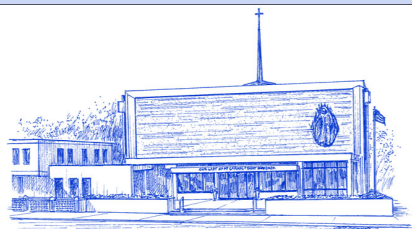


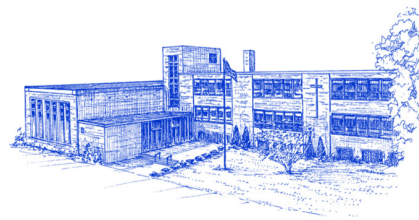
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Saturday: 5:00 pm (English)
7:30 pm (Español)
Sunday: 10:00 am (English)
8:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
& 6:00 pm (Español)
Weekdays: 12:05 pm Monday thru Friday (English)
7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

Holy Day Masses

Times and languages will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

Misas Festivas

Los horarios y el idioma 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. Only Parish members will be allowed to register.

Religious Education

If you would like information regarding our Religious Education Program for children or adults, please call Natalia at the rectory.

Reconciliation /Reconciliación:

Saturdays 4:15pm-4:45pm (English).

A priest is available upon request or by appointment.

Sábados 6:15pm-7:15pm (Español). Un sacerdote estará disponible con cita.

Matrimonios:

Los preparativos deben hacerse al menos (6) SEIS meses por adelantada. Este sacramento solo se ofrece a nuestros parroquianos inscritos y activos. Para mayor información pueden llamar a Rosie al 347-318-2110.

Quinceañeras:

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Bautismo

Debe de inscribirse en la oficina y presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/a. Un miembro del Equipo Bautismal se comunicará para darle seguimiento a este proceso. La preparación incluye saber si eres miembro de la parroquia, asistir a dos clases de preparación y reflexionar sobre como elegir a los Padrinos. El proceso demora (3) Tres meses. La ceremonia del bautismo es cada primer y tercer sábado del mes a las 12:00pm. Este sacramento solo se ofrece a los hijos de nuestros parroquianos inscritos y activos.

Educación Religiosa

Si usted desea información sobre nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa para niños o adultos, por favor llame a Natalia a la rectoria.



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Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God ~ January 1, 2023



Weekly Announced Mass Intentions



Saturday – December 31

~NEW YEAR'S EVE~

5:00pm~ In Thanksgiving Virgil &
Erin Wedding Anniversary &
In Thanksgiving for The Talaid Family

Offered by: Talaid Family

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – January 1

~NEW YEAR'S DAY~

10:00am- † Libby Guardiani

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – January 2

12:05pm- † NO MASS

7:00pm- † NO MASS

Tuesday – January 3

12:05pm- † Josephine Bruno

Offered by: Buckley, Nolan &
Petronella Families

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – January 4

12:05pm- † In Honor of Saint Benedicta

Offered by: Society of Saint
Benedicta

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – January 5

12:05pm - † David Simmonds

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – January 6

12:05pm - † Robert Hetzel

Offered by: Robert Hetzel, Jr.

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – January 7

5:00pm- † Shirley Swartwout

Offered by: Peg & Tom
Ventruo

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – January 8

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Msgr. Ferdinando Berardi
& John & Josephine Bruno

Offered by: Buckley, Nolan &
Petronella Families

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

WEEKLY MEMORIALS

~ Our **Bread & Wine** is offered this week
in memory of **Edward & Nell Siuzdak**

Offered by: Frank Peters

~ Our **Tabernacle Candle** is offered this week...

~ Our **Memorial Candle** burns this week
in memory of **Frank & Josephine Suizdak**

Offered by: Frank Peters

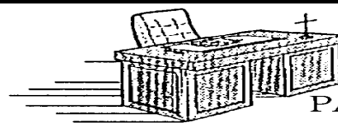
~ Our **Memorial Candle** burns this week ...

in memory of **William M. Frickenstein**

Offered by: wife, Roseanne



"If Mary is a source of inspiration and love in our prayers, it is because she shines through the power, the tenderness, the redemption of Our Lord Jesus Christ". (Bishop Romero)



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEAR 2023

"Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant" (Luke 2:16-21)

Happy New Year!

Not long ago I was listening to an old song called Hymn of my Heart. Immediately came to mind the thought of what should be the ideal start to this new year because "life is a useful book for those who can understand..."

How appropriate it is for us to think like this on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mary is a hymn of love of someone who with obedience to the Word of God becomes an active participant in the plan of redemption.

Without letting go of the desire to be good at the end of the year, today we are beginning this 2023 filled with hope that this will be a better year. The popular saying goes "new year, new life". Once again the hymn mentioned above inspires us to live with the "confidence in life". In fact, those are the same feelings of Aaron and his descendants. The Chosen People were looking forward to a new beginning in the promised land. Aaron and his children implored blessings, grace and peace upon them. Shepherds, beyond their human limitations, realized that a new beginning was taking place in Bethlehem and hurried there to see the newborn king. Mary, the young maiden, embraces the beginning of her new life as a mother, as she keeps thinking about all this and wondering what it means. So, with the same attitude of the mother of God, we can start this new year with the confidence that God is on our side because he became incarnate, he became one of us, so that we can also be children of God.

The shepherds are Jesus' first evangelizers, proclaiming the good news of great joy. Ironically, the first people they tell are Mary and Joseph themselves, who already know the good news from the angel's visit. The Birth of Jesus that we have just celebrated becomes joy for all who listen to it and is once again the center of the message in this octave of Christmas in which our world celebrates the beginning of this new year 2023.

Reflection is a habit we seem to have lost in today's world. However, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God helps us to meditate on being God's children and therefore brothers and sisters in a world that seeks peace for all. Starting a new year calls us to the solidarity of the one who, being omnipotent, was incarnated in a small child. May Jesus, Prince of Peace, Son of Mary and our brother be an inspiration for all of us to live as brothers and sisters and to work for peace. Let's each begin to write the "Hymn of my Heart" and be that useful book so that others can understand.

← CONTINUED Happy New Year! - Fr. Hernán, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 1: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7



January 8: The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2nd.
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

On behalf of our Priests and Staff, we wish you all a Happy New Year! We sincerely hope that the remembrance of Christ's birth brings you much peace and hope... We would like to thank you for your presence and prayers with our parish family. Just as the shepherds were led to a humble stable in Bethlehem to worship the infant Jesus, so have we been led to be together at this time and in this place. I hope that God's presence will be made known to you not only today but every day. Know that we pray for you, your loved ones and your intentions. Thank you for lifting us in prayer as well. May you have the grace to find happiness and joy throughout the New Year... and may we meet each day in our prayers!

FEAST OF THREE KINGS (The Solemnity of the Epiphany) - On **Sunday, January 8th**, join your Parish Family to celebrate the Epiphany of Jesus on this great Feast of the Church year. There will be a distribution of toys for children under 13 years old in the school gym from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.

50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING - Our 50/50 drawing is held on the last week of every month. 50/50 envelopes are provided in your envelope package or any envelope marked 50/50 can be used. \$5.00 is needed to win so be sure to get your entry in soon for the next drawing and good luck. Congratulations to our DECEMBER winner: **Alely Fercano** on winning \$ 310.

GIVING TREE APPRECIATION - THANK YOU To **ALL OF YOU** for your tremendous support this Christmas season and of course throughout the year. Your generosity with the Giving Tree, "ADOPT A FAMILY", allowed us to help many families within our Parish community. Thank you for your support and allowing us to achieve this incredible goal! You have made this Holiday Season brighter for us all. May God bless you abundantly. And have a Happy New Year!

LETTER FROM CARDINAL DOLAN'S DESK

Congratulations on exceeding your 2022 Cardinals Annual Stewardship Appeal goal. At its core, the Appeal exists to help make Jesus known in the world. The Appeal is a beautiful work of God's love in our Church and world, which so desperately needs Him. The parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - St. Benedicta - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish have truly responded to God's love in abundance.

Please express my heartfelt gratitude to them!

**With prayerful best wishes and eternal gratitude, I remain,
Faternally yours in Christ, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan.**

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE - Required Announcement on the Protection of Children. The Archdiocese of New York is committed to doing all it can to protect children and young people from sexual abuse. As part of that effort, we periodically write to the Catholic Community to advise them whom they may contact and what steps they can take if they have suffered abuse by someone representing the Catholic church. To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact 646-794-2949 or victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

PRAY FOR A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Lord Jesus, I thank You that You are with me, that You are in me. Resolutions might come in one year and go out the other. Open my ears this year, so that I can hear You and enjoy You at every junction, when You tell me to turn right or left. Amen.

GOD, HELP US ENTER THE NEW YEAR MINDFUL OF YOU

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well. Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose. May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honor rather than destroy. Lower of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come. May we welcome your lavish love. In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

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