

# The Church of Mother of Mercy

## Worship Sites:

Holy Spirit Church, 705 Second Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 1201 Asbury Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Parish website: <http://www.momapnj.org>



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

*It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts.*

*Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse.*

*He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change. We all have our wake-up calls.*

*We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help! We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow. When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.*

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732-775-8989

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## TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE

## OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday - 9:00 AM

Saturday: 4:00 PM - English

7:00 PM - Spanish

Sunday: 9:00 AM - English

1:45 PM - Creole

4:00 PM - Spanish

## HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Sunday: 8:00 AM - English

11:45 AM - Spanish

Confessions:

Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

## School News

*If you'd like to know more about the school, please call the office at (732)775-8989.*



## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—January 24, 2021

### Mt. Carmel Church

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

4:00 Michael Strada *by the Pastoral Care Volunteers*  
Theresa Vaccaro *by the Pastoral Care Volunteers*  
Ria Cervellino *by Linda & George Greene*  
In Loving Remembrance of Florence (Sissy) Vacchiano  
*by Betty Napolitani*  
Vincent De Angelis *by Edna & Family*

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00 Michael Strada *by Betty Ann Palumbo & Sissie Gerisi*  
Ralph Williams *by Camille & Nino Ercolino*  
Anthony Ventura *by Daughter, Tina Adamitis & Family*

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 Special Intentions of All Parishioners

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 Special Intentions of All Parishioners

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 Madeline a. Di Lieto *by Daughter,*  
*Joann Di Lieto (Anniversary)*

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

4:00 Special Intentions of All Parishioners

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

4:00 Special Intentions of All Parishioners

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 (Blessing of the Throats)

4:00 Michael Strada *by Linda & George Greene*  
Angelo J. Schiraldi *by Wife, Theresa*  
*& Children: Maria & Christopher*

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 (Blessing of the Throats)

9:00 Ralph Williams *by Gerard & Melissa Ercolino*  
Robert A. Fornicola, Sr. *by Theodore Fornicola*  
In Loving Memory of Michael Crispi  
*by Wife, Daughter & Granddaughter*

### Holy Spirit Church

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 In Loving Memory of Edward Martini  
*by Wife, Patricia*

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 (Blessings of the Throats)

8:00 Special Intentions of All Parishioners

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD 'A DAY OF AWAKENING'

Pope Francis instituted 'The Sunday of the Word of God' to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, with the Apostolic Letter in the form of a Motu proprio "Aperuit illis" issued on 30 September 2019. The Pope intended it to be a day dedicated to the celebration, reflection and dissemination of the Word.



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will soon be upon us. Donations up to December 31<sup>st</sup> will be counted in our 2020 statements. Postdated donations put in the offering in January 2021 will not be added to this year's statement.

If you know you will want a statement, please send your request

to [lmazzopane@momapnj.org](mailto:lmazzopane@momapnj.org) or call the office at 732-775-1056 Ext. 109 and ask for Linda M.

Please include full name, address, telephone and envelope number (*if you have one*). Thank you.



### ST. BLAISE FEAST DAY AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS

Throats will be blessed after all of the Masses at both Churches the weekend of January 30th & 31st and at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Wednesday, February 3rd at the 9:00 AM Mass.

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". Two candles crossed and placed against the throat is what many of us remember from childhood. St. Blaise was a bishop in Sebastea, Armenia, in the early part of the fourth century. He was martyred in AD 316. Remember the faith of this saint each year and pray for blessings upon those who suffer from throat ailments. Always remember this blessing is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick, and for those who need our prayers.



### **THE STORY OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL**

**Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior. One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b).**

**Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing. From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).**

**Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new. So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.**

## Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario / 24 de Enero 2021

### VIRGEN DE LA CANDELARIA

02 de Febrero



*Santa Misa de la Virgen de la Candelaria*  
*Iglesia Holy Spirit*  
7:00pm

### DOMINGO DE LA PALABRA DE DIOS "UN DÍA DE DESPERTAR"

El Papa Francisco instituyó el "Domingo de la Palabra" de Dios 'que se celebrará cada año el tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario, con la Carta Apostólica en forma de Motu proprio' Aperuit illis "emitida el 30 de septiembre de 2019. El Papa la interpuso para ser un día dedicado a la celebración, reflexión y difusión de la Palabra.

#### BAUTIZOS 2021 † REQUISITOS

Llenar la solicitud de bautizo en la oficina parroquial, presentar el acta original de nacimiento de niño(a), Los padres o Padrinos deben de estar registrados en la parroquia. Los padrinos que pertenecen a otra parroquia deben presentar una carta de permiso e su parroquia.

#### Los Padrinos:

- Deben tener todos los sacramentos de iniciación: Bautizo, comunión y confirmación.(solteros y casados)
- **Padrinos deben ser casados por la Iglesia Católica, vivir en union libre, o ser casados solo por lo civil es un impedimento para ser padrinos(no pueden ser padrinos)**
- Padres y padrinos tienen que asistir a las pláticas pre-bautismales en nuestra parroquia o en la parroquia a la cual pertenecen. Para mayor información llamar a la oficina Parroquial  
**\*Por favor primero resevar la misa de bautizo y luego el salón.**

**!!!ANUNCIO IMPORTANTE!!!**  
**NO SE REALIZARÁN MAS BAUTIZOS PRIVADOS**



*Misa de San Blas Y Bendición de Gargantas*  
*Iglesia Nuestra Sra. de Mt. Carmelo*  
7:00pm

### ***The Church of Mother of Mercy***

#### **Temporary Mass Schedule**

#### **Horario Provisional de Misas**

#### **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church**

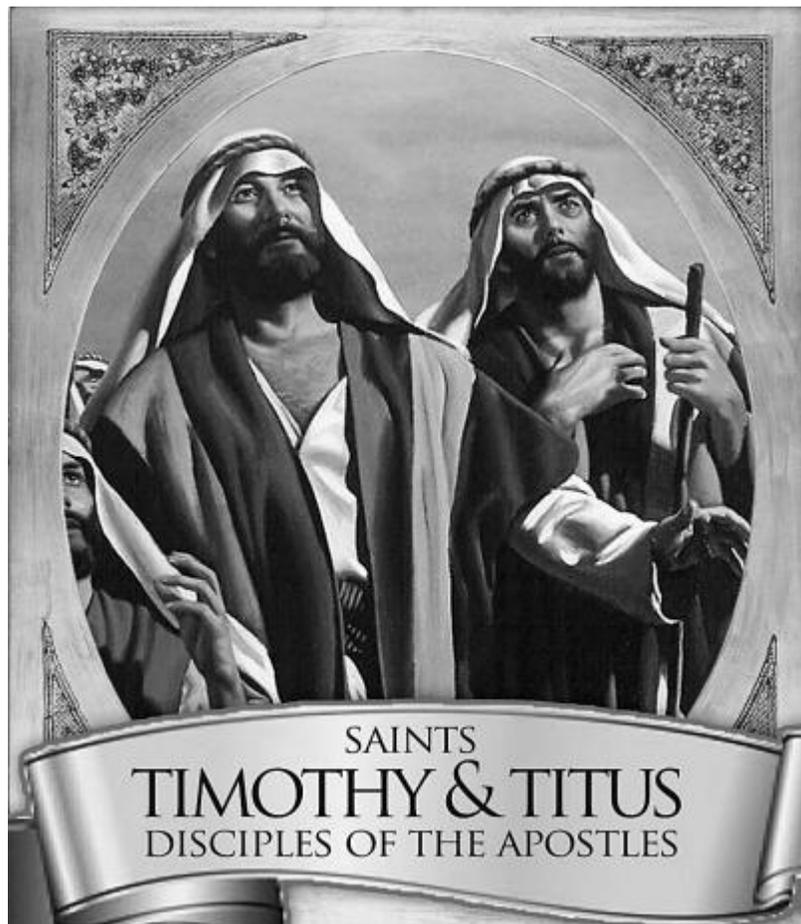
Daily Mass/ Misa Semanal: Monday-Friday 9:00am

Saturday: 4:00pm- English  
Sabado 7:00pm- Spanish

Sunday: 9:00am- English  
Domingo 1:45pm- Creole  
4:00pm- Spanish

#### **Holy Spirit Church**

Sunday: 8:00am- English  
Domingo 11:45am- Spanish



### SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS' STORY

What we know from the New Testament of Timothy's life makes it sound like that of a modern harried bishop.

He had the honor of being a fellow apostle with Paul, both sharing the privilege of preaching the gospel and suffering for it. Timothy had a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice. Being the product of a "mixed" marriage, he was considered illegitimate by the Jews. It was his grandmother, Lois, who first became Christian. Timothy was a convert of Paul around the year 47 and later joined him in his apostolic work.

He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions by Paul—often in the face of great disturbance in local churches which Paul had founded. Timothy was with Paul in Rome during the latter's house arrest. At some period Timothy himself was in prison (Hebrews 13:23). Paul installed him as his representative at the Church of Ephesus. Timothy was comparatively young for the work he was doing. Several references seem to indicate that he was timid. And one of Paul's most frequently quoted lines was addressed to him: "Stop drinking only water, but have a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses" (1 Timothy 5:23).

Titus has the distinction of being a close friend and disciple of Paul as well as a fellow missionary.

He was Greek, apparently from Antioch. Even though Titus was a Gentile, Paul would not let him be forced to undergo circumcision at Jerusalem. Titus is seen as a peacemaker, administrator, great friend. Paul's second letter to Corinth affords an insight into the depth of his friendship with Titus, and the great fellowship they had in preaching the gospel. When Paul was having trouble with the community at Corinth, Titus was the bearer of Paul's severe letter and was successful in smoothing things out. Paul writes he was strengthened not only by the arrival of Titus but also "by the encouragement with which he was encouraged in regard to you, as he told us of your yearning, your lament, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.... And his heart goes out to you all the more, as he remembers the obedience of all of you, when you received him with fear and trembling"

(2 Corinthians 7:7a, 15). The Letter to Titus addresses him as the administrator of the Christian community on the island of Crete, charged with organizing it, correcting abuses, and appointing presbyter-bishops.

## **Enfòmasyon sou Pawas Ayisyèn lan**

Nimero telefòn Biro Ayisyen an se: **(732) 869 1634 ak (732) 7751056**. Biro a louvri lendi pou rive vandredi, 9:00h nan maten pou rive 5:00h nan apre midi. Nou ka rele pou nou pran randevou nan lè biro a louvri a.  
Adrès biro a se Mon Kamèl: 1212 Premye Avni, Asbury Park.

### **Kilè Mès Ayisyen yo:**

**Chak mèkredi** 5:30h Chapèl Mon Kamèl

**Chak dimanch** 1:45h Holy Spirit Church

### **Aktivite Ayisyèn nan Pawas la:**

**Sakreman:** Reyinyon chak madi a 5:00h nan aswè nan Biro Mon Kamèl la.

**Kou bibli:** Chak lendi a 6:00h nan aswè nan biro Mon Kamèl la.

**Adorasyon:** Chak mèkredi a 6:00h nan aswè nan Chapèl Mon Kamèl la.

Chak premye vandredi nan mwa yo, 6:00h pou 7:00h aswè nan Chapèl Mon Kamèl

**1000 Ave:** Chak premye vandredi nan mwa yo, 1:00h pou 6:00h aswè nan Chapèl Mon Kamèl

**Jèn:** Chak twazyèm samdi nan mwa yo, 9:00h pou midi nan besment Legliz Holy Spirit

**Priye Karismatik:** chak samdi swa nan besment Legliz Holy Spirit la a 6:00h nan aswè.

**Konfesyon:** chak mèkredi a 6:00h nan aswè

**Rankont ak timoun:** chak dimanch apre lamès epi chak katriyèm samdi nan mwa a 4:00h nan apre midi pou 7:00h nan aswè.

**Chemen Lakwa:** a 6:00h nan aswè nan Legliz Mon Kamèl la

### **Enskripsyon nan Pawas la:**

Pou nou ka fè pati de pawas la, pou nou ka yon manm aktif, n ap ankouraje tout moun ki poko anrejistre pou yo anrejistre souple.

### **Gwoup ki gen nan kominote a:**

Koral Lasajès

Koral Agapè

Karismatik

Mouton Bondye (Gwoup Timoun yo)



### **Lekti pou Dimanch kap 24 Janvye**

#### **Twazyèm Dimanch Senp**

1.- Jonas 3, 1-5/ 10

2.- 1Korentyen 7, 29-31

3.- Mak 1, 14-20

Seigneur, enseigne moi tes Chemins. (Ps 25)

### **Mès Kreyòl Dimanch ak lòt Mès nan**

#### **Legliz la**

Tout mès yo gen pou fèt nan Legliz Mon Kamèl la pou kounye a, pandan pandemi Kovid la. Legliz Holy Spirit la ap rete fèmen jiskaske nou jwenn lòt enfòmasyon.

### **Anvlop**

Tout moun ki pa gen anvlop, ki bezwen anvlop ka rele lè Madi nan nimewo 732 7751056. N ap jwenn yon moun ant 9:00h nan maten pou 2:00h nan apremidi pou nou ka bay non nou, pou yo ka kontinye voye anvlop pou nou nan adrès lakay nou.

### **Yon Ti Mo sou Levanjil la**

Bondye chwazi n, li rele n paske li bezwen n. Si chak dimanch se yon pa nou fè kot Bondye pou n chèche sekou l, nou dwe konprann tou kouman chak dimanch se Bondye ki kontinye rele n pou l separe Pawòl li avèk nou, pou l separe lavi l ban nou, pou l separe travay la avèk nou, pou nou gen reskonsabilite pa n ladan. Nan tout sèvis li remèt nan men n, Bondye toujou asire n se li menm ki rele n, se li menm kap mache avè n, se sou li pou nou konte.

### **Moun ki t ap Fete nan Semèn lan**

N ap di tout moun ki t ap fete fèt yo pandan semèn lan bòn fèt. Nou mande Bondye Papa nou an, nan gwo lanmou li gen pou nou, pou li beni yo, beni pwojè yo e beni fanmi yo.

*Happy Birthday!*

### **Moun ki Malad**

N ap lapriye pou tout moun nan Kominote nou an ki malad, tou sa ki malad nan Peyi nou Ayiti, tou sa ki malad akòz pandemi korona. N ap mande Bondye, nan mizerikòd li a, pou li pote soulajman pou yo nan mitan soufrans yo a, nan Non Jezi, Gran Frè nou, Pitit li. Amèn!

### **An nou lapriye**

Bondye Papa,

N ap di w mès pou lamès sa a.

Ou merite lwanj ak konpliman

Pou tout mèyè ou fè pou nou yo.

N ap di w mès pou konfyans ou fè n, lè w pran n mete travay ansanm avè w.

Souple, n ap mande w, ede n fè travay ou a mache tout kote n ap viv, tout kote n ap pase.

Nou priye w konsa, nan Non Jezi, Gran Frè nou, Pitit ou. Amèn.

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