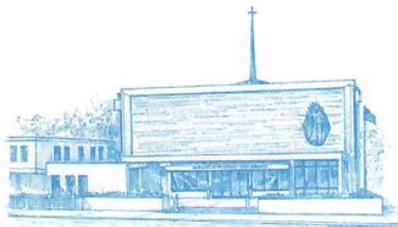
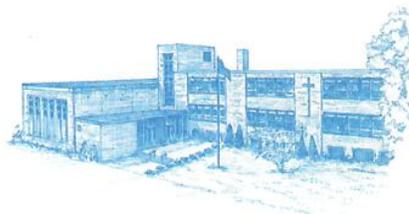


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Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (English),
7:30 pm (Español)
Sunday: 10:00 am (English)
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
& 6:00 pm (Español)
Weekdays: 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays (English)
7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

Holyday Masses Times, language and places will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

Misas Festivas El tiempo, el idioma y el lugar será publicado en el boletín del domingo.

Baptism

You must register at the Parish Office and present the birth certificate. You will then be guided through the process. Preparation includes establishing affiliation, attending class and reflecting on how to choose Sponsors. The process will take about 3 months. Baptism Ceremony: Third Saturday of the month at 11:00am.

Religious Education

If you would like information regarding our Religious Education Program for children or adults, please call Natalia at 475-295-2293.

Reconciliation/Reconciliacion: Saturday: 4:15- 4:45 pm; 6:45 pm-7:15 pm (Español). Priest is available upon request or by appointment. El sacerdote estará disponible con cita también

Marriage/Boda: Arrangements should be made at least (6) months in advance. Only parish members will be allowed to register. Los arreglos deben de hacerse al menos (6) seis meses por adelantado. Solo parroquianos se pueden registrar.

Sweet Sixteen/Quinceañeras: Please register with Rosie at 347-318-2110 at least (6) months in advance. Favor de registrarse con Rosie al 347-318-2110 por lo menos (6) meses por adelantado.

Bautismo

Hay que inscribirse en la oficina y presentar la acta de nacimiento. Un miembro del Equipo Bautismal se comunicara para visitarte. La preparación incluye saber si eres miembro de la parroquia, asistir a dos clases y reflexión sobre como elegir a los Padrinos. El proceso demora tres meses. Ceremonia del bautismo; Cada primer y tercer sabado del mes a las 12:00pm.

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Today's Readings



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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday– February 19

8:00am- † Rev. Gerald T. Huyett, S.J.
 5:00pm~Birthday Blessing Bella Gambita
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Jesuits USA
 Offered by: Talaid Family

Sunday – February 20

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 10:00am- † Rev. John J. Campbell, S.J.
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

Monday – February 21

8:00am-† Maria Teresa Hernandez Zeceña
 12:05pm- † NO MASS
 7:00pm- † NO MASS

Offered by: Teresa Reyes

Tuesday – February 22

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – February 23

8:00am- † Maria Scaltrito
 12:05pm- † Albert Delesky
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Christine Frulio

Offered by: Kevin Cioffi

Thursday – February 24

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – February 25

8:00am- † Robert N. Teeter
 12:05pm-†Rev. Joseph W. Koterski, S.J.
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Loyola School

Offered by: Jesuits USA

Saturday – February 26

8:00am- † Rev. Philip S. Kiley, S.J.
 5:00pm- † Angel Guzman Bolanos
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Jesuits USA

Offered by: Linda Graves

Sunday – February 27

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 10:00am- † Vincent Esposito
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Annette Esposito

WEEKLY CANDLE MEMORIALS

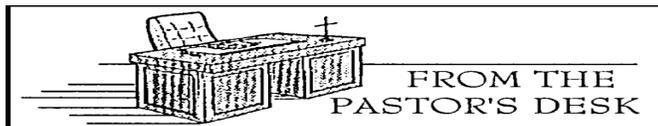
- Bread & Wine ~ †
- Tabernacle Candle ~ †
- Memorial Candle ~ †
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“Jesus' instruction consists in imitating the Father in the perfection of love. He forgives his enemies. Let us think of the tenderness with which Jesus receives Judas in the Garden of Olives, when revenge was thought among the disciples, Jesus chooses love.” (Pope Francis)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you” (Luke 6:27-38)

The love that Jesus taught us is a love without limits since He told us: **“Love your enemies.”** This commandment is a challenge to the values of our society and to common sense itself. Perhaps we even ask ourselves *“why should I love those who have done us harm”*. However, the mercy that is part of the DNA of our faith invites us to give love forever as Jesus told us. It is not we who act with mercy and love, but the mercy and love of God. He gave us **Jesus as a testimony of love.** Jesus' love comes with forgiveness and the ability to forget. That is why this Eucharist wants to be a true hymn to the true love that is born from the mercy of God.

Even before we learn from Jesus about the importance of being merciful to others, the young **King David** gives us a lesson on this kind of love when he was harassed by Saul.

It was up to David and his army to kill or take prisoner **King Saul**. But David preferred forgiveness and mercy rather than attack of the Lord's chosen one. It is good from time to time to give ourselves space to reflect on how we react in the face of possible negative situations. Let us ask for the grace to be like Jesus and always be willing to forgive, even loving those who offended us because **“with the same measure we use, we will be measured.”** It is always great to forgive and be forgiven. The degree of compassion we have for our neighbor, the language of peace that we use in our conflicts and the fact that we never take advantage of those who are our enemies will always be a living testimony of our faith.

The **Golden Rule** that Jesus teaches us: **“Do to others what you would like them to do to you,”** is raised to what today we could call “love without limits” since the Divine Master tells us: *“Love your enemies, do good and lend without waiting.”* Jesus does not ask us to be merely tolerant but to take a positive attitude and know how to love. The love and mercy that flow from God himself are always proactive. That is, we are called to demonstrate in **“works and deeds”** our ability to love and forgive. The lives of many saints are testimony that another world is possible. Saint Ignatius, at the beginning of his conversion and in what would be the beginning of his learning of the movement of the spirits, taught us how to act. Ignatius naively tells us that he left the choice of his mule “to chase a Moor”. Thank God, the mule took Ignatius down another path where he would find the true love of God and would later make him the **Founder of the Society of Jesus**. Today his disciples, the **Jesuits**, are called to “walk with the excluded.” If we take the right path we will be able to embrace our brothers and sisters as a way to be living witnesses of a love without limits.

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Fr. Hernán, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 20: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 15:45-49

February 27: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7
Psalms 92:2-3, 13-16
1 Corinthians 15:54-58



MUSIC NOTES FROM B.V.M. - Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. Your penance will be to sing Latin Gregorian Chants!! The Entrance Chant will be "Parce Domine" which we have sung for the past 3 years at every Sunday Lenten Mass, so no excuses for not knowing this piece. The new *Sanctus* may be a bit more of a challenge. This *Sanctus* is sung in many churches all over the world. It's time for Mt. Carmel to catch up! The melody and rhythm are fairly simple, but you may need to practice the Latin words. Please do your best to "make a joyful noise to the Lord" especially during this very holy season. **YOU CAN DO IT!**

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 2, 2022 is a penitent service that uses ash to mark the sign of the cross on the believer's forehead, symbolizing our sinful nature and need for salvation. During these forty days called Lent the Lord Jesus Christ Himself invites us to walk with Him on the Way of the Cross. This simple but solemn service is an invitation every year to all who have the spiritual eyes to see its opportunity and open hearts to receive its invitation. Like all gifts, it is up to us to accept it and open its potential through our response, our free choice, to follow the Way of Jesus the Lord. It concludes and is followed by a joyous Easter Sunday celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. Ashes are for ALL Catholics who have received the Sacrament of Penance and not intended for babies or young children who are not capable of personal sin. Ashes will be distributed **ONLY** during Masses. **SCHEDULE: 8:00 AM & 12:05 PM (English); 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM (Spanish).**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - will begin on **March 4, 2022**. This devotion helps us understand God's love for each one of us, who gave us his own Son for our liberation. We will pray the stations **EVERY FRIDAY** during Lent after the 12:05 PM (English) and 7:00 PM (Spanish) Masses.

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2022 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2022 Cardinal's Appeal has begun! It is a campaign for charity and pastoral. It exists to fund the vast educational and pastoral outreach of our Archdiocese, all of which serve to make Christ known in the world.

In the coming weeks you will receive information about the Cardinal's Appeal.

Help our parish reach its goal by visiting www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate today and making your pledge.

Learn more here: <https://cardinalsappeal.org/areas-of-support>.

NEW WORLD PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL - for grades K-8 will have an Open House on Saturday, March 12th from 10am—12pm at their schools on 130 Merrill Avenue and in the St Adalbert School building. Call (718)705-8990.

PRAYER & REFLECTION DAY FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS - Lenten Day of Prayer & Reflection for Liturgical Ministers Saturday, March 12th from 10:00am-3:00pm. St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers \$30 (includes lunch). Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, and Parish Musicians are invited to come together and reflect on Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection and discover its meaning for their lives, their ministry, and their parish communities. The presenter will be Fr. Sebastian White, O.P., Editor-in-Chief, Magnificat Magazine. For more information and to register, go to: nyliturgy.org/dayofreflection or contact: liturgy@archny.org or call 914.968.6200, x8177.

FREE TAX PREPARATION - If you need assistance preparing you 2021 taxes, good news, there is places that offer free services. You are eligible for this free service if you worked or received unemployment in 2021 and earned \$72,000 or less with dependents or \$50,000 or less without dependents. For more information about documents, locations and how to schedule your appointment, call 718-420-6466 or 718-273-6737. Leave your name and number for a help center staff to call you back.

NYC DEPT. OF YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - is now accepting applications for summer internships through its Ladders for Leaders program. It is open for youth ages 16 to 21. The program provides pre-employment training, interview prep, financial literacy and more. To learn more about Ladders for Leaders and other DYCD programs please visit their website <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dycd/index.page>

BASKET AUCTION - St. Peter's Boys High School Parents' Club will sponsor its Annual Basket Auction on Friday, March 11, 2022 in the school gym at 200 Clinton Ave., SI, NY 10301. Advanced registration will guarantee your admission and can be made at stpetersboyshs.org or call the school at 718-447-1676. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Admission is \$10.00. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 admitted.



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