Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 19th, 2017

The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Served by The Missionaries of Saint Charles – Scalabrinians
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-Jose Ramon Arenas

Secretaries
- Nancy Diaz
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Office Hours

Sunday
-8:00am—3:00pm

Tuesday- Friday
-8:30am—8:30pm

Saturday
-8:30am — 1:00pm
-2:00pm—5:30pm

Monday
- We're Closed

Sunday Mass Schedule

5:30pm - Sat. Vigil Mass
7:45am - English
9:00am - Español
10:30am - Italiano
12:00pm - English
1:30pm - Español
5:00pm - Español

Weekly Mass Schedule

English
-Monday - Saturday at 7:45am

Español
-Martes y Jueves a las 6:30pm

Italiano
-Sotto richiesta

THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES AT MOUNT CARMEL SINCE 1905

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Our Lady of Mt Carmel, is served
by the Congregation of the Missionaries of St.
Charles – Scalabrinians – .
We are an community of Catholic religious
serving migrants and refugees of different cultures,
religions and ethnicities in 32 countries.
The Congregation was founded in Italy
on November 28, 1887,
by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini (1839-1905),
bishop of Piacenza (Italy).
Our missionary focus is to be migrants
with the migrants and to be in mission
with people on the move,
with a special priority for the poorest
And neediest migrants.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL —MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community bound by the Grace of God the Father
who adopted us all as beloved children through Baptism.
We journey as brothers and sisters
inspired in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished with the Eucharist
and strengthened by the love of the Holy Spirit.
Encouraged in the practice of our Catholic Tradition,
we experience and honor the maternal protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
while joyfully celebrating the religious practices of our ancestors in Faith.
Heartened by the zealous ministry of the Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians),
we strive to create a welcoming space were justice for all and the wellbeing of God's people
become the inspiration in our efforts to build God's Kingdom.

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NUESTRA SENORA DEL MONTE CARMEL — VISIÓN

Somos una comunidad de fe vinculada por la Gracia de Dios Padre,
que nos ha adoptado como hijos amados por el Bautismo.
Caminamos como hermanos y hermanas
inspirados en el Evangelio de Jesucristo, nutridos con la Eucaristía
y fortalecidos por el amor del Espíritu Santo.
Alentados en la práctica de nuestra Tradición Católica,
experimentamos y honramos a la protección materna de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo,
celebrando alegremente las prácticas religiosas de nuestros ancestros en la Fe.
Animados por el celo ministerial de los Misioneros de San Carlos (Scalabrinianos),
nos esforzamos por crear un espacio de bienvenida donde la justicia para todos
y el bienestar del pueblo de Dios nos inspiran en nuestros esfuerzos para construir el Reino de Dios.

Church Services

We encourage all to register
at the Parish-Shrine.
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Les invitamos a registrarse
en el Santuario Parroquial.

Support Staff

Business Manager
Alexander Sanchez 708.345.3632

Religious Education
Modesta Martinez 708.344.4140

Activities Coordinator
Miguel Aldana 708.345.3632

Music Coordinator
Ann Marie Nabor 708.579.5373

Community Center Site Director
Pablo Cruz 708.345.3632

Sacramental Life

Confessions *Confesiones*
Saturdays—*Sábados*
4:00pm—5:30pm or by appointment/ *o con cita.*

Baptisms *Bautizos*
Come to the parish office. *Pase a la oficina parroquial.*

Weddings *Bodas*
Contact the priest at least six months in advance.
Contactar al sacerdote seis meses antes de la ceremonia

Quinceañera
Contactar a la secretaria cuatro meses antes de la ceremonia.

Presentaciones
Contactar la Secretaria al menos dos semanas antes

Religious Services

Recitation of the Holy Rosary
Mon—Sat at 7:00am

Adoration *Adoración al Stmo. Sacramento*
Wednesdays 6:00pm—8:00pm

Novena & Benediction
Wednesday/Miércoles 7:30pm

Grupo de Oración Carismática
Martes a las 7:00pm

Other Services

Gift Shop Hours *Venta de Artículos Religiosos*
During the regular office hours.
Durante las horas de oficina

Community Center *Centro Comunitario*
Social outreach *Servicios a la comunidad* (708) 345 - 3632

Food Pantry *Despensa de comida*
Wednesdays 4:00pm—6:00pm

Religious Education—*Catecismo*
Saturday - *Sábados* 3:30pm — 6:30pm
Sunday - *Domingos* 10:00am—1:00pm
- Mass Included—Incluye la Misa

During Lent

Fridays—Viernes

+ Abstinence / Abstinencia de Carne / Abstinenza
+ 7:00pm Stations of the Cross Trilingual

Wednesdays—Miercoles

+ 6:00pm Adoración y Predica Cuaresmal
+ 7:30pm Novena with Lenten Preaching

Thursdays—Jueves

+ 6:00pm 1st Reconciliation Rel Ed Students
Confesiones estudiantes de Catecismo

Martes y Jueves

+7:00pm Ensayo para el Via Crucis

March 24th Friday

6:00pm Parish Reconciliation Service
Servicio Penitencial
Fish Fry at the Gym

April 10th Monday - Lunes

7:30pm Servicio de Tinieblas

April 13th Thursday - Jueves

7:30pm Visitation of Churches

While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.
— Romans 5:8

Wedding Banns

♥ Davor Pavlovic & Brianna Dahly
♥ Maria Rosales & Ricardo Aviles
♥ Natividad Medrano & Ma. Del Carmen Rivera... 1
♥ David Soto & Sandra Lechuga… 1
♥ Jorge Acosta & Imelda Rodriguez… 1

Weekly Offering

March 11 – March 12, 2017

Regular Sunday Collection: $6,202.00
Children: $296.00

From the Pastor's Desk

The Lenten Journey is underway! The promise of Resurrection and New Life is ever closer. As believers in Jesus, the Savior of the World, we are preparing ourselves to celebrate and experience the mysteries that gained us the gift of New Life. We must beware, though, not to rush through this Holy Season and, consequently, waist the incredible opportunity God is providing for each one of us. By prayer, fasting and alms giving we are called to journey into our hearts and find out what it is that's keeping us from fully experiencing the wholeness of Salvation, the way the Lord intends. These ancient practices are to be understood as the tools that best help believers in their conversion experience. Let's embrace them as a special gift for Lent.

Here in the Church we are providing our parishioners with some extra services that can make out of our Lenten Experience a true special moment of Grace. Every Wednesday, during novena, Fr. Feccia is leading us in some beautiful reflections. They are meant to provide us with some inspiring thoughts for the Season. The opportunity to come to church in the middle of the week and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament, adoring the Real Presence of Jesus is, in itself, a special Grace. I invite you all to take advantage and participate in this most inspirational moment. Every Friday evening, we walk the Stations of the Cross. This ancient practice of the Church is special for the Lenten Season. Join us and take the time to reflect on the lord's Passion and his incredible Love for us. On March 24th, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a special liturgical service. I invite each one of you to take advantage and approach Confession as an opportunity to celebrate God's Mercy in your life. There is no surest way to fully enjoy Resurrection than to seek God's forgiveness. Plan accordingly and profit from this special moment in our faith family. On that same evening, there will be a Fish Fry in our premises. Book your agenda and join us for this event as well.

We should not forget that the most privileged moment during our Journey towards Easter is our weekly participation in the Eucharist. It is by reflecting on God's Word and partaking of His Sacrifice at the Table of the Church that we best prepare ourselves to become New Creatures in Christ. I wish you all a blessed journey and look forward to celebrating with each one of you the fullness of our Redemption.

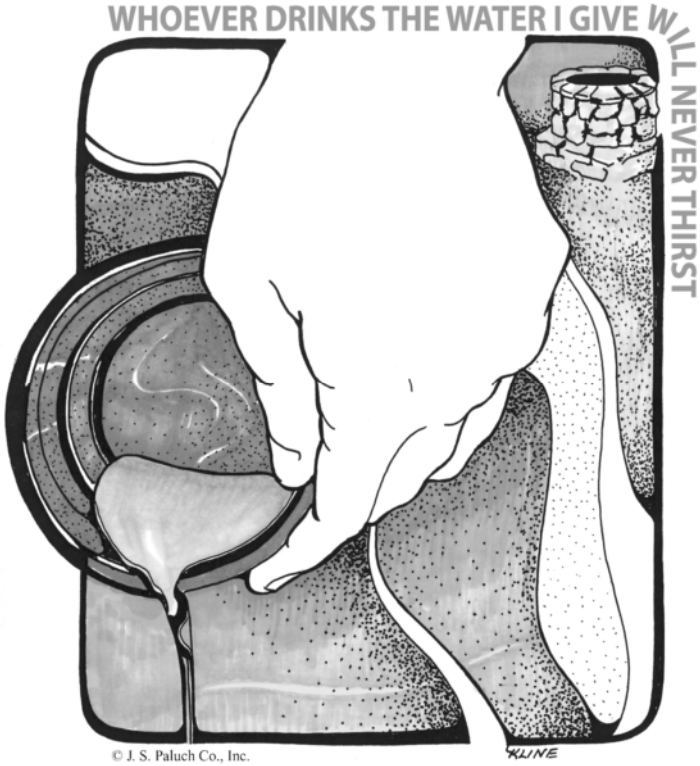
Adsum,

On **Thursday March 30th**
the Knights of Columbus
will be honoring our Pastor,
Fr. **Miguel Alvarez, cs**
at the Columbian Booster
35th annual Honors Night.
We would like to invite his staff
and parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to
come out and support Fr. Miguel
for this distinguished award
from the Knights of Columbus.

The Donation is $40.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory. The event will take place at the White Eagle Banquets, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles IL.

Cash bar,**Dinner at 7:30pm.**

Any questions about this event or information about becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus please contact Robert Adams Jr at 847-259-4975



THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine
St. Anthony Society

Annual Lenten Fish Fry

ALL YOU CAN EAT BEER BATERED COD, COTTAGE FRIES, COLE SLAW, CORN ON THE COB, FRUIT, SWEETS, COFFEE, SODA, WINE ** AND MORE...

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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LENTEN JOURNEY

In Catholic tradition, lent is considered a journey towards Easter, a peaceful walking through reflection, prayer and fraternal relationships in such a way that reaching new life can be considered a wholesome experience. We would like to invite each one of you to take part in the different liturgical and spiritual services that will be offered here at the Shrine. Please make sure you take the time to join us in prayer and worship:

EACH **WEDNESDAY** OF LENT:
+Reflection during Novena with Fr. Feccia.

EACH **FRIDAY** OF LENT:
+ Stations of the Cross
-7:00pm Trilingual

Celebrating the Eucharist every Sunday should be the highlight in the life of every Christian
We should be attentive to enjoy this privilege during the Sundays of Lent

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old or older on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but are not yet 59. Those who are bound by these regulations may take Only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The Paschal abstinence and fasting are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged on Holy Saturday.

Mensaje del Párroco

¡Estamos avanzando en nuestra Jornada Cuaresmal! Las promesas de Resurrección y Vida Nueva en Cristo están cada vez más cerca. La Iglesia nos invita a hacer un viaje al corazón y detectar todo aquello que sirva de obstáculo a la Gracia que Dios quiere derramar en nuestros corazones, a que removamos y nos deshagamos de aquello que impida que nuestras vidas se llenen de Luz cuando la Pascua nos alcance. A través de la Oración, la Penitencia y Las Obras de Misericordia, la Iglesia nos propone un ejercicio espiritual con el cual podremos domesticar el corazón en las cosas del Espíritu. Hagamos pues uso de esta triple practica y avancemos hacia el encuentro con el resucitado llenos de confianza.

Aquí en la Iglesia, estamos ofreciendo toda una serie de prácticas cuaresmales que esperemos también nos sirvan de herramienta en nuestro proceso de Conversión. Cada Miércoles, durante la Hora Santa, les invitamos a participar de las reflexiones cuaresmales; además de encontrarnos con la presencia viva de Cristo en el Santísimo, tendremos la oportunidad de inspirarnos en nuestro camino hacia la Pascua con reflexiones que alimenten nuestro corazón inquieto. Cada viernes por la noche tenemos el rezo del Santo Viacrucis, esta práctica devocional nos brinda la posibilidad de avanzar con Cristo hacia el Calvario y reflexionar en los sufrimientos de Aquel que, por amor, quiso entregarse totalmente. El día 24 de Marzo se nos ofrecerá la posibilidad de reconciliarnos con Dios con la celebración de las confesiones, ojala hagamos el tiempo para venir como familia y aprovechar del Sacramento de la Penitencia para celebrar en nuestras vidas el amor incomparable de Dios. El día 10 de Abril a las 7:30 de la noche tendremos el Servicio de Tinieblas, allí nos reuniremos como comunidad de Fe ante Dios para vivir una de las ceremonias más interesantes de este Tiempo Santo que estamos viviendo.

Quiero finalmente recordarles que la práctica por excelencia durante este tiempo especial, es la celebración de la Santa Misa cada Domingo. Es en la escucha atenta de la Palabra de Dios y en la comunión del Pan de Vida en el Altar de la Iglesia donde mejor nos preparamos para seguir al Cristo por su Pasión y su Cruz, a la gloria de la Resurrección. Que Dios nos ayude a seguir avanzando hacia la Pascua mientras aprovechamos de todo lo que la parroquia nos está ofreciendo.

Adsum,

JORNADA CUARESMAL

La Cuaresma es un viaje hacia la Pascua. Después de cuarenta días de jornada, la Iglesia nos conduce al encuentro con el Resucitado. Con Oración, Penitencia y Caridad Fraterna preparamos nuestra existencia para el encuentro con la Resurrección. Les invitamos a tomar parte de los diversos momentos de celebración litúrgica y Reflexión Espiritual que se estarán ofreciendo en nuestro Santuario Parroquial:

CADA **VIERNES** DE CUARESMA:
+ Rezo del Santo Viacrucis
-7:00pm En varios Idiomas

La Asistencia a Misa Dominical
se vuelve un momento muy privilegiado
y de gran ayuda para nuestra conversión,
ojala podamos hacer el esfuerzo
de asistir en familia cada Domingo de Cuaresma

El dia jueves 30 de Marzo
Los Caballeros de Colon estaran honrando
a nuestro Parroco **P. Miguel Alvarez, cs**
durante una cena de gala.
Invitamos a sus parroquianos y amigos
a estar presents para este
reconociemiento tan distinguido.

Los boletos para la cena estan a venta en la Rectoria
y los pueden adquirir a $40.00 por persona.

Para mas informacion sobre este evento
o sobre como ingresar con los caballeros de Colon
pueden contactar la oficina de la Parroquia
o a Robert Adams al tel: 847-259-4975

TRACICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Para ser cristiano en la Iglesia católica necesitas recibir los tres sacramentos de Iniciación, es decir, el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Si te falta uno de estos sacramentos no estás completamente iniciado. Algunos cristianos insisten que si no estás confirmado no te puedes casar por la Iglesia, pero esto no es completamente cierto. Según las leyes de la Iglesia, los cristianos que desean contraer Matrimonio deberían buscar ser confirmados, si les es posible sin grave dificultad (Canon 1065).

Todos conocemos el Bautismo y la Eucaristía, pero ¿qué es la Confirmación? El nombre lo dice todo. Con la Confirmación, confirmamos ante Dios y la Iglesia que deseamos ser cristianos por el resto de nuestra vida. Confirmarse es comprometerse, es entregarse al servicio de Dios ayudando al prójimo con la gracia y el poder del Espíritu Santo. Por eso es importante recibir una buena preparación.

La mayoría de nosotros no tuvimos opción cuando nuestra mamá y nuestro papá nos bautizaron. Nuestros padres y padrinos dijeron sí por nosotros y, si cumplieron con su compromiso, nos enseñaron con palabras y buen ejemplo como decir sí al Evangelio de Cristo. Sea que nos hayamos bautizado como infantes o como adultos, la Confirmación nos da la oportunidad de dar un sí pleno. ¡Sí! a ese bautizo, ¡Sí! a la Iglesia y en especial ¡Sí! a Cristo.

Sociedad de San Antonio

VENTA DE PESCADO FRITO

Viernes, 24 de Marzo
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Adultos $10.00 el platillo y Niños menores de 12, $8.00

Boletos disponible en la oficina de la parroquia. Para mas informacion favor de marcar a la oficina.
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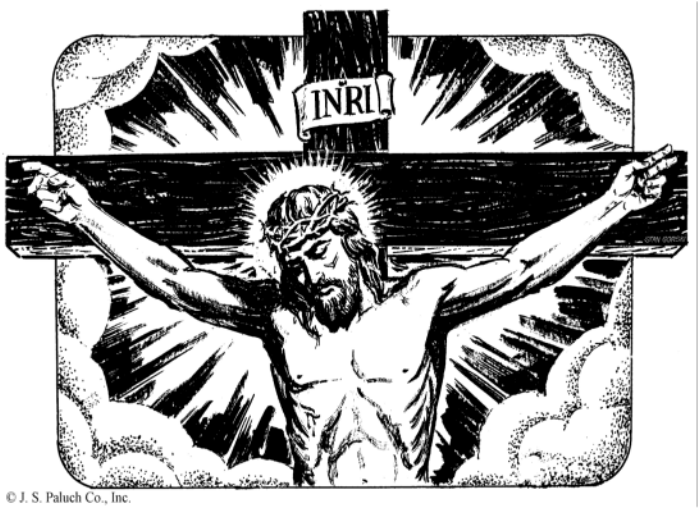

AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA

ABSTINENCIA:
De acuerdo a las reglas de la Iglesia Católica, todos los mayores de 14 años deben abstenerse de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de cuaresma.

AYUNO: Debe ser observado por todas las personas entre 18 y 59 años de edad. Nos obliga el dia Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo –se invita también a prolongar el ayuno pascual haciéndolo el Sábado Santo-. La mejor manera de hacer ayuno es: Una comida completa y dos comidas ligeras si lo sienten necesario.

Fr. Feccia's Reflection

Terza domenica di Quaresima. Anno "A" —È mezzogiorno al pozzo di Giacobbe. Stanco del cammino, Gesù si riposa. Il Verbo di Dio ha fame e sete. «*È l'inizio dei misteri*» (S. Agostino). Cerchiamo di comprenderli. C'è in gioco la fede di una donna e dei suoi concittadini, c'è in gioco la nostra fede.

Una donna viene al pozzo, nell'ora più calda del giorno, senza dubbio per non incontrare nessuno, data la sua cattiva reputazione. Invece c'è un uomo seduto sulla pietra del pozzo. Ma che importa? È un giudeo e i giudei stanno alla larga dei samaritani… È una vecchia storia di scisma e di compromessi con il paganesimo: come questa donna che ha cinque mariti, la samaritana si è prostituita agli idoli. Ma il Verbo di Dio ha sete. Desidera la fede di questa donna. Portandola sul terreno del dialogo, scopre in lei la breccia segreta, attraverso cui affiora, poco a poco la domanda: chi è questo uomo più grande di Giacobbe? Un profeta? Forse il Messia? Assetata di acqua viva la samaritana corre al villaggio ad annunciare la buona notizia del mistero di Gesù.

E il Verbo, che aveva fame, sente che la sua fame è stata saziata. Iniziando la donna alla via della fede, suscitando autentici adoratori del Padre, non ha forse iniziato a compiere la sua missione?

I samaritani si sono già messi in cammino: la loro adesione a Gesù, salvatore del mondo, prefigura la profondità di un vangelo predicato fino agli estremi confini della terra. «Donami di quest'acqua che scaturisca dal tuo cuore, tu che sei il *messia atteso, e io adorerò il Padre secondo verità, in tutti i luoghi del mondo, scoprendo nel nostro tempo le sorgenti da cui sgorga l'acqua viva dello Spirito. Allora si estinguerà la mia sete e la mia fame sarà saziata. E potrò gridare ai quattro venti il tuo nome: Gesù, messia e salvatore del mondo!»*

La risposta a tutte le esigenze— Gesù sconvolge la vita e la sicurezza della samaritana, presentandosi come la vera ricchezza dell'uomo, e dando una risposta sicura a tutte le sue profonde esigenze. Egli è la vera acqua che dona la vita, e possiede un cibo che non verrà mai meno, la comunione col Padre: anzi è lui stesso questo cibo. Anche la problematica religiosa ha in lui una soluzione definitiva e quanto mai affascinante, come liberazione da tutti i tabù e i conformismi religiosi: d'ora in poi la vera religione sarà quella del cuore, ognuno sarà in grado di appartenervi e di praticarla, se è fedele non allo spirito del mondo, ma allo Spirito di Dio.

INDICAZIONI PRATICHE DEL DIGIUNO E DELL'ASTINENZA

+ il **mercoledì delle ceneri** e il **venerdì santo** sono giorni di digiuno dal cibo e di astinenza dalla carne e dai cibi ricercati o costosi.
+ i **venerdì di Quaresima** sono giorni di astinenza dalla carne e dai cibi ricercati o costosi.
+ negli **altri venerdì dell'anno**, i fedeli possono sostituire l'astinenza dalla carne con altre opere di carattere penitenziale.
+ al digiuno sono tenuti i fedeli dai **diciotto** anni compiuti ai **sessanta** incominciati; all'astinenza dalla carne i fedeli che hanno compiuto i **quattordici** anni.
+ anche coloro che non sono tenuti all'osservanza del digiuno, i bambini e i ragazzi, vanno formati al genuino senso della penitenza cristiana.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 — **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †
5:30 pm †

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 — **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
7:45 am † Paz Tapia
† Maria Tapia
9:00 am †
10:30 am † Maria Fasullo by Josephine Ciraulo
12:00 pm † Christine Tradaglini by Rosemarie
† Carlos Garibai Martinez
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

MONDAY, MARCH 20 — **ST. JOSEPH**
7:30 am † Josephine Ariola by Nieces Rose & Madeline

TUESDAY, MARCH 21 — **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 — **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 — **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 — **LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 — **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**
7:30 am † Joe & Ann Camgoalosi by Sister Madelene
5:30 pm †

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 — **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
7:45 am † Paz Tapia
† Maria Tapia
9:00 am †
10:30 am † Lino Rauzi by Wife & Family
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE ILL OR INFIRMED :

Linda Bandy
Mary Donato
Judith Escamilla
Jacob Duda
Kristie Goldi
Linna Goldi
Susan Humpf
Carol Maioni
Vandy Liala
Ethan Maidl
Joseph Pulido
Lauren Rendi
Bobby J. Villa
Luke Westrick
Ann Yench
Alexandra Vitali
Ken Douglas
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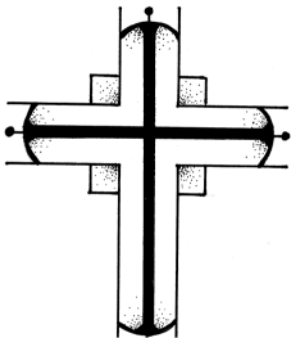
Nell Baker



Rest In Peace

† Andonella DeBiasio

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord's table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn't fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord's Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the "casket" containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the "old rule of the church" as allowing for reserving the eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

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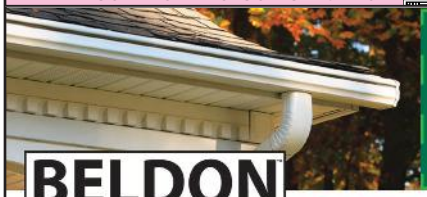

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