

St. Mary-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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~ MASSES ~

Saturday Evening

5:00pm, 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday

8:00, 9:30am (Spanish), 11:30am

Daily (Mon-Sat)

9:00am – English

Monday & Wednesday

7:00pm – Spanish

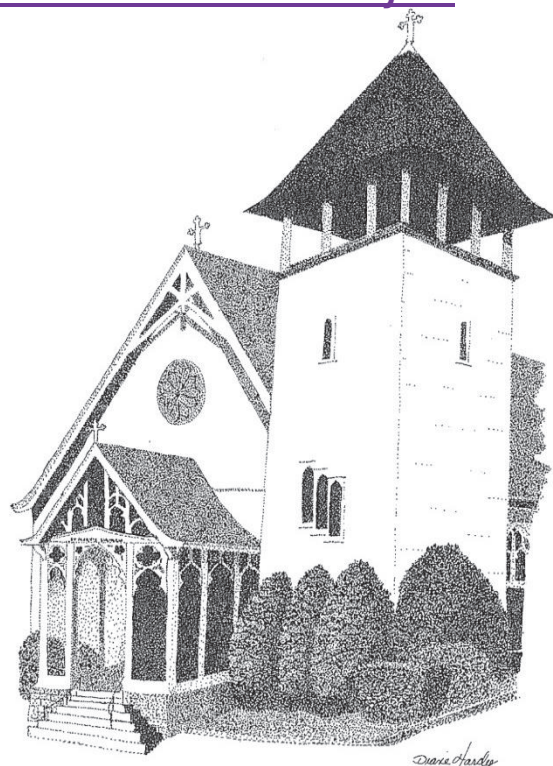
Holy Days

9:00am and 7:30pm

~ OFFICE HOURS ~

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Monday through Friday: 9:00am – 2:00pm



Rev. Joseph Akunaeziri

Pastor

Deacon Joe Patrona

Minister of Education

Christine Class

Parish Secretary

John Griffiths

Minister of Music

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor (914) 664-5855.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45pm or call office for an appointment.

Every Thursday: Silent Holy Hour

SPANISH PRAYER MEETING

Every Friday at 7:00 pm in Parish Hall.

First Friday: Healing Mass 7:30 pm

All are invited!

“Truly you have formed my inmost being; You knit me in my mother’s womb. You knew that I was there – You saw me before I was born.” (Psalm 139: 13, 16) [PRAY FOR THE UNBORN](#)

ABUSE SURVIVORS: We are grateful you are here today. We are sorry for the intense pain you suffer. We know there are many types of abuse; including sexual, physical, emotional, and psychological. We hope you find this Church community a place of sensitivity that does not exacerbate your pain. We pray that you seek the support and help you need. We also pray that God holds you in His gentle loving hands and helps you heal. Amen.

From the Pastors desk

"Stay Ready for the Master's Return" **

(Luke 12:35-40)

*"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit and be like servants who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him as soon as he comes and knocks." * — Luke 12:35-36

Today's Gospel passage invites us to reflect on the importance of vigilance and preparedness in our spiritual lives. Jesus urges us to "stay dressed for action" and keep our lamps lit, like faithful servants awaiting their master's return. This imagery is powerful: it calls us to live each day with purpose, readiness, and expectation for the coming of the Lord.

In our daily lives, it's easy to become complacent or distracted. We get caught up in routines, worries, or busyness, forgetting that life is a journey with a divine destination. Jesus reminds us that we are like servants awaiting their master's return from a wedding—a joyful occasion—yet we do not know the exact hour of his coming. This uncertainty is meant to inspire us to live with vigilance, to be always prepared to welcome Christ into our hearts and lives. Let us ask ourselves today: Are we living as if the Lord's return is

imminent? Are our lamps lit, our hearts prepared to welcome Him? Let us renew our commitment to prayer, to practicing charity, and to living with a sense of eternal perspective. Every day is an opportunity to prepare ourselves for that glorious day when Christ comes again in glory.

Rev, Joseph Akunaeziri

Mass Intentions - August 10 - August 17, 2025

Dear Community of St. Mary-Our Lady of Mount Carmel

It is with a grateful heart that I write to you expressing my sincere thanks for your support, encouraging words, and love as I make my transition to a new assignment in my diaconal ministry. Your prayers and encouragement have been a constant source of strength for me as well as my family. The love and support you have shown me as your deacon throughout the years and especially now during this time of transition and change have been a blessing and I am so grateful to God for having been a part of the faith community. I pray that God continue to bless you as you grow in the spirit of faith, hope, and love. Saint Mary-Our Lady of Mount Carmel will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for being who you are to me, and it is with humble gratitude that I express my appreciation to you, the community of Saint Mary-Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Peace and all good to you,

Deacon Joe

Sunday, 8/10	8:00 am – Darlene Pacelli (Deceased) 9:30 am – Consuelo Hernandez (Deceased) 11:30 am – Steven Ty Ortega (Deceased)
Monday 8/11	9:00 am – Jeannine Grisanti (Birthday Blessings) 7:00 pm – Clara Vazquez (Birthday Blessings)
Tuesday, 8/12	9:00 am – Marie Coughlan (Birthday in Heaven)
Wednesday 8/13	9:00 am – Mary Moran (Birthday in Heaven) 7:00 pm – Intentions for the people
Thursday, 8/14	9:00 am – Cynthia Mojica (Birthday Blessings)
Friday, 8/15	9:00 am – Christopher Class (Birthday Blessings)
Saturday, 8/16	9:00 am – Alex J. Rodriguez (Birthday Blessings) 5:00 pm – Frances Solano (1 st Anniversary in Heaven) 7:00 pm – Intentions for the people
Sunday, 8/17	8:00 am – Bernice & Archie Johnson (Deceased) 9:30 am – Intentions for the people 11:30 am – Frances Solano (1 st Anniversary in Heaven)



Online parish giving. <https://www.parishgiving.org/>

Parish Office Hours: Mon – Fri 9:00 – 2:00; Mon & Wed 5pm to 7pm **Closed:** Saturday & Sunday

Desde el escritorio del Pastor
"Prepárense para el regreso del Señor" **
(Lucas 12:35-40) *"

Prepárense para la acción, tengan sus lámparas encendidas y sean como siervos que esperan a su señor después de la fiesta de bodas, para abrirle la puerta en cuanto llegue y llame.

**— Lucas 12:35-36

El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy nos invita a reflexionar sobre la importancia de la vigilancia y la preparación en nuestra vida espiritual. Jesús nos insta a "prepararnos para la acción" y a mantener nuestras lámparas encendidas, como siervos fieles que esperan el regreso de su señor. Esta imagen es poderosa: nos llama a vivir cada día con propósito, preparación y expectativa por la venida del Señor.

En nuestra vida diaria, es fácil caer en la complacencia o la distracción. Nos dejamos llevar por la rutina, las preocupaciones o el ajetreo, olvidando que la vida es un viaje con un destino divino. Jesús nos recuerda que somos como siervos que esperan el regreso de su amo de una boda — una ocasión gozosa—, pero desconocemos la hora exacta de su venida. Esta incertidumbre nos inspira a vivir vigilantes, a estar siempre preparados para recibir a Cristo en nuestros corazones y vidas. Preguntémonos hoy: ¿Vivimos como si el regreso del Señor fuera inminente? ¿Están nuestras lámparas encendidas y nuestros corazones preparados para recibirlo? Renovemos nuestro compromiso con la oración, con la caridad y con una perspectiva eterna. Cada día es una oportunidad para prepararnos para ese día glorioso en el que Cristo venga de nuevo en gloria.

Reverendo Joseph Akunaeziri

**Querida Comunidad de Santa María-
Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo**

Con gran gratitud les escribo para expresarles mi sincero agradecimiento por su apoyo, palabras de aliento y cariño durante mi transición a una nueva asignación en mi ministerio diaconal. Sus oraciones y aliento han sido una fuente constante de fortaleza para mí y mi familia. El amor y el apoyo que me han demostrado como su diácono a lo largo de los años, y especialmente ahora durante este tiempo de transición y cambio, han sido una bendición, y estoy muy agradecido a Dios por haber sido parte de la comunidad de fe.

Ruego que Dios continúe bendiciéndolos a medida que crecen en el espíritu de fe, esperanza y amor. Santa María-Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo siempre ocupará un lugar especial en mi corazón. Gracias por ser quienes son para mí, y con humilde gratitud les expreso mi aprecio a ustedes, la comunidad de Santa María-Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo. Paz y bienestar para

ustedes,

Diácono Joe

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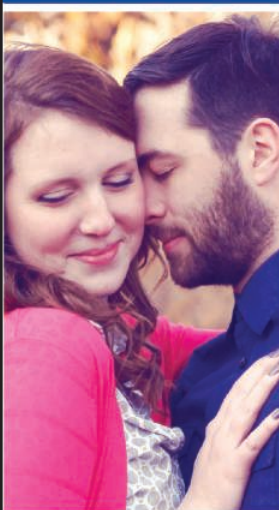
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