

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

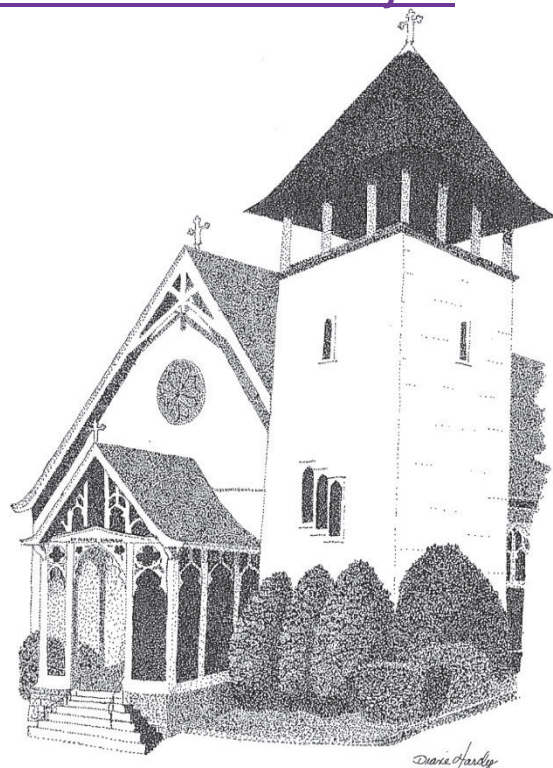
Holy Days

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

Repent and be saved” (Luke 13.3)

Today Jesus was speaking with his disciples with some harsh words, “If you do not repent, you shall perish.” These words, remind us of the urgency and significance of turning our hearts back to God.

Repentance is not merely an act of sorrow; it is a transformative process. It invites us to recognize our shortcomings; to acknowledge the ways we have strayed from God’s path, and to seek His mercy. In Luke 13:3, Jesus urges us to change our ways, not out of fear, but out of love for the Father who desires a relationship with each of us. Consider the parable of the prodigal son. The son, lost in his waywardness, found his way back home through repentance. His father, filled with compassion, welcomed him with open arms. This is the heart of our God—always ready to receive us when we turn back to Him. Yet, we must also remember that neglecting this call to repentance can lead us to spiritual stagnation and ultimately to separation from God. Life can often distract us, leading us to believe we are self-sufficient. But, dear friends, we are called to humility and to acknowledge our need for God’s grace. As we reflect on our lives, let us ask ourselves: What do we need to bring before God? What burdens do we carry that keep us from fully embracing His love? Let us not wait until it is too late to seek His forgiveness and healing.

Rev, Joseph Akunaeziri

Mass Intentions - August 24 - August 31, 2025

Sunday, 8/24	8:00 am – Juan Rodriguez (Deceased) 9:30 am – Juanita De Jesús (Deceased) 11:30 am – Elizabeth Ruddy (Deceased)
Monday 8/25	9:00 am – Liana De Leon (Birthday Blessings) 7:00 pm – Hector Casellas (Birthday Blessings)
Tuesday, 8/26	9:00 am – Luz Rodriguez (5 th Month in Heaven)
Wednesday 8/27	9:00 am – Frances Torres (Birthday in Heaven) 7:00 pm – Julio A. Delgado (Deceased) Angel Ramos (2 nd Anniversary in Heaven)
Thursday, 8/28	9:00 am – Jorge Hernandez (25 th Anniversary in Heaven)
Friday, 8/29	9:00 am – Stephen G. Bauert (8 th month in Heaven)
Saturday, 8/30	9:00 am – Francis P Scanlon (Health) 5:00 pm – Tyler Mojica (Birthday Blessings) 7:00 pm – Jason Mojica (Deceased)
Sunday, 8/31	8:00 am – Vincent Gaglione (Health) 9:30 am – Nancy Lopez (Health) 11:30 am – Michael R. Mullen (Birthday in Heaven)

Registration for CCD

Monday – Friday 9am – 2pm English

Monday & Wednesday 5pm – 7pm

Spanish

** Thanksgiving Raffle 2025!**



Support our beloved church. All proceeds from the raffle will go directly to help with the parish needs and future projects.

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 Drawing Date: November 9, 2025



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

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

Desde el escritorio del Pastor

Arrepiéntanse y sean salvos” (Lucas 13.3).

Hoy Jesús les habló a sus discípulos con palabras ambiguas: “Si no se arrepienten, perecerán”. Estas palabras nos recuerdan la urgencia y la importancia de volver nuestros corazones a Dios. El arrepentimiento no es solo un acto de tristeza; es un proceso transformador. Nos invita a reconocer nuestras faltas, a reconocer cómo nos hemos desviado del camino de Dios y a buscar su misericordia. En Lucas 13:3, Jesús nos insta a cambiar nuestro camino, no por miedo, sino por amor al Padre que desea una relación con cada uno de nosotros. Consideremos la parábola del hijo pródigo. El hijo, perdido en su desobediencia, encontró el camino de regreso a casa mediante el arrepentimiento. Su padre, lleno de compasión, lo recibió con los brazos abiertos. Este es el corazón de nuestro Dios, siempre listo para recibirnos cuando volvemos a Él. Sin embargo, también debemos recordar que descuidar este llamado al arrepentimiento puede llevarnos al estancamiento espiritual y, en última instancia, a la separación de Dios. La vida a menudo puede distraernos, haciéndonos creer que somos autosuficientes. Pero, queridos amigos, estamos llamados a la humildad y a reconocer nuestra necesidad de... La gracia de Dios. Al reflexionar sobre nuestras vidas, preguntémonos: ¿Qué debemos presentar ante Dios? ¿Qué cargas llevamos que nos impiden abrazar plenamente su amor? No esperemos a que sea demasiado tarde para buscar su perdón y sanación.

Reverendo Joseph Akunaeziri

La Inscripción para el catecismo y esta abiertas

Lunes a viernes, de 9:00 a 2:00 (inglés)
Lunes y miércoles, de 5:00 a 7:00 (español)

🌟 Rifa de Acción de Gracias 2025 🌟🍁

¡Apoyar a nuestra querida iglesia! Todos los fondos recaudados de la rifa serán destinados directamente a las necesidades de la parroquia y a futuros proyectos.

🎫 ¡Los boletos ya están disponibles!

🎫 Costo: \$100 por boleto

Fecha del sorteo: 9 de noviembre de 2025

Weekly Collection

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August 18, 2024 \$2,738.00



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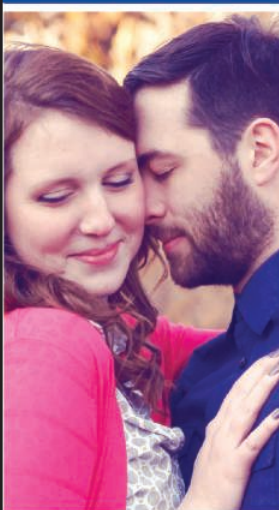
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