

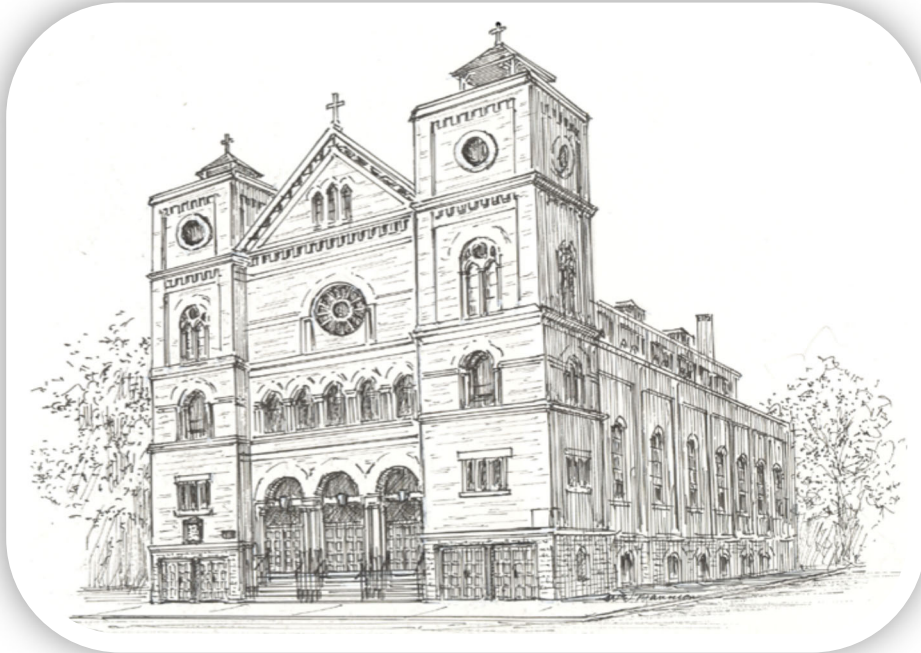
Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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Sunday, December 27th, 2015 | Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year C



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, December 27th | The Holy Family**

- 8:30am Cookie Agnes Sozio
 9:30am Pro Populo
 11:00am Restina Lucarelli Brown, Gaetano and Rose Moretti
 12:15pm Rose, Pasquale, Giuseppe and Pasqualina Lupu
 1:30pm Johnny, Aida y Ruben Silva y Familias

Monday, December 28th | The Holy Innocents

- 8:30am Anthony Zinzi
 12:00pm Vito and Laura Signorile
 6:30pm Isaia Barone

Tuesday, December 29th | Saint Thomas Becket

- 8:30am Alfonso Migliarini
 12:00pm Salvatore & Giuseppina Florio, Antoniette Santullo
 6:30pm Rose Lupu (Happy Birthday) and
 Giuseppe and Caterina Di Noia

Wednesday, December 30th | Nativity Weekday

- 8:30am Carmine Navarra
 12:00pm Deceased of the Mannini and Cuomo Family
 6:30pm Salvatore and Sarah Contento

Thursday, December 31st | Saint Sylvester I

- 8:30am Anthony Zinzi
 12:00pm In Honor of the Niño Jesus
 6:30pm Frank Pappas, Nicholas and Frances Longo
 and Thomas Covino

Friday, January 1st | Mother of God

- 9:30am Por los Feligreses de Monte Carmelo
 11:00pm In Onore della Vergine Maria, Madre di Dio
 12:15pm Cosmo Barbetto

Saturday, January 2nd | Saint Basile

- 8:30am Aniello, Immacolata, Antonietta,
 Domenico and Mario Squillante
 12:00pm In Honor of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary
 5:00pm Rita M. and Salvatore M. Calabro

Sunday, January 3rd | Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:30am Josefa Padro Rios
 9:30am Pro Populo
 11:00am Antonio e Filomena del Sesto, Concetta Rotondo
 12:15pm Deceased Members of the Del Giudice Family
 1:30pm En Honor de San Giuseppe Moscati

**MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**

Keep us close to Jesus today
 and every day in the
 New Year

“From the Desk of Father Jonathan”

This Christmas we are all especially aware of the dangerous world in which we live. The terrorist attacks of Paris and San Bernardino bring home our own fragility and insecurity.

Fear has a way of freezing us, in both body and soul. We alter our activities and we close down our emotions. We trust less.

Maybe that's why God chose to come to us in the form of a baby. Nobody fears a baby. A baby is all tenderness and goodness. A baby is vulnerable and weak. A baby needs us more than we need him. No matter our state of mind, it is easy to embrace and love a baby.

And isn't this type of fearless relationship with us the reason God came to earth....to embrace us and be embraced by us, to love us and be loved by us, to take upon himself our sin and suffering so that we might be with him forever in heaven?

"Emmanuel, God with us!"

Thank you, Jesus, for coming to earth. But thank you, especially for coming to us as a baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel we are not afraid of you. Today, Baby Jesus, we embrace you as our Lord, Friend, Savior, Brother, and Savior.

Merry Christmas!!

Father Jonathan

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish
Mary Gatto, Guadalupe Miranda and Madeline Marcano

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**Sunday Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52**

Today we are reminded of the Holy Family and the role of family in our lives. If you have children, you know that their upbringing is a huge responsibility, involving hard work, anxiety, and distress as well as moments of joy. You understand Mary and Joseph and the frantic search, as well as the mixture of immense relief and annoyance when they found Jesus. Maybe your own family is not that ideal family, but is somehow divided. Healing hurts begins in love. Perhaps one can bridge the distances with more contact, disagreements by sincere attempts to reconcile, and divorce—for all its pains and griefs—by learning to love again. The early Christians' *agape*, translated as "charity" in scripture, expresses a love greater than family love or sexual love; it is the love that God has for us and wants us to share.

If we each become aware that God loves us as beloved children we can spread that love to the unloved in words, deeds, and attitude. Don't wait, start now!

Living Stewardship Now

Visit a homebound senior, write to someone in prison, be a Big Brother or Big Sister, volunteer at a hospital, give blood.

Christmas Angel Tree

- ~ Make a child's Christmas happier by taking an Angel and returning it with an unwrapped toy by Wednesday, December 30th ~
- ~ The gifts will be distributed on the Epiphany, January 3, 2016 ~



"God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time". Amen.

RIFLESSIONE SULLA PAROLA DI DIO**Vangelo della Domenica : Luca 2: 41-52**

L'inquietudine e l'incomprensione di Maria e di Giuseppe, nonostante la loro vicinanza a Gesù, nonostante che siano stati preparati da Dio al compito di accompagnare i primi passi della vita di Gesù, ci riportano a quello che è il nostro atteggiamento di fronte all'opera di Dio in noi e intorno a noi. Ogni essere è un mistero per quelli che lo circondano. La sofferenza che nasce da questa solitudine collettiva non trova pace se non nella fede.

Noi siamo vicini gli uni agli altri perché siamo tutti amati di un amore divino. L'amore che ci unisce, lungi dall'abolire il nostro essere diversi gli uni dagli altri, rafforza, anima e sviluppa quanto c'è di originale in noi. Ma solo una carità che venga da Dio può mettere nei nostri cuori una tale disposizione.

Maria e Giuseppe non hanno capito a fondo ciò che Gesù diceva o faceva. Ma hanno accettato, nella fede e per amore, di vederlo compiere la sua vita e adempiere alla sua missione, partecipandovi nell'oscurità della loro fede. Che lezione per noi! Quando non capiamo l'azione del nostro prossimo, perché supera le nostre capacità, dobbiamo saper amare senza capire: solo con un tale atteggiamento tutto diventa possibile.

MEMORIALS OFFERED THIS WEEK**Mass Wine****In Memory of Frances Cozzi***Requested by Elizabeth Barbieri***Altar Bread****In Memory of Frances Cozzi***Requested by Elizabeth Barbieri***Sanctuary Lamp****In Memory of Rose Lupo
Happy Birthday Mom (12-29)***Rest in peace from Joseph your Son***Mass Candle****In Memory of Deceased Members of the
Collura and Virtuoso Families***Requested by Tarul and Ortiz Families*

REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Evangelio del Domingo: Lucas 2: 41-52

Hoy se nos recuerda acerca de la Sagrada Familia y del papel que la familia tiene en nuestra vida. Si tienes hijos sabes que su crianza es una inmensa responsabilidad, la cual envuelve el trabajo arduo, la ansiedad y la aflicción, pero también momentos de gozo. Podrás entender a María y a José en su búsqueda desesperada por Jesús, así como la mezcla de inmenso alivio y a la vez enfado cuando lo encontraron. Tal vez tu propia familia no sea la familia ideal, sino que experimenta alguna división. Las heridas comienzan a sanarse en el amor. Tal vez se pudieran salvar las distancias con un mayor contacto, los desacuerdos con intentos sinceros de reconciliación y el divorcio—sus dolores y sus penas—aprendiendo a amar de nuevo. El *ágape* de los primeros cristianos, traducido en las Escrituras como “caridad”, expresa un amor mayor que el amor familiar o sexual; es el amor que Dios nos tiene y que quiere compartamos los unos con los otros.

Si llegáramos a estar conscientes de que Dios nos ama como hijos suyos, podríamos difundir ese amor, sobre todo a aquellas personas a quienes nuestras palabras, acciones o actitudes no demuestran amor. ¡No esperes, comienza ya!

Viviendo la Palabra de Dios

Visita a una persona mayor que esté confinada a su hogar, escríbele a alguien encarcelado, ofrece tus servicios voluntarios en un hospital, dona tu sangre.

Oración de fin de Año

Señor Dios, dueño del tiempo y de la eternidad. Tuyo es el hoy y el mañana, el pasado y el futuro. Al empezar un año mas, detengo mi vida ante el nuevo calendario, aun sin estrenar, y te presento estos días que solo Tu sabes si llegare a vivirlos. Hoy te pido para mi y los míos la paz y la alegría, la fuerza y la prudencia, la claridad y la sabiduría. Quiero vivir cada día con optimismo y bondad, llevando a todas partes un corazón lleno de compresión y paz. Cierra tus oídos a toda falsedad; mis labios o palabras mentirosas, egoístas, mordaces o hirientes. Abre, en cambio, mi ser a todo lo que es bueno. Que mi espíritu se llene solo de bendiciones y las derrame a mi paso.

Cólmame de bondad y de alegría para que cuantos conviven conmigo o se acerquen a mi, encuentren en mi vida un poquito de Ti. Dame un año feliz, y enséñame a repartir felicidad. Amen.

Lectors for January 2nd & 3rd

5:00pm A. Hansen
8:30am B. Rivera
9:30am Cesar Diaz y Lissette Velasquez
11:00am N. Trombetta e R. Bizzarro
12:15pm G. Vaccaro
1:30pm Catalina Modesto e Inocencia Ramirez

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE 2015

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st

6:30pm - (English)

MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1st, 2016
(Holy Day of Obligation)

9:30am - (Spanish) / 11:00am - (Italian)

12:15pm - (English)

AÑO NUEVO - HORARIO DE MISAS

Thursday, December 31, 2015

6:30pm - (Inglés)

MADRE DE DIOS - 1 de Enero, 2016
(Día de Obligación)

9:30am - (Español) / 11:00am - (Italiano)

12:15pm - (Inglés)

UN REGALO PARA NUESTROS NIÑOS

Tomando un Angelito de nuestro árbol de Navidad en la entrada de la Iglesia e intercambiarlo por un regalo, para nuestros niños de la parroquia!
Los regalos serán entregados en la Festividad de los Reyes Magos, el domingo, 3 de Enero del Nuevo Año.

HOLY DOORS - YEAR OF MERCY

Cardinal Dolan has designated the following shrines and churches as holy sites and places of pilgrimage:

- St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC
- Old St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC
- St. Frances Cabrini Shrine, NYC
- National Shrine of OLMC, Middletown
- National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians (formerly Don Bosco Shrine), Stony Point

We encourage everyone to visit these shrines as to gain the plenary indulgence. Please check the latest issue of *Catholic New York* or go on-line for more information.

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