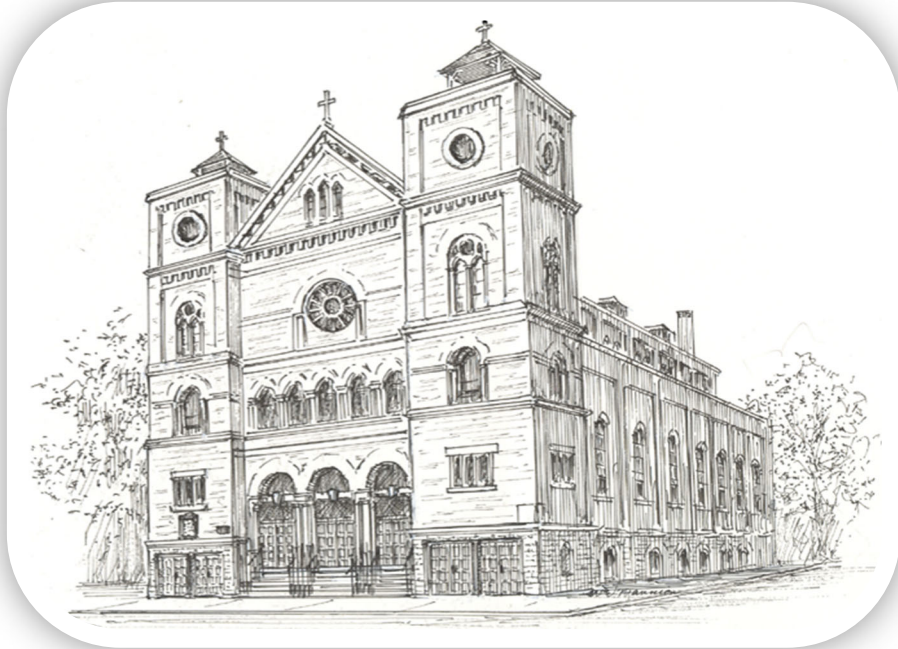


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Sunday, February 22nd, 2015 | First Sunday of Lent- Year B



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: Saturdays 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 at 1:30pm

3rd Sunday of every month in English at 3:00pm

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

PARISH STAFF

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Morris

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Rev. Fr. Urbano Rodrigues

Rev. 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, February 22nd | First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30am Edward Tutoni
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Giuseppina e Raffaele Moschetta
- 12:15pm Michelle Racioppo
- 1:30pm Gloria Rivera

Monday, February 23rd | Saint Polycarp

- 8:30am Marie De Dominicis and Family
- 12:00pm Lucy Valentino
- 6:30pm Pierino Appollonio

Tuesday, February 24th | Weekday

- 8:30am Michael and Carmela Navarra and Family
- 12:00pm Modestina and Luigi Pietrolungo
- 6:30pm Migdalia Gonzalez

Wednesday, February 25th | Weekday

- 8:30am Davide Chiappa
- 12:00pm Mariantonia, Vincenzo and Gennaro Del Vecchio
- 6:30pm Vincenzo Mannini

Thursday, February 26th | Weekday

- 8:30am Cosmo and John De Caprio, Joe Palladino
- 12:00pm Michele Sabatino
- 6:30pm For Special Intention

Friday, February 27th | Weekday

- 8:30am Aniano Alonso
- 12:00pm Tomas and Eliseo San Pedro
- 6:30pm Salvatore and Sarah Contento

Saturday, February 28th | Weekday

- 8:30am Immacolata, Domenica and Aniello Squillante
- 12:00pm Michele and Anna Maria Pascarelli
- 5:00pm Salvatore and Giuseppina Florio

Sunday, March 1st | Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:30am Rocco, Nicholas and Henry Cavalieri
- 9:30am Tomas and Eliseo San Pedro
- 11:00am Luigi Trombetta
- 12:15pm Salvatore Cunningham
- 1:30pm Pro Populo

Lectors for Feb 28th – March 1st



- 5:00pm Belinda Rivera
- 8:30am Maria Daidone
- 9:30am Guadalupe Pimentel y Yohan Garcia
- 11:00am Carmine e Rosanna Bizzarro
- 12:15pm Ralston Dangcalan
- 1:30pm Dora Almiron y Luis Almiron

“From the Desk of Father Jonathan”

Happy Lent everyone! While the word "happy" isn't what usually comes to our mind when we think of Lent, it IS truly happy as an opportunity for us to draw closer to Christ. During these 47 days (including Sundays) the Church invites us to come closer to God through 1) increased prayer 2) fasting 3) almsgiving. These are not random things. They coincide with who we are as people...mind, body, and soul. Prayer can transform the mind, fasting can heal the body and make us long for spiritual nourishment, and almsgiving is one way to rectify the soul (selflessness!). As a parish family, let's all choose something to give up (or to add!) for our mind, body, and soul! Blessed and Happy Lent!

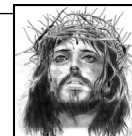
REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish, especially *Carmela Andreucci* and our fallen military.

Prayer Requests for the Sick

Emilio Rodriguez & Elizabeth Riley

**EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



11:15am - Italian

7:00pm - English/ Spanish

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. We ask all members to attend.

LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE

Adults:	537
Children:.....	202
Total.....	739

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS COLLECTION

Collection	\$2,549.00
Children's Collection	\$180.00
Last year's Collection	\$2,184.00

Thank you all for your generosity!!

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**Sunday Gospel: Mark 1, 12-15**

Lent again, we may say with a sigh. What shall we give up this year? If we think only of depriving ourselves, however, we miss the point. Lent is a time for spiritual spring cleaning in preparation for Easter. The Church recommends three things for this season: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. The purpose of these practices is to help us simplify our lives, to convert our hearts more closely to God, and to grow and develop as disciples of Jesus. Fasting may not only mean eating less, it could mean eating healthier foods. We can also fast from behaviors that damage others and ourselves, such as gossiping and anger, sexual immorality, misuse of alcohol and drugs, or smoking. Increasing or deepening our prayer during Lent is not just a matter of saying more prayers. If you are in the habit of prayer, try a different style of prayer: pray a psalm, try a new devotion, or silently sit in God's presence. Add morning and evening prayer to your day, pray with your family, be more mindful during Mass. Lent has been a traditional time of helping the poor and doing acts of charity and mercy. While we are supposed to be doing this year-round, Lent is a good time get involved and put ourselves to work. Giving alms can be done in more ways than just giving out money to people on the street. It can be done by helping family, friends, and neighbors out of tight situations or being more generous to employees. If you are able to give money at this time, increase what you give to your parish and to some of the many worthy charities.

Living God's Word

"Here is the fast you must keep for God: do not commit any wicked deed in your life and serve the Lord with a pure heart; keep his commandments by walking according to his directions and do not let any evil desire enter your heart; have faith in God."

ALTAR SERVERS

Any children who have already received their First Holy Communion and would like to become Altar Servers are asked to please contact Carlos Vera at 347-912-0656 or leave their name and number at the Parish Center.

THE ENERGY SHARE PROGRAM

Can assist you to pay up to \$200 in utilities. For info. call: Catholic Charities at (718) 292-1485

PROGRAMA DE LA ENERGIA

Podría pagar hasta \$200 por las utilidades. Llamar: Los Servicios de Caridades Católicas al (718) 292-1485

RIFLESSIONI SULLA PAROLA DI DIO**Vangelo della Domenica: Marco 1, 12-15**

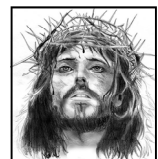
Il Vangelo di Marco comincia con una semplice affermazione: "Inizio del Vangelo di Gesù Cristo, Figlio di Dio". Giovanni Battista, che aveva annunciato la sua venuta come imminente, battezzò Gesù nel Giordano e in quell'occasione lo Spirito diede testimonianza di Gesù. Marco accenna soltanto al periodo nel deserto e alla tentazione. È il preludio all'inizio del ministero pubblico di nostro Signore. Il suo primo richiamo, che ci viene ripetuto questa domenica, è: "Convertitevi e credete al vangelo". Egli comincia proprio da quello che era stato il punto centrale dell'insegnamento di Giovanni Battista.

La Quaresima è soprattutto un periodo di riflessione sui misteri della nostra redenzione, al cui centro sono l'insegnamento e la persona di Gesù Cristo. Il Salvatore ha assunto forma umana, cioè quella che è la nostra condizione, e non è nemmeno stato risparmiato dall'esperienza della tentazione. Nella sua natura umana, Gesù ha vissuto in prima persona cosa significhi respingere Satana e porre al primo posto le cose divine. Il nostro Signore e il nostro Dio è in tutto nostra guida e modello. Cercare di conoscere Cristo significa anche prendere coscienza di quel nostro bisogno di cambiamento di vita che chiamiamo "pentimento". In particolare è mediante la liturgia della Chiesa che ci avviciniamo a Cristo e facciamo esperienza della sua presenza in mezzo a noi.

Nella liturgia, diventiamo "uno" con Cristo nel mistero grazie al quale egli ha riscattato il mondo.

Vivere la Parola Di Dio

O Dio, nostro Padre, con la celebrazione di questa Quaresima, segno sacramentale della nostra conversione, concedi a noi tuoi fedeli di crescere nella conoscenza del mistero di Cristo e di testimoniare con una degna condotta di vita.

**OGNI VENERDÌ
VIA CRUCIS****11:15am - Italiano****7:00pm - Inglese/Spagnolo****Ushers Needed!!**

If you are interested in taking part in this important Ministry, please call the Parish Center.

REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Evangelio del Domingo: Marcos 1, 12-15

“¡La Cuaresma de nuevo!” [Suspiro]. ¿A qué podemos renunciar este año? Si pensamos sólo en privarnos de algo nos equivocamos del todo. La Cuaresma no es tiempo de privaciones, sino de hacer una limpieza espiritual general antes de la Pascua. La Iglesia recomienda el ayuno, la oración y la limosna para ayudarnos a una conversión de corazón a Dios y para creer como discípulos de Jesús. Para ayunar trata de comer menos o comer alimentos saludables. Ayuna también de los comportamientos dañinos, tales como el chisme, el rencor, la inmoralidad o el mal uso del alcohol. Añade diferentes clases de oración en tu vida diaria y participa más conscientemente en la Misa. Durante la Cuaresma haz más obras de caridad y de misericordia. Practica la limosna ayudando a amigos y vecinos que estén pasando por situaciones difíciles o muéstrate más generoso con tus empleados. Tal vez pudieras aumentar los diezmos a tu parroquia y a instituciones caritativas.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

“Observa ante Dios un ayuno así: no hagas maldad en tu vida y sirve al Señor con un corazón puro; observa sus mandamientos y anda en sus ordenanzas; y que ningún mal deseo se levante en tu corazón, sino cree en Dios”.

UJIERES - LECTORES

Si usted esta interesado en ser parte de este ministerio, por favor llame al Centro Parroquial o bien al finalizar la misa, comuníquese con Luis Lucero o Christian Fernandez.

MONAGUILLOS

Aquellos niños que hayan recibido la Primera Comunión y desean ser monaguillos, por favor comuníquese con Carlos Vera para mayor información. (347) 912-0656.

VIA CRUCIS—VIERNES DE CUARESMA

Los invitamos a recorrer y meditar el camino de Jesús a la cruz, todo los Viernes de Cuaresma a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia. Los esperamos.

CONSEJO PASTORAL

El Consejo Pastoral se llevará a cabo el Jueves 26 de Febrero a las 7:00pm en el Centro Parroquial.

Líderes de los Grupos Parroquiales deben estar presentes.

From Mt. Carmel School

Dear Friends:

As we begin the Lenten Season, I would like to share with you some of the planned activities for the school to reflect upon during this time of penance. Students in all grades will be making a collection for the Holy Land to support Christians in need. They will also engage in "40 Acts of Kindness", a series of small, yet meaningful, service projects around the school and community in order to model what it means to be a Catholic dedicated to social justice. Throughout the Lenten Season, students will meditate upon the Stations of the Cross, attend a Lenten Prayer Service, and participate in "Moments with Our Lord" - times of silent reflection throughout his last days of ministry as he prepared to enter Jerusalem.

On behalf of the children and staff, may God continue to bless you during this season in which we are called to accompany Christ to Calvary.

**Sincerely,
John T. Riley, Principal**

Cardinal's Appeal 2015

This week marks the beginning of the *2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* in our parish. You will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Dolan asking for your support of the vital ministries, programs and services provided through the *Appeal* each year. When you receive your letter, please fill out your pledge card and send it in. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Cardinal has set a goal for our parish of \$36,500. That is very high but I think we can do it!!

Campaña del Cardenal 2015

Esta semana marca el comienzo en nuestra parroquia de la *Campaña de Corresponsabilidad del Cardenal 2015*. Recibirán una carta del Cardenal Dolan solicitando su apoyo para los ministerios, programas y servicios vitales que la *Campaña* provee todos los años. Cuando reciba la carta, por favor complete la tarjeta de promesa y envíela. Su generosidad será profundamente apreciada. ¡La meta para este año es de \$36,500, es muy alto, pero juntos podemos hacerlo!

Campagna del Cardinale 2015

Questa settimana inizia nella nostra parrocchia *Campagna del Cardinale per il 2015*. Riceverete una lettera dal Cardinale Dolan chiedendo il vostro sostegno dei vari ministri, programma e servizi procurati ogni anno tramite *l'Appello*. Quando riceverete vostra lettera, per favore, riempite la cartolina di promessa e spedite. La vostra generosità è molto apprezzata. Il Cardinale ha stabilito \$36,500 come meta per la nostra parrocchia. È molto alta però penso che possiamo arrivarci!

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