

# 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

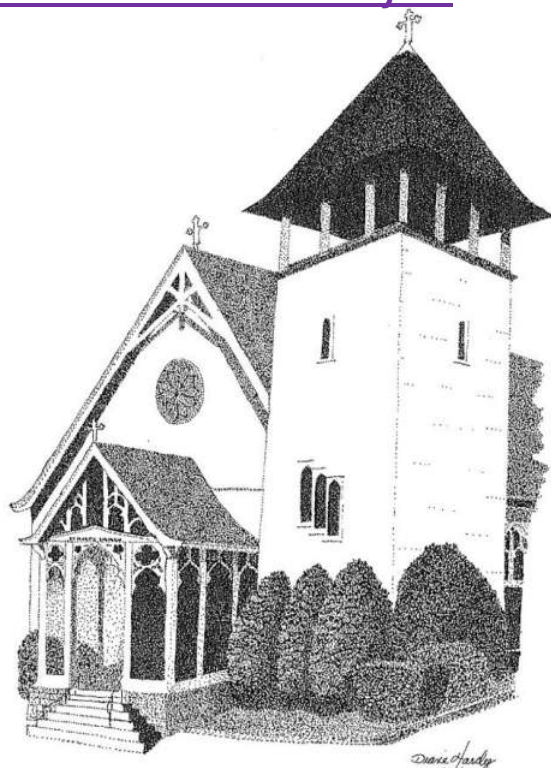
9:00am and 7:00pm

## ~ OFFICE HOURS ~

**Sunday:** Closed

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

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



## Rev. Joseph Akunaeziri

*Pastor*

## Rev. Kizito Mgbemere

*Parochial Vicar*

## 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 7:00 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**

**Pray and do not lose hope (Luke 18:1-8)**

Today's Gospel presents one of the most encouraging parables that Jesus ever told — the story of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. At first glance, it may seem to be about persistence alone, but when we look deeper, we see that Jesus is teaching us something profound about faith, prayer, and the heart of God. Jesus knows that prayer is not always easy. There are times when we pray and it feels like nothing is happening. We may ask for healing, for peace, for help in a difficult situation — and heaven seems silent. Like the widow, we can feel powerless and ignored.

But Jesus tells us: Don't give up. Keep praying.

Prayer is not about forcing God's hand — it's about staying connected to God's heart.

The widow did not give up. She kept coming to the judge day after day. Her persistence wasn't about nagging; it was about faithful endurance. My dear friends, if your prayer feels unanswered today, don't lose heart. God's silence is not His absence. His delay is not His denial. Keep praying with faith.

Like the persistent widow, let your perseverance be a sign of your trust.

And remember: God will not delay forever. In His time, in His way, He will answer — with justice, with mercy, and with love.

**Rev, Joseph Akunaeziri**

**All Souls Day**

All Souls Day Praying for the dead is part of our belief in the Communion of The Saint, we pray for each other. Those who have died continue to be members of the Communion of Saints. We believe we can assist them through our prayers and they can assist us by theirs. During the month of November, we set aside time to pray for all the Faithful Departed. On November 2, 2025 All Souls Day, we remember and pray for all the deceased, especially our own family members, and friends. There are All Souls Day envelopes in the vestibule of the Church. List the names of those you want to remember, include your donation and return them in the collection basket or at the Rectory. These envelopes will remain on the altar for the month of November.

**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**

**Mass Intentions - October 19 - October 26, 2025**

Sunday, 10/19	8:00 am – Intentions for the people 9:30 am – Casimiro Brave (Deceased) 11:30 am – Donato Mazzola (70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Heaven)
Monday 10/20	9:00 am – Intentions for the people 7:00 pm – Intentions for the people
Tuesday, 10/21	9:00 am – Intentions for the people
Wednesday 10/22	9:00 am – Intentions for the people 7:00 pm – Intentions for the people
Thursday, 10/23	9:00 am – Intentions for the people
Friday, 10/24	9:00 am – Intentions for the people
Saturday, 10/25	9:00 am – Intentions for the people 5:00 pm – Jose Andrioli (Anniversary in Heaven) 7:00 pm – Intentions for the people
Sunday, 10/26	8:00 am – Intentions for the people 9:30 am – Intentions for the people 11:30 am – Luz D. Rodriguez (7 Months 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**  
**Oren y no pierdan la esperanza**  
**(Lucas 18:1-8)**

El Evangelio de hoy presenta una de las parábolas más alentadoras que Jesús contó: la historia de la viuda persistente y el juez injusto. A primera vista, puede parecer que solo se trata de perseverancia, pero al profundizar, vemos que Jesús nos enseña algo profundo sobre la fe, la oración y el corazón de Dios. Jesús sabe que orar no siempre es fácil. Hay momentos en que oramos y parece que nada sucede. Podemos pedir sanación, paz, ayuda en una situación difícil, y el cielo parece estar en silencio. Como la viuda, podemos sentirnos impotentes e ignorados. Pero Jesús nos dice: No se rindan. Sigán orando. La oración no se trata de forzar la mano de Dios, se trata de permanecer conectados con el corazón de Dios. La viuda no se rindió. Acudió al juez día tras día. Su persistencia no se trataba de insistir, sino de perseverancia fiel. Queridos amigos, si hoy sienten que su oración no es respondida, no se desanimen. El silencio de Dios no es su ausencia. Su demora no es su negación. Sigán orando con fe. Como la viuda persistente, que su perseverancia sea una muestra de su confianza. Y recuerden: Dios no se demorará eternamente. A su tiempo, a su manera, responderá con justicia, misericordia y amor.

**Reverendo Joseph Akunaeziri**

**El Día de Todos Almas**

Orar por los Muertos es parte de nuestra creencia en la Comunión de Los Santos que oramos los unos por los otros. Los que han muerto siguen siendo miembros de la Comunión de los Santos. Creemos que podemos ayudar a través de nuestras oraciones y ellos pueden ayudarnos con las suyas. Durante el mes de noviembre reservamos tiempo para orar por todos los fieles difuntos. El 2 de noviembre de 2025, Día de los Difuntos, recordamos y oramos por todos los difuntos, especialmente por nuestros familiares y amigos. Hay sobres del Día de los Difuntos en la parte posterior de la Iglesia. Escriba los nombres de las personas que desea recordar, incluya su donación y devuélvalos en la canasta de recolección o en la Rectoría. Estos sobres permanecerán en el altar por el mes de noviembre.

**🌟 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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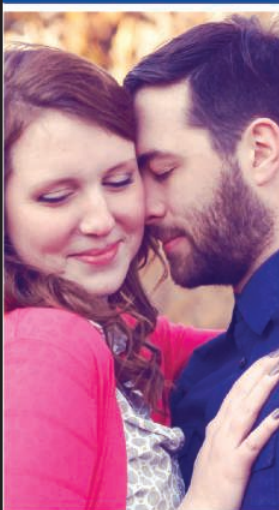


in remembrance of *samantha josephson*

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