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Sunday, January 28, 2018 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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2380 Belmont Avenue
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Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm (Vigil Mass - 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 SCHOOL 2465 Bathgate Avenue

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday, January 28th| Fourth Sunday in O. T.
8:30am John Keane (L) for success on his exams
9:30am Para la salud de Sierra Crisp
11:00am Daniela Michelli
12:15pm Michele Sabatino
1:30pm Pro Populo

Monday, January 29th | Weekday
8:30am Salvatore & Giuseppina Florio
12**:00pm** Richard Pizzonia
6:30pm Antonio Russo

Tuesday, January 30th | Weekday
8:30am Eddie & Louise Zappile, Sandy Starace
12:00pm Thomas Giordano
6:30pm Lindo & Maria Borgatti

Wednesday, January 31st | St. John Bosco
8:30am Michael & Jane Verini
12:00pm Deceased of the Contento Family
6:30pm Martin Ljuljic

Thursday, February 1st | Weekday
8:30am Deceased of the Borgatti Family
12:00pm John Sgroi
6:30pm Elizabeth & Leonardo D'Aiello

Friday, February 2nd | Presentation of the Lord
8:30am Deceased Parents & Benefactors of the Missionary Sisters of the Catechism
12:00pm In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
6:30pm En Honor del Niño Jesus

Saturday, February 3rd | Weekday; St. Blaise & St. Ansgar
8:30am Anthony Luces
12:00pm Louis Constanzo
5:00pm Frances & Nicholas Longo; Christine & Thomas Covino; Jennie Salce & Frank Pappas

Sunday, February 4th| Fifth Sunday in O. T.
8:30am John Joseph Ambrose
9:30am Pro Populo
11:00am Carmen Alice Barrett
12:15pm Carole Di Salvo
1:30pm Guadalupe Lopez

+ REST IN PEACE +

Please pray for *Helen Lufrano, Edward A. Forte* and all the faithful departed

WEEKEND MASSES - 1/21/18

Collection …….....$3,878.88
Last year's collection.....$3,345.79

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE - 1/21/18

Adults: ……. 977 Children: …… 324 Total: …… 1,301

From the Desk of Father Jonathan

New York City is a desired destination for people around the world. It is the home of some of the most intelligent, talented human beings in fields as diverse as finance, media, and the arts. You have heard it said--and I think it's true--if you can make it in New York City, you can make it anywhere.

Our city also has its share of challenges. There are people without work. We have crime. We have homelessness. Some of our homeless brothers and sisters are in shelters and others are on the street. Many of those on the street are suffering addiction or mental illness.

Our great neighborhood is not exempt from these challenges. Our parish is called to welcome and serve everyone, especially those who are most in need of God's love and our care. When I walk into our offices and see families or individuals being loved and serviced by our religious sisters or office staff with clothes and food, I am edified. When we are able to refer someone to addiction programs or other services, as we do often, I am edified. We will continue to look for more and better ways to serve these beautiful children of God.

This said, our church building is not a shelter. It is not a good place for the homeless to sleep or eat. It is not a place for anyone to disrupt people who are trying to pray in silence or in the Liturgy.

I would like to ask for your help in maintaining a quiet and safe environment in the church. If you see someone causing a disruption, first pray for the person in question, then inform a staff member in the church (priests, sisters, sacristan, or maintenance personnel). If there is no staff member in the church, please step outside the church and use your cell phone to call the parish office (718-295-3770). We will immediately send a member of our team to take care of the situation. If you believe the situation is dangerous to yourself or others, don't hesitate to call 911.

With the goal of maintaining a quiet and s afe environment in the church, we a re looking for volunteers, simply to be present in the church, when staff members are elsewhere. On weekdays, we need people especially between 1:00pm and 3:00pm and 5:00pm - 6:00pm. On the weekends, we need people on Sunday afternoons from 3:00pm - 6:00pm. Many churches in our City are closed outside of mass times. I don't want to do this. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.

Let's keep in mind that if we have a perfectly safe and quiet church, but we are not loving and caring for the needy, we are failing as disciples of Christ. I'm inspired by so many of you who act with kindness and charity to the people in our neighborhood in desperate situations. When I see you greet them, help them, I know too you are praying for them.

God bless, *Father Jonathan*

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

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I VERI PROFETI

Gesù inizia il suo ministero annunciando il vangelo del regno di Dio (Mc 1,15). Si ha un regno quando c'è un popolo governato da un'autorità sovrana che esercita il suo potere per mezzo della legge.

Dio è Santo ed esercita il suo dominio per mezzo della potenza dello Spirito Santo; la sua unica legge è l'amore. Vive nel regno di Dio chi, nella libertà dell'amore, si sottomette all'azione potente del suo Spirito che "è Signore e dà la vita". Adamo ed Eva con il peccato si sono ribellati a Dio sottraendosi alla sua sovranità, ed a causa loro tutti gli uomini sono stati costituiti peccatori (Rm 5,12) per cui "giacciono sotto il potere del Maligno" (1Gv 5,15), il quale regna sull'uomo con la forza della menzogna e con la legge del peccato.

Gesù Cristo, nuovo Adamo, sottomesso al Padre con una obbedienza spinta fino alla morte di croce (Fil 2,8), ripieno di Spirito Santo e rivestito di potenza dall'alto al battesimo del Giordano, inizia la sua missione instaurando il regno di Dio con autorità. I demoni si sottomettono a lui, manifestando così che il loro potere sull'uomo ormai volge al termine e che il regno di Dio è entrato nel mondo. La parola di Gesù, al contrario di quella degli altri maestri del tempo, non tende a diffondere delle opinioni dottrinali, chiama invece gli uomini all'obbedienza a lui (1Pt 1,2) per mezzo della fede(cf. Rm 1,5; 6,16-17), la pratica dei suoi comandamenti(Gv 14,21) e la guida del suo Santo Spirito. Oggi è compito della Chiesa, cioè di ogni cristiano, far arrivare il regno di Dio ad ogni uomo su questa terra.

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MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of
Rocco Cavalieri

by Jean Neglio

WEDDING BANNS

I. Christopher Fazio & Josephine Graci

St. Blaise—Blessing of the Throats

Saturday, February 3rd

After the 8:30am and Noon Masses

~ St Blaise, pray for us ~

PROFETAS VERDADEROS

Hoy en Deuteronomio oímos que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso pondrá, por así decirlo, palabras meramente humanas en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según san Marcos, vemos a Jesús enseñando y curando como un profeta verdadero con la autoridad de la voz de Dios. La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de ambos tipos de profetas. Algunos profetas falsos fueron extremadamente populares y eran muy versados en la Sagrada Escritura, incluso ocupaban puestos de autoridad eclesial. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy descubrimos que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; no era una autoridad porque fuera popular o famoso. En otra parte, descubrimos con él, cuando es tentado y enfrenta a Satanás en el desierto, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso si estos van en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Hoy oímos que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que eran la autoridad oficial religiosa en su época. Nuestra tarea es hacer todo lo posible por saber identificar a los verdaderos profetas que están entre nosotros y también a ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no debemos endurecer nuestros corazones cuando escuchamos a Dios. Si realmente escuchamos a Dios, Dios pondrá sus palabras en nuestra boca.

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CLASES DE INGLES

Martes, Miercoles y Jueves

* 9:00 a.m. hasta las 11:00 a.m. *

* 12:00 p.m. hasta las 2:00 p.m. *

Escribense a la oficina

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6:30 p.m.

¡Vengan con sus familias!

Lectors for February 2nd & 3rd

5:00pm	A. Zervos & S. Hernandez
8:30am	B. Rivera & N. Watson
9:30am	TBA
11:00am	M. Barrett & N. Trombetta
12:15pm	M. Gerbasi & V. Vera
1:30pm	TBA

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Saturday, February 17th

8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Fatima Hall

Tickets $20 (Dinner included)
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Post-Abortion Days of Healing

Call the Sisters of Life—1—866-575-0075
or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org
February 10th, March 17th,
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