

# 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

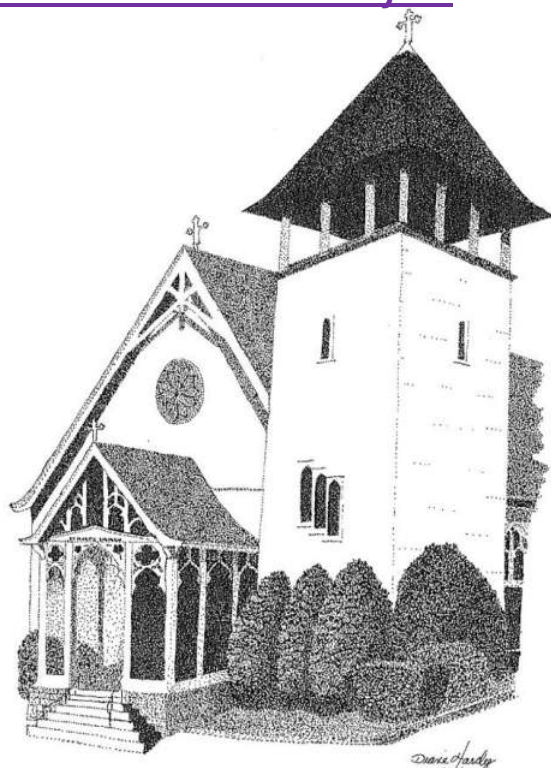
9:00am and 7:00pm

## ~ 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**

**Do not be afraid, I will be with you**

**(Luke 21:12–19)**

In this Gospel of this day, Jesus prepares His disciples for the trials and persecutions they will face because of their faith in Him. He speaks of betrayal, hatred, and suffering — yet He also offers deep assurance: *“Not a hair of your head will perish. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”* Jesus reminds us that while the world can harm the body, it cannot destroy the soul that remains faithful to God.

This is a reality **of Christian witness**. To follow Christ sincerely often brings misunderstanding, rejection, or ridicule. The Gospel challenges the values of the world, so living as a true disciple will sometimes put us at odds with others. Yet, these moments of trial are not failures — they are opportunities to bear witness to the truth of Christ’s love and to share in His suffering.

Jesus promises His followers that **they will never face persecution alone**. This means that in times of difficulty, the Holy Spirit will guide us, giving us courage and wisdom to speak and act faithfully. God does not always remove our suffering, but He always strengthens us through it.

**Rev, Joseph Akunaeziri**

***Mass Intentions - November 16 - November 23, 2025***

**Fundraising Committee**

The Fundraising Committee would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in this year’s Thanksgiving Raffle.

While not everyone could take home a prize, we can all celebrate as winners—because the funds raised will directly benefit and strengthen our church community.

**Congratulations to our Thanksgiving Raffle**

**Winners!**

**\$500 Winners (6)**

**Yaniris Rodríguez, Donna Mazola**

**Ada Carbón, Betty Lewis**

**Marisa Intile, Shakila Mumtaz**

**\$1,000 Winners (2)**

**Sunn Gonzalez, Jazmin Perez**

**Grand Prize – \$5,000 Winner**

**Marilyn Miranda**

Thank you once again for your generous support and participation. Together, we make a difference!

**Seminarians of St. Joseph’s Seminary**

Dunwoodie Christmas Gift Card Program, this program is to help the seminarians with their expenses because they have no earning power during their years of formation. How you can participate: 1. Instruction: buy \$25 gift card to put in envelope. 2. Return the envelopes in the collection basket or the Parish office by November 30,2025.

Thank you for your generous.

Sunday, 11/16	8:00 am – Helen & William Thon (Deceased) 9:30 am – Steven Ty Ortega (Deceased) 11:30 am – Frank Narcisco (Deceased)
Monday 11/17	9:00 am – All Souls Novena 7:00 pm – All Souls Novena
Tuesday, 11/18	9:00 am – Jeremy Valencia (Birthday Blessings)
Wednesday 11/19	9:00 am – Jean Antime Noel (Anniversary in Heaven) 7:00 pm – All Souls Novena
Thursday, 11/20	9:00 am – Linn Colabella (Deceased)
Friday, 11/21	9:00 am – Nora & Matt Costello (Deceased)
Saturday, 11/22	9:00 am – Nora & Thomas McCaffrey (Deceased) 5:00 pm – Margie & Anthony Signore (Deceased) 7:00 pm – All Souls Novena
Sunday, 11/23	8:00 am – Robert Gandolfio (32 <sup>nd</sup> Anni) & Margaret Calamari (10 <sup>th</sup> Anni) 9:30 am – Intention for the People 11:30 am – Jean Antime Noel (3 <sup>rd</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**  
**No teman, yo estaré con ustedes**  
**(Lucas 21:12-19)**

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús prepara a sus discípulos para las pruebas y persecuciones que afrontarán a causa de su fe en Él. Habla de traición, odio y sufrimiento, pero también les ofrece una profunda seguridad: «Ni un solo cabello de su cabeza perecerá. Con su perseverancia salvarán sus vidas». Jesús nos recuerda que, si bien el mundo puede dañar el cuerpo, no puede destruir el alma que permanece fiel a Dios.

Esta es una realidad **del testimonio cristiano**. Seguir a Cristo con sinceridad a menudo conlleva incompreensión, rechazo o burla. El Evangelio desafía los valores del mundo, por lo que vivir como verdaderos discípulos a veces nos pondrá en conflicto con los demás. Sin embargo, estos momentos de prueba no son fracasos, sino oportunidades para dar testimonio de la verdad del amor de Cristo y para compartir su sufrimiento.

Jesús promete a sus seguidores **que nunca afrontarán la persecución solos**. Esto significa que, en tiempos de dificultad, el Espíritu Santo nos guiará, dándonos valor y sabiduría para hablar y actuar con fidelidad. Dios no siempre elimina nuestro sufrimiento, pero siempre nos fortalece a través de él.

**Reverendo Joseph Akunaeziri**

**Comité de Recaudación de Fondos**

El Comité de Recaudación de Fondos desea expresar su más sincero agradecimiento a todos los que participaron en la rifa de Acción de Gracias de este año.

Aunque no todos pudieron llevarse un premio, todos podemos sentirnos ganadores, ya que los fondos recaudados beneficiarán directamente y fortalecerán a nuestra comunidad parroquial.

**¡Felicitaciones a los ganadores de la rifa de Acción de Gracias!**

**Ganadores de \$500 (6)**

**Yaniris Rodríguez, Donna Mazola**

**Ada Carbón, Betty Lewis**

**Marisa Intile, Shakila Mumtaz**

**Ganadores de \$1,000 (2)**

**Sunn González, Jazmín Pérez**

**Gran Premio – Ganadora de \$5,000**

**Marilyn Miranda**

Gracias una vez más por su generoso apoyo y participación. ¡Juntos hacemos la diferencia!

**Seminaristas del Seminario de San José**

Programa de tarjetas de regalo de Navidad Dunwoodie, este programa es para ayudar a los seminaristas con sus gastos porque no tienen poder adquisitivo durante sus años de formación. Cómo puedes participar: 1. Instrucciones: compre una tarjeta de regalo de \$25 para colocar en un sobre. 2. Devuelva los sobres en la canasta de recolección o en la oficina parroquial por 30 de noviembre de 2025.

Gracias por su generosidad.

**Weekly Collection**

**November 9, 2025 \$ 4,928.00**



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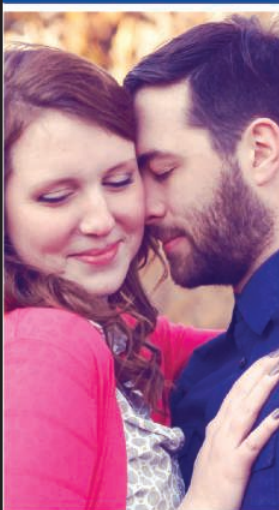


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