

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

### Mass Intentions:

Saturday	9:00	Luciano Cerrone - <b>Deceased</b>
12/12/15	3:00	Our Lady of Guadalupe
	5:00	Thomas Dagostino – <b>Ann. in Heaven</b>
	7:00	Misa en Español
Sunday	8:30	Pat Pasciucco - <b>Deceased</b>
12/13/15	9:45	Segundo&Esther Tinajero – Difunto – 12 Anniv.
	11:30	Gill Perry - <b>Deceased</b>
Monday	9:00	Lucille Combe - <b>Deceased</b>
Tuesday	9:00	Alan John – <b>Deceased</b>
	12:00	Healing Service – Hope Healing Ministry
	7:30	<b>Misa de Gallo – Filipino Mass</b>
Wednesday	9:00	James Dezauche, Jr. - <b>Deceased</b>
Thursday	9:00	Nora Hyland – <b>Healing</b>
	7:30	<b>Misa de Gallo – Filipino</b>
Friday	9:00	Kieran O'Brien - <b>Deceased</b>
	7:30	<b>Advent Penance Service</b>
Saturday	9:00	Helen McCleaver – <b>Ann. in Heaven</b>
12/19/15	5:00	Helen Fiorentino – <b>Birthday in Heaven</b>
	7:00	Misa en Español
Sunday	8:30	Albert Crocco – <b>Birthday in Heaven</b>
12/20/15	9:45	Misa en Español
	11:30	Violet Gonzalez - <b>Deceased</b>

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Patricio Baca, Mary & Joe Barletti, Lucy Boscarino, Steven Capasso, Msgr. Howard Calkins, Kathy Champagne, Peggy Clevenberg, James Collins, Sue Contento, Denise Cubita, Geraldine Denet, Sue DiRusso, Leticia Dos Santos, Rosemary Facendo, Michael Feddeck, Bob Gregory, Mel Guadalupe, Robert Hayes, Luis Miguel Hernandez, Jean Inman, Dotty Marciano, Maria Martin, Zoila Martinez, Marie Montana, Deborah Omboni, Miriam Pacheco, Joe Pastore, Ligia Peralta, Josephine Previti, Nancy Rivera, Mary Salanty Patricia Scanlon, Gene Shaw, Megan Spana, Margarite Thomas, Frank Valente, Martin Joseph Willis

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT & DINNER CHURCH OF SAINT CASIMIR

Please come and enjoy a "Journey to Bethlehem" for Our Savior's wondrous Birth through this most extraordinary Christmas Concert of cherished hymns.

Following the Concert, a splendid buffet supper, featuring an amazing gourmet menu of delicious food and dessert options, will be served in our auditorium. Concert tickets - \$10.00 per person. Concert & Dinner - \$35 per adult, \$17.50 for children (5-15 years old). Deadline for tickets is Tues., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets purchased after Dec. 15 will be \$40.00.

Reservations are available for tables of 20. Concert & Dinner tickets can be purchased at the rectory during office hours (Tues.-Fri. 12:30-6:30pm). For more information, please call 914-963-1254.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVING MOUNT VERNON AND EASTERN YONKERS

"Cry out with joy and gladness for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."

St. MARY'S IS A TITHING PARISH

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving

Tithing: Weekend	Dec.	05/06	2015	\$5,889
Income: Weekend	Dec.	06/07	2014	\$5,581

### Third Sunday of Advent

"The crowds asked John, 'What are we to do?'

In reply he said, 'let the man with two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same.'... 'Teacher, what are we to do?'... 'What about us?'... The people were full of anticipation wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah... Using exhortations of this sort, he preached the good news to the people."

If we only took seriously the questions posed by the crowds, the tax collectors and soldiers, how different this advent and Christmas would be. We might ask ourselves, what have I done, what am I doing, and be led to decide what I am going to do.

Rather than be overwhelmed by the advertising, the commercialism and consumerism which affect us all, be brave, pause and ask the questions posed above. Am I able to give something to someone in need, rather than to one who has no need? Am I able to recognize the Christ waiting to receive my help, through a kind word, a gentle smile or warm embrace?

Can I speak to someone else about my concern for a victim of injustice, abuse or neglect, showing the pity and compassion Christ showed for them at this time when we are told and flooded by others informing us of our 'so called needs.' Our thoughts expressed by word and attitude can be the most welcome of all Christmas gifts.

May this third week of advent speak to our hearts.

### First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

### Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

### Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

### ADOPTION

Children in China need homes. More boys available than girls from age 2 and up. For more information please call Barbara at 845-623-5277.

### LIFE OPTIONS PRO-LIFE CENTER

Free pregnancy tests and confidential **HELP** in an unexpected **pregnancy**. Baby items, are available. You can call **24/7** (914) 620-4464 and save this number in your cell under "Pregnancy" for future reference.

**PARISH MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND  
DECEMBER 19-20**

<i>Time</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
<b>5:00</b>	Pat Spana	Maryann DiLiberti Rich Spana (H) Dcn. Joe Patrona
<b>8:30</b>	Joe Barletti Lester Dixon	Mary Barletti Sherry Keith (H) Dcn. Joe Patrona
<b>11:30</b>	Terry Geil Joe LoVecchio	Cathy Geil Diane Papa Phil Papa John LaMassa (H) Dcn. Joe Patrona
<i>Greeters:// Johanna &amp; Angela Vennochi</i>		
<i>Children's Liturgy of the Word://</i>		

**CALENDAR – December 13 -**

<b>13 - Sunday</b>	4:00P	<i>Tree Lighting &amp; Xmas Pageant</i>
<b>14-Monday</b>	7:00P	<i>Grupo de Oracion Central</i>
<b>16-Wednesday</b>	3:30P	<i>Staff Meeting</i>
<b>17-Thursday</b>	4:00P	<i>PSR – Grades 1-6</i>
	5:30P	<i>PSR – Grades 6&amp;8</i>
	7:30P	<i>Choir Rehearsal - Hall</i>
<b>18-Friday</b>	7:30P	<i>Misa de Gallo - OLMC</i>
<b>19-Saturday</b>	7:30P	<i>Misa de Gallo - OLMC</i>

**REPORT ABUSE**

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Dcn. George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, December 14</b>	<b>Thursday, December 17</b>
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a	Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 21:23-27	Mt 1:1-17
<b>Tuesday, December 15</b>	<b>Friday, December 18</b>
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13	Jer 23:5-8
Mt 21:28-32	Mt 1:18-25
<b>Wednesday, December 16</b>	<b>Saturday, December 19</b>
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 7:18b-23	Lk 1:5-25

**REASONS TO BE REGISTERED IN THE PARISH**

- Helps support the Church.
- Proves that you are a practicing Catholic.
- Helps to obtain sponsor certificates or any other documentation needed from the Church.
- Enables you or members of your family to become eligible for any of the sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick.)
- Enables you to have your children registered in our Religious Education Program.
- Give you a sense of belonging to the Parish Family.

Come to the rectory Mon.-Sat. from 9am - 5pm or call 914-664-5855.

*STA MARIA-NUESTRA SENORA DE MONTE CARMELO ES UNA  
PARROQUIA QUE DIEZMA  
DIEZMAR ES EL PLAN DE DIOS*

Diezmo:	Fin de semana	05/06	dic.	2015	\$5,889
	Fin de semana	06/07	dic.	2014	\$5,581

**Tercer Domingo de Adviento**

“La gente le preguntaba a Juan: ‘¿Qué debemos hacer?’ El les respondía: ‘El que tenga dos túnicas, dé una al que no tiene; y el que tenga qué comer, haga otro tanto’... ‘Maestro, ¿qué debemos hacer?’ ‘¿Y nosotros?’... El pueblo estaba a la expectativa y todos se preguntaban si Juan no sería el Mesías... Por medio de muchas otras exhortaciones, anunciaba al pueblo la Buena Noticia.”

Si sólo tomáramos en serio las preguntas de la muchedumbre, los recolectores de impuestos y soldados, este adviento y Navidad serían muy diferentes. Podríamos preguntarnos qué he hecho, qué estoy haciendo, para poder ser guiado a lo que voy a hacer.

En vez de dejarnos agobiar por la publicidad, el comercialismo y el consumismo que nos afecta a todos, tome coraje, haga una pausa y hágase las preguntas de arriba. ¿Estoy dispuesto a dar algo a alguien necesitado, en vez de dar a quien no lo necesita? ¿Soy capaz de reconocer al Cristo que espera recibir mi ayuda, a través de una palabra amable, una sonrisa gentil o un cariñoso abrazo?

¿Puedo hablar con alguien sobre mi preocupación por una víctima de la injusticia, abuso o descuido, (demostrando la misericordia y compasión que Cristo les mostró a ellos) en este tiempo en que tanto se nos informa sobre nuestras llamadas ‘necesidades’? Nuestros pensamientos expresados por una palabra o actitud pueden ser el mejor de todos los regalos de Navidad.

Que esta tercera semana de adviento le hable a nuestros corazones.

**Primera Lectura: Sofonías 3:14-18a**

Sofonías invita a la gente de Jerusalén a alegrarse porque el Señor ya llega. El imparte el mensaje de que Dios amará y protegerá a aquellos que se crean en El.

**Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 4:4-7**

Pablo alienta a los Filipenses a estar listos para el regreso de Cristo. Les dice que no se preocupen, sino que le pidan a Dios ayuda y que permitan que Su paz llene sus corazones y mentes.

**Evangelio: San Lucas 3:10-18**

Juan el Bautista responde a la gente que le pregunta qué hacer. Algunos creen que es él el Mesías. Juan claramente declara que otro seguirá, alguien tan poderoso que “ni siquiera merezco destarle la correa de sus sandalias”.

**ABUSO SEXUAL**

Cualquier persona que necesite reportar algún incidente de abuso sexual de un menor por un sacerdote, diacono, religioso, o laico sirviendo en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, se le pide que por favor contacte Hermana Eileen Clifford, O.P. al (212) 371-1000 ext. 2949 o Diacono George Coppola al 917-861-1762. Ambos también pueden ser contactados vía correo electrónico: [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Para más información pueden visitar la página de la Arquidiócesis respecto al abuso sexual de menores, esta información se provee para asegurar que nuestros niños permanezcan seguros.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pope Francis pushed open the great bronze doors of Saint Peter's Basilica on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to launch the Holy Year of Mercy. Pope Francis said, "How much wrong we do to God and His grace when we speak of sins being punished by His judgement before we speak of their being forgiven by His mercy."

Pope Francis announced this Holy Year of Mercy on the second anniversary of his papacy, saying his aim was "to give comfort to every man and woman of our time." This was in keeping with Pope Francis's desire to make the church a "field hospital" for injured souls, where the wounded are welcomed and loved, not judged."

Technically, Pope Francis launched this Holy Year of Mercy, last week in Central African Republic, when he pushed open the Holy Doors of the Bengui Cathedral. His aim was to give the conflict-weary Christians there a spiritual uplifting, and show the universality of God's Mercy.

I would appreciate any suggestions that you may have as to how we will celebrate this Holy Year of Mercy, here at St. Mary-our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

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## DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

El Papa Francisco empujó abierta las puertas grandes de bronce de la Basílica San de Pedro en el Banquete de la Inmaculada Concepción a lanzar el Año Santo de la Piedad. El Papa Francisco dijo, "Cuanto mal hacemos a Dios y Su gracia cuando hablamos de pecados castigados por Su juicio antes de que hablemos de los que son perdonados por Su piedad."

Papa Francisco anunció este Año Santo de la Piedad en el segundo aniversario de su papado, diciendo que su objetivo era "dar la comodidad a cada hombre y mujer de nuestro tiempo." Esto era de acuerdo con el deseo del Papa Francisco de hacer la iglesia "un hospital de campaña" para almas heridas, donde los heridos son dados la bienvenida y amados, no juzgados. "

Técnicamente, el Papa Francisco lanzó este Año Santo de la Misericordia, la semana pasada en la República centroafricana, cuando él empujó abierto las Puertas Santas de la Catedral Bengui. Su objetivo era dar a los cristianos cansados de conflicto allí una elevación espiritual, y mostrar la universalidad de la Piedad de Dios.

Yo apreciaría cualquier sugerencia que usted pueda tener en cuanto a como vamos a celebrar este Año Santo de la Misericordia, aquí en la Parroquia Santa María-Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo.



## MISA DE GALLO FILIPINO TRADITION SINBANG GABI 2015

*St. Mary-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
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*Officiating Priest  
Father Conrado Lomibao*

*December 15, 2015*

*December 16, 2015*

*December 17, 2015*

*December 18, 2015*

*December 19, 2015*

*December 20, 2015*

*December 21, 2015*

*December 22, 2015*

*December 23, 2015*

*Mass at 7:30pm*

*Misa a las 7:30pm*