Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 10th, 2017

The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago
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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 7:30am

Español
-Martes y Jueves a las 6:30pm

Italiano
-Sotto richiesta

THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES AT MOUNT CARMEL SINCE 1905

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, is served
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We are an community of Catholic religious
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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.

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

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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

For the Month of SEPTEMBER

September 11th Mon/Lun

- 7:00pm Memorial Service for 9/11

September 16th Sat/Sab

- CCD Begins/ Catecismo Empieza

September 25th Mon/Lun

- 7:30pm Misa por la Paz

Monday/Lunes
5:30pm Clases de Guitarra

Tuesdays / Martes
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico
7:00pm Grupo de Oracion
7:00pm Eng. Choir Practice

Wednesday/ Miercoles
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico
7:00pm Men of Mt. Carmel
7:00pm OLMC Fitness Club

Thursday/Jueves
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico

Friday/Viernes
7:30pm Practica de Coros
7:00pm Matrimonios con Prop.
7:00pm Jornadas Matrimoniales
7:00pm Boys/Girls Scouts
7:00pm Jovenes para Cristo

Wedding Banns

♥ Florentino Soriano Jr. & Mayra Lopez...3
♥ Hector A. Ortiz & Cynthia Marrufo...2
♥ Mark A. Scarlato & Princesa M. Pozo...2
♥ Hector Escarcega & Olga Navarrete...1
♥ Jesse Avelar & Nydia Rivera...1
♥ Juan M. Amaro Jr. & Teresa Cano...1

Weekly Offering

September 2 - September 3, 2017

Regular Sunday Collection: $4,859.00

From the Pastor's Desk

We Remember, We Honor, We Pray… Tomorrow we will be remembering the 16th anniversary of an event that somehow influenced in a very dramatic way the lives of all those who experienced either in a direct or indirect way the loss of so many human lives in this country. The destruction of the twin towers in New York City that early morning of September 11th, 2001, is something difficult to forget for the many who testified with hesitant eyes the falling of the World Trade Center and the loss of so many innocent lives together with the lives of those who triggered the attack. I remember sitting in disbelief while the TV broadcasted live an event that somehow resembled a violent movie too early in the day to be played.

As time passes by, we run the risk of forgetting such a disgraceful experience and in turn not share it with younger generations, warning them about the terrible things human beings can accomplish when the heart does not sit strongly in life-giving oriented values. We cannot forget how terrible it is to forget the value of human life, and the need to respect it in all its stages; because of this we are called to remember on this 9-11 those events that were perpetuated against human dignity and how they attempted against intrinsic value of life. To let younger generations, know about this most terrible event, is a way of teaching them not only about the shortcomings of our contemporary society, but also an opportunity to encourage them to always opt for and defend the dignity of human life. At the same time, we will gather to honor the memory of all those courageous men and women whose lives were claimed because of their willingness to serve. Many firemen, policemen and brave volunteers gave up their lives in their attempt to help and save those who innocently were dying on that fatidic morning, bringing their memory and their heroic actions before the Throne of Grace is the least we can do to repay them. Finally, as people of Faith, we will pray, first and foremost for all the victims of those outbreaks, the ones who directly or indirectly suffered the consequences of sinful malice; we will also pray for the Grace of a world were fraternity, justice, understanding and peace can be established… May God's Kingdom come.

I look forward to seeing you and your families during the service tomorrow evening. The Public Safety, Fire and Police departments of Melrose Park will be joining us, and I hope that as we gather and remember, we all honor the memory of the fallen ones while praying that events like this can be eradicated from the face of the earth.

Adsum,

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine

2017 Altar & Rosary Upcoming Events

Bag & Bling

Get ready for a "girls night out" on *Friday, September 22nd from 7:00pm-10:00pm.*
It's another fun evening of food, drinks, raffles, and shopping.
Tickets $30
Tickets will be on sale so-on!

3rd Annual Holiday Bazaar

Here's a chance for you to get a head start on your Christmas shopping.
Sunday, November 12, from 8:30am – 4:00 pm
There will be a variety of vendors so you can find something for everyone on your list.
Come early, stay late. Coffee, doughnuts, snacks and other treats will be available
Admission is Free

Advent Evening of Recollection
with Fr. Dan Brandt

On *Thursday, December 7,* (Pearl Harbor Day) Fr. Dan Brandt, Chicago Police Department Chaplin will pay tribute to all our veterans, police, fire, and military personnel as he celebrates mass at 6:00pm.
Dinner and a reflection by Fr. Dan will follow
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by my heavenly Father."
— Matthew 18:19

GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us.

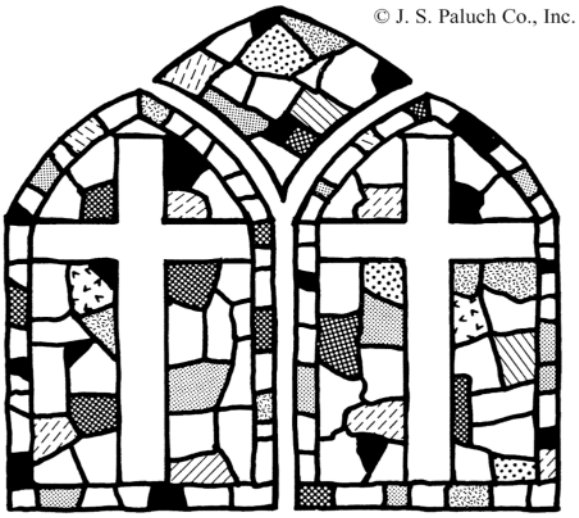
Mensaje del Párroco

El once de septiembre del año 2001 es una fecha que difícilmente podremos olvidar. Quienes aquella mañana de mediados de septiembre tuvimos la información de lo que estaba sucediendo en las torres gemelas en Nueva York, quedamos -sin duda- impactados para siempre; no podía ser cierto, el centro de poderío financiero de esta gran potencia estaba siendo atacado… lo que vino después fue igualmente difícil de asimilar: otros aviones estaban estrellándose en puntos estratégicos de esta nación y pareciera que la vulnerabilidad a la que se exponía la población estadounidense nunca pudo haberse previsto.

Han pasado casi dieciséis años desde que aquella fresca mañana, una noticia cuajada de muerte, de terror y de odio llenara los medios de comunicación. Para muchos de nuestros jóvenes, esta experiencia es distante y ajena, no pueden siquiera imaginar la incomodidad que causa ser testigos de un acto semejante. La mayoría de la juventud de hoy en día no fue parte de ese drama que de una manera determinante cambio la forma de vivir y de relacionarnos entre naciones y entre unos con otros. Para ellos es normal vivir en la desconfianza, en la seguridad reforzada, en la espera constante de que alguien ataque… sensaciones que nosotros no conocíamos, hasta que descubrimos de lo que el ser humano es capaz cuando deja de ver al otro como un hermano, y lo convierte en objeto de la maldad que para desgracia nuestra también habita el corazón de algunos.

Mañana lunes, al conmemorar un aniversario más de esa desgracia, nos estaremos reuniendo a las siete de la tarde aquí en la Iglesia para un servicio memorial… queremos dejar claro que la desgracia humana no puede ser algo que olvidamos fácilmente, manifestar con claridad que cuando la humanidad es lastimada, todos sufrimos -directa o indirectamente- las consecuencias lamentables de ese acto. Les invito a que asistan como familia a este evento religioso, queremos Recordar la tragedia para evitar que esta se repita; queremos honrar la memoria de quienes murieron valientemente ayudando a las incontables victimas de ese ataque y queremos también rezar para que Dios nos conceda la Gracia de la Paz y el don de la fraternidad universal… Vengan, participen, que su presencia manifieste la importancia de permanecer unidos soñando con un mundo mejor. ¡Recordemos, Honremos y Recemos!
Adsum,

"Si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo para pedir algo, sea lo que fuere, mi Padre celestial se los concederá".
— Mateo 18:19



CENTINELAS DE DIOS

En el mundo de la antigüedad los centinelas eran gente de gran importancia. Mantenían la seguridad de las comunidades y su deber era alertarles sobre cualquier peligro o ataque inminente. Antes de que hubiera cerrojos, sistemas de alarma y seguridad, los centinelas eran los protectores, la medida de seguridad. Así que cuando hoy el Señor le encarga a Ezequiel ser centinela, es un cargo de peso. Tan pesado, se nos hace conocer, que si Ezequiel falla y no da la voz de alarma a los que le rodean y ellos mueren en estado de maldad, ¡Ezequiel será el responsable! Este profundo vínculo entre la voluntad de Dios en la tierra y en el cielo se repite en el Evangelio de hoy, donde Jesús nos instruye que tenemos que ser la fuerza de seguridad, los centinelas colocados en estado de alerta para que en ninguna parte del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia, haya dos miembros del único Cuerpo que no estén reconciliados. La Sagrada Escritura nos dice que Jesús reconcilió todas las cosas en el cielo y en la tierra mediante la sangre de su cruz. Pero se nos da la misión de continuar esa reconciliación en la tierra por medio de nuestros incesantes esfuerzos de ser, como escribiera Pablo, embajadores de reconciliación. No nos quedemos muy cómodos pensando que nuestra única responsabilidad es mantenernos fuera del camino de la maldad y la discordia. También hemos de responder por la vida de los miembros de Cristo que nos rodean.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Durante todo el mes de septiembre se celebra el mes de la herencia hispana. Esta fiesta responde a una presencia hispana que tiene su inicio con la llegada de los españoles a la Florida en 1513, hace 501 años. Los españoles estuvieron en 24 de los ahora 50 estados de Estados Unidos. Eventualmente, como bien sabemos, Florida, el Suroeste y Puerto Rico pasaron a manos de los estadounidenses.

Desde nuestra incorporación a este país hemos ido creciendo en presencia e influencia. La primera obra literaria en español publicada en EE. UU., fue un sermón de don José Agustín Caballero en 1804. En 1808 inició la prensa hispana en EE. UU. con el periódico *El Misisipi* en Nueva Orleáns. Este fue el primero de los medios de comunicación en español en esta nación. En 1822 se eligió el primer político Hispano como representante estatal de Florida.

En 1865 la primera oficina para la pastoral católica entre los hispanos nombró al sacerdote Gabriel Serrano *pastor hispanorium* (pastor de los hispanos) en San Francisco, California. En 1970 el sacerdote Patricio Flores fue el primer hispano en ser consagrado como Obispo en y para Estados Unidos. En 1972 celebramos el Primer Encuentro Nacional de Católicos Hispanos donde nos auto nominamos un pueblo en marcha. Y seguimos caminando.

Fr. Feccia's Reflection

Ventitreesima domenica del T.O. — Anno "A". Dice il proverbio: «*Bisogna saper punire coloro cui vuoi bene*». Il brano evangelico di oggi tratta della correzione fraterna fra cristiani: di un fratello che si comporta male, nuocendo così alla chiesa? Nei primi secoli, i cristiani erano ancora una esigua minoranza all'interno della società e di conseguenza si preoccupavano in modo particolare della propria reputazione. «*Vedete come si amano*», si diceva di loro. Ma più fortemente ancora essi sentivano l'esigenza interna della concordia e della unione: nata dalla carità divina, la chiesa deve essere una comunione d'amore in cui ciascuno è responsabile della fede e della santità dei propri fratelli.

Scaturisce da qui la procedura adottata per estirpare ogni radice di male e di disaccordo fra i cristiani. Si tratta di una prassi che unisce saggiamente prudenza e pazienza, e che rivela la preoccupazione di permettere l'ascolto e il dialogo, perché a ciascuno siano date le più ampie possibilità di rimanere nella comunione. La comunità non deve comportarsi come un tribunale, che sanziona la confessione del colpevole con la condanna, ma deve agire in base alla misericordia, che supera la stessa giustizia e tende ad assolvere e riconciliare. e anche se il fratello si ostinasse nell'errore, la chiesa non deve mai privarlo del sostegno della propria preghiera.

Mantenere la comunione fraterna significa, in definitiva, salvare questa preghiera della chiesa, poiché la sua efficacia è subordinata alla concordia che regna nella comunità, alla presenza dell'Emanuele che intercede per essa, facendo propria la sua preghiera. Questo è ciò che giudica, nella chiesa, il rifiuto di lanciare anatemi o scomuniche sbrigative, e il senso di responsabilità verso gli altri, più forte di qualsiasi risentimento «*Sono responsabile della mia rosa* (Saint-Exupery)… anche se ha le spine!»

Dalla Scomunica al dialogo — Dopo la spontaneità delle origini, la chiesa si è organizzata; ma l'istituzione ha spesso portato con sé inevitabili pesantezze. La chiesa primitiva rifiuta il settarismo. La comunità cristiana deve essere un luogo fraterno in cui ciascuno ha la possibilità di esprimersi e di trovare degli amici, una famiglia in cui ogni membro si sente responsabile di tutti gli altri. L'assemblea dei credenti si pone pertanto come il luogo del dialogo: prima di decidere di mettere uno alla porta, lo si ascolta dandogli la possibilità di difendersi. e ascoltandolo, la chiesa deve chiamare in causa anche se stessa, interrogarsi sulla propria fedeltà al vangelo.

Il peccatore è escluso

Lo sfondo ed il contesto di tutto il brano è quello dell'invito alla misericordia e al perdono. Non si tratta tanto di una «scomunica», quanto di un prendere atto che, nonostante il ricorso a tutti i possibili mezzi della riconciliazione e del dialogo fraterno, non c'è nel fratello la volontà efficace di comunione e di conversione. E tuttavia converrà anche ricordare che la Chiesa conserva il diritto di pronunciarsi contro i peccatori contumaci per non rovinare la comunità e al fine di far rientrare in sé il peccatore e convertirsi. In tal modo Paolo si pronunciò nei riguardi dell'incestuoso di Corinto *(1 Cor* 5,5-6).

La prassi penitenziale della Chiesa primitiva testimonia la grande serietà e coerenza dell'impegno della conversione. Il peccatore non trova il perdono di Dio che nella riscoperta della sua misericordia in atto nella Chiesa, specialmente nell'assemblea eucaristica che rende attuale la redenzione di Cristo.

E' soprattutto nel sacramento della penitenza che la Chiesa esercita ed esprime la misericordia e il perdono di Cristo; ma, purtroppo, per molti cristiani lo stesso segno sacramentale della riconciliazione è diventato vuoto ed insignificante. Il sacramento è ridotto a un gesto abitudinario, privo di efficacia nella vita.

Uno degli aspetti più preoccupanti dell'attuale prassi penitenziale consiste, purtroppo, nella frattura tra segno sacramentale ed esperienza della comunità cristiana.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 — **SAINT PETER CLAVER**
7:30 am † Frank Ortencei by Daughter Jean
5:30 pm For Carmela Bartucci Corsini by Mother

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 — **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am † Lino Franch by Daughter Laura & Family
12:00 pm † Hank Koscielniak by Daughter Del Vescovo
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY. SEPTEMBER 13 — **SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**
7:30 am †
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — **OUR LADY OF SORROWS**
7:30 am † Noello DiDomenico by Wife Carmen

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 — **SAINT CORNELIUS**
7:30 am †
5:30 pm † Michael Basili by Mom, Dad, & Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am †
12:00 pm † Frank Polizotto by Family
† William T. Ortmann by Mago Family
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

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

Linda Bandy	Jan Clark
Mary Donato	Sara Zonca
Judith Escamilla	Nancy Oshea
Jacob Duda	Madeline Vittori
Kristie Goldi	Nico Felice
Linna Goldi	Emilio Scalzitti
Susan Humpf	Nell Baker
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Ethan Maidl	Isabel Pintor
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Lauren Rendi	Kelly Ann Haymaker
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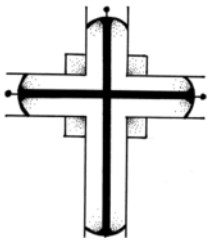

Rest In Peace

† Brian Petroselli

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,
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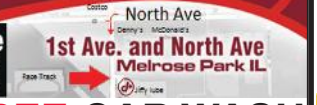

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