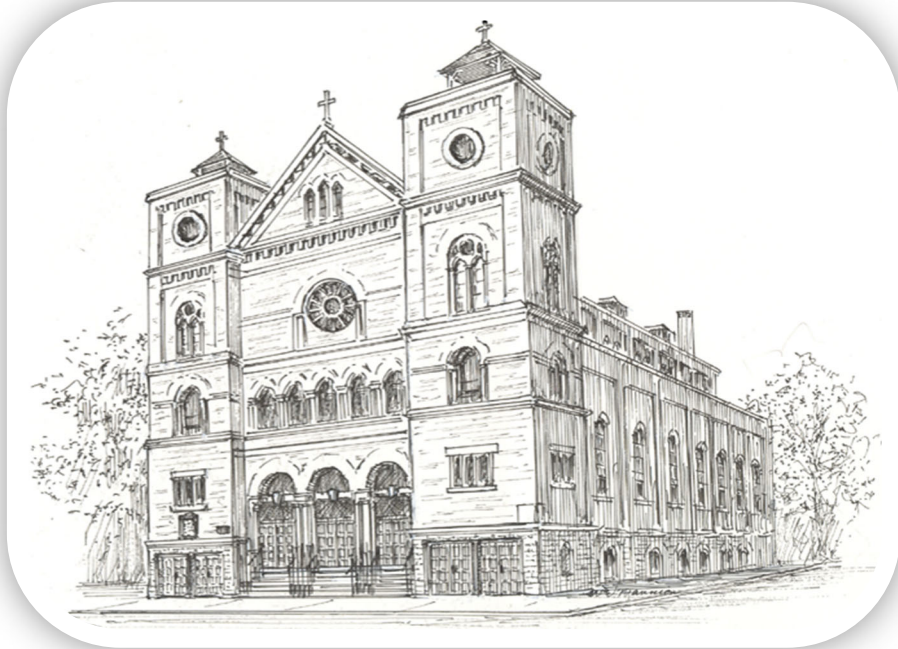


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Sunday, January 11th, 2015 | The Baptism of the Lord - Year B



Schedule of Masses & Services

Saturday: 8:30am | 12:00pm | 5:00pm (English)

Sunday: 8:30am (English) | 9:30am (Spanish)
11:00am (Italian) | 12:15pm (English)
1:30pm (Spanish)

Weekday: 8:30am/ 12:00pm/ 6:30pm(English)

Confessions: Saturday from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION/HOLY HOURS

Every Thursday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Every Saturday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

First Friday of every month from 12:30pm-6:30pm

Novena Devotions: After each Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal

Wednesday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday: Saint Joseph

Friday: Divine Mercy Chaplet

BAPTISMS:

2nd Sunday of every month in Spanish

3rd Sunday of every month in English

Please stop by the Parish Office to fill out an application or call for more information.

PARISH STAFF

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Salvatore Sportino

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Fr. Urbano Rodrigues

Fr. Alejandro Baumann

PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Msgr. John A. Ruvo

PARISH CENTER

2380 Belmont Avenue

Monday-Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

COORDINATOR

Sister Edna Loquias, S.M.C.

PARISH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL

Mr. John T. Riley

MARRIAGES:

Arrangements for weddings should be made six months in advance. Please make an appointment with a Priest at the Parish Center.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

A Priest should be called whenever anyone is seriously ill. Please notify the Parish Center immediately.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

New parishioners should register at the Center as soon as possible after moving into the parish. Every adult in the parish should receive and use **our envelopes for the Sunday Collection.** Children attending our Parish School or Rel. Ed. Program receive and are encouraged to use the envelopes.

MOUNT CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

The parish school is located at 2465-67 Bathgate Avenue. For information please call (718) 295-6080.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For information and to register your child for Religious Ed. Classes, please call the Center.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday, January 11th | The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30am Brigita, Giuseppe Mazzella and Salvatore Galascio
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Rev. Anthony D' Antonio
- 12:15pm Carolina Ferrante Skouras and Alfredo Ferrante
- 1:30pm Gloria Rivera (*First Anniversary*)

Monday, January 12th | Weekday

- 8:30am Armando and Maria Zonetti
- 12:00pm Giovanni and Salvatrice Di Prima
- 6:30pm Rosa Leo

Tuesday, January 13th | Weekday

- 8:30am Giuseppe Lado and Giovanni Zonetti
- 12:00pm Antonina Virgadamo
- 6:30pm Carmine Navarra

Wednesday, January 14th | Weekday

- 8:30am George and Mary Borgatti
- 12:00pm Antonio Florio
- 7:00pm Michelle Racioppo

Thursday, January 15th | Weekday

- 8:30am Larry and Lilly Borgatti
- 12:00pm Rev. Fr. Nicholas F. Basile
- 6:30pm Rosa Russo

Friday, January 16th | Weekday

- 8:30am Carmine Pistocco
- 12:00pm Joseph Krmic
- 6:30pm Salvatore and Sarah Contento

Saturday, January 17th | Saint Anthony, Abbot

- 8:30am Michael and Carmela Navarra & Family
- 12:00pm Padre Pio Prayer Group
- 5:00pm Rudy Tremaroli

Sunday, January 18th | II Sunday in O. T.

- 8:30am Maria Clemente
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Luigi Perri
- 12:15pm James and Cecilia Mazzie
- 1:30pm Gloria Rivera

MASS ATTENDANCE - WEEKEND OF 12/28/2014

Adults: 445..... ..Children:185......./ Total..... **630**

WEEKEND'S MASS COLLECTION - 12/28/2014

Collection\$2,859.00
 Children's Collection \$155.00
 Last year's Collection\$2,096.85

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish, especially our family and friends, *Frances Longo and Dorothy Barbato.*

MEMORIALS OFFERED THIS WEEK

Sanctuary Lamp



In Memory of Anita Woodson
 Requested by Mimma Rizzo

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



All men are invited to join the members of the Holy Name Society at their monthly Corporate Communion Mass next Sunday, January 11th at 8:30am and after Mass, in the Msgr. Ruvo Meeting Room. Coffee and cake will be served.

New Sunday Mass Schedule

The Sunday Mass Schedule will be as follows:

- 8:30am (English) / 9:30am (Spanish)
- 11:00am (Italian) / 12:15pm (English)
- 1:30pm (Spanish)

LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE - 1/4/2015

Adults: 557..... ..Children:209......./ Total..... **766**

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS COLLECTION - 1/4/2015

Collection\$3,124.00
 Children's Collection \$238.00
 Last year's Collection\$2,580.75

Thank you all for your generosity!!

Lectors for January 17-18

- 5:00pm Anthony Merolla
- 8:30am Nicky Watson
- 9:30am Lucy Ortega and Cesar Diaz
- 11:00am Rosanna Bizzarro
- 12:15pm Ralston Dangcalan
- 1:30pm Luis Lucero and Sister Martina



REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**Sunday Gospel: Mark 1, 7-11**

At the beginning of Advent we heard the words of John the Baptist, proclaiming the promised Messiah. Now, at the end of the Christmas season, he appears again in the Gospel story. John was a surprising person. He had taken on the dress and role of a prophet, wandering the desert surviving on locusts and wild honey. He drew large crowds, declaring to them that it was not enough to be born Jewish; everyone—men and women, rich and poor, tax collectors and prostitutes—needed to repent and be washed clean. When he baptized Jesus (Mark 1:7–11), the appearance of the Holy Spirit was not of John's doing and showed who Jesus really is. It marked the new reality that Jesus brings. To go into the waters of baptism is a symbol of death and rebirth to a new life, while the baptism of the Holy Spirit gives an inner spiritual power to live as a child of God. After Jesus' death and resurrection the apostles continued to baptize new believers in water, and laid hands on them to confer the Holy Spirit. For many of us, baptism and confirmation occurred when we were too young to realize their true meaning. Think about it now! God has given us grace and power to live as God's own sons and daughters, with the hope of eternal life. But we can't just sit back. The life of grace we are called to requires effort, persistence, sacrifice, and selflessness. The enemy of the life of faith, which constantly lurks in the background, is not unbelief but apathy. We get tired of trying, we want to take it easy, we fall prey to the idea that someone else can do it. But a life with Christ says if not now, when? If not you, who else?

Living God's Word

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received—only what you have given." (St. Francis of Assisi)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All children between the ages of 6 and 14 who like to sing are invited to join the Children's Choir every Friday at 6:45pm in the Parish Center.

Please register at the Parish Center or contact Sebastian at 718-295-3770.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council will be held on Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00pm in the Catechetical Center. We ask all members to attend.

RIFLESSIONI SULLA PAROLA DI DIO**Vangelo della Domenica: Marco 1, 7-11**

L'evangelista Marco racconta il battesimo di Gesù con la sua abituale sobrietà. Non ha parlato (e non parlerà) della nascita di Gesù, e nemmeno della sua infanzia. Per lui, tutto ha inizio col battesimo di Gesù. I pochi versetti dedicati alla missione di Giovanni richiamano e riassumono in breve la lunga attesa, da parte dell'umanità, della venuta del Salvatore. La missione del Salvatore comincia con il far passare in secondo piano il precursore, il quale, potendo proporre soltanto un battesimo d'acqua, lascia il posto a colui che battezerà nello Spirito Santo. Comincia una nuova era, una creazione assolutamente nuova. Il Creatore prende il posto della creatura. Il Salvatore scende nel Giordano come un peccatore, il giudice di questo mondo fa la parte di un nuovo Adamo. Gesù esce dall'acqua e intraprende la propria missione, come all'inizio l'uomo fu plasmato dal fango, mentre un flutto risaliva dalla terra e bagnava la superficie del suolo. Gesù riceve lo Spirito Santo come già un tempo: "Dio... soffiò nelle sue narici un alito di vita". E Gesù, secondo Marco, diviene l'uomo nuovo, proprio come di Adamo si dice: "E l'uomo divenne un essere vivente". L'umanità ricomincia allora, col battesimo di Gesù, su basi nuove. Dovrà ancora passare attraverso l'esperienza della morte ed entrare quindi nella gloria della risurrezione. Dovrà ancora, e deve tuttora, trasformarsi lentamente in ogni uomo, aspettando il giorno in cui "vedranno il Figlio dell'uomo venire sulle nubi... Ed egli... riunirà i suoi eletti dai quattro venti, dall'estremità della terra fino all'estremità del cielo" (Mc 13,26-27). Allora non ci sarà più battesimo.

PROTEGGENDO AI NOSTRI RAGAZZI

Chiunque abbia bisogno di denunciare un presunto episodio di abuso sessuale di un minore da un sacerdote, diacono, religioso o laico al servizio nell'Arcidiocesi di New York, è pregato di contattare Sr. Eileen Clifford, OP al 212-371-1000 x 2949 o il diacono George J. Coppola al 917-861-1762. Entrambi possono anche essere raggiunto via e-mail a victimassistance@archny.org. Informazioni si possono trovare anche sul sito internet dell'Arcidiocesi, www.archny.org. Mantenendo la linea politica dell'Arcidiocesi riguardanti abusi sessuali su minori, queste informazioni sono fornite al fine di garantire che i nostri ragazzi rimangano al sicuro.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 ext. 2949 or Deacon Lawrence O'Toole at 914-594-4646. Both may be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, <http://ny-archdiocese.org>. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Evangelio del Domingo: Marcos 1, 7-11

A principios del Adviento escuchamos las palabras de san Juan el Bautista que proclamaba al Mesías prometido. Ahora, al final del tiempo de Navidad, aparece él de nuevo en el pasaje del Evangelio. Juan era una persona sorprendente. Se vestía y actuaba como un profeta mientras que vivía en el desierto alimentándose de saltamontes y miel. Le decía a las grandes multitudes que venían a donde él, que no era suficiente ser judío, sino que todo el mundo, mujeres y hombres, ricos y pobres, cobradores de impuestos y prostitutas, necesitaban arrepentirse y quedar limpios. Cuando él bautizó a Jesús (Marcos 1:7—11) el Espíritu Santo no vino por Juan, sino para mostrar quién era Jesús y la nueva realidad que Jesús trae. Sumergirse en las aguas del bautismo es símbolo de muerte y de renacer a una vida nueva, mientras que el Espíritu Santo da una fuerza interior para vivir como hijo o hija de Dios. Después de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús los apóstoles continuaron bautizando con agua a los nuevos creyentes y les imponían las manos para conferirles el Espíritu Santo. Para muchos de nosotros el bautismo y la confirmación ocurrieron cuando éramos niños o muy jóvenes para darnos cuenta de su verdadero significado. Considera esto: ¡Dios nos ha dado la gracia y el poder para vivir como sus verdaderos hijos e hijas con la esperanza de la vida eterna! Esto no quiere decir que nos podemos cruzar de brazos. La vida de gracia requiere esfuerzo, persistencia, sacrificio y entrega. La enemiga de la fe, que siempre nos anda acechando, no es la incredulidad, sino la apatía. Nos cansamos de seguir tratando, preferimos dejarnos llevar y caemos presas de dejarle el trabajo a los demás. Pero una vida en Cristo nos reclama que si no es ahora, ¿cuándo? Y si no eres tú ¿quién?

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

“Acuérdate que cuando salgas de este mundo no podrás llevarte nada de los que has recibido, sólo lo que has dado”. (*San Francisco de Asís*)

CORO DE NIÑOS



Te invitamos al Coro de Niños todos los viernes a las 6:45pm en el Centro Parroquial. Registros en el Centro Parroquial o comuníquese con Sebastián al 718-295-3770.

CONSEJO PASTORAL

El Consejo Pastoral se llevará a cabo el Jueves 22 de Enero a las 7:00pm en el Centro Parroquial. Líderes de los Grupos Parroquiales deben estar presentes.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, 5:30pm	N.A. (Msgr. Ruvo Room)
Monday, 7:15pm	ESL (Msgr. Ruvo Room)
Tuesday, 8:00pm	Neo-Cat. (Fatima Hall)
Wednesday, 8:00pm	Neo-Cat. (Fatima Hall)
Wednesday, 7:15pm	ESL (Msgr. Ruvo Room)
Thursday, 6:30pm	A.A. (Msgr. Ruvo Room)
Friday, 1:00pm	Bereavement Group (Msgr. Ruvo Room)
Friday, 6:45pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Parish Center)
Friday, 8:00pm	Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Parish Center)
Saturday, 8:00pm	Neo. Cat. (Fatima Hall)

PARISH MISSION 2015-2016

FORMATION OF DISCIPLES

We invite you to become a Disciple for the Parish Mission to begin next year. If you want to be part of the Mission, please call the Parish Center at 718-295-3770.



MISION PARROQUIAL 2015-2016

FORMACION DE DISCIPULOS

Los invitamos a ser Discípulo de la Misión Parroquial que iniciará el próximo año. Si desea ser parte de la Misión, por favor comuníquese al Centro Parroquial al 718-295-3770.

PROTEGER A NUESTROS NIÑOS

Cualquier persona que necesite reportar algún incidente de abuso sexual de un menor por un sacerdote, diacono, religioso/a, o laico sirviendo en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, se le pide que por favor contacte Hermana Eileen Clifford, O.P. al (212) 371-1000 extensión 2949 o Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Ambos también pueden ser contactados vía correo electrónico: victimassistance@archny.org. Para más información pueden visitar la página en la red de la Arquidiócesis: www.archny.org. De acuerdo con las normas de la Arquidiócesis respecto al abuso sexual de menores, esta información se provee para asegurar que nuestros niños permanezcan seguros.

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