



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

The Mission of our parish is to serve our neighbors with Jesus, to pray in faith with Jesus, and to evangelize with Jesus, so "that all may have more abundant life." (John 10:10). The Word of God, the Sacraments, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are the instruments and standards of this work of evangelization and faith formation.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 (Saint Paul John II)

5:00pm Antonio Manalo, Mike Scala, Gerlando Graci,
Lenny Iacopelli, Ding Carbonel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

(Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am Joseph & Antonia Nacinovich
(Birthday Memorial)
9:00am Sant'Anna
9:30am Sr. Maureen de Lourdes
11:00am Jimmy G. Garcia
12:30pm Brandon Chavarria, Francisco Jose Marcial,
Christopher Kambitsis,
Dionisia Padilla (9 Aniversario),
Manuel Quiroz Muñoz
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 (Saint Anthony Mary Claret)

8:00am Frances Sanchez (Anniversary)
12:00pm Dominador D. Castroverde Sr.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00am Leonardo & Giuseppina Grippi
12:00pm Genevieve Roeder

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00am Maria Caposio Savino
12:00pm Rosetta Bruculeri & Giovanna Bordenca

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00am Marvic Comunale (Living— Birthday)
12:00pm John Pham

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 (Saints Simon & Jude)

8:00am Patricia Gannon
12:00pm Michael McFadden

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00am Michael McFadden
5:00pm El Señor de los Milagros, Salvatore Taormina,
Edilberto Santiago, Carol Gigante,
Flora Ovani (Living—For Healing)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

(Thirty—First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am Salus L. Bitancur (Death Anniversary)
9:00am Goffredo Barretta
9:30am Sr. Helen Kearney (Living)
11:00am Jimmy G. Garcia
12:30pm Teodolina Gasca & Familia, Nestor Quizhpe,
Martina Ambrosio, Gregorio Puma,
Maria Cristina Landi, Jose Manuel Gomez
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

This week the Altar Candles are being offered in
thanksgiving to Saint Jude.

The Sanctuary Lamp is being offered for **Moses
Syldort (Living)**, requested by his Mother.



YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Last weekend's collection: **\$6,054**

Same weekend last year: **\$6,314**

(These amounts do not include donations through Faith Direct)

Last Weekend's Second Collection for
Hurricane Victims: \$2,117

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	Upper Church: 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bi-lingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) 5:00 PM (English) Lower Church: 9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak)
Weekdays	8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturday	8:00 AM
First Fridays	7:30 PM (Spanish)
Holy Days	8:00 AM, 12 PM (English) and 7:30 PM (Bilingual)
Holidays	Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30pm—4:30pm (lower church)

CHURCH HOURS:

Weekday: 7:00am—7:00pm

Weekend: 7:00am—6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Weekday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon & 1:00pm—8:30pm

Saturday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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TEXT-TO-GIVE

Another way to securely make a gift to our parish is by texting a dollar amount to **(929) 254-3850**. You will be prompted to complete a one-time registration providing your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to the phone number above.



"FALL" INTO E-GIVING

The Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. You may be aware that there is a great way of supporting our parish through "e-Giving" called **Faith Direct Service**. It is a convenient, cost-effective, efficient and secure way to make your weekly donations. To the 75 registered families of our parish who are already using Faith Direct, THANK YOU! We would like to encourage everyone else to consider using this wonderful service. You will be amazed by how easy and convenient it is.

Signing up will only take a minute, but it will save you a lot of valuable time every week. By using Faith Direct, you will also help our parish to go "green" by eliminating the many wasteful envelopes that go unused. Your recurring gifts will ensure that the ministries you care about are supported throughout the year, even when you need to be absent from a Sunday Mass. Faith Direct is a "win-win" FREE service for all of us.

Choose ANY of the following ways to sign up:

- Visit faith.direct/NY370
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at **866-507-8757**
- Text "Enroll" to **(929) 254-3850**

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 23, 2022— There will be a second collection after Communion for in support of World Mission Sunday. It is a movement of universal solidarity when each member of the church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting Christ's mission. Your gift will change lives.

November 6, 2022— There will be a second collection after Communion for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. This collection benefit all those who serve in all the six branches of the US Armed Forces, Veterans and their families so that they are able to seek sacramental preparation for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Penance, and marriage as they defend our rights of freedom, speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty. Envelopes for this collection are available by the doors of the church in the pamphlet racks. Thank you.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of October 17, 2022, 196 of our parishioners have pledged \$69,402 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$63,315 have been collected so far. If you are still considering your donation, please complete a donation envelope by the entrances of the church and or Text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255** today.

*A parte del 17 de octubre, 2022, 196 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$69,402 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$63,315 han sido colectados hasta ahora. Si todavía no han hecho su compromiso, complete un sobre de donación por las entradas de la iglesia o envíe hoy un mensaje de texto con la palabra **DONATE** al **917-336-1255**.*



This past week more than 200 Vietnamese American priests who are ministering throughout the United States gathered in Dallas, Texas for a four-day Convocation for Priests, which occurs every three years. The theme for reflection was *“Emmaus IX: Love One Another With Mutual Affection.”* (Romans 12:10). While it was a highly anticipated event for me, the Convocation was even more special for our Father Hung Tran who participates for the first time as a newly ordained priest.

This special Convocation, similar to the one that was held two weeks ago in Huntington for the priests of our own Diocese of Brooklyn, fostered community and brotherhood among Vietnamese American priests, some of whom are stationed in remote parishes or serve as the only priest of multiple mission churches in rural towns across the fifty states. The gathering included diocesan priests as well as priests who are members of various religious orders. The opportunity to spend four days together in spiritual talks, prayer, and fellowship were well-received by all. Father Hung and I enjoyed very much the reunion with our friends who have studied and served with us over the years, as well as those who have given us inspiration in our priesthood.

The keynote speaker, Bishop Thomas Thanh Nguyen of the Diocese of Orange in California, addressed the theme *“One in Christ’s Priesthood: Priestly Fraternity in Service of Unity.”* He urged the priests to reflect on our unique relationship with Christ and our common bond as brothers in the priesthood, offering practical suggestions for us to stay focused in and to seek fraternal support. I myself was invited to lead a discussion on *“The Canonical Rights and Obligations of Priests: Ministering in Today’s Complex and Challenging World,”* which was among the most animated activities as priests enthusiastically shared their incredibly diverse pastoral and administrative experiences. Other presentations included *“The Eucharistic Revival,” “The Catholic Priest and Social Media,” “Journeys of Vietnamese Priestly Fraternity,”* and *“Air Force Chaplaincy Program: Ministering to Our Military Men and Women.”* The experience of the gathering itself was awesome, and the incredibly delicious Vietnamese meals each day were the icing on the cake.

For me, the most moving experience during this Convocation was the Evening of Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, during which the memories of priests who passed away in the last three years were lovingly recalled. As the image of each deceased priest appeared on the large screens in the dimly lit, silent church, and a priest stood up to give a moving testimony about the deceased’s life and contributions, my heart was filled with gratitude and pride. The witness of these “spiritual giants” no doubt strengthened my own resolve to be faithful to my unique calling. It was in that intensely prayerful gathering around the Lord that I discovered the transforming energy of priestly fraternity.

Throughout the Convocation, Father Hung and I reminded each other to pray for each of you, each family, and each group of our parish. We lifted your hopes and fears, blessings and concerns, to the Lord at the Altar, knowing that many of you have also been praying for us. We appreciate all your emails and messages of encouragement. I am convinced that this joyful and holy experience will bear copious fruit in our ministry among you!

Yours in Christ’s peace,
Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



La semana pasada, más de 200 sacerdotes estadounidenses de origen vietnamita que están ministrando en los Estados Unidos se reunieron en Dallas, Texas, para una Convocatoria de Sacerdotes de cuatro días, que se lleva a cabo cada tres años. El tema de reflexión fue *"Emaús IX: Amense unos a otros con afecto mutuo."* (Romanos 12:10). Si bien fue un evento muy esperado para mí, la Convocatoria fue aún más especial para nuestro Padre Hung Tran, quien participa por primera vez como sacerdote recién ordenado.

Esta Convocatoria especial, similar a la que se llevó a cabo hace dos semanas en Huntington para los sacerdotes de nuestra propia Diócesis de Brooklyn, fomentó la comunidad y la hermandad entre los sacerdotes vietnamitas estadounidenses, algunos de los cuales están estacionados en parroquias remotas o sirven como el único sacerdote de múltiples iglesias misioneras en pueblos rurales a lo largo de los cincuenta estados. La reunión incluyó a sacerdotes diocesanos, así como a sacerdotes que son miembros de varias órdenes religiosas. La oportunidad de pasar cuatro días juntos en charlas espirituales, oración y compañerismo fue bien recibida por todos. El padre Hung y yo disfrutamos mucho el reencuentro con nuestros amigos que han estudiado y servido con nosotros a lo largo de los años, así como con aquellos que nos han inspirado en nuestro sacerdocio.

El orador principal, el obispo Thomas Thanh Nguyen de la Diócesis de Orange en California, abordó el tema *"Uno en el sacerdocio de Cristo: Fraternidad sacerdotal al servicio de la unidad."* Instó a los sacerdotes a reflexionar sobre nuestra relación única con Cristo y nuestro vínculo común como hermanos en el sacerdocio, ofreciendo sugerencias prácticas para que nos mantengamos enfocados y busquemos apoyo fraterno. Yo mismo fui invitado a dirigir una discusión sobre *"Los derechos canónicos y las obligaciones de los sacerdotes: el ministerio en el mundo complejo y desafiante de hoy,"* que estuvo entre las actividades más animadas, ya que los sacerdotes compartieron con entusiasmo sus experiencias pastorales y administrativas increíblemente diversas. Otras presentaciones incluyeron *"El renacimiento eucarístico," "El sacerdote católico y las redes sociales," "Viajes de la fraternidad sacerdotal vietnamita"* y *"Programa de capellanía de la Fuerza Aérea: Ministrando a nuestros hombres y mujeres militares."* La experiencia de la reunión en sí fue increíble, y las comidas vietnamitas increíblemente deliciosas de cada día fueron la guinda del pastel.

Para mí, la experiencia más conmovedora durante esta Convocatoria fue la Noche de Adoración Eucarística del martes, durante la cual se recordaron con amor los recuerdos de los sacerdotes que fallecieron en los últimos tres años. A medida que la imagen de cada sacerdote fallecido aparecía en las pantallas gigantes de la iglesia silenciosa y tenuemente iluminada, y un sacerdote se ponía de pie para dar un testimonio conmovedor sobre la vida y las contribuciones del difunto, mi corazón se llenó de gratitud y orgullo. El testimonio de estos "gigantes espirituales" sin duda fortaleció mi propia determinación de ser fiel a mi llamado único. Fue en ese encuentro intensamente orante en torno al Señor que descubrí la energía transformadora de la fraternidad sacerdotal.

A lo largo de la Convocatoria, el Padre Hung y yo nos recordamos el uno al otro orar por cada uno de ustedes, cada familia y cada grupo de nuestra parroquia. Elevamos sus esperanzas y temores, bendiciones y preocupaciones al Señor en el Altar, sabiendo que muchos de ustedes también han estado orando por nosotros. Agradecemos todos sus correos electrónicos y mensajes de aliento. ¡Estoy convencido de que esta gozosa y santa experiencia dará abundantes frutos en nuestro ministerio entre vosotros!

Suyo en la paz de Cristo,
Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, October 23

10:00am—3:00pm	CYO	Gym
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Fatima+ Upper Room
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B
3:00pm—5:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Nazareth
4:00pm—8:30pm	San Diego Alcalá	Guadalupe A/B

Monday, October 24

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
5:00pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
6:30pm—8:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima

Tuesday, October 25

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
3:30pm—6:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
5:00pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
5:30pm—6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm—9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe+ Fatima
7:00pm—9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth

Wednesday, October 26

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
4:30pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
7:30pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Lourdes B

Thursday, October 27

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe A/B
6:00pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
7:30pm—9:00pm	Bilingual Choir	Nazareth
7:30pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Guadalupe B

Friday, October 28

10:00am—11:30am	Porque Ser Catolico?	Lourdes A/B
7:30pm—9:00pm	English RCIA	Fatima
7:30pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Guadalupe A

Saturday, October 29

9:00am—12:30pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
10:00am—1:00pm	Saturday Lessons in Faith	Lourdes A/B
2:30pm—4:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir	Nazareth
6:30pm—8:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
7:00pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Guadalupe A+ Nazareth

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spiritual writers speak of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as “the Mass held in contemplation.” As a way of encouraging devotion to the Eucharist, we invite all parishioners to come and spend some time before the Real Presence of the Lord on **Friday, November 4, 2022**. Exposition and Adoration will take place right after the 8:00am Mass and will conclude with Solemn Benediction before the start of the 12 Noon Mass.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY



October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The Church honors Mary in gratitude for her protection in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. As St. John Paul II taught, the Rosary is a contemplative prayer that has great intercessory power; whoever recites it is united to Mary in meditating the mysteries of Christ and is led to invoke the grace proper to these mysteries in the multiple situations of life and history. Praying the Rosary can help the world in mysterious ways. Where governments, councils and committees have failed to bring peace, something so simple as praying the Rosary has saved peoples and nations. The Rosary is simple, yet like the Gospel, its power is unsurpassed in human history. Great people like Saint Bernadette, Saint Benedict Joseph Labre, Saint John Marie Vianney, Saint Padre Pio, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Dorothy Day, Mother Teresa and our beloved St. John Paul II were devoted to the Rosary. This month, make this your favorite prayer and see its power at work in you!

PLANNED GIVING RECOMMENDED



Did you know that there are ways to support our parish and the mission of the Church that can also **provide you with tax benefits...and potentially even a source of income?** If you have an asset such as appreciated stocks, a retirement plan, art, real estate or other assets, a planned gift could be a smarter way to give than cash alone. With a planned gift, like those mentioned above, you can sustain our beloved parish while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family. If you are interested in learning more contact our diocesan Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage all who worship with us to consider joining our parish officially. Registering will enable our parish to serve your spiritual needs better. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. Your active participation will strengthen your faith and your sense of belonging in God's family.

Registrarse oficialmente permitirá que nuestra parroquia les pueda servir sus necesidades espirituales mejor. Por favor devuelva este formulario en la colecta o déjelo en la oficina parroquial. Su participación activa fortalecerá su fe y su sentido de pertenencia en la familia de Dios.

Last Name/Apellido: _____

First Name/Nombre: _____

Spouse/Espos(a): _____

Address/Dirección: _____

_____ ZIP _____

Telephone/Telefono: _____

E-mail/Correo electrónico: _____

PLEASE CHECK/ MARQUE SUS OPCIONES

New Registration Change of Name/Address

I prefer envelopes I prefer E-giving

INFANT BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting

Tuesday—7:00pm—Institute

November 22, 2022

NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

Baptism Ceremony

Sunday—2:00pm—Church

November 27, 2022

FECHAS DE BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

Reunión de Preparación

Martes—6:00pm—Instituto

8 de Noviembre, 2022

6 de Diciembre, 2022

Ceremonia de Bautismo

Dom.—2:00pm—Iglesia

13 de Noviembre, 2022

11 de Diciembre, 2022

ALL SOULS MASSES

This year All Souls Day will be on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. The names of those deceased from this parish in the past year will be read at the 8:00am, 12:00pm & 7:30pm masses. You may write names of your deceased loved ones on the envelopes available by the entrance of the church.



CHILDREN'S OFFERING ENVELOPES

Starting this month, students enrolled in our parish's Religious Education Program have been asked to bring their own offering envelopes to Sunday Mass. These weekly envelopes have been distributed to them for their use at any Sunday Mass.

This is a way for us to foster faithful Mass attendance and commitment among children. Parents: please note that **THESE ENVELOPES ARE FOR THE CHILDREN ONLY, NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH YOUR FAMILY'S NORMAL WEEKLY ENVELOPES.** The idea is that a child's donation, no matter how small, should represent a small sacrifice and act of thanksgiving to the Lord from his or her own weekly allowance. We will use those envelopes to check the children's Sunday Mass attendance.

The envelopes themselves contain clip art pictures that children can color and fill in as a fun and educating activity. Please feel free to take them home from church for your children, even if they are not yet participating in our Religious Education Program.

SOBRES DE OFRENDA PARA NIÑOS

Empezando este mes, estudiantes registrados en nuestro programa de educación religiosa, se les ha pedido traer sus propios sobres de ofrenda a la Santa Misa Dominical. Estos sobres semanales han sido distribuidos para su uso en cualquier misa Dominical.

Esta es una manera de enseñar compromiso de asistencia a la Misa para los niños. Padres: por favor notar que **LOS SOBRES SON PARA LOS NIÑOS SOLAMENTE, NO DEBEN SER CONFUNDIDOS CON LOS SOBRES SEMANALES REGULARES DE SU FAMILIA.** La idea es que la donación de su niño, sin importar que tan pequeña la ofrenda, representa un pequeño sacrificio y acto de agradecimiento al Señor. Usamos estos sobres para contar la asistencia de Misa.

Los sobres contienen arte que pueden colorear por diversión y como una actividad educativa. Ustedes puede llevarse un sobre a la casa para sus niños aunque todavía no estén participando en el programa de Educación Religiosa.

MES DEL ROSARIO



Octubre está dedicado al Santísimo Rosario. La Iglesia honra a María en agradecimiento por su protección en respuesta al rezo del Rosario de los fieles. Como nos enseñó San Juan Pablo II, el Rosario es una oración contemplativa que tiene un

gran poder de intercesión; quien lo recita se une a María en la meditación de los misterios de Cristo y es llevado a invocar la gracia propia de estos misterios en las múltiples situaciones de la vida y de la historia. Rezar el Rosario puede ayudar al mundo de maneras misteriosas. Donde los gobiernos, consejos y comités no han logrado traer la paz, algo tan simple como el rezo del Rosario ha salvado pueblos y naciones. El Rosario es simple, pero como el Evangelio, su poder es insuperable en la historia humana. Grandes personas como Santa Bernardita, San Benito José Labre, San Juan María Vianney, San Padre Pío, Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús, Dorothy Day, Madre Teresa y nuestro amado San Juan Pablo II fueron devotos del Rosario. ¡Este mes, haz de esta tu oración favorita y observa su poder obrando en ti!

DONACIONES PLANIFICADAS RECOMENDADAS

A graphic with the text "LEGADO ESPIRITUAL" in white, stylized letters against a blue background with white clouds. A white dove is flying to the right of the text.

¿Sabía que hay formas de apoyar a nuestra parroquia y la misión de la Iglesia que también pueden proporcionarle beneficios fiscales... y potencialmente incluso una fuente de ingresos? Si tiene un activo, como acciones apreciadas, un plan de jubilación, obras de arte, bienes raíces u otros activos, una donación planificada podría ser una forma más inteligente de dar que solo efectivo. Con una donación planificada, como las mencionadas anteriormente, puede sostener nuestra querida parroquia y al mismo tiempo tomar decisiones financieras inteligentes para beneficiar a su familia. Si está interesado en obtener más información, comuníquese con nuestra Fundación Católica diocesana al 718-965-7375.

DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

“Todo el que se humilla será enaltecido.” Este humilde servicio como Sacerdote, Diacono, o en una vida consagrada es el camino de santidad y eterna gloria en Cristo. Póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Vocaciones al 718.827.2454 o correo electrónico: vocations@diobrook.org.



SEGUNDA COLECTA

23 de Octubre— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión en apoyo el Domingo de Las Misiones. Es un movimiento universal de solidaridad adonde todos los miembros de la Iglesia toma parte en la misión de Cristo, sin importar la ubicación. Su regalo hará una gran diferencia en muchas vidas.

6 de Noviembre— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para la Archidiócesis de los Servicios Militares. Esta colecta beneficia a todos los que sirven en las 6 ramas de las Fuerzas Armadas, veteranos y sus familias para buscar preparación sacramental para Bautizo, Comunión, Confirmación y Matrimonio mientras que defienden nuestros derechos de libertad. Los sobre para esta colecta están disponibles por las entradas de la iglesia. Gracias por su generosidad.

“CAER” EN E-GIVING

La temporada del otoño es un buen momento de administrar sus donaciones. Tal vez ya saber sobre nuestro servicio de **Faith Direct**. Es una manera conveniente, costo-efectivo, eficiente y segura de hacer sus donaciones semanales. **A las 75 familias que ya estan registradas, GRACIAS! Les invitamos a todos los demas a considerar usar esta servicio maravilloso. Sera sorprendido de cual facil y conviniente es Faith Direct.**

Usando Faith Direct, ayudara a que nuestra parroquia salve al medio ambiente, eliminando los sobres sin uso que producen gasto y basura. Sus donaciones recurrentes asegurara que los ministerios que les importa tengan apoyo por todo el año, aun cuando tenga que estar ausente.

Es fácil empezar. Estas son las formas de registrarse:

- Visite faith.direct/NY370
- Llame a Servicio al Cliente de Faith Direct — **866-507-8757**
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con la palabra "Inscribirse" a **(929) 254-3850**.

A graphic with the text "Dar a su alcance" in white, bold letters. To the right of the text is a photograph of a young woman with long dark hair, smiling and looking at her phone. She is wearing a light-colored jacket.

DÍA DE TODAS LAS ALMAS

Este año, el día de todas las almas es el miércoles, 2 de noviembre. Los nombres de los fallecidos de nuestra parroquia en el último año serán leídos en todas las misas, a las 8:00am, 12:00pm y 7:30pm. Además, pueden escribir los nombres de sus seres queridos en los sobres disponibles por las entradas de la Iglesia.

Día de Todas las Almas

2 de Noviembre, 2022



SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS



You are invited to join us for Holy Mass on October 29, 2022 at the 5:00pm Mass in Honor of Our Lord of Miracles

Join us for a small gathering in the Lower Church after Mass

The Holy Rosary is Monday through Friday after the Noon Mass.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

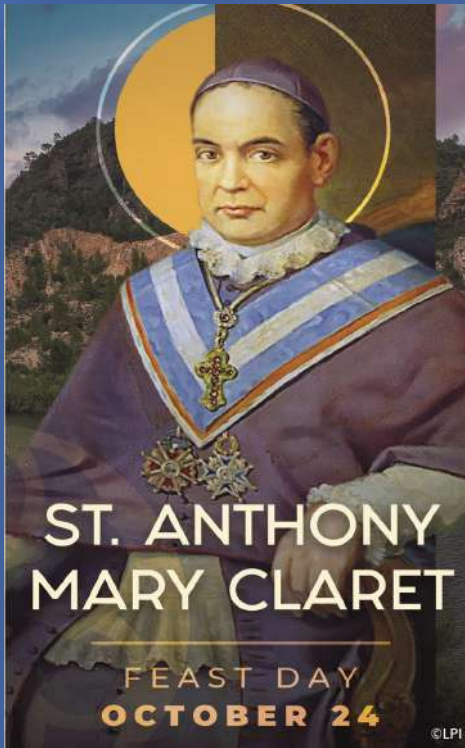
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

There is a thing called "false piety." It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God's attention. Forming an exclusive "club," they divide things between "mine" and "yours" and "us" and "them." They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game's name.

The requirements for "club membership" are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of "status" or "salvation," they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to "my beliefs," "my parish," and "my way of thinking," they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered "least" in the kingdom.



God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether or not you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you're joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly "pious." They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It's only between you and God. It is nobody else's business.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Anthony Mary Claret is also known as the "spiritual father of Cuba." He was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. He became a weaver, like his father, and was very talented. But he studied in his spare time to become a priest and was ordained in 1835. In 1849 the saint founded the Claretians, a religious institute of missionaries, and a companion order of women religious who served as teachers for girls. From 1850 to 1857 he served as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, where he worked diligently to reform both clergy and laity. He opposed concubinage and instructed black slaves, and championed family-owned farms instead of the mass farming of a sugar cash crop. These stances were vehemently opposed by many, and Saint Anthony was the target of assassins.

He was recalled to act as Queen Isabella II's confessor, a duty he reluctantly agreed to, with the exception that he would reside away from the court, attending the household only to hear confessions and instruct the children. While in Spain he founded the Religious Publishing House and wrote or published 200 Catholic books and pamphlets. He went into exile to France with the Queen's household during the Spanish Revolution of 1868.

The saint returned to Rome to Participate in the Vatican | where he defended the infallibility of the Pope. He died in France in 1870 and was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Remembering our deceased loved ones by having them prayed for at Mass on every first Friday of the month — the day traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a meaningful way to express our love. Those enrolled the Purgatorial Society will be remembered for a whole year. We have just enrolled Pedro Acevedo, Genara Acevedo, Carlo Cerone, Orlando R. Cabangon, Victor Zambrano, Christina Gabriella Silva, Noel Gilligan, Alfredo Fernandez, Anita Rudan, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Margaret Depoli, Carmen Arbuthnott.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Would you like the parish community to pray for your loved ones who are sick or suffering in our daily Mass? You may enroll their names in our Prayer List by calling the office. This is a meaningful way to comfort and console those who are most in need of healing and peace through the power of prayer. We are praying for Claire Kennedy, Rosa Polizzi, Robert Lohman, Joan Calahan.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITY

"All those who humble themselves will be exalted." Is humble service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life your path to holiness and eternal glory in Christ? Contact the Vocation Office at 718.827.2454 or email vocations@diobrook.org.



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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

To be humble means to see ourselves as we are. It comes with the recognition that we are never perfect, better than another, or free of sin. The humble person knows their faults and failings as well as their successes and triumphs. They also realize that they are nothing without God, especially God's mercy. The humble one knows who they are, who they can be, and how they have fallen short. Being desperately in love with God, they know how they have sometimes given in to their desires rather than God's will, almost with a sense of embarrassment. Being justified in our relationship with God is not about a list of the good things we do and the bad things we don't. We are vindicated when we realize how totally dependent we are upon God's gratuitous, abundant, and unconditional love. It is a gift we often take for granted and is often unappreciated.

SPARKING HOLINESS

If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact - we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment.

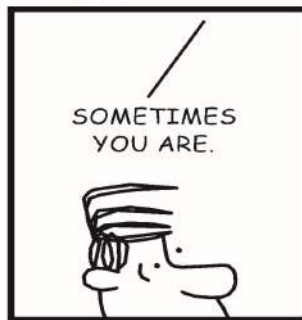
But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves - either through money or through time - he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is "time, talent, and treasure." Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



What is a Sacramental Seal and where did it come from?

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit, and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why

these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

