entire pontificate was marked by the light of mercy. Divine Mercy Sunday, which we celebrate today, is a fitting moment to reflect on his legacy. Instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in the year 2000, this feast springs from the mystical encounters of St. Faustina Kowalska, a humble Polish nun who, in the 1930s, received from Christ a message meant for our times: that God's mercy is inexhaustible and urgently needed.

St. Faustina saw two rays of light—one red, one pale—emanating from Christ's Sacred Heart, symbolizing the blood and water that gushed forth on the Cross. These rays point us to the **Eucharist and Baptism**, the sacraments that cleanse, nourish, and renew us. Her Divine Mercy Chaplet, often prayed at 3pm—the hour of mercy— is more than a devotion; it's a path into the very mystery of God's heart, urging us to trust, ask, and extend mercy ourselves.

In today's Gospel (John 20:19–31), we find the Risen Jesus appearing to His frightened disciples. His first words are not rebuke but peace: *"Peace be with you."* He breathes the Holy Spirit upon them and entrusts them with the ministry of mercy: *"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them."* And then we see Thomas, whose doubt becomes a sacred space for encounter. Jesus does not shame him; instead, He invites Thomas to touch His wounds. This is Divine Mercy in action—transforming doubt into faith, fear into peace, wounds into grace.

Pope Francis echoed this call in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*: *"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."* (n. 114). His vision for the Church was one of open arms and open hearts—reminding us that mercy is not an idea but a way of life.

Though my heart is heavy in these days of mourning, I carry you with me in spirit. You, the faithful of our parish, are in my prayers as I participate in this historic and holy farewell. This time has been deeply emotional for me, but also a grace-filled reminder of the unity and vastness of the Church.

Please, I ask you to join me in praying for the soul of Pope Francis, for the Church he so dearly loved, and for the Cardinals who will soon enter into Conclave to elect a new Pope—the Vicar of Christ. May the Risen Lord, who never leaves His flock without a shepherd, bless us once again with a leader after His own merciful heart.

I look forward to returning home to you soon. Until then, may the rays of Divine Mercy shine brightly over you and your loved ones.

With peace and love in Christ,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham

DEL CORAZON DEL PASTOR

27 de abril, 2025

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Mientras leen esta carta, me encuentro en la Ciudad Eterna de Roma, participando en el funeral de nuestro querido Papa Francisco. Esta es ya mi tercera vez regresando a Roma, ciudad en la que viví y serví como sacerdote durante catorce años. Durante seis de esos años, tuve la bendición de trabajar directamente bajo la guía del Papa Francisco, en el Pontificio Consejo para los Textos Legislativos, el organismo encargado de las leyes de la Iglesia.

En ese tiempo aprendí mucho de él: su cercanía, su respeto profundo por cada persona, su amor por los pobres, los marginados, los que no tienen voz. Su testimonio transformó mi manera de ver el sacerdocio y me llevó a comprender más profundamente que Dios es misericordia.

Es muy significativo que celebremos hoy el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, una fiesta que fue instituida por San Juan Pablo II en el año 2000. Esta devoción nace de las revelaciones que recibió Santa Faustina Kowalska, una humilde religiosa polaca que en los años 30 fue escogida por Jesús para transmitir al mundo su mensaje de misericordia. Ese mensaje sigue siendo, hoy más que nunca, un faro de esperanza para todos.

Santa Faustina vio salir del Corazón de Jesús dos rayos: uno rojo y otro pálido. Representan la Sangre y el Agua que brotaron del costado de Cristo crucificado, símbolos de la Eucaristía y el Bautismo, sacramentos que nos lavan, nos renuevan y nos dan vida. La Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia, que tantos rezamos especialmente a las 3 de la tarde, no es solo una devoción, sino una forma profunda de entrar en el misterio del amor misericordioso de Dios.

El Evangelio de hoy (Juan 20, 19-31) nos muestra a Jesús Resucitado apareciéndose a sus discípulos, llenos de miedo. Sus primeras palabras no son de reproche, sino de paz: *"La paz esté con ustedes"*. Luego les da el Espíritu Santo y les confía el ministerio del perdón. A Tomás, que dudaba, no lo rechaza, sino que lo invita a tocar sus llagas. Esa es la misericordia en acción: transforma la duda en fe, el miedo en confianza, las heridas en fuente de gracia.

El Papa Francisco, en su exhortación apostólica *Evangelii Gaudium*, nos dice algo que siempre llevo en el corazón: *"La Iglesia debe ser un lugar de misericordia gratuita, donde todos puedan sentirse acogidos, amados, perdonados y alentados a vivir la vida buena del Evangelio"* (n. 114). Ese fue su sueño para la Iglesia, y ese es el camino que nos toca continuar.

Aunque es un tiempo de duelo y emociones fuertes, me consuela saber que estoy aquí no solo como testigo, sino también como representante de ustedes, mi comunidad. Los llevo conmigo en cada oración, en cada momento de este viaje tan especial. Esta experiencia, aunque dolorosa, también ha sido una gracia para mí.

Les pido, de corazón, que se unan conmigo en oración por el alma del Papa Francisco, por nuestra Iglesia, y especialmente por los cardenales que dentro de poco entrarán en el Cónclave para elegir al nuevo Sucesor de Pedro, el nuevo Vicario de Cristo. Que el Señor Resucitado, que nunca abandona a su rebaño, nos conceda un pastor según su corazón.

Muy pronto estaré de regreso entre ustedes. Hasta entonces, que la Divina Misericordia de Jesús inunde sus corazones y sus hogares con paz y esperanza.

Con cariño y en Cristo,

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

POPE FRANCIS IN MEMORIAM

1936-2025

Loving God,

We thank you for the life of Pope Francis, whom you chose and anointed to shepherd your people. You filled him with wisdom, humility, and courage. Through his words and witness, many found comfort, clarity, and the call to deeper faith.

Thank you for every sermon he preached, every soul he touched, every poor person he embraced, and every cry for justice he uttered. We praise you for his example, his heart, and his obedience to your call.

We, your people, feel the pain of loss, for our visible shepherd is gone. But in this sorrow, we look to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the One who is our true Shepherd. Let not our sorrow paralyze us, but awaken in us renewed faith and fervent hope. May we become the living legacy of Pope Francis—servants of mercy, lovers of peace.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us. Amen.

PAPA FRANCISCO IN MEMORIAM

1936-2025

Dios de amor,

Te damos gracias por la vida del Papa Francisco, a quien elegiste y ungiste para pastorear a tu pueblo. Lo llenaste de sabiduría, humildad y valentía. A través de sus palabras y su testimonio, muchos encontraron consuelo, claridad y un llamado a una fe más profunda.

Gracias por cada homilía que predicó, cada alma que tocó, cada pobre que abrazó y cada clamor por justicia que elevó. Te alabamos por su ejemplo, su corazón y su obediencia a tu llamado.

Nosotros, tu pueblo, sentimos el dolor de la pérdida, pues nuestro pastor visible ya no está con nosotros. Pero en esta tristeza, volvemos nuestra mirada a Jesucristo, el Pastor verdadero. Que nuestro dolor no nos paralice, sino que despierte en nosotros una fe renovada y una esperanza ferviente. Que seamos el legado vivo del Papa Francisco: servidores de la misericordia, amantes de la paz.

Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo, ruega por nosotros. Amén.

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. To add names of your loved ones to our Prayer List, please contact the parish office. Currently enrolled: **Angel Garcia.**

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 2, 2025**. 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.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

We remember 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) as 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: **Fructuoso Ponce, Floriberto Ponce, Lorrain Loja Cono, Richard McGrade, Gaetano Todaro, Rafaela Altagracia Lugo Cruz, Louella Coligado, Cresencia Bondoc, Angelita Cruz, Maria (Ecuador), Miguelina Acevedo, Margarita Acevedo—Dostall, Anna Danyluk, & John Bodnar, Carlos Caceda, Adil Hernandez, Moises Yañez, Tomasa Garcia, Crystal Godon.**

CORONILLA CANTADA Y FIESTA EN HONOR A LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Coronillas
en la Iglesia Principal a las 6:30pm

31 de mayo
28 de junio
12 de julio
23 de agosto
20 de septiembre
25 de octubre
29 de noviembre

Celebración 27 de abril, 2025
en la Iglesia Principal

12:30pm- Santa Misa

Despues de Misa habra una celebracion en el Gimnasio en el Instituto Parroquial

NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL MONTE CARMELO
23-25 NEWTOWN AVENUE, ASTORIA 11102

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025
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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)

Bring the Light of Christ to Those in Need

In a world filled with uncertainty, the faith and dedication of our priests, religious ministers, teachers, and parish communities in Brooklyn and Queens remain steadfast. But as faith strengthens, so do the needs of those we serve.

Now more than ever, we need your support for the **2025 Annual Catholic Appeal** to bring Christ's love to our city and neighbors. Your generosity helps:

- **Connect young people to the Church**
- **Visit the sick and imprisoned**
- **Welcome the stranger**
- **Educate children in the faith**
- **Feed the hungry**
- **Shelter the homeless**
- **Care for the elderly**
- **Form deacons and priests**

Your gift extends beyond what any single parish can do, benefiting the faithful across the diocese— including **our church community**. We are grateful to the **62** donors who have already made a generous commitment to this year's Appeal.

As of April 21, 2025 $27,059 has been pledged and from which $19,095 has been received. Join us in making a difference! We invite all who can support this vital mission. Give today at **annualcatholicappeal.org**, text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255**, scan the QR code, or call **718-965-7375** to request a pledge card by mail. Thank you for being a beacon of faith and hope!

PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage all who worship with us to consider registering to our parish. 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 MARK ONE:

[ ] New Registration *[ ] Change of Address*
[ ] I prefer envelopes *[ ] I prefer E-giving*

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*

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TACOS

PLACEROS.

TACOS

DORADOS.

AGUAS

FREZCAS

ENCHILADAS.

CHICHARINES

Y GELATINAS.

Te invita a participar en la venta de comida, 04 de mayo 2025, estaremos en Gym desde las 10:30 am, ven y saborea los ricos platillos típicos mexicanos.

SODAS Y AGUAS EN BOTELLA.

Esperamos contar con tu presencia. Bendiciones.

TOSTADAS DE TINGA.

POZOLE.

COCTEL DE

FRUTA.

TACOS DE

CARNITAS.

CHILES RELLENOS.

Most Rev. Robert Brennan

Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens

will celebrate a

MEMORIAL MASS

IN HONOR OF POPE FRANCIS

Saint Bartholomew

43-22 Ithica Street, Elmhurst, NY

Friday, April 25, 2025 at 6:30pm

Blessed Sacrament

198 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 7:00pm

ALL ARE INVITED