

# Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 | Second Sunday of Lent - Year C

## PARISH STAFF

### *Pastor*

*Rev. Fr. Jonathan Morris*

### *Parochial Vicar*

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### *Coordinator of Religious Education*

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### *Cantor*

*Bilen Eminov*

### *Youth Minister*

*Jesus Vargas*

### *School Principal*

*Mr. John T. Riley*



## PARISH CENTER

2380 Belmont Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10458

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
9:00am to 8:00pm

Thursday & Friday  
9:00am to 5:00pm

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday:** 8:30am (English) | 12:00pm (English)

**Saturday Evening:** 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)

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm or any time by calling the Parish Office.

## RITE OF BAPTISM

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month in Spanish at 2:30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every other month in English at 2:30pm

**Attendance at Pre - Baptism Class is required.**  
**Please stop by the Parish Center to register or call for more information.**

## RITE OF MATRIMONY

Wedding dates may be scheduled after initial meeting with a priest.

## 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.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite new parishioners to register at the Parish Center.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For information please call Sr. Edna at the Parish Office at (718) 295-3770.

## MOUNT CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Please contact the School Office at (718) 295-6080.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> | Third Sunday of Lent**

- 8:30am Michele and Anna Maria Pascarelli
- 9:30am Tomas San Pedro
- 11:00am Bernardo Civitarese, Rocco Coletta e Ronnie Barone
- 12:15pm Deceased Members of the Valerio Family
- 1:30pm Pro Populo

**Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup> | Lenten Weekday**

- 8:30am Immacolata Squillante
- 12:00pm Vito & Assunta Marcone, Mary & Ralph Zampino, Aliano & Nicoletti Families
- 6:30pm Vincenzo Mulone

**Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> | Lenten Weekday**

- 8:30am Marie De Dominicis and Family
- 12:00pm Salvatore Cunningham
- 6:30pm Michael Verini

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> | Lenten Weekday**

- 8:30am Pierina Cristiano
- 12:00pm Pasquale, Rosa and Carmela Principe
- 6:30pm Olga D' Amico

**Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> | St. Katharine Drexel**

- 8:30am Carmine Navarra
- 12:00pm Mario and Erma Borgatti
- 6:30pm Arcangelo Cardillo

**Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> | Saint Casimir**

- 8:30am Carmine Pistocco
- 12:00pm In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 6:30pm Salvatore and Sarah Contento

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> | Lenten Weekday**

- 8:30am Mario Sozio
- 12:00pm Matteo & Maria Cuomo
- 5:00pm For a Special Intention

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> | Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 8:30am Caryl Borgatti
- 9:30am Eliseo San Pedro
- 11:00am Luigi Trombetta e Teresa Schiavo
- 12:15pm Gaetano Moretti
- 1:30pm Pro Populo

**WEEKEND MASS COLLECTION - 2/21/2016**

Collection .....\$4,666.60  
 Last year's Collection .....\$2,772.00

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

**LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE - 2/21/2016**

Adults: 735..... Children: 227..... / **Total.....962**

**From the Desk of Father Jonathan**

I'm sure many of you heard in the news that Pope Francis made some comments about one of the presidential candidates, in response to a reporter's question regarding immigration policy. There has been some dispute over what the Pope actually said and what he meant by it. Since then, the Vatican has clarified that his remarks were not meant to be a personal attack or to influence how people vote.

What exactly did the Pope say? He said that if a person thinks ONLY of building walls to keep people out rather than building bridges, that is not a Christian approach. I think we can all agree. Both in a literal understanding of "walls" and a figurative one, if we ONLY build walls between peoples, we are not living the Christian mandate to love our neighbors. This doesn't mean, however, that the Pope is advocating for open borders or saying that our government doesn't have the right to control immigration levels. It has always been the social teaching of the Church that a sovereign state has not only the right but also the responsibility to do this. I would agree with Pope Francis that we need urgent political will to solve the unsafe and unjust situation at our borders and in our country.

The Pope also said, that if this presidential candidate said the things that the reporter said he did, then "that man is not a Christian". In my opinion, Pope Francis made a mistake here. Even if someone has a policy that is unchristian, that does not take away his or her Christian identity. It doesn't make void his baptism. I'm sure Pope Francis would agree; it is just unfortunate that his words were so confusing. Popes are infallible when they make definitive declarations on dogma "ex cathedra", but not in everything they say or do. I love Pope Francis, and I know he wouldn't mind this respectful critique.

Perhaps you have a different take on this. Feel free to share it with me.

Let us all pray for wise and virtuous political leaders to solve not only this issue of immigration but so many other pressing matters our country faces at this junction.

God Bless. Father Jonathan

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish *Virgenmina Ortiz, Fra Francesco & Michele D'Andrea & our fallen military.*

**Bereavement Group**

Meets every Friday from 3pm to 4pm  
 in the Msgr. Ruvo Meeting Room

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/HOLY HOURS**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm  
 Third Thursday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm  
 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*

**REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD****Sunday Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9**

“Yes,” said Joel, “I’m hooked on productivity. I run a business, and we have young children. My days are packed.” Joel’s thinking was challenged at a men’s retreat. The leader asked, “Do you think Jesus had a daily to-do list? (‘Three people healed today. Two fast comebacks to the scribes and Pharisees. One really great parable told and dinner for 5,000. Well done, me’).” Joel listened intently. “Jesus spoke wisely with mercy and grace. He occasionally retreated from crowds, yet when he was with people, he was really with them and loved them well. But was he productive? Productivity can become a mind-set of being busy as a lifestyle. Productivity seeks what fruitfulness claims as its starting point—the assurance of God’s presence and love.” Fruitfulness, Joel saw, allows you to be fully present in the moment.

Fruitfulness is rooted in God’s grace, requiring trust in the Holy Spirit, like compost around the fig tree in today’s Gospel. The Spirit works at all times and places and, if we allow it, is at work in us—busy or not.

**Living Stewardship Now**

Put aside the lists and waste some time with God—pray, take a nap, play with the kids, admire nature. It may not be productive, but it will be fruitful.

**Lenten Mission Nights**

Mass – 6:30 pm

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Spanish – Fr. Enrique SalvoTuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> English – Fr. Philip J. CarusoWednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Italian – Fr. John Tino***Bring your family & invite your neighbors*****USHERS NEEDED**

Ushers are needed for the 8:30am and 12:15pm Sunday Masses. Prayerfully consider serving your brothers and sisters in Christ through this important ministry.

Please call the office & leave your name.

**Thirteen Tuesdays**

The 13 Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony will begin next Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

+ Prayers at 6pm followed by Holy Mass +

**PARISH PAY**

No need to look for your envelopes...sign up for ParishPay today! Please call the office or go to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com)

**RIFLESSIONE SULLA PAROLA DI DIO****Vangelo della Domenica: Luca 13: 1-9**

L’uomo non è stato creato per rovinarsi la vita. Non si può neanche immaginare che, fornito di ragione, egli lo desideri. E tuttavia tutto sembra svolgersi in modo che ciò avvenga, a tale punto che si arriva a dubitare dei propri desideri di pienezza e perfino a negare la loro possibilità. Un fatto nuovo è accaduto nella storia, che “molti profeti e re hanno voluto vedere e non hanno visto, e udire e non hanno udito”. Una Presenza inevitabile, provocatoria, di un’ autorità fino ad allora sconosciuta, che ha il potere di risvegliare nel cuore dell’uomo i suoi desideri più veri; un Uomo che si riconosce facilmente come la Via, la Verità e la Vita per raggiungere la propria completezza. Il momento è quindi decisivo, grave. Quest’uomo chiama tutti quelli che sono con lui a definire la propria vita davanti a lui. Ma c’è un’ultima e misteriosa resistenza dell’uomo proprio davanti a colui di cui ha più bisogno. Bisogna quindi ingaggiare una battaglia definitiva perché l’uomo ritrovi il gusto della libertà. E Cristo lotterà fino alla morte, per dare “una dolce speranza e per concedere dopo i peccati la possibilità di pentirsi” (cf. Sap 12,19).

Ma non tentiamo di ingannarci. Ci troviamo nelle ultime ore decisive. Cristo può, in un ultimo momento di pazienza, prolungare il termine, come fa per il fico della parabola, ma non lo prolungherà in eterno!

**Missione Parrocchiale 2016**+ ***Missione della Misericordia*** +

Incoraggiamo a tutti i parrocchiani di pregare, considerando a diventare un ‘Discepolo’ della Missione Parrocchiale. Andremo incontro ai nostri fratelli e sorelle in Cristo, chiedendoli come meglio potremmo servirli.

~ *Vi preghiamo di registrarvi all’ufficio parrocchiale* ~

Possa la Madonna del Carmine guidarci mentre ci mettiamo in corso.

Se non vi è possibile andare per le strade, vi chiediamo di pregare per il successo della missione.

**- VIA CRUCIS -****FRIDAYS + VENERDÌ + VIERNES****11:15am** - English & Italian**7:00pm** - English & Spanish**2016 Parish Mission**+ ***Mission of Mercy*** +

Be a Disciple for the Parish Mission. Please call the Parish Center to **REGISTER**. Classes will begin soon.

## **REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS**

### **Evangelio del Domingo: Lucas 13: 1-9**

“Sí”, dijo Joel, “estoy adicto a la productividad. Soy empresario y tengo tres hijos. Mis días están repletos”. Joel sintió su presente estilo de vida retado durante un retiro de hombres. El director preguntó: “¿Creen ustedes que Jesús tenía una lista de logros diarios? (‘Tres personas quedaron sanadas hoy. Dos buenas contestaciones a los escribas y fariseos. Una gran parábola, y comida para 5,000 personas. Hice todo muy bien hoy’)”. Joel escuchó intensamente. Jesús habló sabiamente y con misericordia, ofreciendo su gracia. Ocasionalmente se alejaba de las multitudes, mas, cuando estaba entre la gente, estaba verdaderamente con su pueblo y amaba a todos. Pero, ¿era Jesús productivo? La productividad puede llegar a convertirse en un estilo de vida. La productividad busca lo que lo fructífero ya posee desde los comienzos, esto es, la seguridad de la presencia y del amor de Dios. Joel vio cómo lo fructífero le permite darse del todo al momento presente. Lo fructífero se enraíza en la gracia de Dios y exige confianza en el Espíritu Santo, igual que el abono alrededor de la higuera, de la cual nos habla el Evangelio de hoy.

El Espíritu obra en todo tiempo y lugar, y si se lo permitimos, también obrará en nosotros, estemos o no ocupados.

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

Deja a un lado las listas y dedica un tiempo junto a Dios—ora, toma una siesta, juega con los niños, admira

### **MISION PARROQUIAL 2016**

+ *Misión de la Misericordia* +

### **FORMACION DE DISCIPULOS**

Si desea ser parte de la Misión Parroquial siendo un Discípulo, por favor regístrese en Centro Parroquial o bien puede llamar al 718-295-3770.

### **VIA CRUCIS 2016**

### **CONVOCATORIA - ENSAYOS**

Los ensayos para el Vía Crucis serán los días Lunes y Miércoles a las 7:00pm en Fatima Hall.

Por favor comuníquese con Pedro Flores o Sebastian al 718-295-3770 o 347-825-6945.

### **REUNION MINISTERIO HISPANO**

La próxima reunión del Ministerio Hispano será mañana, Lunes, 29 de Febrero a las 7:15pm en el Centro Parroquial. Aquellas personas que deseen ser parte del Ministerio son bienvenidos. ¡Los esperamos!

## Lectors for March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm M. Gerbasi & R. Powers  
 8:30am Belinda Rivera  
 9:30am TBA  
 11:00am Carmine e Rosanna Bizzarro  
 12:15pm G. Vaccaro & F. Spano  
 1:30pm TBA



<i>Monday – 7:00pm (Third Monday)</i>	<i>Hispanic Ministry Meetings</i>	<i>Parish Center</i>
<i>Tuesday – 7:30pm</i>	<i>Juan XXIII</i>	<i>Msgr. Ruvo</i>
<i>Tuesday – 8:00pm</i>	<i>Neocatecumenal</i>	<i>Don Bosco</i>
<i>Thursday – 4:00pm</i>	<i>Ballet Folclórico</i>	<i>Fatima Hall</i>
<i>Thursday – 6:30pm</i>	<i>A.A.</i>	<i>Msgr. Ruvo</i>
<i>Thursday – 5:30pm (1,2,4,5 Thursday)</i>	<i>Holy Hour (English)</i>	<i>Church</i>
<i>Thursday – 7:30pm (Third Thursday)</i>	<i>Holy Hour (Spanish)</i>	<i>Church</i>
<i>Friday – 3:00pm</i>	<i>Bereavement</i>	<i>Msgr. Ruvo</i>
<i>Friday – 4:30pm</i>	<i>Altar Server's Rehearsal</i>	<i>Church</i>
<i>Friday – 7:15pm</i>	<i>Spanish Choir</i>	<i>Parish Center</i>
<i>Saturday – 2:00pm</i>	<i>Youth Group</i>	<i>Saint Teresa</i>
<i>Saturday – 6:30pm</i>	<i>Choir</i>	<i>Church</i>
<i>Saturday – 8:00pm</i>	<i>Neocatecumenal Mass</i>	<i>Don Bosco</i>
<i>Sunday – 9:30am (Second Sunday)</i>	<i>Holy Name Society</i>	<i>Msgr. Ruvo</i>
<i>Sunday – 2:30pm (Third Sunday)</i>	<i>Encuentro de Parejas</i>	<i>Fatima Hall</i>

### EJERCICIOS ESPIRITUALES DE CUARESMA

Dias 3 y 4 de Marzo - 7:00pm a 9:00pm  
 Sábado 5 de Marzo - Misa por los enfermos

Iglesia San Martin de Tours  
 664 Grote Ave - Bronx, NY 10457

### FAMILY CATECHESIS *March 12 & 13, 2016*

Family Catechesis will be held in Spanish on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm to 4:00pm and in English on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:30pm.  
 If you need more information, please contact Sister Edna.

INFORMATION SHEET

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