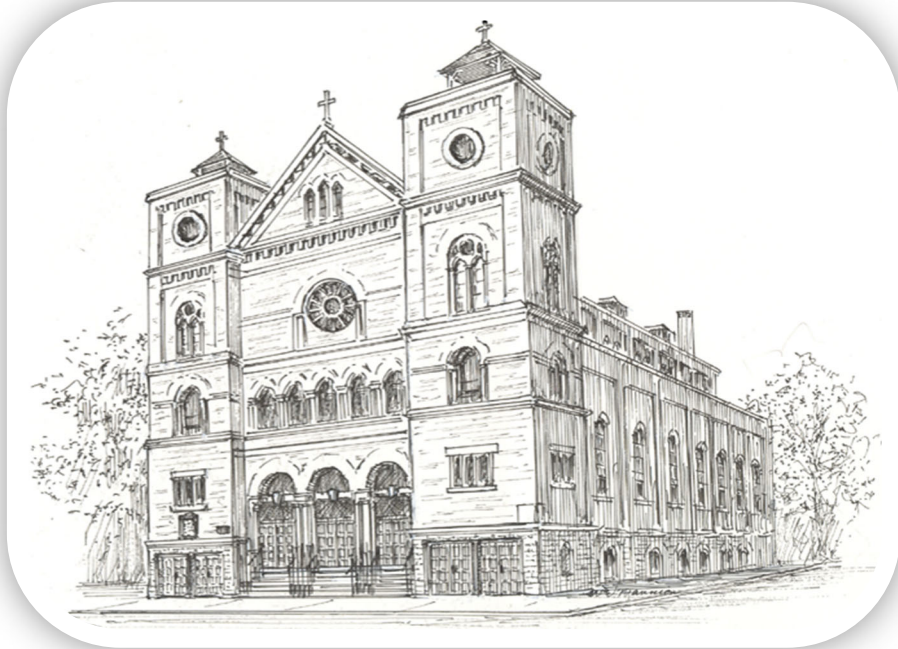


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Sunday, March 29th, 2015 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B



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: Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC 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 other month in English at 12:15pm

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:

We will be happy to help any couples who are preparing for marriage. Please make an appointment with a Priest at the Parish Center.

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK:

If you or someone know are in the hospital or homebound and would be served by a pastoral visit by a Priest, Religious Sister or a lay Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Center.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We invite new parishioners to register at the Parish Center as soon as possible after moving into the parish.

MOUNT CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For information and to register your child for Religious Ed. Classes, please call the Catechetical Office at (718) 295-3770.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday, March 29th | Palm Sunday

- 8:30am** Deceased Members of the Adesso, Cafaro, Di Orio, Gagliardi and Lupo Families
- 9:30am** Pro Populo
- 11:00am** Magdalena e Giacobbe Montella ed Anna e Maria Terracciano
- 12:15pm** Maria Giuseppina Adornetto (First Anniversary)
- 1:30pm** Rev. P. Salvatore Sportino (Intención especial)

Monday, March 30th | Monday of Holy Week

- 8:30am** Diana Benitez
- 12:00pm** Giuseppe Marolda
- 6:30pm** Joseph Ferrari

Tuesday, March 31st | Tuesday of Holy Week

- 8:30am** Giuseppe Marolda
- 12:00pm** Carolina Ferrante Skouras (First Anniversary) and Alfredo Ferrante
- 6:30pm** Giovanni Rinaldi, Vincenzo Maddalena and Antonietta Montone

Wednesday, April 1st | Wednesday of Holy Week

- 8:30am** Lindo and Mario Borgatti
- 12:00pm** Vincenzo Mannini
- 6:30pm** Michele Sabatino

Thursday, April 2nd | Holy Thursday

- 9:00am** Tenebrae
- 7:30pm** Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 3rd | Good Friday

- 9:00am** Tenebrae
- 11:00am** Via Crucis - Italian
- 3:00pm** Via Crucis - Spanish
- 4:00pm** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - Spanish
- 5:30pm** Via Crucis - English
- 6:30pm** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - English/Italian/ Spanish

Saturday, April 4th | Holy Saturday

- 8:30am** Tenebrae
- 8:00pm** Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5th | Easter Sunday

- 8:30am** Madre Pasqua Condò
- 9:30am** Pro Populo
- 11:00am** Marie De Dominicis e Famiglia
- 12:15pm** Pasquale and Gemma Apuzzo, Fortunato and Eugenia Cicciu
- 1:30pm** Sue Culver

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish, **Maria Morano**, especially our family and friends.

"From the Desk of Father Jonathan"

This week I would like to re-print below my comments from last week, because sometimes I think we need the reminder.

Perhaps the most incredible aspect of Christianity, in relation to all other religions, is that we don't have to wonder what God thinks about most of our human activities. Since God became human, in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, and endured all that we endure, we can look to him for very practical guidance for our daily life.

In Jesus' times, as in ours, there was a lot of division within the community. The Pharisees didn't get along with the Sadducees; the Sadducees were harsh on almost everyone; and almost all of the Jews despised the Romans.

Sound a little bit like us sometimes? People naturally take sides. And when someone hurts us, we can even get to the point of considering them rivals or enemies. Jesus hated that. "Love your enemies," he demanded. And in one of his longest and most passionate prayers, he prayed for unity: "Father, may they be one, even as you and I are one!"

At Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, we can have that unity that Jesus so desired. It requires that you and I leave aside juvenile attitudes of rivalry, jealousy, or rancor. It means making a decision to love the people we most dislike. It means rejecting gossip and slander. It means working through disagreements in a transparent, Christian spirit. Amen.

WEDDING BANNS...

- II. Silbestre Castelan and Raisa Corayma Bravo
- II. Aaron Josue Pajares and Karina Hernández

SAINT ANTHONY'S BREAD

March 31st

Irene Hafferman and Millie Lo Balbo

For their good health and that of their Families

Divine Mercy Novena



The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday after Tenebrae. It is the perfect time to ask the Good Lord for special graces. Let us pray together — that our hearts be touched by the merciful love of Jesus.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**Sunday Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47**

We aren't fond of the words "humble" and "obedient." When was the last time you read an obituary saying the deceased was a humble and obedient person? No, we tend to list degrees, titles, achievements, and so on.

By all accounts Jesus was not successful in the way we generally mean it. He had enough education to be able to read the scriptures in the synagogue (Luke 4:16-20), and he was just a village carpenter by trade, trained by Joseph. He came from Nazareth, not an important city like Jerusalem. Jesus wandered around the countryside preaching, following in the tradition of Jewish prophets.

The crowds were mostly ordinary people, not the rich and the powerful. A moment of apparent triumph came on Palm Sunday, when the crowds in Jerusalem acclaimed him as king. Many were probably hoping he would be a new military leader who would overthrow the Romans occupying the land, and restore Jewish life and pride. This "triumph" was brief. In a few days the same crowds turned on him in bitter rejection. He wasn't what they wanted. Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, didn't know what to make of him. Jesus was obviously no common criminal. He spoke with truthfulness and was not cowed by Pilate's power. Yet to keep the rabble quiet, Pilate finally washed his hands of the whole business and put Jesus to death. Ever since that first Good Friday, those who pass through the darkest nights know they don't go alone. For each of us Jesus willingly entered the pain and sorrow of humanity.

For us he allowed himself to fall into the abyss of death. The Father let his Son count the milestones along the way of despair. There are no dead-end streets anymore. For us, at the end of every road, there shines the light of Christ.

Living God's Word

"Christianity is not about ideas,
but about deeds inspired by love."

Thirteen Tuesdays in Honor of Saint Anthony

Each Tuesday night we pray the 13 Tuesdays Novena to Saint Anthony at 6 pm, followed by Mass. Blessed Bread is available after Mass.

~Farewell Father Alex~

We invite everyone to Fr. Alex's
farewell gathering today
in Fatima Hall at 2:30pm.

**RIFLESSIONI SULLA PAROLA DI DIO****Vangelo della Domenica: Marco 14: 1 - 15:47**

È allo stesso tempo l'ora della luce e l'ora delle tenebre. L'ora della luce, poiché il sacramento del Corpo e del Sangue è stato istituito, ed è stato detto: "Io sono il pane della vita... Tutto ciò che il Padre mi dà verrà a me: colui che viene a me non lo respingerò... E questa è la volontà di colui che mi ha mandato, che io non perda nulla di quanto mi ha dato, ma lo risusciti l'ultimo giorno" (Gv 6,35-39). Come la morte è arrivata dall'uomo così anche la risurrezione è arrivata dall'uomo, il mondo è stato salvato per mezzo di lui. Questa è la luce della Cena. Al contrario, la tenebra viene da Giuda. Nessuno è penetrato nel suo segreto. Si è visto in lui un mercante di quartiere che aveva un piccolo negozio, e che non ha sopportato il peso della sua vocazione. Egli incarnerebbe il dramma della piccolezza umana. O, ancora, quello di un giocatore freddo e scaltro dalle grandi ambizioni politiche. Lanza del Vasto ha fatto di lui l'incarnazione demoniaca e disumanizzata del male.

Tuttavia nessuna di queste figure collima con quella del Giuda del Vangelo. Era un brav'uomo, come molti altri. È stato chiamato come gli altri. Non ha capito che cosa gli si faceva fare, ma gli altri lo capivano? Egli era annunciato dai profeti, e quello che doveva accadere è accaduto. Giuda doveva venire, perché altrimenti come si sarebbero compiute le Scritture? Ma sua madre l'ha forse allattato perché si dicesse di lui: "Sarebbe stato meglio per quell'uomo se non fosse mai nato!"? Pietro ha rinnegato tre volte, e Giuda ha gettato le sue monete d'argento, urlando il suo rimorso per aver tradito un Giusto. Perché la disperazione ha avuto la meglio sul pentimento? Giuda ha tradito, mentre Pietro che ha rinnegato Cristo è diventato la pietra di sostegno della Chiesa. Non restò a Giuda che la corda per impiccarsi. Perché nessuno si è interessato al pentimento di Giuda? Gesù l'ha chiamato "amico". È veramente lecito pensare che si trattasse di una triste pennellata di stile, affinché sullo sfondo chiaro, il nero apparisse ancora più nero, e il tradimento più ripugnante? Invece, se questa ipotesi sfiora il sacrilegio, che cosa comporta allora l'averlo chiamato "amico"? L'amezza di una persona tradita? Eppure, se Giuda doveva esserci affinché si compissero le Scritture, quale colpa ha commesso un uomo condannato per essere stato il figlio della perdizione? Non chiariremo mai il mistero di Giuda, né quello del rimorso che da solo non può cambiare nulla. Giuda Iscariota non sarà più "complice" di nessuno.

~Addio Padre Alex~

Invitiamo a tutti a partecipare all'Addio per
Padre Alex, oggi nella Sala di Fatima
alle 2:30pm.

REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Evangelio del Domingo: Marcos 14-1 - 15:47

Jesús, el humilde carpintero de la aldea, atraía frecuentemente grandes multitudes con su prédica. Hubo un aparente momento de triunfo y gloria cuando estas multitudes lo aclamaron como rey en Jerusalén, probablemente esperando que él fuera un nuevo líder militar que depusiera la ocupación de los romanos. Sin embargo, este “triunfo” fue breve. Unos pocos días más tarde esta misma gente se reviró contra él. Poncio Pilato, el procurador romano, se sentía confundido. Obviamente Jesús no era un criminal común. Hablaba con la verdad y no se acobardaba en presencia de Pilato. Sin embargo, Pilato finalmente se dio por vencido y condenó a muerte a Jesús. Desde ese primer Viernes Santo todos los que pasan por tiempos tenebrosos saben que no van solos. Por voluntad propia Jesús asumió el dolor y la angustia de la humanidad y de cada uno de nosotros. Él venció por el camino del dolor y bajó al abismo de la muerte. Ya no hay callejones sin salida para nosotros. Al final de cualquier camino brilla para nosotros la luz de Cristo.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

“La cristiandad no se trata de ideas, sino de buenas obras inspiradas por el amor”.

DESPEDIDA-COMPARTIR AL PADRE ALEX

Hoy después de la Misa de la 1:30pm los invitamos a la despedida-compartir del Padre Alex en el salón de Fatima Hall. Los esperamos!!

UJIERES—MES DE MARZO

9:30am Cesar Diaz, Mari Carmen Garcia,
Martha Lucero, Michelle Puma y
Patricio Jimbo

1:30pm Christian Fernandez, Francisco Vargas,
Sofia Fernandez, Alejandra Bacci y
Yohan Garcia

Si quieres unirte al Ministerio de los Ujieres para las misas en Español, por favor comuníquese con Christian Fernandez al (347) 861-8637 o al Centro Parroquial. ¡Gracias!

LUNES DE RECONCILIACION

Mañana, 30 de Marzo, todas las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de NY tendrán sacerdotes disponibles para el sacramento de la Confesión a partir de las 3:00pm hasta las 9:00pm. La Cuaresma nos ofrece una magnífica oportunidad de cosechar los frutos del sacramento de la Penitencia.

From Mt. Carmel School



Saturday Night Fever Card Party

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Caffuzzi Hall: 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Price:

\$25 per person in advance

\$30 at the door

\$15 Senior Discount (62+)

Children under 10 years old - \$10
(movie, chicken nuggets, & snack included)

**RECEIVE THREE 50/50
TICKETS WITH PURCHASE**

Tickets on sale at the School and Rectory!

*Join us for a night of music, fun prizes,
and a hot buffet (included in ticket price)*

Cardinal's Appeal 2015

To date your Parish has received \$26,074 in pledges/gifts towards the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal from 165 families. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support.

Campaña del Cardenal 2015

Hasta la fecha, nuestra Parroquia ha recibido en promesas/donaciones en 165 Familias, \$26,074 para la Campaña del Cardenal 2015. Seguimos pidiendo su generosidad y gracias por su cooperación.

Campagna del Cardinale 2015

Ad oggi la nostra parrocchia ha ricevuto \$26,074 di promesse/donazioni verso il 2014 Appello del Cardinale da 165 famiglie. Vi preghiamo di essere i più generosi possibili. Grazie per il vostro gentil sostegno.

2015 LENTEN RECONCILIATION MONDAY

March 30, 2015

Tomorrow, Monday, March 30th all parishes of the NY Archdiocese will have Priests available to hear confessions from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to reap the fruits of the Sacrament of Penance.