

MAY 23rd, 2010—PENTECOST SUNDAY

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.

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.

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 received 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	SUNDAY
Conference 8:00 pm-Center	Ceremony 2:00 pm
June 9	June 13
July 7	July 11
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	DOMINGO
Charla 8:00 pm—Centro	Bautimo 2:00 pm
23 Junio	27 Junio
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, MAY 22

(St. Rita of Cascia, religious)

8:00 am St. Rita

11:00 am Memorial Mass for Michael Lynch

2:00 pm Memorial Mass for Giuseppe Giordano

5:00 pm Giuseppe, Marianne and Charles Alaimo

SUNDAY, MAY 23

(Pentecost Sunday)

8:00 am Sabbia & Raffaele Carullo

10:00 am Victor & Martha Berrocal and
Mercedes Gary

11:15 am Gerald A. Langdale

12:30 pm Eglia Bloudin

2:30 pm John & Connie Lenoci

65th Wedding Anniversary Mass

5:00 pm Parish Family

MONDAY, MAY 24

(Weekday)

8:00 am Jose Ferreira

Noon Isabella Riggi

TUESDAY, MAY 25

(Weekday)

8:00 am St. Padre Pio

Noon Elizabeth & Louis Petsco

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

(St. Phillip Neri, priest)

8:00 am Leopoldo Oruna

Noon Adele Iocco

THURSDAY, MAY 27

(St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop)

8:00 am Mika Nociforo

Noon Lucia & Vito Rizzi

FRIDAY, MAY 28

(Weekday)

8:00 am Maryann Clifford

Noon Vito & Angela Lenoci

SATURDAY, MAY 29

(Weekday)

8:00 am Pasquale Ricotta

5:00 pm Salvatore, Concetta & Giuseppe Marino

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Sophie Assunta Caro, Alfred Battista, Vincente Cortes, Wanda Suckiel, Bill Celio, Luis Perea (brother of Rosita Hernandez), Leo Mello, Josephine Corolla, Mary Devitt, Jim Lyons, Frank Petrone, Mike Soltys

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

FRANCES SUTLOVICH

PENTECOST SUNDAY
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

The coming of the Spirit leads to such a transformation in the disciples that they become enthusiastic and passionate apostles of the Good News, keen and able to communicate with everyone, regardless of barriers posed by different races, nationalities and languages.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Paul stresses the spiritual life as being of paramount importance for those who are Christians.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

Jesus promises the disciples that they will never be alone, for he will send them an Advocate who will remain with them. It is the Holy Spirit, who will guide them and teach them how to live as Jesus has taught them.

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL NEWS

Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity during the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of May 18th, we have 241 pledges totaling \$52,840 toward our goal of \$55,455. Over \$34,000 has been collected. Thanks to all who have pledged. If you have not made a pledge, please consider doing so.

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving honoring Reverend Joseph T. Pham's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, June 27th at 11:15am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Mass will be followed by a Reception at the Parish Center
A dinner in his honor will be held at 6:00 pm at
Riccardo's Under the Bridge, 21-01 24th Avenue, Astoria*

Cost \$60 – Contact Nina Carullo or Winnie Burke for tickets

Dinner tickets may be obtained by contacting Nina Carullo 718-728-1256 or Winnie Burke 718-726-8116. Tickets should be paid in cash or check payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the amount of \$60 per person. Reservations for the dinner must be made by May 28th.

Please provide the following information:

Name(s): _____

Contact Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

How many tickets: _____ Table (10) _____

Foundations for Ministry Program

Are you thinking about volunteering for a parish ministry? Are you already in ministry or part of the Parish Pastoral Council, but need an update on the teachings of the Catholic Church? Perhaps the Pastoral Institute's **Foundations for Ministry Program** is for you! This 10-week program, designed for adult learners, covers a different topic each week. For example, *The Emerging Role of the Laity; Jesus: His Message, His Ministry; and One Church, Many Faces*. Classes begin in September and are being offered in English and Spanish in our Parish Center at Mount Carmel. If you are interested, please ask the pastor for a copy of the registration form or call the Pastoral Institute at 718/229-8001 ext. 350 for more information. (Ask for Nelsa Elías.)

El Programa Fundamentos Para los Ministerios

¿Está pensando ofrecer su tiempo como voluntario en un ministerio de la parroquia? ¿Ya está colaborando en un ministerio o es miembro del Consejo Pastoral Parroquial pero quiere actualizar su conocimiento de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica? ¡Tal vez el programa **Fundamentos Para Los Ministerios**, ofrecido por el Instituto Pastoral, es para usted! Este programa de 10 semanas, especialmente diseñado para estudiantes adultos, trata un tema diferente cada semana. Por ejemplo, El papel Emergente de los Laicos; Jesús: Su Mensaje, Su Ministerio; y Una Iglesia, Muchos Rostros. Las clases empiezan en septiembre y se ofrecerán en nuestro Centro PARroquial en inglés y español. Si usted está interesado, por favor pídale al párroco una copia del formulario de inscripción o llame al Instituto Pastoral para más información al 718/229-8001 ext. 350 (Pregunte por Nelsa Elías.)

GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION

DVDs of the Good Friday 2010 Procession from OLMC to SMM are now available for sale (\$10 each) from Reyna and Eduardo Rivera at videorivera@nyc.rr.com, or call the rectory.

Se puede comprar un video del la Procesion de Via Crucis 2010 de Eduadro Rivera y Reyna a: videorivera@nyc.rr.com, o por llamar a la oficina parroquial.

MASSES



ST. MARGARET MARY

SUNDAY, May 23rd, 2010
(Pentecost Sunday)

10:00 am Candelaria Gonzalez
11:30 am Deceased Members of the
St. Margaret Mary Choir

MEMORIAL MASSES FOR FR MUELLER

Both the 10 AM Spanish and 11:30 AM English masses at St Margaret Mary on Sunday June 6 will be offered for the repose of the soul of the former pastor, the Rev. James J. Mueller, who died on March 31. All are welcome to attend.

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret Mary Chapel will be burning during the month of May in loving memory of Mr. Neil Mulraney. Donated by his son Anthony and family.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK of
MAY 23rd – MAY 30th

ST. MARGARET MARY

SUNDAY, MAY 23rd

11 a.m. Spanish Faith Sharing Group – (Room A)
6 – 9 p.m. “Peregrinos de Cristo Jesús” -
(Hall & Chapel)

MONDAY, MAY 24th

5 – 8 p.m. Religious Education Classes – (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th

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

THURSDAY, MAY 27th

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

SATURDAY, MAY 29th

7 p.m. Spanish Couple Meeting – (Chapel)

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 30th

11 a.m. Spanish Faith Sharing Group – (Room A)
6 – 9 p.m. “Peregrinos de Cristo Jesús”
(Hall & Chapel)

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 AQUI:

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

St. Margaret Mary Chapel

9-18 27 Ave, Astoria, NY 11102

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday June 2, 2010

2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please Call (718) 721-9020 for an
appointment

We all need your help!

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Done Sangre el 2 de Junio, 2010
en la Parroquia de Santa Margarita María
9-18 27 Ave, Astoria, NY 11102

De 2:00 p.m. a las 7:30 p.m.

Por favor llame para una cita al
(718) 721-9020

¡Todos necesitamos de su ayuda!

“SET ME FREE” (John 8:31): The parish youth charismatic group will sponsor a prayer afternoon at St Margaret Mary on Sunday June 27 from 4 PM to 9 PM featuring drama skits, poetry slam, danza and more. Contact Fernanda at: setmefree@gmail.com

St. Margaret Mary Food Pantry News:

In the month of **April 2010** a total of 1,673 people were served. This number included; 703 Children, 679 Adults and 291 Seniors.

A total of 381 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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, May 23rd:

- **8:30am-10:00am-Spanish RCIA-Year 2-Fatima Room**
- **10:30am-12:30pm-Cursillo - Guadalupe Room**
- **11:30am-12:30pm—Czech Community—Lourdes Room**
- **3:00pm-5:30pm-HS Confirmation RCIA (Year 2)—Fatima Room**
- **3:00pm-9:00pm-Catholic Fellowship-Main Floor**
- **5:00pm-10:00pm-CYO Men's Team—Gym**

Monday, May 24th:

- **8:00am-5:00pm-School**
- **3:30pm-5:00pm-Religious Education**
- **7:30pm-9:00pm—Choir Practice-Lower Church**

Tuesday, May 25th:

- **8:00am-5:00pm—School**
- **3:30-8:00pm-YWLA—Spring Chorus**
- **5:00 pm-10:00pm CYO**
- **7:00pm -9:00pm-Spanish Pre-Cana—Guadalupe Room**

Wednesday, May 26th:

- **8:00am-5:00pm-School**
- **4:00pm-7:00pm-Religious Education-Fatima and Lourdes A & B**
- **7:30pm—Spanish Choir Practice— Lower Church**

Thursday, May 27th:

- **8:00am-1:00pm School**
- **1:00pm-4:00pm-Diamond Seniors-Guadalupe Room**
- **5:00 pm-10:00pm CYO**
- **7:30PM-9:00PM-Confirmation Class-Lourdes Room**
- **8:00pm-10:00pm-Spanish Guitar—Fatima Room**

Friday, May 28th:

- **8:00am-3:30pm School**
- **3:30 pm-7:00pm CYO**
- **7:00pm-10:00pm Jornada Spanish Youth Group Guadalupe Room**

Saturday, May 29th:

- **9:00am-12:00pm—AA Group—Guadalupe Room**
- **10:00am-12:00pm-Adult Faith Sharing-Lourdes Room**
- **3:00pm-6:00pm-Spanish Adult Catechism (Year1) - Fatima Room**
- **6:00pm-8:00pm-Spanish Literacy—Lourdes A**

FILIPINO COMMITTEE:

Monsignor Ogle is interested in forming a Filipino Committee in the parish. Anyone interested in being part of this may speak with him this week.

SEWING CLASS FASHION SHOW

There will be a Fashion Show in the Parish Center, run by the Fashion 101 Class on June 6th, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Tickets can be bought at the door.

NEW USHERS

Father Joe is in the process of recruiting and preparing new ushers at all our masses. Please give his request serious consideration, or see him if you are interested.

JORNADA YOUTH

The Jornada Youth Group will have a food sale after the Spanish Mass on May 30th, 2010 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

COME JOIN US—REMAIN IN HOPE!

A first ever Healing Mass and devotion to St. Dymphna, patron saint of mental health, will be held Tuesday, June 8th at 6:30 pm, Main altar, Cathedral of St. Patrick, 460 Madison Avenue, New York, NY. Dymphna is the 7th century Irish Saint who is patroness for those suffering from emotional and psychological difficulties, as well as any illness of the mind such as Alzheimer's or Autism. Such individuals, their families, friends and mental health professionals will find comfort and support at this upcoming Mass which includes a blessing with her relic and the communal right of anointing of the sick.

ROSARY SOCIETY

There will be a Rosary Society Meeting on Sunday, June 6th, 2010 after the 10:00 am Mass in the Parish Center, Lourdes Room. All members are welcome to bring a friend!

ASTORIA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

On May 23 after the 11:15 English and 12:30 Spanish Masses, we will have our annual presentation about Catholic Schools in our neighborhood, including information about applying for tuition assistance. If you have school aged children and are interested in Catholic schooling for them, please join us after Mass on those days.

ESCUELAS CATOLICAS DE ASTORIA

El 23 de mayo después de las Misas 11:15 en inglés y las 12:30 en español, tendremos nuestra presentación anual sobre las escuelas católicas en nuestro vecindario, incluyendo información sobre cómo solicitar ayuda de matrícula. Si usted tiene hijos en edad escolar y están interesados en la educación católica para ellos, por favor, únase a nosotros después de la Misa en esos días.

St. Joseph School
43-19 30th Avenue
LIC, NY 11103
Phone: (718) 728-0724

Immaculate Conception
21-63 29th Street
Astoria, NY 11105
Phone: (718) 728-1969

Most Precious Blood
32-52 37th Street
LIC, NY 11106
Phone: (718) 278-4081

St. Francis of Assisi
21-18 46th Street
Astoria, NY 11105
Phone: (718) 726-9405

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CATECISMO

Holy Communion will take place on May 29th, 2010. Young children's classes will make their Communion at 10:30 am.

Older children from Joann Gomez, Winnie Burke and Elaine Rodriguez's classes will make their Communion at 1:30 pm.

Sacramento de la Sagrada Comunion, 29 de Mayo, 2010. Ninos pequenos en la clase de Santa Mararita Winnie Burke y de Gina Caridi de Monte Carmelo a las 10:30 am.

Ms. Joann Gomez/Gotay, Ms. Winnie Burke, Elaine Rodriguez a las 1:30 pm de la tarde.

MSGR. MC CLANCY HIGH SCHOOL

Msgr. McClancy is now accepting applications for their summer basketball and baseball camps. The baseball camp, for boys ages 6-15 runs for two weeks, July 5th-9th and July 12th-16th; basketball for boys ages 7-15 runs for one week, August 2nd-6th. For more information, please call the school at (718) 898-3800, ext. 18.

BIBLE STUDIES

We will continue the spring season with an eight-part "Quick Journey Through The Bible", a DVD Bible Time by Jeff Cavins. The study is designed to give the student a brief overview of salvation history from Genesis through the resurrection of Christ and the establishment of the Catholic Church. The upcoming meetings will be on Tuesday evenings starting May 25th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Basement, Lourdes B Room. Anyone interested, please leave your name and phone number to Monsignor Ogle or contact James via cell (917) 309-0751 or email jbrians96@gmail.com.

ITALIAN COMMUNITY

On Wednesday, May 26 we will conduct the "Ora di Guardia" in the Italian language after the noon mass, including the rosary, exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited. We hope to conduct this devotion also on a day in October.

COMMUNITA ITALIANA

Nel Mercoledì 26 maggio, abbiamo "L'Ora di Guardia" nel idioma italiano che include Il Santo Rosario Perpetuo, Exposizione e Benedizione del Santissimo dopo la Santa messa di mezzogiorno. Tutti siete invitati. Speriamo di fare "L'Ora di Guardia" oppure il mese di ottobre.

CARMEL DIAMOND SENIORS

The Carmel Diamond Seniors will be having their end of the year Dinner at Ricardo's on June 10th, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The cost is \$35.00 per person. You can leave your name and money at the Rectory. Come join us for a truly enjoyable afternoon. Of course, friends are always welcome!

THE LAW OF THE GIFT: LOVE, SEX AND MARRIAGE IN THE THOUGHT OF JOHN PAUL II:

Special lecture on this topic by Dr. Phil Franco, Director of Diocesan Faith Formation- Tues. June 22 7 PM to 9:30 PM at Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston. Limited seating. Reserve tickets at 718-281-9540 or precana@rcdob.org. Tickets @ \$10.00.

PARISH SURVEY

This month's envelope packet will include a brief "Parish Survey" card. This information will help us to know better the needs of our parishioners, to plan better to meet those needs, and to communicate better with you. Please return this card at your earliest convenience. Parishioners not receiving envelopes can pick up a card at the church doors and return it to the rectory or in the collection basket. Thanks for your cooperation.

"Encuesta Parroquial"

Este mes se incluire un paquete de sobres con una tarjeta de "Encuesta Parroquial". Esta información nos ayudará a conocer mejor las necesidades de nuestros feligreses, para planificar mejor para satisfacer esas necesidades, y para comunicarnos mejor y para satisfacer esas necesidades para comunicarnos mejor con usted. Por favor devuelva esta tarjeta lo mas pronto posible. Los feligreses que no reciben sobres pueden recoger una tarjeta en la puerta de la iglesia y devolverlo a la rectoría o en la canasta de la colecta. Gracias por su colaboración.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following RCIA Candidates with who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 22nd, 2010:

Gabriela Alvarado	Vanessa Jones
Pablo Alvarado	Theresa Murphy
Izel Baez	Nicholas Pecora
Henry Cepeda	Jesse Charles Pecora
Julieme Cepeda	Stephanie Riveria
Francisco Correa	Evelyn Sosa
Jeanine Endrino	Shari Toribio
Cindy Gonzalez	Richard Vega
Carmen Ramona-Gonzales	Vivian Vega
Willie Gonzalez	Rocio Valenzuela
Alexis Huerta	Jennifer Zuniga
Fabian Ilera	

MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION

Saturday, June 12th, Parish Center
Mass at 2:00pm

Reception from 3:00pm-6:00pm

\$40.00 per person; \$70.00 per couple

In Memory of Donald Pitti, '43
(former Chairman of the Alumni Committee)

Please RSVP to the Rectory
(718) 278-1834 by May 24th

STRATEGIC PLANNING PRAYER

This prayer is offered by the women and men religious of the diocese who hold in prayerful remembrance each parish engaged in Strategic Planning:

O God of hope, we believe that you dwell within us. As we face the realities of parish life in our diocese, we pray that each of us remain open to the movement of your spirit as we study the data and its implications. Guide us in our deliberations, enable us to work together.... realizing that while change is inevitable, there is great hope in our belief that you are with us at all times. Strengthen our resolve to continue to bring about your reign in our world, through the efforts of all: our bishops, priests, deacons, women and men religious, and parishioners. Hear our prayer, O God of hope. Amen

ST. JOHN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

In September, St. John's Prep will be offering a8 review classes for the 2010 TACHS exam that will be given on November 13th, 2010. The cost is \$245.00, which includes the workbook. A \$100.00 deposit is due by June 18th. The program begins on September 18th. If you are interested, please call St. John's Prep at (718) 721-7200.

Free IT Training; Ages 18-24

Free IT Training for 18-24 year olds who live in the **DC, MD, or VA, Providence, Boston , New York City, Atlanta , San Francisco Bay Area.**

If you know any one with a high school diploma or a GED who are between the ages of 18-24 yrs old and have an interest in IT. Refer them to this site <http://www.yearup.org> to learn more about this free program. This program asks for a 1 year commitment between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. They provide the student with a stipend and after six months, internships at companies such as Freddie Mac and AOL to name a few. Check out the website. www.yearup.org

About Year Up. Year Up is a one-year, intensive training program that provides urban young adults 18-24, with a unique combination of technical and professional skills, college credits, an educational stipend and corporate apprenticeship.

Our success is our graduates -- enabling them to move on to full-time employment and higher education. Year Up is about providing opportunities for urban young adults to demonstrate their true potential.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH ~ THE MOTHER CHURCH OF QUEENS COUNTY

Parish Self Study Questionnaire for "Christ Jesus, Our Hope" ~ Diocesan Strategic Planning ~ May 23, 2010

Dear Friends: Here you will find the summary of the responses to the questionnaire we have been presenting in recent weeks as part of the "Self-Study" for the diocesan strategic planning process known as "Christ Jesus, Our Hope". The questions were answered by people who attended our Parish Assembly, our staff, Trustees, Pastoral and Finance Councils, as well as a few who answered on-line and in the mail. The earlier part of the Self-Study was the "pink booklet" we published the weekend of March 2 containing the sacramental, financial and activities engagement statistics for our parish. The entire Self-Study constitutes our official report as a parish to the Bishop and his Planning Commission. Along with every other parish Self-Study, ours will be reviewed over the summer, and we will be given recommendations in the fall. This entire process has been a unique and historic event in the life of our diocese, and it will definitely impact how we exist as a church for years to come. This report (especially question number 6) and the diocesan response will comprise the Pastoral Plan for our parish for the next three years, when we reconstitute our Pastoral Council in the fall of 2010. Please pray for the fruitfulness of this effort. **Monsignor Ogle**

1. What are the signs of growth in your parish?

- Increase in number of parish organizations
- Increase in Mass attendance and Religious Education enrollment
- Presence of younger adult parishioners
- Large immigrant population which is active and engaged
- Many positive signs in the merger with Saint Margaret Mary
- The five language groups that meet here
- Spanish Mass includes high number of families attending Mass together

2. What is the greatest strength of your parish?

- The living faith of the people
- The Clergy
- Great number of Masses
- Ethnic Groups

- Our new Parish Center
- Welcoming attitude and charitable works done at St Margaret Mary
- Good rental income

3. What are the greatest concerns or challenges facing your parish now and in the projected future?

- Housing costs in the area drive out both "old-timers" and young families
- Loss of church going families, including among established American families
- Reach out to the families and new people moving into parish
- Increased non-Catholic presence in neighborhood
- Improve quality of Religious Education
- Maintain and improve opportunities for Catholic school education
- Social activities to engage the youth and adults
- Make anonymous individuals feel accepted in the community
- Encourage vocations to the priesthood
- Need a strong youth leader
- Increase Mass attendance
- Opportunities for the different language groups to interact
- Attention to needs of the English-speaking, both practicing and non-practicing

4. Which of these challenges do you feel the parish can address or has been addressing? How?

- Created new groups (Young Adult, Parent-Tot, Jornada, Teen Holy Hour) to involve youth, young adults and families
- Held more activities where our ethnic groups gather (liturgical ministers nights)
- Encourage a flexibility and welcoming attitude towards new parishioners, both foreign immigrants and U.S.-born "in-migrants"
- People not that aware of importance of financial support for church
- More training for liturgical ministers
- Creation of staff position for Catholic School promotion
- Address concerns about the attire worn in church

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5. Which challenges seem beyond the ability of the parish to adequately address with your current resources?

- Affordable housing in the area
- Changes in the make-up of the neighborhood
- Reaching out to the youth who complete Religious Ed
- Need for greater safety and police protection from home and car break-ins

6. What are your pastoral priorities for the next 5 years?

- Maintain and augment the base of active parishioners
- Increase Mass attendance, especially with non-practicing English-speakers
- Religious Education enhancement
- Work with the youth to keep them in the church and their participation in the various ministries
- Continued integration of language, demographic and worship-site groups
- Consolidate under-attended Masses in light of the clergy shortage

7. What ministries need to develop or be strengthened in the next 5 years?

- Youth ministry
- Altar servers
- Ushers – especially need them for our various liturgical services
- Eucharistic Ministers for masses, hospital and rehab center
- Develop the church societies
- Revival of devotional piety and reverence before the Eucharist

8. Based on your review of the parish financials, do you believe that the parish is financially sound and sustainable for the next 5 years? What factors lead you to this determination?

- Our parishioners respond well to financial appeals such as the Increased Offertory, ACA and special campaigns
- We are financially sound due to our rentals

9. How does the parish plan to address any financial challenges that exist or may emerge?

- Keep a watchful eye on our spending and investment strategy
- Bring the higher cost of living to the people's awareness
- Finance Council is committed, active and engaged

10. What is the status of all parish buildings? Are there any capital repairs to any buildings that you anticipate in the next 5 years? Do you have any buildings which have the potential to be rented or used in an adaptive manner?

- Our church is an older building and needs immediate repair work to both the exterior and interior.
- We must also replace windows in the school which is rented.
- The church interior will need some restoration at some point, including accessibility, upstairs and downstairs.
- We need to develop additional meeting room space
- Most of our potential rentals are being realized at the moment

11. How do you see your parish collaborating with other parishes in the future?

- Cluster sharing of priests and staff, as well as bulletins, social activities and "best practices"
- Alignment with a parochial school in the area
- Scholarship program for cluster schools
- Continue support for the cluster hospital chaplain
- Develop parent religious education

12. What is your hope for your faith community in the coming years?

- Increased Mass attendance
- Development of a deeper, living faith

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Queridos hermanos: Aquí se encuentra el resumen de las respuestas al cuestionario que hemos presentado en las últimas semanas como parte de la "auto-estudio" para el proceso de planificación estratégica diocesana conocido como "**Cristo Jesús, Nuestra Esperanza**". Las preguntas fueron contestadas por las personas que asistieron a nuestra Asamblea Parroquial, nuestro personal, Síndicos, y los Consejos de Pastoral de Finanzas, así como unos pocos que respondió en línea y en el correo. La primera parte de la "auto-estudio" fue el folleto "rosa" que publicó el fin de semana del 21 de marzo que contiene las estadísticas sacramentales, financieras y de participación en actividades para nuestra parroquia. Todo el "auto-estudio" constituye nuestro informe oficial como parroquia al obispo y su Comisión de Planificación. Junto con todas las otras parroquias, el nuestro será revisado durante el verano, y se nos dará recomendaciones en el otoño. Todo este proceso ha sido un acontecimiento único e histórico en la vida de nuestra diócesis, y que definitivamente tendrá un impacto cómo existimos como iglesia en los años venideros. Este informe (en especial la pregunta número 6) y la respuesta diocesana contará con el Plan Pastoral de nuestra parroquia para los próximos tres años, cuando se nos reconstruye nuestra Consejo Pastoral en el otoño de 2010. Por favor, oren por la fecundidad espiritual de este esfuerzo.

Monseñor Ogle

1. ¿Cuáles son los signos de crecimiento en su parroquia?

- Aumento del número de organizaciones de la parroquia
- Aumento de la asistencia a misa y de inscripción de Educación Religiosa
- Presencia de feligreses adultos más jóvenes
- Población activa y comprometida de inmigrantes
- Muchas señales positivas en la fusión con San Margarita María
- Los cinco grupos lingüísticos que se encuentran aquí

- Misa en Español incluye gran número de familias que asisten a Misa juntos

2. ¿Cuál es la mayor fuerza de tu parroquia?

- La fe de vida del pueblo
- El Clero
- Gran número de misas
- Grupos Étnicos
- Nuestro nuevo Centro Parroquial
- Actitud de bienvenida y hacer obras de caridad de Santa Margarita María
- Buen ingreso de renta

4. ¿Cuáles son las mayores preocupaciones o desafíos que enfrenta su parroquia, ahora y en el futuro proyectado?

- Los costos de vivienda duelen a los "viejos" y las familias jóvenes
- Pérdida de la iglesia pasando las familias, incluso entre las familias estadounidenses establecidas
- Contactar las familias y personas nuevas entrando en la parroquia
- Aumento de la presencia no-católico en el barrio
- Mejorar la calidad de la educación religiosa
- Mantener y mejorar las oportunidades de la escuela católica
- Actividades de servicios sociales de educación a participar a los jóvenes y adultos
- Hacer individuos anónimos se sienten aceptados en la comunidad
- Aumento de las vocaciones al sacerdocio
- Necesidad de un líder fuerte para los jóvenes
- Aumentar los jóvenes la asistencia a Misa
- Las oportunidades para los diferentes grupos lingüísticos para interactuar
- Atención a las necesidades del Inglés-hablantes, tanto en la práctica y no practicantes

5. ¿Cuál de estos retos se siente la parroquia puede hacer frente a la dirección o ha sido? ¿Cómo?

- creación de nuevos grupos (adultos jóvenes, Padres y Niños, La Jornada, Adolescente Hora Santa) para involucrar a los jóvenes, los adultos jóvenes y las familias más actividades
- Lugar donde se reúnen nuestros grupos étnicos (como noches para ministros de la liturgia)

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- Fomentar la actitud de acogida hacia los nuevos feligreses, tanto de los inmigrantes y nacidos en Estados Unidos
- Muchas personas no están conscientes de la importancia del apoyo financiero para la iglesia
- Mejorar la formación de ministros de la liturgia
- Creación de la posición personal para promover la escuela católica
- traje apropiada en la iglesia

6. ¿Qué desafíos parecen más allá de la capacidad de la parroquia para tratar adecuadamente con sus recursos actuales?

- La vivienda económica en el área
- Cambios en la composición del barrio
- Llegar a los jóvenes que terminan Educación Religiosa
- Necesidad de una mayor seguridad y la protección policial del hogar y del coche

6. ¿Cuáles son sus prioridades pastorales para los próximos 5 años?

- Mantener y aumentar la base de feligreses activos
- Incrementar la asistencia a misa, especialmente con los no practicantes Inglés-hablantes
- mejorar la Educación Religiosa
- Trabajar con los jóvenes para mantenerlos en la iglesia y su participación en los diversos ministerios
- La continúa integración de los grupos de las diferentes lenguas, demográficos y sitios de culto
- Consolidar horario de Misas, a causa de la escasez de clero

7. ¿Qué ministerios necesidad de desarrollar o reforzar en los próximos 5 años?

- Ministerio de jóvenes
- acólitos
- Acomodadores - especialmente para servicios litúrgicos especiales
- Ministros de la Eucaristía para las Misas, el hospital y centro de rehabilitación
- Desarrollar las sociedades eclesíásticas
- reactivación de la devoción piadosa y reverencia ante la Eucaristía

8 Con base en su revisión de las finanzas de la parroquia, ¿cree usted que la parroquia es

financieramente sólida y sostenible para los próximos 5 años? ¿Qué factores te llevan a esta determinación?

- Los feligreses responden bien a los llamamientos financieras, como el aumento de ofertorio, ACA y campañas especiales
- Estamos financieramente sólida, debido a nuestros alquileres

9. ¿Cómo funciona el plan de la parroquia para hacer frente a cualquier desafío financiero que existe o puede surgir?

- Mantenga un ojo vigilante sobre nuestros gastos y estrategia de inversión
- Recuerda a la gente del costo de vida más alto
- Consejo de Finanzas esta activo y comprometido

10. ¿Cuál es el estado de todos los edificios de la parroquia? ¿Hay alguna reparación capital a ninguna edificios que usted anticipa que en los próximos 5 años? ¿Tiene algunos edificios que tienen el potencial para ser alquilados o utilizados de una manera adaptativa?

- Nuestra iglesia es un edificio antiguo y las necesita reparación inmediata para el exterior y el interior.
- También hay que sustituir las ventanas de la escuela
- El interior de la iglesia necesita alguna restauración en algún momento, incluida la accesibilidad, arriba y abajo.
- Es necesario desarrollar espacios para reuniones adicionales
- La mayoría de nuestros alquileres potenciales se están realizando en este momento

11. ¿Cómo ve a su parroquia en colaboración con otras parroquias ("clúster") en el futuro?

- intercambio de sacerdotes y el personal, así como boletines, actividades sociales y "mejores prácticas"
- Alineación con una escuela parroquial
- programa de becas para las escuelas de la zona
- Continuar el apoyo para el capellán del hospital
- Desarrollar educación religiosa de los padres

12. ¿Cuál es su esperanza para su comunidad de fe en los próximos años?

- Aumento de la asistencia a Misa
- Desarrollo una fe viva y más profunda