Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 29th, 2017

The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Served by The Missionaries of Saint Charles – Scalabrinians
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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

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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

For the Month of OCTOBER

October 31st Tue/Mar

- 7:00pm Community Mass for All Saints

Novermber 2nd Thu/Jue

- 7:00pm Community Mass for All Souls

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

♥ Kristy D'Andrea & John-Anthony Toveli...3
♥ Celina Garcia & Rodolfo Diaz...2

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Weekly Offering

October 21 - October 22, 2017

Regular Sunday Collection: $5,550.00
Second Collection: $2,213.00

From the Pastor's Desk

November 1st and 2nd, are special dates on the liturgical calendar of the Church. On the First day of the month, we are called to celebrate the Solemnity of all Saints; in a unique way, we remember all those believers in Christ who lived their lives according to the Rule of the Gospel. Many are the incredible holy men and women whose names never made it to the official calendar of the Church, (which is to say they were never canonized by a Pope), nevertheless, because of their profound love for Jesus Christ, their efforts to live according to the Gospel and their special dedication to works of mercy, we know well, they now delight in the contemplation of God's face for all eternity. Therefore, it is just fit that one day out of our calendar year, be dedicated to honor their memory and acknowledge how our efforts to establish on this earth the Kingdom of Heaven, will not go unpaid for.

Right the following day, on the second of the month, we are called to remember our loved ones who have passed to eternity, and await the fulness of God's majesty be shown unto them. We do not forget those who were part of our history and are now gone in the sad reality of death. Catholic doctrine teaches us there is a rite of passage our souls must undergo before enjoying the glories of everlasting life in the mansion of the Father, and so, on this special day, we as militant Church (that is to say the church that journeys in this world) intercede before the almighty for the Penitent Church (that is to say the souls of those who await in purgatory), so that they may one day join the Triumphant Church (that is to say the solus of the many who delight in God's presence); the fulness of the Church in communion by the power of intercession: We intercede for the souls in purgatory while asking the Holy Ones to intercede for us.

Unusual as it may seem, this week we are invited to church more than just once. On Tuesday October 31st, the Vigil of All Saints, we will be celebrating a Solemn Eucharist at 7:00pm I hope you all plan on attending and thus rejoicing in the common call to holiness the Lord invited us to by virtue of our baptism. On Thursday November 2nd, we will be celebrating a special memorial mass, the names of all those whose funeral service took place in our Church during the last year will be read aloud during the Eucharistic prayer, and the book of life where the names of all your loved ones have been inscribed, will be presented to the Altar as a way of honoring their memories as well. I look forward to seeing you in church during these two days.

Adsum,

The Altar & Rosary of
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine

3rd Annual Holiday Bazaar

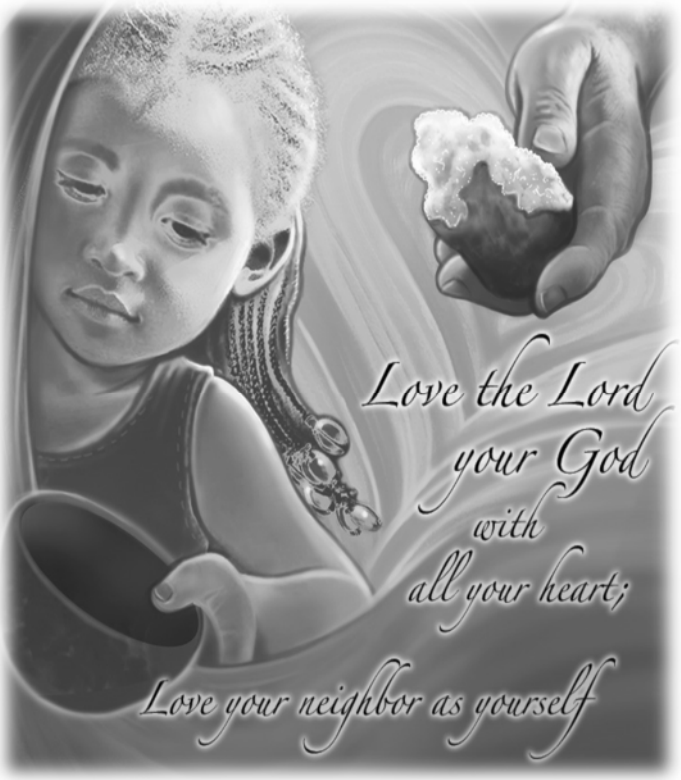
Sunday, November 12, 2017 from
8:30am - 4:00pm

Join us before or after mass for a treat or snack in the *Bazaar Cafe*, shop for religious items, purchase a homemade Bake Sale item and visit our Crafters to get ready for this Holiday Season.
It's never too early to start your shopping!

Admission is Free!

There will be a raffle drawing, however, winner need not be present at 3:00pm for drawing.

Come one, Come All!
Looking forward to seeing you there!



Mass All Saints & All Souls

Community Mass for All Saints
October 31st, 2017
7:00pm

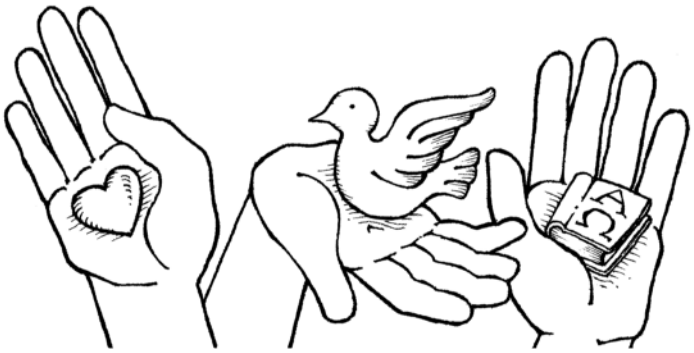
Community Mass for All faithful departed
November 2, 2017
7:00pm

For envelopes check the entrance of the parish or stop by the parish office. Intentions will be offered during all the month of November.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week we have in All Souls' Day a commemoration that is linked to the Halloween customs. The big-spending sugar shock holiday is a long way removed from Thursday's grateful remembrance of the souls who are hidden from our sight, but alive to Christ. Old pagan superstitions might find us holding our breath when going by the graveyard, whereas others might actually go to the cemetery to tend the family graves, to share good food, and remember dear ones. Nowhere does a culture embrace this day as fully as in Mexico. The "Day of the Dead" is a national holiday that unfolds over three full days.

For three thousand years, the indigenous people of Mexico have been mocking death in an annual festival, and the invading Spaniards were shocked at the spectacle. To the Aztecs, life was a dream, and death was the entry into full life. Skulls were thus a symbol of joy and release from life's sorrows. The missionaries found all this a bit creepy, but they moved the three-day feast from August to synchronize it with the Christian calendar. So today, graves are decorated, altars are built in the home to honor the family dead, children feast on candy skulls, and people dress up in elaborate skeleton outfits. The devout spend hours in the cemetery, and there is a lively sense of the communion of saints, the living and the dead.



BALANCE

Today's scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God.

That connection and balance, however, isn't always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith.

Produce Mobile

Free fresh fruit and vegetables!

Where: 1119 N. 23rd ave.
Melrose Park, IL, 60160
When: Saturday, November 4th
10:00am - 12:00pm
(Suburban Cook County Only)

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Ending time may vary, based on food allocations.

For more information:
The Food Depository at (773) 247-3663

Mensaje del Párroco

La Fiesta de Todos los Santos y la de los Fieles Difuntos, se estará celebrando de una manera especial aquí en nuestro Santuario Parroquial durante esta semana. El primero de noviembre es la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos, en esta fiesta reunimos la memoria de los innumerables hombres y mujeres que apasionados por el Evangelio de Jesucristo vivieron sus vidas de una manera ejemplar. Sea por sus obras de caridad, o por su pasión al predicar las Buenas Nuevas de Salvación, o por su especial dedicación a los más necesitados o por sus anhelos de establecer aquí en la tierra el Reino de Dios, estas personas vivieron de tal manera que ahora estamos seguros de que gozan de la presencia de Dios para siempre en la Gloria Celestial. Aunque sus nombres no tengan un día especial en el calendario, estamos seguros de que son innumerables los que han sido premiados con una eternidad feliz en la casa del Padre y es a cada uno de ellos junto a los muchos otros santos que bien conocemos a los que honramos en este día especial.

Al día siguiente, el dos de noviembre, recordamos a nuestros fieles difuntos. Un espacio en el año para hacer memoria de los muchos familiares y amigos que se han dormido en el sueño de la muerte y ahora esperan el momento de irse a gozar con Dios para siempre. La doctrina Católica nos dice que antes de contemplar el Rostro de Dios, nuestras almas tienen que pasar por un tiempo de purificación y preparación. Nuestra intercesión en favor de nuestros difuntos ayuda a que lo más pronto posible ellos gocen de la bondad del Señor; de allí la importancia que en este día tan especial hagamos memoria de todos ellos y elevemos una plegaria al cielo por su descanso eterno. La Iglesia militante (es decir los que aun avanzamos en este mundo) intercediendo por la Iglesia Purgante (todos aquellos que, habiendo muerto, esperan ir a contemplar a Dios para siempre) mientras suplicamos a la Iglesia Triunfante (los que ya gozan de la Gloria eterna) que intercedan en nuestro favor. ¡La plenitud de la Iglesia en comunión!

El día Martes 31 de Octubre (vigilia de Todos los Santos) estaremos celebrando una Misa Solemne a las 7:00 de la noche. Les invitamos este día a regocijarse mientras recordamos a los héroes de nuestra Fe que ahora gozan ya del premio prometido. El día Jueves 2 de Noviembre, estaremos recordando a nuestros Fieles Difuntos con una Misa Memorial a las 7:00 de la noche. Los nombres de todos aquellos cuyo funeral fue celebrado aquí en la Iglesia durante el último año, será leído en voz alta durante la Plegaria Eucarística. Ese mismo día, colocaremos sobre el altar el libro de la vida, donde los nombres de aquellos que ustedes nos han presentado para una petición especial. Espero que todos hagamos presencia a estas celebraciones, y descubramos la bendición tan especial de ser Iglesia.

Adsum,

EQUILIBRIO

Las lecturas bíblicas de hoy recalcan el lazo fundamental que existe entre el amor de Dios y el amor al prójimo, especialmente a los más necesitados. El amor de Dios debe impulsarnos a amar a la gente a quien Dios aprecia. A la inversa, el trabajo por la justicia y la caridad en pro de los necesitados debe estar enraizado en nuestro amor a Dios. Sin embargo, esa conexión y equilibrio no son siempre fáciles de mantener en nuestra vida. Aun en las órdenes religiosas hallamos a algunos cristianos más orientados hacia la contemplación y la oración, mientras que otros son más activos en su servicio a los oprimidos. Hoy Jesús nos recuerda la necesidad de ambos aspectos en la vida de fe.

CLASES DE INGLES

¡Sin costo alguno!

Ingles Básico: Lunes y Miércoles
de 10:00am a 11:30am

Conversación: Viernes
de 11:00am a 1:00pm

Las clases inician: lunes, 30 de Octubre del 2017

Lugar: Librería Publica de Melrose Paark
801 N. 19th ave. Melrose Park, IL., 60160

Inscripciones y mas información contacte a
Leticia al (773) 671-8544

Misas para los todos los santos y los fieles difuntos.

Vigila para todos los Santos
Octubre 31, 2017
7:00pm

Misa por los fieles difuntos
Noviembre 2, 2017
7:00pm

Los sobres para su intención las cuales serán ofrecidas todo el mes de Noviembre. Están en la entrada a la iglesia o en la oficina parroquial.

Jornadas Matrimoniales

Movimiento Católico
Te invita a vivir una experiencia inolvidable
"Un encuentro con Cristo"

Para: Parejas casadas o no casadas, padres de familia, padres solteros, viudos o divorciados

Fecha: jueves 23 de noviembre a las 4pm, a domingo 26 a las 4pm.
(Fin de semana de Acción de Gracias)

Se requiere empacar por separado:
- Ropa cómoda para los cuatro días
- Artículos de higiene personal
- Artículos para dormir (cobija, almohada, etc.)

Para mas información comunícate con:
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Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor llame al Food Depository al
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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Cuando era niño tuve problemas con inaguantables dolores de cabeza. Después de casi tres meses batallando con esta enfermedad una señora me regaló una estampita de san Martín de Porres que contenía un pedacito de su hábito. Dormí con esta estampita debajo de mi almohada y al tercer día sané de mi dolor. Fue así como conocí por primera vez a este santo negrito y a sus animalitos.

Martín fue un religioso dominico de nacionalidad peruana que vivió de 1579 a 1639 y fue canonizado en 1962. Sin lugar a dudas, es uno de los santos más populares de América Latina. En él encontramos una persona con la cual nos podemos identificar ya que muchas veces a nosotros nos limitan las oportunidades debido a nuestro origen y el color de nuestra piel. Por su origen (era hijo de un español y de una africana) ilegítimo y su color mulato, Martín tuvo problemas para ingresar a la Orden de los Predicadores. Eventualmente la santidad de sus obras y la fama de sus milagros le abrieron camino para incorporarse plenamente a los dominicos.

Normalmente es representado con una escoba y unos animalitos, recordando la humildad de su servicio pastoral.

Fr. Feccia's Reflection

Trentesima domenica del T.O. — Anno "A" — «*Maestro, qual'è il più grande comandamento della legge?*» La domanda è volutamente insidiosa, ma Gesù risponde con straordinaria semplicità. Dal punto d'intersezione tra l'amore di Dio e l'amore del prossimo egli fa derivare tutta la Scrittura, come valore morale e come norma di condotta. Dichiarando che il secondo comandamento è simile al primo, Gesù lascia intendere che la carità verso il prossimo è importante quanto l'amore a Dio. ed è proprio in questo che la sua religione si differenzia da quella degli scribi e dei farisei.

E la nostra ? in connessione con una crisi delle nostre relazioni a Dio, il nostro modo di vivere la fede si è sclerotizzato in posizioni diverse. Calcando un po' i tratti, possiamo dire che per alcuni cristiani esiste soltanto il primo comandamento: la religione del Padre, la dimensione verticale della fede e, a livello socio-culturale, il rispetto dell'ordine e delle autorità al di sopra di tutto. «*Vogliamo sentire parlare di Dio, del cielo, della grazia e dei sacramenti! Il resto non ha importanza*» Per altri, nulla eguaglia il valore del secondo comandamento, la religione dei fratelli, la dimensione orizzontale della fede, lo sviluppo degli uomini e dei popoli, l'impegno politico.

Il guaio è che sia gli uni che gli altri finiscono col rinchiudersi in una sola dimensione, rinunciando a una pienezza di relazioni al di sopra, intorno e dentro di loro. E inconsapevolmente rivolgono a un Dio anch'esso ridotto ad una dimensione mentre il Dio dei Vangeli si è rivelato come Padre, Figlio e Spirito santo. Con lo stesso amore, effuso nel suo cuore dallo Spirito, il cristiano può amare Dio e il prossimo come se stesso che manifesta il suo amore per Dio e vive nel modo giusto le sue relazioni filiali nello Spirito. Questo il nocciolo di tutto l'insegnamento della Legge e dei profeti.

Lezione di catechismo — La domanda posta a Gesù: *qual'è il più grande comandamento della legge?* suscitava dispute senza fine nell'ambiente rabbinico. Gesù conosce bene la lezione; ma poiché non vuole intavolare discussioni vane, si limita a citare i due comandamenti dell'amore di Dio e dell'amore del prossimo. Tuttavia, non può fare a meno di aggiungervi un commento: il testo della legge dipende da questi due comandamenti: sopprimeteli e tutto l'edificio crolla. Ce n'è abbastanza per chiudere la bocca ai farisei di tutti i tempi, così attaccati al «*resto*», alle prescrizioni contingenti, al formalismo esteriore. Ed è altresì una condanna di tutti quei gruppi in cui regnano così numerose le virtù, che non c'è più posto per un gratuito atto di amore.

Amare l'uomo per amare Dio

Ognuna di queste domande ha ricevuto da Gesù una risposta essenziale: il primo comandamento è di amare Dio, e il secondo, che gli è simile, è di amare gli uomini. Non si può, dunque, pensare che l'entrata di Dio in una coscienza provochi l'esclusione dell'uomo (vangelo). Anzi, i testi più sicuri del messaggio dell'Antico Testamento e di Gesù ci portano a credere con certezza che l'incontro con Dio rinnova e perfeziona l'attenzione e la sollecitudine verso gli uomini.

«Dio quando si rivela personalmente lo fa servendosi delle categorie dell'uomo. Così egli si rivela Padre, Figlio, Spirito di amore; e si rivela supremamente nell'umanità di Gesù Cristo. Per questo, non è ardito affermare che bisogna conoscere l'uomo per conoscere Dio; bisogna amare l'uomo per amare Dio».

Ma occorre approfondire alcuni problemi che sono imposti dagli stessi testi evangelici. Bisogna amare gli uomini, ma bisogna anche guardarsi dal mondo, saper lasciare il padre e la madre... Come accordare tra loro proposizioni che, a tutta prima, sembrano andare in direzione opposta? Dovendo assolutamente scegliere tra l'uomo e Dio, come fare? L'amore degli uomini non minaccia, a volte, l'amore di Dio?

Mai la Scrittura e la tradizione cristiana hanno permesso al cri-stiano di disinteressarsi dell'uomo, sotto il pretesto di interessarsi unicamente di Dio. Mai hanno lasciato di indicare nel servizio dell'uomo un modo di servire Dio.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 — **SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE**
7:30 am †
5:30 pm † Ubaldo Duran by Duaghter

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 — **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am † Tonino Salvetore Ventura by Sisina cugine cugini e famiglie
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Francess Martinez by Manuel Martinez & Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY. NOVEMBER 1 — **ALL SAINTS**
7:30 am †
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — **ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 — **SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO**
7:30 am †
5:30 pm †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 — **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am † Lino Rauzi by Wife & Family
† Ignazio Bova by Wife Anna Bova
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

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

Linda Bandy	Sara Zonca
Mary Donato	Nancy Oshea
Judith Escamilla	Madeline Vittori
Jacob Duda	Nico Felice
Kristie Goldi	Emilio Scalzitti
Linna Goldi	Nell Baker
Susan Humpf	Fabiola Pintor
Vandy Liala	Isabel Pintor
Ethan Maidl	Marie Torchia
Joseph Pulido	Kelly Ann Haymaker
Lauren Rendi	Macy Grace Giacone
Luke Westrick	Josephine Grasso
Ann Yench	June Stellato
Alexandra Vitali	Conny Rico
Anna Baffa	John Sepka
Jan Clark	Melacia Nuñez

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the "true cross" discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and "went missing" for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?

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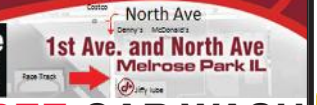

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