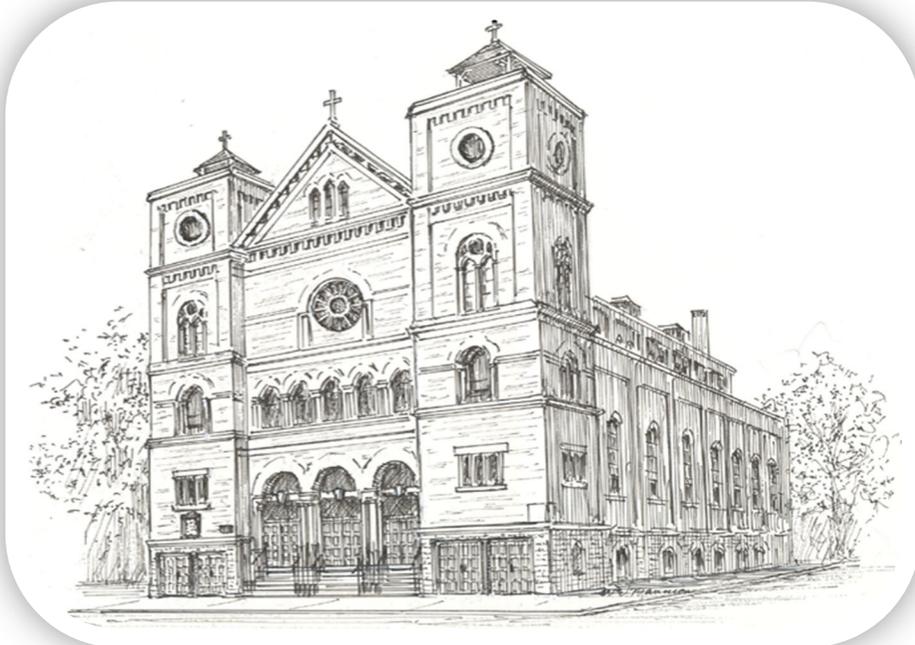


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Sunday, October 25th, 2015 | XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B



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 (all 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 2:30pm

3rd Sunday every other month in English at 2:30pm

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

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Morris

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Fr. Urbano Rodrigues

PARISH CENTER

2380 Belmont Avenue

Monday & Thursday

9:00am to 5:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

9:00am to 8:00pm

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 you know is 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

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

MOUNT CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday, October 25th | XXX Sunday in O.T.

- 8:30am Domenica Fogliano
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Rosario Darnetta
- 12:15pm Mickey Miceli and Felicia Matta
- 1:30pm Fred Marolda

Monday, October 26th | Weekday

- 8:30am Fred Marolda
- 12:00pm Irma Della Monica, Olga Di Fuccia,
Caroline D'Ambrosio & Deceased Family Members
- 6:30pm William Jansen

Tuesday, October 27th | Weekday

- 8:30am Michael and Carmela Navarra and Family
- 12:00pm Gabriele and Michelina Barile
- 6:30pm Noel Martinez

Wednesday, October 28th | SS. Simon and Jude

- 8:30am Antonio & Santina Andreassi, Ann Legnini
and Frances Guadagno
- 12:00pm Rosa Moretti
- 6:30pm Frank Pappas, Nick and Frances Longo
and Thomas Covino

Thursday, October 29th | Weekday

- 8:30am Salvatore and Giuseppina Florio
- 12:00pm Rosario Darnetta
- 6:30pm Fred Marolda

Friday, October 30th | Weekday

- 8:30am Fred Marolda
- 12:00pm Agostino Corvino
- 6:30pm Salvatore and Sarah Contento

Saturday, October 31st | Weekday; BVM

- 8:30am John Stelmach and Deceased Members
of the Stelmach and Lapinski Families
- 12:00pm Vito and Laura Signorile
- 5:00pm Salvatore M. and Rita M. Calabro

Sunday, November 1st | All Saints Day

- 8:30am Pro Populo
- 9:30am Isaia Barone
- 11:00am Defunti Societa S. Michele Arcangelo
- 12:15pm Frank Pappas, Nicholas and Frances Longo
and Thomas Covino
- 1:30pm Por las almas del Purgatorio

"From the Desk of Father Jonathan"

Thank you, thank you! Our ambitious goal for the dinner-dance attendance this year was 275. But you have overwhelmed us with support, for the parish, and for our honorees. We currently have over 400 registered attendees! I am inspired especially by the many people who offered to buy tickets for other members of the parish who would not otherwise be able to attend. This is how healthy families relate. I am grateful to Mike Mongiovi, Rita Calabro, Elizabeth Mannini, and the other committee members who invested countless hours making this event a success, which will be measured not by the amount of money raised but rather by the strengthening of our parish family bonds.

This week I will be giving the homily at all weekend masses to kick off an "Increased Giving Campaign", which the Archdiocese invites parishes to do every four years. Rather than make this campaign just about increasing our collections (which, by the way, have been up in the last several months, year over year, by an average of 30%. Amazing!) I think this campaign can be an opportunity for SPIRITUAL growth. It will be a time for us to discern before God how each of us is using the resources he has entrusted to us.

Let's keep in mind that in God's eyes, one parishioner's weekly donation of \$1 may be more meritorious than another's donation of \$1000. Remember the "widow's mite"? God doesn't want anyone to give more than he should. That being said, a long tradition in both Christianity and Judaism has been the "tithe", to give back to God through charity 10% of our personal earnings. Are we close to that? Our median weekly offering on a given Sunday is now just over \$3 per mass attendee. What is our weekly income?

I believe it is my responsibility to show you how the parish is using its income and preparing for our future. That's why today we are distributing a two page summary of our financial status prepared by our accountants. If there is interest, we will put together a question and answer session with our accountants and finance committee.

God bless you!

Father Jonathan

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTION - 10/18/2015

Collection\$3,389.08
Last year's Collection\$2,336.70

Thank you all for your generosity!!

LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE - 10/18/2015

Adults: 558..... Children: 246..... / **Total.....804**

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish, *Marilyn Bianco and Ruben de Jesus* & our fallen military.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**Sunday Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52**

You have to admire Bartimaeus for sheer dogged persistence. A blind beggar, Bartimaeus called repeatedly to Jesus and would not be hushed. He “saw” Jesus—the healer, the forgiver of sins, the son of David. Jesus healed Bartimaeus, saying “Your faith has saved you.” Blindness was common in ancient times, and people believed it was the result of sin. We do not think that nowadays, but what about the spiritual blindness that holds us back from a full Christian life? Pride, jealousy, envy, greed, and similar sins are the usual suspects. But consider also lack of trust in God, failure to really believe the good news of Christ, a weak prayer life, and reluctance to do good. And let’s not forget hope. If we truly believe that sin and death are not the end, and that eternal life waits for those who love and serve God, then we cannot be blind to hope.

Living Stewardship Now

Where is the weakest link in your faith life? Join in a prayer group or take part in a parish retreat. Make an appointment with a priest or a trained spiritual director and discuss ways to strengthen your discipleship.

“ROOTED” YOUTH GROUP

Join our Youth Group every Saturday from 2pm to 4pm in Fatima Hall. Please see Jesus Vargas at the office for more info.

+ FORTY HOURS DEVOTION +

Next Sunday, November 1st - 2:30pm to 6:30pm

**Monday, November 2nd & Tuesday, November 3rd
9am-12pm & 12:30pm-6:30pm**

***O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise & all thanksgiving be every moment thine!***

TODAY IS PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

+ Special blessings upon Fr. Jonathan,
Fr. Urbano and Fr. Livinus today +

*Without the Priest, there is no Blessed Sacrament ~
if you think God is calling you to be a Priest, say “yes!”*

~ New Choir Members Needed ~

We invite parishioners who can carry a tune to join our choirs. You will be doubly blessed, for Saint Augustine said **“he who sings prays twice.”**

*Sing with us! Cantate con noi!
¡Canten con nosotros!*

Call the office or see the Choir Leaders after Mass

RIFLESSIONE SULLA PAROLA DI DIO**Vangelo della Domenica : Marco 10: 46-52**

L'evangelista Marco che ascoltiamo quest'anno ci presenta le azioni e le parole di Gesù durante il suo viaggio a Gerusalemme. Viaggio sicuramente topografico, ma anche e soprattutto simbolico. Questa strada che Gesù percorre con entusiasmo - “Gesù li precedeva” - e dove i discepoli lo seguono con diffidenza o inquietudine - “essi erano spaventati, e coloro che seguivano erano anche timorosi” (Mc 10,32) - qui arriva al termine.

Ecco il contesto della lettura sulla quale meditiamo oggi. Al termine del cammino, oggi incontriamo un cieco. Un cieco, che, in più, è un mendicante. In lui c'è oscurità, tenebre, e assenza. E attorno a lui c'è soltanto il rigetto: “Molti lo sgridavano per farlo tacere”. Gesù chiama il cieco, ascolta la sua preghiera, e la esaudisce. Anche oggi, qui, tra coloro che il Signore ha riunito, “ci sono il cieco e lo zoppo” (prima lettura) - quello che noi siamo -; ed è per questo che le azioni di Gesù, che ci vengono raccontate, devono renderci più pieni di speranza.

È nel momento in cui termina il viaggio di Gesù a Gerusalemme (e dove termina il ciclo liturgico), che un mendicante cieco celebra Gesù e lo riconosce come “Figlio di Davide”, o Messia; e questo mendicante riacquista la vista e “segue Gesù per la strada”. È un simbolo, un invito. Chiediamo al Signore che ci accordi la luce della fede e ci dia vigore, affinché lo seguiamo come il cieco di Gerico, fino a che non avremo raggiunto la Gerusalemme definitiva.

MEMORIALS OFFERED THIS WEEK***Altar Bread***

**In Thanksgiving for the Birth and Good Health
of Sophia and Olivia Blake**

Requested by Theresa and Marylou Campanelli

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Pasquale Marsibilio

Requested by The Marsibilio Family

Mass Candles

In Memory of Gloria Paduani & Domingo Moreno

Requested by Maria Rodriguez

The Rosary

**As we end the month of October,
let us remember Our Lady of the Rosary
and Her constant love and care for us.**

**“Our Lady grants many graces through
the Rosary” (St. Faustina)**

REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Evangelio del Domingo: Marcos 10: 46-52

Hay que admirar a Bartimeo por su persistencia clara y obstinada. Él era un ciego limosnero que llamaba repetidamente a Jesús y no había quien lo callara. “Vio” a Jesús—el que sanaba y perdonaba los pecados, e hijo de David. Jesús curó a Bartimeo mientras le decía: “Tu fe te ha salvado”. La ceguera era común en la antigüedad y la gente creía que era resultado del pecado. Hoy no lo creemos así pero, ¿y qué de la ceguera espiritual que nos reprime de vivir una vida completamente cristiana? El orgullo, los celos, la envidia, la avaricia y otros pecados similares son normalmente lo sospechoso.

Pero consideremos también la falta de confianza en Dios, no creer verdaderamente en la buena noticia de Cristo, flaqueza en la oración y reticencia a hacer el bien. Y no nos olvidemos de la esperanza. Si de veras creemos que el pecado y la muerte no son el final y que la vida eterna les espera a los que aman y sirven a Dios no estaremos ciegos frente a la esperanza.

Viviendo la Palabra de Dios

Qué es lo más débil en tu vida de fe? Únete a un grupo de oración o participa en un retiro parroquial, haz una cita con un sacerdote o con un director espiritual para dialogar acerca de las diferentes maneras en que puedes fortalecer tu discipulado.

GRUPO JUVENIL “ROOTED”

Invitamos a todos los Jóvenes de 9 a 12 grado a participar del Grupo Juvenil todos los Sábados de 2:00pm a 4:00pm en el Salón de Fatima.
¡Te esperamos!

EDUCACION RELIGIOSA PARA ADULTOS

Aquellas personas que necesitan los Sacramentos del Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación, las clases son los días Miércoles a partir de las 7:15pm. Registros en el Centro Parroquial o bien pueden llamar al 718-295-3770.

VIA CRUCIS - COMITE

Aquellas personas que estén dispuestas a ser parte del Comité para el Vía Crucis 2016, los invitamos a nuestra primera reunión el Jueves 5 de Noviembre a las 7:15pm en el Centro Parroquial.

CAMPAÑA DE REGISTRACIÓN

Continuamos con nuestra Campaña de Registración. Aquellas personas que se han registrado y no han recibido sus sobres, les pedimos por favor que pase por el Centro Parroquial en su horario de Oficina. Agradecemos su cooperación.

Lectors for October 31st – November 1st

5:00pm Richard Powers
8:30am B. Rivera
9:30am TBA
11:00am N. Trombetta e P. D'Orsogna
12:15pm C. Zombek
1:30pm TBA

SANTO ROSARIO - VIRGEN PEREGRINA

<u>25 DE OCTUBRE</u> Silvia Moreno 2408 Cambreleng, #10	<u>26 DE OCTUBRE</u> Seferina Aguilar 2400 Cambreleng, #8
<u>27 DE OCTUBRE</u> Leticia Delgadillo 2408 Cambreleng, #1	<u>28 DE OCTUBRE</u> Alejandra Vaquero 2408 Cambreleng, #1
<u>29 DE OCTUBRE</u> Melina Saavedra 2455 Beaumont, #1D	<u>30 DE OCTUBRE</u> Saidy Garcia 2416 Beaumont, #22

Si deseas recibir y pedir gracias a la Virgen Maria en tu hogar, por favor, llama al Centro Parroquial. Gracias.



SS. SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except, of course, where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English. Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. (c)americancatholic.org

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