



## “FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”

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**JULY 17, 2016**

Happy Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel!!

I look forward to greeting many of you at our barbecue on Belmont Ave. (church parking lot) beginning at 2:30pm and ending with our Procession at 5:00pm.

We celebrate not only our parish patroness, but also what Our Lady of Mt. Carmel has been for Italian immigrants who have honored her in their new homes around the world. With this in mind, I thought I would include here a simple explanation of the origin of the devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and the "brown scapular" which came from it.

The Scapular was given from Our Lady of Mount Carmel to St. Simon Stock who was the Prior General of the Carmelite order at the time of the revelation on July 16th, 1251. The Order of Carmel was enduring difficulties, and he prayed fervently to Our Lady for help, at this prayer, Our Lady appeared to him, holding the Brown Scapular in her hands, saying to him, *“This will be the sign of the privilege that I have obtained for thee and for the children of Carmel; whoever dies clothed with this habit will be preserved from the eternal flames”*

All the baptized may receive the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We are happy to provide a "Brown Scapular" to anyone who would like. You can get one in our parish office.

**God bless,  
Father Jonathan**

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