

JULY 11th, 2010—15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS

Baptisms are celebrated twice monthly, once in English and once in Spanish. Please see the bulletin for exact dates. Parents should make arrangements at the Rectory at least one month in advance and must present child's Birth Certificate and proof of residence within the parish.

Los padres deben hacer los arreglos por lo menos un mes antes del Bautismo es necesario presentar el Acta de Nacimiento y prueba de que viven dentro de la parroquia.

MARRIAGES / MATRIMONIOS

Couples should make arrangements at least six months in advance.

Los novios deben hacer los arreglos en la oficina parroquial, por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha propuesta. Las parejas preparando para el sacramento se reúnen cada otro martes en el centro., Salon Guadalupe.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF CHILDREN / CATECISMO

For information about the program, please call our Director of Religious Education at (718) 278-1881, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Favor de llamar a Zilia (718) 278-1881, Lunes hasta viernes, desde 10:00 am hasta 4:00 de la tarde.

QUINCEANERA

Favor de llamar a Zilia (718) 278-1881

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK / SACRAMENTOS PARA LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Rectory to arrange for a Priest or Eucharistic Minister to bring Communion to the homebound. In case where one's health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age, please contact one of the Priests to administer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

Favor de llamar la oficina parroquial para los enfermos.

CHOIR / CORO

The Choir meets every Monday from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the Lower Church. If you are interested in joining the choir, please call the Rectory.

Coro Español: Martes 7:30 pm en la iglesia abajo.

CARMEL DIAMOND SENIORS

Meet every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. in the Parish Center, Guadalupe Room.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Rosary Society meets the first Sunday of each month after attending the 10:00AM Mass. We have a brief meeting followed by refreshments in the Lourdes Room. Come join us... we warmly welcome new members.

GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMATICA

"Manatiales de Gracia": Todos los viernes 7:30 pm en la Iglesia de abajo.

DISABILITIES ADVOCATE

Mrs. Frances Peace. Please note that the north-west church door close to the parking lot is handicapped-accessible (no steps). All levels of the Parish Center are accessible by elevator.

FAMILY MASS

Generally Second Sunday of every month at the 11:15 am Mass. Check inside of bulletin for exact date.

JORNADA YOUTH

Meet every Friday evening at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center—Guadalupe Room

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Coordinator: Ms. Winnie Burke. Awareness education required for all volunteers who interact with minors

YOUNG ADULT—CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

3rd Sunday of every month—5:00 pm Mass.—Resumes in October.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES / CEMENTERIOS CATOLICOS

For information and availability options, please call (718) 894-4888. Please remember that cremated remains should be interred in the same manner as bodies, out of respect for the human body.

PRE-ADMISSION ANOINTING

If you know you will be entering the hospital for elective surgery, it is appropriate and recommended to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick **BEFORE** entering the hospital. Simply ask one of the parish priests to give you the sacrament before admission.

BAPTISM SCHEDULE-2010—ENGLISH

WEDNESDAY

Conference 8:00 pm—Center

SUNDAY

Ceremony 2:00 pm

August 4

August 8

September 8

September 12

PLEASE NOTE SEPT. 12 BAPTISM WILL BE AT 4:00 PM

October 6

October 10

November 3

November 7

December 8

December 12

HORARIO de BAUTISMOS—2010—ESPAÑOL

MIERCOLES

Charla 8:00 pm—Centro

DOMINGO

Bautimo 2:00 pm

21 Julio

25 Julio

18 Agosto

22 Agosto

22 Septiembre

26 Septiembre

20 Octubre

24 Octubre

24 Noviembre

28 Noviembre

22 Diciembre

26 Diciembre

PARISH REGISTRATION/ INSCRIPCIÓN PARROQUIAL

Please return this form in the collection or drop off at rectory. We will send you weekly collection envelopes every two months.

Favor de volver en la colecta o en la casa curial. Les enviamos los sobres semanales cada dos meses por el correo.

Family Name/ Apellido _____

Head of Household/Cabeza de familia _____

Spouse/Esposo(a) _____

Address/Dirección donde vive _____

Apartment _____ _Zip_Code/Código postal _____

Telephone #/Telefono # _____

E-mail/Dirección del Correo electrónico _____

New Registration _____ Moving Out of Parish
Change of Name/Address

MASSES



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

SATURDAY, JULY 10

(Ferial)

8:00 am Vincenzo & Giuseppe Barretta & Family
5:00 pm Margherita, Domenico & Pasquale Mattiaccia

SUNDAY, JULY 11

(15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 am John Gill & Sr, Agnes Gill
10:00 am Joseph Alaimo
11:15 am Robert Porcino
12:30 pm Lea Sola Minichi
7:00 pm Parish Family

MONDAY, JULY 12

(Ferial)

8:00 am Adele Iocco
Noon Camillo Vernaneo & Family

TUESDAY, JULY 13

(Ferial)

8:00 am Grescila Castroverde
Noon Edward & Gloria Corliss

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

(Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin)

8:00 am Grescila Castroverde
Noon Geogio B. Pogue

THURSDAY, JULY 15

(St. Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the Church)

8:00 am Michael Lynch
Noon Gloria & Gus Rios

FRIDAY, JULY 16

(Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

8:00 am Leopoldo Oruna
Noon Rocco & Filippo D'Angelo

SATURDAY, JULY 17

(Ferial)

8:00 am Thanksgiving Mass for the Parish
10:00 am Beato Roberto—Lower Church
5:00 pm Lora, Joseph & John Rizzo

MASS TIME CHANGE

The 5:00 PM Sunday Mass at Mount Carmel is moved to 7 PM up to and including September 5th, 2010. (The Saturday 5:00 PM is not being changed.)

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Sophie Assunta Caro, Alfred Battista, Vincente Cortes, Josephine Corolla, Jim Lyons, Bishop Joseph Sullivan, Ann LaPlant, Frances Polizzi, Marty Soven, Paulette Perrot, Helen Grimaldi, Jose Mesias, James Long, Bernard Nasser, Ileana Leon, Josephine McPartland.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** have been donated this week in loving memory of—



ADELE IOCCO

This was requested by **Maria Salamone**

The **ALTAR BREAD and WINE** has been donated this week in loving memory of—

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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses encourages the people to observe the commandments and laws of God by assuring them that the Word of God is within them.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Paul uses a liturgical hymn to proclaim that in Christ everything is created and continues to be sustained.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Unselfish and unlimited love shown to one in need is the mark of true discipleship and the key to eternal life.

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES AT MOUNT CARMEL

The Tree of Life: gracing the east wall of the church vestibule. Gift categories include:

Silver Leaf: \$500.00

Gold Leaf: \$1,000.00

Gold Rock at Base of Tree: \$2,500.00

Announced Mass: \$15.00

Weekly Altar Flowers: \$75.00

Weekly Altar Bread and Wine: \$35.00

Weekly Sanctuary Lamp: \$25.00

Weekly Altar Candles: \$15.00

Vestments and Furnishings: See one of the priests.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

There will be a special Mass for Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday, July 18th, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Upper Church. All are invited to attend.

On that date only, the 7:00 pm evening Mass will be celebrated in the Lower Church.

Christ Jesus, Our Hope: Parish Strategic Planning Process 2010
Diocese of Brooklyn—Diocesan Financial Situation 2000 – 2009 Report
Prepared by the Finance Office April 2010 (reprinted from previous bulletin)
Also available online at christjesusourhope.org

Overview

- The first decade of the New Millennium has been a challenging one for the finances of our Diocese. Over the last ten years it has seen a significant decrease in the value of its net assets of \$112 million.
- Annual operating budgets have been running in deficit where our ordinary expenses have exceeded income each year.
- Extraordinary expenses have further hurt the Diocese's financial position.
- Revenues through assessments, the Annual Catholic Appeal, grants, and contributions have not been able to keep up with the growing expenses and needs.
- Current hard economic times not only affect the money available to pay for Diocesan expenses but also hurt our local parishes and schools who then turn to the Diocese for assistance.

The Jubilee Year of 2000 and Forgiveness

- In the spirit of forgiveness for the Jubilee Year of 2000 the Diocese forgave \$ 119 million in notes, loans and debts from parishes and schools.
- These debts were accumulated over the previous decades. They resulted from the accumulation of unpaid assessments, bills, and loans.
- Although the Jubilee forgiveness was intended to give the parishes and schools a financial "clean slate," they continue to experience difficult times.
- In the last 10 years, many of our parishes and schools suffered from declining contributions, increased expenses for running the plant (electric, heating, repairs, payrolls etc.), and declining enrollment in the parish school.
- As a result, many parishes and schools continued to *not* have the resources to pay down their new debts. Since the forgiveness of debts in 2000 new debts have accumulated.
- Currently parishes and schools owe the Diocese **\$21.8 million** for assessments, insurance, medical and other obligations

The Decline of Assets

- The Diocese began its 2001 fiscal year on September 1, 2000 with assets of \$151.5 million. At the end of our last fiscal year on August 31, 2009 the assets were worth \$39.9 million (decline of \$111.6 million).
- A great deal of the decline was a result of the Diocese trying to keep afloat a large number of parishes and schools.
- In addition for the current fiscal year the Diocese is projecting a continuing deficit of over \$7 million.
- In fact, the Diocese has operated in deficit in 8 of the 9 past years. Obviously, it cannot continue to operate under these circumstances.
- Administration continues with its cost cutting efforts and the Secretariat for Development is looking at ways to raise revenue from new sources.

Revenue

- There has been a significant drop in the revenue of the Diocese over the last three years. For the 2007 fiscal year total revenue was \$40 million. In 2009 this figure declined to under \$29 million.
- Our Diocese is funded through the generosity of the faithful primarily through an assessment on local contributions and the Annual Catholic Appeal. Despite the hard economic times the people of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens continue to be generous.
- The revenue categories Investment Income and Trust Income have been affected by the events in the financial markets. In 2009 Investment Income and Trust Income totaled only \$900,000. With a decline in investments a significant growth in these revenues is not anticipated.
- Over the past 9 years the Diocese has received significant contributions from Catholic Cemeteries and the Compostela Fund of the Diocese of Brooklyn averaging \$ 4.7 million per year. The boards of these separate corporations have approved these contributions from their surpluses. In the current environment it is anticipated that the contributions in the current fiscal year to be no more than \$ 1 million.
- As mentioned many parishes have been unable to repay their debts to the Diocese. In recent years the finance and real estate departments have stepped up their efforts to assist parishes. In some cases unused properties have been leased or sold. The proceeds from sale and rental income have allowed the parishes to begin payment plans on their debt and to address deferred maintenance issues within parish properties.

Expenses Incurred by the Diocese

- One of the largest expenses of the Diocese has been Diocesan Assistance to parishes and schools.
- In the case of poor parishes this consisted of direct subsidies, payments of bills for medical, pension, and insurance as well as emergency grants for major structural repairs. In the case of schools it consisted of some of the same types of expenditures as well as scholarships for needy students.
- Beginning with the fiscal year 2001 through the end of fiscal year 2009 the amount that the Diocese has paid to or on behalf of parishes and schools was \$78 million; in that same period of time the loss from Diocesan activity was \$77 million.
- In 2007 expenses were \$40.7 million. During 2008 and 2009 we underwent cutbacks including early retirement; elimination of positions; wage and hiring freeze and the elimination of other benefits. This resulted in a reduction of expenses of \$6.3 million by 2009.

Creation of Trusts

- In order to accurately reflect the relationship between the Diocese and the various benefits provided by the Diocese, certain legal Trusts were created. Assets which had been previously held by the Diocese in the name of the particular programs were transferred pursuant to the Trust documents. Each of those Trusts were formed for the primary purpose of protecting the benefits of current and retired employees.
- The assets and obligations attributed for the care of retired and disabled priests were transferred to the *RCDB Good Shepherd Charitable Trust* and the *RCDB St. John Vianney Charitable Trust*.
- The obligation of medical plans supporting employees were transferred into the *RCDB Group Medical Insurance Trust*. The Diocese has a captive insurance company to cover all its insurance needs (property, auto, workers' compensation, etc.) The insurance operation is in a separate company called *Peter Turner Insurance Company*. Subsequently shortfalls in the insurance reserves of the *Peter Turner Insurance Company* had to be covered by the Diocese.

Other Concerns

- The financial markets have had an adverse effect on many of the trusts. These included *RCDB Pension Plan Trust*, *RCDB St. John Vianney Fund Charitable Trust*, *the RCDB Good Shepherd Charitable Trust*, *RCDB Workers' Compensation Group Self Insurance Trust*, and *Peter Turner Insurance Company*.
- Like many other entities we have seen these trusts go from a state of adequate funding to a point of under-funding. The trusts' assets are below the actuarially calculated value of future payments.
- The unfunded obligations must be addressed in the very near future. A return in the value of the assets would help reduce any monetary payments needed.

Abuse Payments

- \$4.8 million in settlements was paid to victims; \$600,000 for therapy for victims; \$1.2 million in attorney fees; \$2.0 million for investigators, audit and review boards; and proactively \$1.2 million for background checks, and other safe environment projects.
- Approximately one-half of payments were paid by Peter Turner Insurance Company and one-half was paid by the Diocese.
- The portion paid by the Diocese represents approximately 3% of operating expenses for the same period of time.

Future Goals and Policies

- As we go forward the goal is to create a stronger Diocese that would better serve the people. We will have to work with less resources in a more effective manner. In achieving that goal the Diocese has undertaken the mission of renewal.
- This not only considers the parishes but also the way that the Diocese operates. We will reestablish a working relationship among the Diocese, parishes and schools to: (1) identify the needs and, (2) pair with local leadership to meet those needs.
- **Foremost the Diocese will no longer be able to stand as the payer of last resort for the parishes, schools and agencies.**
- Reconfiguration of parishes will create stronger parishes that will be better able to manage its resources including real estate.
- The Diocese will continue to work with the parishes to continue to develop plans for repayment of the debt owed as well as to manage expenses at all levels of the Diocese.

MASSES



ST. MARGARET MARY

SUNDAY, JULY 11th, 2010

(15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

10:00am Joseph St. Cry

MASS TIME CHANGE

As has been customary in recent years, there will be only one Mass at St. Margaret Mary beginning June 27th up to and including September 5th, 2010—a bi-lingual mass at 10 AM.

Beginning September 12th, 2010, the Mass schedule at St Margaret Mary is: 9:00 am—English Mass, 10:00 am—Spanish Mass.

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret Mary will be burning during the month of July in loving memory of Nigel Polite.

Donated by his grandmother, Esther Solorzano.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK of

JULY 11th – JULY 18th

ST. MARGARET MARY

SUNDAY, JULY 11th

11 a.m. Spanish Faith Sharing Group – (Hall)

6 – 9 p.m. “Peregrinos de Cristo Jesús” -
(Hall & Chapel)

TUESDAY, JULY 13th

9:00 a.m. RUMMAGE SALE – (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th

9:00 a.m. RUMMAGE SALE – (Hall)

7:30 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group – (Chapel)

THURSDAY, JULY 15th

9:00 a.m. RUMMAGE SALE – (Hall)

7:30p.m. N.A. Step by Step Meeting – (Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 18th

11 a.m. Spanish Faith Sharing Group – (Hall)

6 – 9 p.m. “Peregrinos de Cristo Jesús” (Hall & Chapel)

St. Margaret Mary Food Pantry News:

In the month of **June 2010** a total of 948 people were served. This number included; 361 Children, 392 Adults and 195 Seniors.

A total of 334 families served.

For an appointment to our food pantry, please call (718) 721-9020

FOOD STAMP SCREENING

available at St. Margaret Mary Office, 9-18 27th Ave,
Astoria, NY 11102.

Call for an appointment (718) 721-9020.

Walk-ins are welcome. Office hours 9 to 11 a.m.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION AT:

St. Margaret Mary 9-18 27 Ave. Astoria, NY 11102

Federal and NY State Forms (\$75)

You may be eligible for earned income tax credit

OBTAIN TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

(APPLICATIONS \$20)

Call Denise for more info: (718) 721-9020

IMPUESTOS (INCOME TAX)

SE PREPARAN AQUÍ:

Santa Margarita María 9-18 27 Ave. Astoria, NY 11102

Formulario Federal y Estatal de NY (\$75)

Usted hasta pueda calificar para el crédito de los impuestos de salario

Obtenga su número de identificación de impuestos

(Aplicaciones \$20)

Llame a Denise para más información al: (718) 721-9020

**RUMMAGE SALE AT
ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH
9-18 27th Avenue, Astoria, NY 11102
(718) 721-9020**

Tuesday, JULY 13th

Wednesday, JULY 14th &

Thursday, JULY 15th, 2010

(doors will open @ 9:00 a.m.)

VENTA EN LA IGLESIA

SANTA MARGARITA MARIA

9-18 27 Avenue, Astoria, NY 11102

(718) 721-9020

Martes, JULIO 13,

Miércoles, JULIO 14 y

Jueves, JULIO 15, 2010

(las puertas se abrirán a las 9:00 a.m.)

JOIN YOUTH 2000 NY

**And hundreds of young people
for the 2010 Major Event**

See our website for registration

Forms and details:

www.youth2000ny.com

**Group discounts are available; leaders,
please call for a group packet
(718) 349-1157**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL NEWS

Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity during the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of July 6th, we have 286 pledges totaling \$58,344 toward our goal of \$55,455. Over \$45,000 has been collected. Thanks to all who have pledged. If you have not made a pledge, please consider doing so. All over-goal monies stay in the parish.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, July 11th:

- 10:30am -11:30am-Cursillo-Fatima Room
- 11:30am—12:30 am—Czech Community—Guadalupe Room

Monday, July 12th:

- 8:00am-1:00pm—School

Tuesday, July 13th:

- 8:00am-3:00pm—School

Wednesday, July 14th:

- 8:00am-1:00pm—School

Thursday, July 15th:

- 8:00am-3:00pm—School

Friday, July 16th:

- 8:00am-1:00pm—School
- 7:00pm-10:00pm Jornada Spanish Youth Group
Guadalupe Room

Saturday, July 17th:

- 9:00am-12:00pm—AA Group—Guadalupe & Fatima
- 10:00am-12:00pm-Adult Faith Sharing-Lourdes Room

AUGUST SUMMER CAMP AT MOUNT CARMEL

During the month of August, we are going to have a "Summer Camp" for children eight to eleven years old. I am looking for volunteers to help me. If you would like to help, please call Zilia Hirsh at (718) 278-1881. We will begin our registration during the month of June and July. Hours will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm—On Wednesdays, we will go out to the park.

Durante el mes de agosto vamos a tener un programa para los Jovenes "Programa de Verano" Jovenes de ocho a once anos. Estoy buscando voluntaries que me puedan ayudar. Si estan interesados para inscribir o ayudame por favor llamen al (718) 278-1881. Horas de 9:00 am a 12:00 pm

CATHEDRAL PREP SEMINARY

Cathedral Prep Seminary will be here to sell raffle tickets after all masses the weekend of July 25, 2010.

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN (LINE) DANCE?

Find out for sure-- Join our **Adult Line Dance Group**, starting on July 11 every Sunday night in the Parish Center Basement 5 PM to 9 PM. Professional instructor, recorded music, refreshments included. Donation \$5.00. Open to all parishioners. Sponsored by the new parish Filipino Committee.

WELCOME COLON-HIGGINS COUNCIL-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Starting in September we will welcome as a parish-based Council the local K of C group, Colon-Higgins, who will meet the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Parish Center basement at 7:30 PM. Open to all men of the parish.

CYO NEWS: NEW SPORT: Our parish CYO program is expanding into a new sport: **SOCCER!** Youngsters inspired by the World Cup can now attend our **FREE** soccer clinic to learn basic skills and prepare for the 2010--11 season. Eligible: Boys and girls ages 7 to 14. Potential coaches also invited. Soccer signups will be held on Friday, July 9 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the gym with PAR Steve L. (917