

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

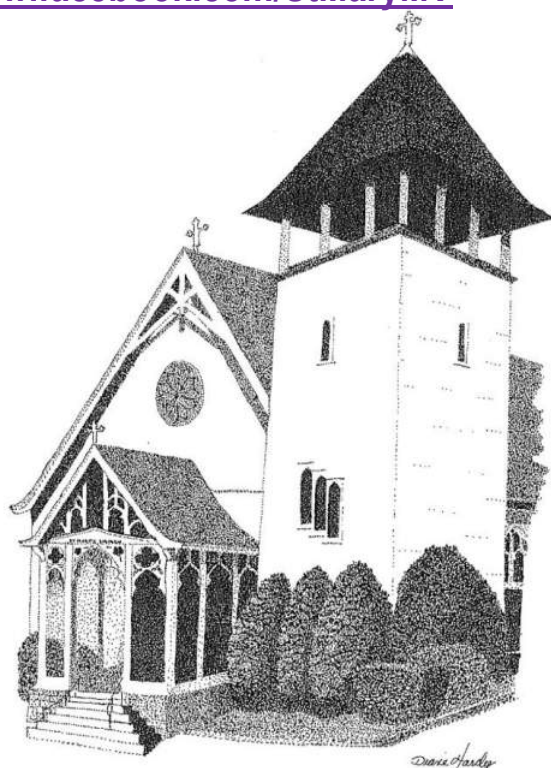
9:00am and 7:00pm

~ OFFICE HOURS ~

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

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

Saturday and Sunday: Closed



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

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This weekend, we celebrate The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us of the beautiful promise of God: those who belong to Christ are destined for eternal life. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. Her Assumption is not only a celebration of Mary; it is also a sign of hope for each one of us.

Mary lived her life with complete trust in God. From her humble “yes” at the Annunciation to her presence at the foot of the Cross, she remained faithful even when she did not fully understand God’s plan. Because of her faith, obedience, and love, Mary became a model of Christian discipleship. As we celebrate her Assumption, we are reminded that our earthly journey has a destination. We were created not simply for this world, but for communion with God forever. The difficulties, sacrifices, and crosses we experience today do not have the final word. Christ has conquered sin and death, and Mary’s glorification gives us a glimpse of the destiny promised to all who remain faithful to Him.

Let us therefore look to Mary as our mother and example. May she teach us to say “yes” to God, to remain faithful in times of difficulty, and to place our lives confidently in His hands. May she intercede for our families, our parish, and all those who are searching for hope.

Rev, Joseph Akunaeziri

Mass Intentions - August 16 - August 23, 2026

Upcoming Events

1. Sunday food  sale will be held on every 2nd Sunday
Sunday September 13;
2. Sunday, Sept 6 KFC Annual BBQ
3. Sunday, Sept 27 KFC communion Brunch
4. Sunday, October 11 Caribbean Mass
5. Saturday, October 24, St Mary’s OLMC
Dinner Dance  Cost \$130. To buy tickets call Fay 917-783-1384 or Jonathan (914) 282-1537. To Donate a basket  for the dinner dance raffle call Shakila (917) 480-1063 or Luz (914) 652-1573
6. Sunday November 8, Thanksgiving Raffle  cost \$100. To buy tickets call Vinny (917) 783-9665 or Angel (914) 316-2767

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

Thank you for your generous support for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your contributions provide pastoral care and support to the people of Africa, who face many challenges that include poverty, unemployment, inadequate healthcare, and forced migration. Your donations fund workshops, retreats, catechesis programs, and other projects that build the faith of African communities. If you missed the appeal, it is not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/africa. The iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this appeal if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).

Sunday, 8/16	8:00 am – All our Parishioners 9:30 am – All our Parishioners 11:30 am – Alex J. Rodriguez (Birthday Blessings)
Monday 8/17	9:00 am – No Mass 7:00 pm – No Mass
Tuesday, 8/18	9:00 am – Thomas Fitzgerald (Get Well)
Wednesday 8/19	9:00 am – Frances Solano (2 nd Anniversary in Heaven) 7:00 pm – All our Parishioners
Thursday, 8/20	9:00 am – David DeVoy (Special Intention)
Friday, 8/21	9:00 am – All our Parishioners
Saturday, 8/22	9:00 am – All our Parishioners 5:00 pm – Doris Galarza (Health) 7:00 pm – All our Parishioners
Sunday, 8/23	8:00 am – Dulia Ong (1 st Anniversary in Heaven) 9:30 am – All our Parishioners 11:30 am – Louise Suarino (Deceased)



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

La Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Este fin de semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, la cual nos recuerda la hermosa promesa de Dios: aquellos que pertenecen a Cristo están destinados a la vida eterna.

Al final de su vida terrenal, María fue llevada en cuerpo y alma a la gloria celestial. Su Asunción no es solo una celebración en honor a María; es también un signo de esperanza para cada uno de nosotros.

María vivió su vida con absoluta confianza en Dios.

Desde su humilde «sí» en la Anunciación hasta su presencia al pie de la Cruz, permaneció fiel incluso cuando no comprendía plenamente el plan de Dios. Gracias a su fe, obediencia y amor, María se convirtió en un modelo de discipulado cristiano.

Al celebrar su Asunción, recordamos que nuestro camino terrenal tiene un destino. No fuimos creados simplemente para este mundo, sino para vivir en comunión eterna con Dios. Las dificultades, los sacrificios y las cruces que experimentamos hoy no tienen la última palabra. Cristo ha vencido al pecado y a la muerte, y la glorificación de María nos ofrece un anticipo del destino prometido a todos los que permanecen fieles a Él.

Miremos, pues, a María como nuestra madre y ejemplo. Que ella nos enseñe a decir «sí» a Dios, a mantenernos fieles en los momentos de dificultad y a poner nuestras vidas con confianza en sus manos. Que ella interceda por nuestras familias, por nuestra parroquia y por todos aquellos que buscan esperanza.

Reverendo Joseph Akunaeziri

Próximos eventos

1. La venta de comida dominical 🍷🍰🥗🍷🍰 se realizará cada segundo domingo del mes. domingo 9 de agosto; domingo 13 de septiembre; domingo 8 de noviembre.
2. Domingo, 6 de septiembre: Barbacoa anual de KFC
3. Domingo, 27 de septiembre: Brunch de comunión de KFC
4. Domingo 11 de octubre: Misa caribeña.
5. Sábado 24 de octubre: Cena-baile de St. Mary's 🍷🍰. Costo: \$130. Para comprar entradas, llame a Fay al 917-783-1384 o a Jonathan al (914) 282-1537. Para donar una cesta 🍷🍰 para la rifa de la cena con baile, llame a Shakila al (917) 480-1063 o a Luz al (914) 652-1573.
6. Domingo 8 de noviembre: Rifa de Acción de Gracias 🍷🍰; costo: \$100. Para comprar boletos, llame a Vinny al (917) 783-9665 o a Ángel al (914) 316-2767.

Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo al Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. Sus contribuciones les proporcionarán cuidado pastoral y apoyo a los pueblos de África los cuales enfrentan muchos desafíos que incluyen pobreza, desempleo, un cuidado deficiente de la salud y una migración forzada. Sus donativos financiarán talleres, retiros, programas de catequesis y otros proyectos que fortalecen la fe de las comunidades africanas. ¡Si no alcanzaron a dar a la colecta, aún lo pueden hacer! Visiten www.usccb.org/africa. El sitio web iGiveCatholic también acepta fondos para este llamado si es que prefieren donar en línea, vean el código QR

Weekly Collection

August 9, 2026 \$3,946.00

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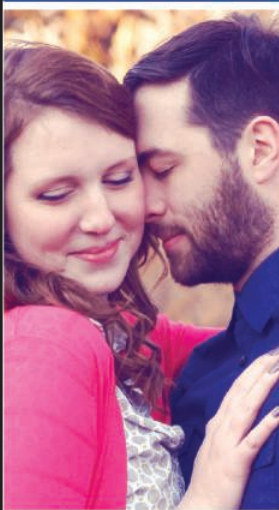
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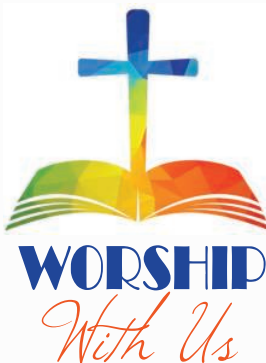
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