

# 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

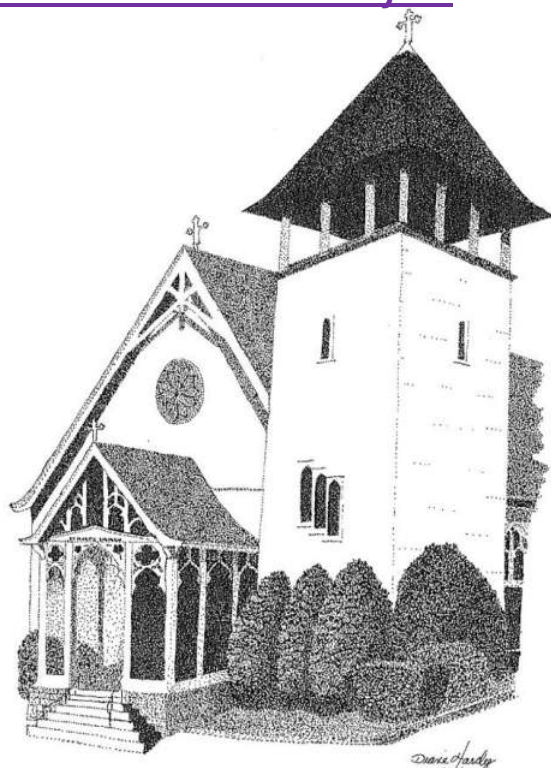
9:00am and 7:30pm

## ~ OFFICE HOURS ~

**Sunday:** Closed

**Monday through Saturday:** 9:00am – 2:00pm

**Monday and Wednesday:** 5:00pm-7:00pm



## Rev. Joseph Akunaeziri

*Pastor*

## Rev. Paul Nwobi

*In Resident*

## 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

## 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**

**“Gratitude—The Mark of a Faithful Heart”**

**(Luke 17:11–19)**

Today’s Gospel presents a story that is as simple as it is profound—a story that teaches us about healing, faith, and above all, gratitude.

As Jesus makes His way to Jerusalem, He encounters ten lepers standing at a distance. They cry out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” Their disease had separated them from family, from society, and even from worship in the temple. Leprosy in those days was more than a physical illness—it was a symbol of isolation and rejection.

Jesus hears their cry and tells them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” Notice that He doesn’t touch them or pronounce them healed on the spot. He simply gives them a command—an act of faith is required. And as they go, as they obey, they are made clean. Healing happens on the journey of faith.

But here is where the story takes a turn. Of the ten who were healed, only one—just one—comes back to thank Jesus. He falls at His feet and glorifies God. And this man, the Gospel tells us, was a Samaritan—an outsider, a foreigner, someone doubly rejected by the Jews.

And Jesus asks three piercing questions: “Were not ten made clean? But where are the nine? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”

Many people cry out to God in times of need, but far fewer remember to return in thanksgiving. True faith doesn’t end with receiving a blessing; it leads to worship, to relationship, to thanksgiving.

As St. Paul says, “In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess 5:18). My brothers and sisters, let us not be like the nine who forgot. Let us be like the one who remembered. Let us cultivate hearts that recognize God’s gifts and return to

Him in praise. **Rev, Joseph Akunaeziri**

**Mass Intentions - October 12 - October 19, 2025**

**Increased Offertory Program**

Dear Parish Family,  
From the bottom of my heart—**thank you**. Your response to our Increased Offertory Program has been both humbling and inspiring. I’ve seen so many of you prayerfully consider your gifts and offer them as acts of faith and love. Your generosity is not just appreciated—it’s **deeply holy**. Whether you increased your giving, offered prayers, or simply took time to reflect more intentionally, you have strengthened our parish. We are a family, and together, we are building something beautiful in Christ.

Yours in Chris  
**Fr. Joseph**

**Caribbean Mass**

Please join us in the celebration of the Office of Black Ministry 2025 Caribbean Mass on Sunday October 19, 2025 at 3:00pm. Our celebrant is Fr. Karen Smith. Reception to follow.

**🍁🌟 Thanksgiving Raffle 2025! 🌟🍁**

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

**🎟 Tickets are available NOW!**

**Cost: \$100 per ticket**

**🌟 Drawing Date: November 9, 2025**

Sunday, 10/12	8:00 am – Carol & Thomas Murray (Deceased) 9:30 am – Intentions for the people 11:30 am – Intentions for the people
Monday 10/13	9:00 am – Intentions for the people 7:00 pm – Intentions for the people
Tuesday, 10/14	9:00 am – Intentions for the people
Wednesday 10/15	9:00 am – Henry Rivera (Birthday Blessings) 7:00 pm – Intentions for the people
Thursday, 10/16	9:00 am – Noah Javier (Birthday Blessing)
Friday, 10/17	9:00 am – Frances Solano (Birthday in Heaven)
Saturday, 10/18	9:00 am – Intentions for the people 5:00 pm – Intentions for the people 7:00 pm – Intentions for the people
Sunday, 10/19	8:00 am – Intentions for the people 9:30 am – Intentions for the people 11:30 am – Donato Mazzola (70 <sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **Gratitud: La Marca de un Corazón Fiel”** **(Lucas 17:11-19)**

El Evangelio de hoy presenta una historia tan sencilla como profunda: una historia que nos enseña sobre la sanación, la fe y, sobre todo, la gratitud. Mientras Jesús se dirigía a Jerusalén, se encontró con diez leprosos de pie a lo lejos. Gritaron: «¡Jesús, Maestro, ten piedad de nosotros!». Su enfermedad los había separado de su familia, de la sociedad e incluso del culto en el templo. En aquellos días, la lepra era más que una enfermedad física: era un símbolo de aislamiento y rechazo. Jesús escuchó su clamor y les dijo: «Vayan y preséntense a los sacerdotes». Observen que no los tocó ni los declaró sanados en el acto. Simplemente les dio una orden: se requería un acto de fe. Y al ir, al obedecer, quedaron limpios. La sanación ocurre en el camino de la fe. Pero aquí es donde la historia da un giro. De los diez que fueron sanados, solo uno —solo uno— regresa para agradecer a Jesús. Cae a sus pies y glorifica a Dios. Y este hombre, nos dice el Evangelio, era samaritano: un forastero, un extranjero, alguien doblemente rechazado por los judíos. Y Jesús hace tres preguntas punzantes: "¿No fueron diez los que quedaron limpios? ¿Y dónde están los nueve? ¿No se encontró a ninguno que volviera a dar gracias a Dios, excepto este extranjero?" Muchos claman a Dios en momentos de necesidad, pero muchos menos recuerdan regresar en agradecimiento. La verdadera fe no termina con recibir una bendición; conduce a la adoración, a la relación, a la acción de gracias. Como dice San Pablo: "Den gracias en todo, porque esta es la voluntad de Dios para ustedes en Cristo Jesús" (1 Tes 5:18). Hermanos y hermanas, no seamos como los nueve que olvidaron. Seamos como el que recordó. Cultivemos corazones que reconozcan los dones de Dios y regresen a Él en alabanza.

**Reverendo Joseph Akunaeziri**

### **Programa de Incremento de Ofrendas**

Querida Familia Parroquial,  
Desde el fondo de mi corazón—**Gracias**. Su respuesta a nuestro Programa de Incremento de Ofrendas ha sido a la vez inspiradora y conmovedora. He visto a muchos de ustedes considerar con devoción sus donaciones y ofrecerlas como actos de fe y amor. Su generosidad no solo es agradecida— es **profundamente sagrada**. Ya sea que hayan aumentado sus donaciones, ofrecido oraciones o simplemente se hayan tomado el tiempo para reflexionar de manera más intencional, han fortalecido nuestra parroquia. Somos una familia, y juntos estamos construyendo algo hermoso en Cristo. En Cristo,  
**P. Joseph**

#### **🌟 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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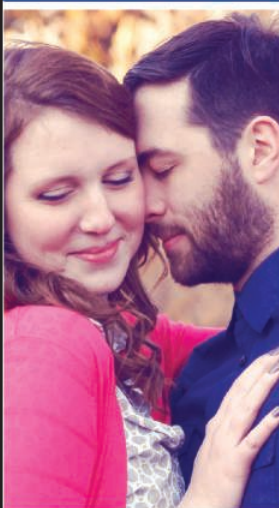


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