

Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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Sunday, December 18th, 2016 | Fourth Sunday of Advent- Year A

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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

2nd Sunday of every month in Spanish at 2:30pm
3rd 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 Holy Communion, 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, December 18th | IV Sunday of Advent

- 8:30am Giovanni Santaniello & Deceased Family Members
- 9:30am Pro Populo
- 11:00am Matteo Passero
- 12:15pm Emily and Anthony Valerio
- 1:30pm Benedict Holgado

Monday, December 19th | Late Advent Weekday

- 8:30am Antonietta Salvati
- 12:00pm Mario Campanelli
- 6:30pm Deceased Members of the Borgatti Family

Tuesday, December 20th | Late Advent Weekday

- 8:30am Josephine Patricia Romano
- 12:00pm Diomira and Pasquale Pettinella
- 6:30pm Romilda and Nina Guerra; Louisa Cora

Wednesday, December 21st | St. Peter Canisius

- 8:30am Josephine Patricia Romano
- 12:00pm Dec. Members of the Mannini & Cuomo Families
- 6:30pm John R. Peters

Thursday, December 22nd | Late Advent Weekday

- 8:30am Salvatore Lo Cicero
- 12:00pm Roberto and Lorena Russo
- 6:30pm Luigi Capriglione

Friday, December 23rd | Saint John of Kanty

- 8:30am Rose, Paul and Rocco Neglio
- 12:00pm Corradino Di Lizia
- 6:30pm Gino Raguso

Saturday, December 24th | Late Advent Weekday

- 8:30am Giovanni Cozzolino
- 12:00pm Gloria and John O'Connor
- 5:00pm Frank Pappas, Frances and Nicholas Longo,
Christine and Thomas Covino

Sunday, December 25th | Nativity of the Lord

- 12:00am Salvatore Guzzi
- 8:30am Pro Populo
- 9:30am Delainey Alana Rivera
- 11:00am Franco Cibelli
- 12:15pm Deceased Members of the Ferrari Family
- 1:30pm En Honor al Niñito Jesús

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTION - 12/11/2016

Collection\$4,512.62
 Last year's Collection\$4,644.10

Thank you all for your generosity!!

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE - 12/11/2016

Adults: ...772 Children:254 / **Total:1,026**

From the Desk of Father Jonathan

Silence.....

Peaceful Silence.....

Holy Silence.....

We are one week away from Christmas. The stores will double their noisy efforts to sell their Christmas wares. With all this glitz, action, and pressure, the only way for us to prepare room in the Inn for Baby Jesus is to make a concerted effort to practice some Holy Silence.

We create it by quieting the soul, by ordering the mind, by centering our will in His. Holy silence allows us to listen to and embrace the gentle breezes of the Holy Spirit who communicates to us with grace and truth.

Each of you will know what is the best time of your day to create Holy Silence. My best Holy Silence happens very early in the morning. *I usually wake at about 5:30am and I make a cup of coffee.* In the hour or so before I need to take my puppy for a walk and get on with the day, there is peace. I have no interruptions. If I am not careful, these first hours of my day can become a time filled with thinking and planning. That's not bad, but it is NOT Holy Silence. Holy Silence is peaceful listening.

It takes a decision of the will to put aside our anxieties and create within our minds and hearts a sacred space where we are listening to God. During our listening we can turn over to God every difficult situation in our lives and tell him that we will trust him.

Let's make this last week of Advent a place of Holy Silence. Let me know how it goes!

God bless,
Father Jonathan

+ REST IN PEACE +

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish, *Lucy Penenpede* & our fallen military.

MEMORIALS OFFERED THIS WEEK

Mass Wine

In Memory of Pasquale Marsibilio
Requested by The Marsibilio Family

Altar Bread

In Memory of Pasquale Marsibilio
Requested by The Marsibilio Family

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Maria Michele Malafante
Requested by The Malafante Family

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**Sunday Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24**

Matthew's Gospel today tells us Joseph was betrothed to Mary. Unlike engagement, betrothal was a binding contract. The couple might wait for a year before beginning married life. Sexual activity during the betrothal was frowned upon. If the bride became pregnant by another man, her groom could denounce her, and she would be stoned to death. The alternative was quiet divorce. This would have saved Joseph from humiliation, but would have done nothing to protect Mary. God spoke in Joseph's dream and told him to take Mary as his wife. God named her child Jesus—the one who saves.

Joseph took a risk and said "Yes" to God, without regard for the outcome. Not all women have a "just man" like Joseph to stand by them during pregnancy and birth, or the resources to cope with single motherhood or a child with disabilities. Take a risk like Joseph and commit to offering help.

Living Stewardship Now

Make donations or volunteer time to any other organization that benefits new mothers and their children.

CHRISTMAS EVE | VIGILIA

5:00pm - English

11:00pm - **Christmas Carols**

12:00am - Midnight Mass - Trilingual

CHRISTMAS DAY / NATALE

8:30am - English

9:30am - Spanish

11:00pm - Italian

12:15pm - English

1:30pm - Spanish

Christmas Angel Tree

Make a child's Christmas happier by taking an Angel for and returning it with an unwrapped toy to the parish office by Wednesday, January 4th. Thank you!

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Tomorrow, December 19th, Confessions will be heard from 4pm to 8pm. We encourage everyone to give the Child Jesus the gift of a heart pure & new.

RIFLESSIONE SULLA PAROLA DI DIO**Vangelo della Domenica: Mateo 1, 18-24**

Il Vangelo secondo san Matteo comincia con la "genealogia di Gesù Cristo" (Mt 1,1-17). L'evangelista sottolinea così che la storia che Dio ha cominciato con Abramo ha ora raggiunto il suo obiettivo in Gesù Cristo. L'obiettivo non è la fine della storia, poiché essa continua, ma in modo nuovo. Ci mostra fino a che punto questa storia sia nuova il brano del vangelo di oggi che parla della "nascita di Gesù Cristo". San Matteo usa qui questa parola, che può significare tutto: genesi, origine, fonte, esistenza, divenire. Il rinnovamento completo si prepara già al versetto 16, in cui si dice: "Giuseppe, lo sposo di Maria, dalla quale è nato Gesù". È dunque chiaro che san Matteo vuol dire che Giuseppe non era che il padre adottivo di Gesù.

Ma chi è il vero padre di Gesù? È una domanda che si pone anche Giuseppe nel nostro testo di oggi. E la risposta è assolutamente chiara: è "per opera dello Spirito Santo" che Maria aspetta un bambino. Ma il testo esprime senza dubbio ancora qualcosa di più. Non è perché è stato generato in questo modo straordinario che Gesù è l'obiettivo della storia di Israele e il fondamento di una nuova comunità; si tratta piuttosto di capire che in Gesù Dio si è unito con noi uomini, come rimedio estremo e per sempre. E ciò per liberarci dalla fatalità della colpa del peccato. Ecco perché il figlio di Maria deve portare il nome di Gesù, cioè: "Il Signore salva", ed ecco perché noi possiamo anche chiamare Gesù Emanuele, che si traduce "Dio è con noi". È il messaggio con il quale Matteo inizia il suo Vangelo.

Il Santo Silenzio

Come ha scritto Padre Jonathan, questa settimana cerchiamo di stare un po' nella presenza di Dio, nel Suo grande e santo silenzio, preparandoci nel modo migliore per il Santo Natale. Chiediamo a S. Giuseppe e alla Madonna di accompagnarci nel cammino del silenzio per portare Gesù' al mondo.

MEMORIALS OFFERED LAST WEEK*(We apologize for the error!)***Sanctuary Lamp****In Loving Memory of My Uncles****Cosmo, John, Frank Di Noia***Requested by Your Nephew Joseph Lupo***+ REQUIESCANT IN PACE +****LUNEDI' DELLA RICONCILIAZIONE**

Domani, 19 Dicembre, le Confessioni saranno ascoltati dalle 4pm alle 8pm. Incoraggiamo a tutti di dare a Gesù' Bambino il regalo di un cuore puro e rinnovato.

REFLEXIONEMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS
Evangelio del Domingo: Mateo 1, 18-24

El Evangelio de Mateo nos dice hoy que José estaba desposado con María. A diferencia del compromiso, los esponsales tenían toda la validez de un contrato. La pareja podía esperar hasta un año antes de comenzar su vida matrimonial. La actividad sexual durante este período no se veía bien. Si la novia quedaba encinta por otro hombre, el novio podía denunciarla y a ella la podían matar a pedradas. La alternativa era un divorcio callado. Esto le hubiera evitado una humillación a José, pero en nada hubiera protegido a María. Dios le habló a José en sueños y le dijo que recibiera a María como esposa. Al hijo de María Dios le puso por nombre Jesús, que quiere decir “Dios salva”. José se arriesgó al decirle “sí” a Dios, sin considerar las consecuencias.

No todas las mujeres tienen un “hombre justo” como José que permanezca junto a ellas durante el embarazo y a la hora de dar a luz, ni tampoco tienen los recursos para hacerle frente a una maternidad siendo solteras o a un niño con discapacidades. Arriésgate como José y comprométete a prestar alguna ayuda.

Viviendo la Palabra de Dios

Haz donaciones u ofrece tu trabajo voluntario en organizaciones que beneficia a las nuevas mamás y a sus hijos.

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 el Domingo, 8 de Enero del 2017.

PROGRAMA DE NAVIDAD

NOCHEBUENA

5:00pm - Inglés

11:00pm - **Villancicos Navideños**

12:00am - Misa de Medianoche - Trilingüe

DÍA DE NAVIDAD

8:30am - Inglés

9:30am - Español

11:00pm - Italiano

12:15pm - Inglés

1:30pm - Español

ADVIENTO - CONFESIONES

Mañana, 19 de Diciembre, las confesiones estarán disponibles de 4pm a 8pm. Le animamos a ofrecer al Niñito Jesús el regalo de un corazón puro y nuevo.

Lectors for December 24th & 25th

5:00pm	A. Santos and Carlos Vera
8:30am	Nicky Watson and Mike Mongiovi
9:30am	Luis Almiron y Dora Almiron
11:00am	Marisa Cibelli e Nicola Trombetta
12:15pm	Yarielis Roa and Marcus Mendoza
1:30pm	Andrea Cardona y Cesar Diaz

Readings for the Week

December 19th to December 25th

Monday:	Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25/ Lk 1: 5-25
Tuesday:	Is 7: 10-14/ Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18/ Lk 1: 39-45
Thursday:	1 Sm 1: 24-28/ Lk 1: 46-56
Friday:	Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24/ Lk 57-66
Saturday:	2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16/ Lk 1: 67-79
Sunday:	Is 52: 7-10/ Heb 1: 1-6/ Jn 1: 1-18 or 1: 1-5, 9-14

CELEBRACION A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Gracias a todas las personas que han ayudado
en este ano del Señor 2016.

Gracias a su apoyo, hemos sacado adelante un año más.

Mariachis -----	Guadalupita Bakery
Flores -----	Familia Castillo
Banda -----	Hnos. Gómez Robles Familia Castro, y Casas Gómez
Volantes -----	Familia Rosas Maldonado
Pan -----	Familia Ávila

DONACIONES

Damián Cariño
Lorenzo Lucero
Fam. Hernández
Fam. López Vélez
Fam. Herrera F
Heriberto Reyes
Rosa Rodrigues
Crisóforo Castelán

Y a todos aquellos que han cooperado en diferentes
maneras, con su trabajo, ofrendas.

A Yohan y dirigentes y todos los corredores de la An-
torcha Guadalupana.

Los que trabajaron en las Apariciones de la Virgen.
Con la comida.

A Sebastián que, con su bella voz, dirigió el triduo
a la Virgen, Que Dios lo bendiga siempre. Y al coro.

A todas las Familias, que recibieron a la Virgen en su
casa.

Que nuestra Madre Santísima,
la siempre Virgen Santa María de Guadalupe,
La Madre del verdadero Dios por quien, se Vive,
los guie y proteja siempre.

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