

# Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 | Fifth Sunday of Easter - 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:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month in Spanish at 1:30pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every other month in English at 3pm

**Please stop by the Parish Center to register or call for more information.**

### **PARISH STAFF**

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Morris

#### **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

Rev. Fr. Urbano Rodrigues

### **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, May 3<sup>rd</sup> | Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30am Restina Lucarelli Brown
- 9:30am Pro Popolo
- 11:00am In Onore di Maria SS. di Melitto
- 12:15pm Rose & Pasquale Lupo, Frank, Marie, John Carmela, Cosmo, Mary, Giuseppe & Caterina Di Noia
- 1:30pm Por una intención especial

**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> | Easter Weekday**

- 8:30am Mario and Erma Borgatti
- 12:00pm Joseph, Gaetano and Agata Messina
- 6:30pm Anna Randazzo

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> | Easter Weekday**

- 8:30am Rose and Domenico Pilla and Children
- 12:00pm Eleonora Di Lizia
- 6:30pm Charles Cummings

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> | Easter Weekday**

- 8:30am Settimia Gironè
- 12:00pm Jean and Emidio Subranni
- 6:30pm Rev. Fr. Salvatore Sportino (Living)

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> | Easter Weekday**

- 8:30am Giovanni Santaniello and Family
- 12:00pm Joseph and Luisa Spedaliere & Mario Campanelli
- 6:30pm Lucia Marano

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> | Easter Weekday**

- 8:30am In Honor of Saint Michael
- 12:00pm Olimpia Di Lizia
- 6:30pm In Honor of Saint Michael

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> | Easter Weekday**

- 8:30am Deceased Benefactors and Parents of the Missionary Sisters of the Catechism
- 12:00pm Annunziata Ferrari
- 5:00pm Michael Di Nardo

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> | Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30am Mother's Day Novena
- 9:30am Pro Popolo
- 11:00am Donato ed Angela Cuccovia, Felice Perrella
- 12:15pm Annunziata Ferrari
- 1:30pm Maria y Nanda Aviles, Amelia Muñiz

**"From the Desk of Father Jonathan"**

The Holy Spirit and Miracles -- could it happen to us?!

We can define "miracle" as the direct intervention from God in our lives, that defies the laws of nature, for the sake of our physical or spiritual wellbeing.

Have you ever experienced a miracle?

I haven't seen any person rise from the dead, or even a person in a wheelchair get up and walk, but I have seen hundreds of cases where I think God has intervened, defying the laws of nature, to give someone a special blessing.

Most of these blessings have been spiritual. I have seen families come back together after insurmountable obstacles. I have seen people overcome addiction rapidly and without much pain. I have seen forgiveness and love overcome hatred when the circumstances would suggest otherwise.

Now what I want to see is a parish filled with the love and action of the Holy Spirit!!

The one common factor in all of the miracles I have seen is the person's willingness to collaborate with God. Pentecost Sunday--the day we celebrate the Holy Spirit--is just a few weeks away. The Holy Spirit has been called the "consoler", the "counselor", the "sweet guest of the soul". It is the presence of God that invites us to collaborate with God who wants to do miracles in our lives!

On Pentecost Sunday we will begin several campaigns and ministries at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We will commission lay ministers of the Eucharist who will be able to visit the sick and the homebound. We will have a kickoff of our youth group for junior high and high school students. And we will begin a "Registration and Communications Campaign". There will be more information about all of this in the coming days.

We won't do this alone...we will be trusting the Holy Spirit to work alongside us and to do a miracle of grace within our community.

So let's say together, "Come Holy Spirit".

Fr. Jonathan

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish: *Frank Di Noia, Obdulia Ramos, James Walker, Haydee Armijo* & our fallen military.

**LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE - 4/26/2015**

Adults: 613..... Children: 235...../ Total.....848

**WEEKEND'S MASS COLLECTION - 4/26/2015**

Collection .....	\$2,844.98
Children's Collection .....	\$205.00
Last year's Collection .....	\$3,121.80

**Thank you all for your generosity!!**

**REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD**

**Sunday Gospel: John 15: 1-8**

These days the word “obedience” has fallen on hard times. To most people it means surrendering control over actions and behavior. However, the English word “obedience” comes from the Latin *obaudire*, which means “to listen well.” Let’s face it, many of us have an unconscious aversion to others. We want to be around them, but not get too familiar. We put up emotional fences because we fear we will be controlled or threatened by them, or that we will somehow be personally diminished. But is it true that committed relationships limit our growth and personalities when we live and work closely with other people in a marriage, a family, a parish, or community? God calls every one of us into being and created us to grow into our full potential only in communion with others. Yet how do we do this? How do we avoid the pitfalls of isolation on the one hand and abusive, destructive relationships on the other? Are we deprived when we sacrifice for the sake of others? We begin by learning to repent and to obey. The English word “repent” in scripture translates the Greek word *Metanoia*, or “change one’s mind (or heart).”

In the scriptures, repentance and true obedience go hand in hand. We must “listen responsibly” to hear the word of repentance. Through repentance we learn our limitations as well as our strengths. Listening also requires responsible action. In a family or a parish or other church organization, wonderful, blessed things can happen when each and every person listens and responds appropriately to what is asked of them. Truly, God is in the midst of such a place, and there are no limits to what can be done in love for God’s glory and for the salvation of all humankind.

**RIFLESSIONE SULLA PAROLA DI DIO**

**Vangelo della Domenica: Giovanni 15: 1-8**

Nei discorsi di addio del Vangelo secondo san Giovanni (capitoli 13-17) l’evangelista prende spunto dalle parole di Gesù per riflettere, con il carisma che gli è proprio, sulla vita dei credenti dal tempo dell’Ascensione al ritorno del Signore. Egli si riconosce talmente legato al Signore attraverso lo Spirito di Dio che parla ai suoi ascoltatori e ai suoi lettori usando l’“io” di Cristo. Per mezzo della sua voce, il Signore rivela a coloro che credono in lui qual è la loro situazione, ordinando loro di agire in modo giusto. È durante la festa liturgica delle domeniche che vanno da Pasqua alla Pentecoste che la Chiesa propone alla lettura questi discorsi, per mostrare ai credenti cos’è infine importante per la loro vita. Attraverso un paragone, il Signore ci rivela oggi che tutti quelli che gli sono legati mediante la fede vivono in vera simbiosi. Come i tralci della vite, che sono generati e nutriti dalla vite stessa, noi cristiani siamo legati in modo vitale a Gesù Cristo nella comunità della Chiesa. Vi sono molte condizioni perché la forza vitale e la grazia di Cristo possano portare i loro frutti nella nostra vita: ogni tralcio deve essere liberato dai germogli superflui, deve essere sano e reagire in simbiosi fertile con la vite.

Per mezzo del battesimo, Cristo ci ha accolti nella sua comunità. E noi siamo stati liberati dai nostri peccati dalla parola sacramentale di Cristo. La grazia di Cristo non può agire in noi che nella misura in cui noi la lasciamo agire. La Provvidenza divina veglierà su di noi e si prenderà cura di noi se saremo pronti. Ma noi non daremo molti frutti se non restando attaccati alla vite per tutta la vita. Cioè: se viviamo coscienziosamente la nostra vita come membri della Chiesa di Cristo. Poiché, agli occhi di Dio, ha valore duraturo solo ciò che è compiuto in seno alla comunità, con Gesù Cristo e nel suo Spirito: “Senza di me non potete far nulla”. Chi l’ha riconosciuto, può pregare Dio di aiutarlo affinché la sua vita sia veramente fertile nella fede e nell’amore.

**MEMORIALS OFFERED THIS WEEK**

***Mass Wine***

**In Memory of Benito Zagaglia**

Requested by Rita Ferrari

***Altar Bread***

**In Memory of Benito Zagaglia**

Requested by Rita Ferrari

***Sanctuary Lamp***

**In Memory of Nick Rizzo**

Requested by Sister—Mimma Rizzo

***Mass Candles***

**In Memory of Joseph Oliveri**

Requested by The Oliveri Family

**Giro della Madonnina**

1-3 maggio Famiglia Orilia  
2431 Belmont Avenue, Apt 2E

4-9 maggio Centro Parrocchiale

**Living Stewardship Now**

Make a consistent effort to listening attentively to God in prayer and during Mass, to people in conversations.

**SAINT ANTHONY’S BREAD**

*May 5<sup>th</sup>* - In Loving Memory of

Margaret Tevere &  
Happy Birthday in Heaven Robert L. Masi

## **REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS**

**Evangelio del Domingo: Juan 15: 1-8**

**H**oy día la palabra “obediencia” ha llegado a significar una renuncia de control. Mas, el vocablo original del latín, *obaudire*, significa “escuchar bien”. Nosotros los hispanos hacemos amistad fácilmente, pero escucharnos unos a otros generalmente nos cuesta más. Y sin embargo, ¿podemos entrar en una buena relación — como en el matrimonio, la familia o la parroquia— sin escucharnos mutuamente? Dios nos creó para que podamos llegar a nuestra máxima capacidad sólo en comunión con los demás. Hay que empezar por aprender a arrepentirnos y a obedecer. El “arrepentimiento” en las Escrituras viene de la palabra griega *Metanoia* o “cambio de mentalidad (o de corazón)”. Por lo tanto, el arrepentimiento y la obediencia van de la mano. Debemos “escuchar responsablemente” para conocer nuestras limitaciones así como nuestros puntos fuertes y traducirlo en acción. Pueden darse muchas bendiciones y suceder cosas maravillosas cuando todos se escuchan mutuamente y responden apropiadamente a lo que se les pide. Ciertamente que donde está Dios no hay límites en lo que nuestro amor puede hacer para la gloria de Dios y la salvación de toda la humanidad.

### **Viviendo la Palabra de Dios**

Esfuézate constantemente por escuchar atentamente, a Dios en la oración y durante la Misa, a las personas en sus conversaciones.

## **PROCESION/ CORONACION**

### **Mes de Mayo, Mes del Rosario**



“Ven con tu familia y amigos a la Veneración y Coronación de nuestra Madre Santísima”

**Domingo, 24 de Mayo, 2015**

**Hora: 3:00pm a 5:00pm**

La procesión se llevará a cabo en:

**Inicio:**

Our Saviour Church  
2317 Washington Ave  
Bronx, NY 10457

**Llegada:**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church  
627 E 187 Street  
Bronx, NY 10458

**¡¡Los esperamos!!**

## ROSARY RALLY

The month of May is the month of the Rosary



“Come with your family and friends  
To venerate Our Blessed Mother”

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Time: 3:00pm to 5:00pm**

**The procession begins at:**

Church of Our Saviour  
2317 Washington Ave  
Bronx, NY 10457

**And will end at:**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church  
627 E 187 Street  
Bronx, NY 10458

**We hope you can join us!**

## PROCESSIONE/ INCORONAZIONE

Mese di Maggio, Mese del Rosario

“Vieni con la tua famiglia e gli amici per la  
Processione ed Incoronazione  
di nostra Madre Santissima”

**Domenica, 24 Maggio, 2015**

**Dalle 3:00pm alle 5:00pm**

**La processione avrà inizio a:**

Church of Our Saviour  
2317 Washington Ave  
Bronx, NY 10457

**E concluderà a:**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church  
627 E 187 Street  
Bronx, NY 10458

**Vi aspettiamo!**

## Lectors for May 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm	Gina Vaccaro
8:30am	Vito Marcone
9:30am	Yohan Garcia and Manelys Mendez
11:00am	Filomena Matera & Carmelina Martone
12:15pm	F. Spano
1:30pm	Maria Gonzalez and Adriana Trujillo



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