

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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JANUARY 19, 2020 | THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE

SAT. VIGIL: 5:00 PM (English) | SUN: 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM (English) 10:30 AM (Español)
DAILY (CHAPEL) 8:30 AM (English) 7 PM (Español Martes & Jueves)

MONTHLY

- ◀ **ESPAÑOL ASAMBLEA:** Salon Parroquial; 7PM
- ◀ **ROSARIAN GROUP:** First Sunday, 9am Mass followed by meeting / breakfast in the Parish Hall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- ◀ Saturdays before 5 PM Mass. Por cita, o después de las Misas en Español. (Martes & Jueves)

ROSARY

- ◀ Monday-Saturday before the 8:30 AM Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◀ Takes place at Our Lady of Mt Carmel on Sunday mornings. Classes are offered in both English and Spanish. Contact Evelyn Mayorga at 201-435-7080.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

- ◀ The parishes of Jersey City North are proud to sponsor quality Catholic elementary education at the Middle States accredited schools: St. Joseph School (201-653-0128) and St. Nicholas School (201-659-5948).

PARISH MINISTRIES

- ◀ **GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMATICO:** Después de las 7 PM Misa todos los jueves en Mount Carmel.

- ◀ **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Meets after 9 AM Mass, First Sunday of the month.

- ◀ **SENIORS CLUB (50+):** Every other Wednesday at 12:45 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Enter through parking lot door behind the church, then Parish Hall basement.

- ◀ **ZUMBA FITNESS:** Wednesday 6:45 - 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School auditorium, free.

- ◀ **GRUPO DE PAREJAS:** Cada segundo viernes del mes a las 7:30 PM te invitamos a participar en nuestro "Grupo de Parejas" en Mt. Carmel. Para mayor informacion llamar a Sra. Carmen Quezada 201-640-1651.

- ◀ **HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please notify the parish. Hospitals no longer inform us or allow us to look up who is in the hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

- 8:30 AM AIDA LUZ PEREZ
- Dorry Romstedt
- 5:00 PM EDGARDO RAMOS
- Gavira Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

- 9:00 AM THERESA ARNONE
- Raymond Dispoto
- 10:30 AM RAMONA SANCHEZ
(Spanish)
- Carmen Negron
- ODIN ARIEL BARAHONA
- Glenda Centeno
- 12:15 PM JOHN BROWN
- Rosemary Mc Caig

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020

- 8:30 AM THANKSGIVING FOR STARTING A NEW JOB- Cristina Galarza

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

- 8:30 AM ANGELA MARINELLI
- Gianpiero Torrillo & Family
- 7:00 PM MONICA FIGUEROA
(Spanish)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020-

- 8:30 AM AIDA LUZ PEREZ
- Joann Macagnano

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020-

- 8:30 AM ANGELA MARINELLI
- Maria & Antonio DiTommaso
- 7:00 PM DOMINGO REPOLLET SR.
(Spanish)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020

- 8:30 AM AIDA LUZ PEREZ

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

- 8:30 AM MARIE & LENNY PEARLSTEIN
- Marie Williams
- 5:00 PM ALFREDO GAVIERA SR.
- Gavira Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

- 9:00 AM THERESA ARNONE
- Michael Ricciardone
- 10:30 AM SERVANDO AGUILAR
(Spanish)
- Familia
- FRANCISCO & JESUS GONZALEZ
- Guadalupe Gonzalez
- 12:15 PM CHRIS ANN PUHALA
- Marie fox

PARISH News

Fundraiser Raffle for Church Repairs Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church is having a Fundraiser raffle for the church repairs! WIN a 7 Day Western Caribbean Cruise from Miami, Florida. The cruise will be visiting the beautiful western Caribbean, Belize, Honduras and Mexico. The prize is for a balcony cabin for two people, including RT airfare from Newark Airport to Miami Airport. The cost of a raffle ticket is \$25.00. Please purchase your tickets after Sunday masses, or at the rectory during the week. *If you like to take a booklet to sell outside of church to assist with the fundraiser please contact the rectory at (201) 435-7080 Monday thru Friday between 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*

Rifa para recaudación de fondos para hacer reparaciones en la Iglesia Nuestra Parroquia; Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo está organizando un sorteo para recaudar fondos para las reparaciones de la iglesia! GANE un crucero de 7 días por el Caribe Occidental saliendo desde Miami, Florida. El crucero visitará el hermoso Caribe Occidental, Belice, Honduras y México. El premio es para una cabina con balcón para dos personas, también esto incluye la tarifa aérea ida y vuelta desde el Aeropuerto de Newark, N.J. al Aeropuerto de Miami, Florida para las dos personas. El costo de un boleto de rifa es \$ 25.00. Compre sus boletos después de las misas del domingo o en la rectoría durante la semana. *Si desea llevar una libreta de taquillas para vender fuera de la iglesia para a si ayudar con la recaudación de fondos, comuníquese con la rectoría al (201) 435-7080 de Lunes a Viernes entre 9:00 a.m. y 3:30 p.m.*

Nuestra gran asamblea Carismatica será Sabado, Enero 25, 2020 las puertas abren a las 6:30pm, tendremos venta de comida y musica para alabar y bendecir a Nuestro Dios. **No se lo pierdan!!**

Please join us on this relaxing, sun filled cruise on the new Norwegian Bliss ship. The ship departs on March 1 from Manhattan, NY, to Florida and the Bahamas, it will arrive back to NYC on March 8, 2020. The total cost per person for a beautiful balcony cabin is \$1,173.77. Cost includes, meals, drinks, shows like Jersey Boys, on board credit, activities, fun in the sun, services fees, and much more. Please note gratuities are not included on total cost. **Please contact Ismael at (201) 832-6040 or Mindy (201) 850-2045 for more information. Para informacion sobre viajes favor de llamarnos. Se habla Español.**

The Rosary Altar Society invites all adult women to join us the first Sunday of each month from September to June. We meet at 8:30 am to recite the Rosary, then attend the 9:00 am Mass. Afterwards, a meeting is held where we socialize and enjoy refreshments. **The Rosarians welcome new members and we look forward to meeting you! For information, please call Arlene Burke at 201-451-7896.**

Weekly Stewardship Reflection and PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISAIAH 49:5

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

"Ahora el Señor ha hablado, quien me formó como su sirviente desde el vientre..." ISAÍAS 49: 5

Dios nos ha dado a cada uno diferentes dones. Para que el plan de Dios funcione, tienes que hacer lo que Dios te está llamando a hacer y yo tengo que hacer lo que Dios me está llamando a hacer. ¿Y adivina qué? ¡Dios nos ha dado a cada uno un plan diferente! Entonces, deja de compararte con los demás. No dejes que la envidia y los celos entren en tu vida. Agradece los dones que Dios te ha dado y compártelos generosamente con los demás.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY		1/12/2020
Weekly collection amount needed to make budget: \$2,800		
The weekend of JANUARY 11-12		Empanada Sale: \$560 Your good stewardship makes a difference. <i>Thank you!</i>
Weekend Collection:	\$2,081	
Maintenance:	\$284	
Communicating God's Word	\$162	

EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & SACRAMENTAL WINE

The hosts and wine used during the week were donated in memory of **MONICA FIGUEROA** offered by the People

SANCTUARY LAMP

The church sanctuary lamp was donated this weekend in memory of **DOMINGO REPOLLET SR.** offered by the People

SYMPATHY

Please pray for the deceased of our parish. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them.

4 Ways to Promote Peace In Your Everyday Life | The Pope's Intention

By Will Wright via catholic-link.org | www.catholic-link.org/4-ways-to-promote-peace-popes-intention/

POPE FRANCIS HAS CHOSEN the promotion of world peace as his intention for January 2020 saying, "In a divided and fragmented world, I want to invite all believers, and also all people of good will, to reconciliation and fraternity. Our faith leads us to spread the values of peace and mutual understanding, of the common good. We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote together peace and justice in the world."

Our Lord Jesus Christ said in the Gospel of Matthew,

"You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison; truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny (Mt 5:21-26)."

How do we begin to seek reconciliation and peace? How can we promote peace in our own lives each day? I would like to offer four thoughts, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2302 – 2306. Seeking justice, cooperating with charity, allowing this work to take effect, and embracing our cross.

Denounce Anger, Seek Justice

Anger moves us to action. Often times, anger is moving us to the action of revenge. However, it is never justified to commit an evil action. When we seek vengeance, no matter how small or large, we are desiring revenge. This is against the law of God. The ends never justify the means, according to a Catholic

understanding of morality.

Restitution is different from vengeance. Restitution seeks to correct vice and seeks after justice. Justice is giving to each what is due to them. Justice is a virtue by which we respect the rights of others and seek to promote harmony between persons, based upon the common good.

Even if we do not allow anger to move us to actually acting against another unjustly, we will still be judged for anger that brews in our hearts.

Corrie Ten Bloom was a Dutch woman who was arrested by the Nazis for hiding Jews. She survived countless horrors in the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Later, in 1947, in a church in Munich, she saw one of the vicious guards of Ravensbrück. Since the war, this vile man had become a Christian. After her talk, he approached her and asked her for forgiveness. By the power of Jesus, Corrie Ten Bloom did forgive that Nazi guard. This is the strength God gives us to overcome anger, if we only ask.

Denounce Hatred, Cooperate with Charity

It would have been easy for Corrie Ten Bloom to give into hatred of this guard who had caused her so much suffering. It would have been easy for her to curse the man and walk away. A compelling argument could even be made that he would have deserved to be treated like dirt.

She describes this moment, frozen before the former guard, as one of the most difficult things she has ever had to do. She cried out in the silence of her heart to Christ saying, "Jesus, help me! I can lift my hand. I can do that much. You supply the feeling." Of course, Jesus answered. He desired for charity to win the day, as it always does.

She put out her hand describes being filled with a "healing warmth." Tears came to her eyes and she said, "I forgive you, brother. With all my heart." The love of God has a power that cannot be explained in words. This forgiveness is impossible for man, but with God all things are possible.

One of the most radical parts of Christianity is the call of Christ to love not only our friends, but also to love our enemies. This radical love frees the heart. Charity makes us truly free.

The Work of Justice and Effect of Charity

There is a wise phrase that goes, "Holding onto anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die."

The development of human life on earth and respect for that life requires peace. Peace is not merely the absence of anger or hatred, not merely the absence of violence or conflict. Peace demands that we safeguard "the goods of persons, free communication among men, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the assiduous practice of fraternity (CCC 2304)." Peace is right order. Peace is "the work of justice and the effect of charity (CCC 2304)."

We will find peace in our own life when we work for true justice, based on the common good, order to the highest good which is God. We will find peace when we cooperate with the charity of God and let that love of God take full effect in our lives.

Embrace the Cross

Justice and charity require sacrifice. Without a heart of sacrifice, we cannot follow Christ, and we cannot possess any peace. As Jesus teaches His followers: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life (Mt 16:24-26)?"

Embracing the cross out of sacrificial love is part of following Christ. Peace on earth is worth praying for and working towards, but it comes from Christ alone who is the Prince of Peace. Jesus is our peace. His Blood flows from the Cross and reconciles men to God. On the Cross, Jesus restored peace. This restoration will be completed at the end of this world, but the hostility caused by original sin was brought to an end by Christ (cf. Eph 2:16).

We do not need to have hearts filled with anger or hatred. We do not need to be content with injustice. We have been called to something higher. In Christ and through His Church, we have been called to abundant life and to friendship with God. This alone can bring us peace.

If you want peace in your life, invite Jesus into your heart and give Him full control.