





## *From the Pastor's Desk...*

### The 'Capital Campaign'... and the last 10%!

This is now the third piece of information concerning the '**Capital Campaign**' that the Diocese of Brooklyn, and our parish of Our Lady of Peace, are presently engaged in. As previously shared, the Diocese has set as its goal for the '**Campaign**', the extraordinary amount of eighty million dollars (**\$80,000,000.00**)! Every parish in Brooklyn and Queens will be part of the '**Campaign**'. To date, there was a select group of parishes that began back in the early Spring. This '**Pilot Group**' of parishes, have already raised twenty-five million dollars toward the goal! Our Lady of Peace is now engaged in the '**Second Phase (the second grouping of Churches)**' of the '**Campaign**'. Again, as previously announced, our goal has been set at **ninety-thousand dollars**. The funds that are raised through the '**Campaign**' will be divided into three areas of concern: **50%** of the monies raised (**\$45,000.00**) will be returned to our parish for capital improvements. I've shared with you, that our intention is to use this money for the construction of a handicap accessible ramp for the front entrance of our Church, as well as the construction of a handicap accessible bathroom off the foyer of the church. I shared with you last week, that an addition **40%** of the funds raised will be directed toward the care of the elderly and retired clergy of the Diocese, and that in an extraordinary show of compassion and concern, the **40%** raised here at Our Lady of Peace, will be directed to the retirement fund of the Franciscan Order to which Fr. Orlando and myself, belong. Throughout the Diocese, those parishes staffed by '**diocesan clergy**' will earmark this percentage toward the care of the '**diocesan clergy**'. That leaves the third area of concern being addressed through the '**Campaign**', the '**youth**', who are the future of our church!

The theme of this '**Campaign**', is: '**GENERATIONS OF FATHI**H,' and as a significant amount of the funds raised will address the clergy who have ministered in our Diocese for the past number of generations, the Bishop is as concerned about the '**future**' of the church, and the generations to come. The future of our church is to be found in the youth of our parish. This is a concern for almost every church in our country, which deals with the issue of keeping the youth involved with their church. For the most part, once they have celebrated their '**Confirmation**' as young adults, they virtually disappear, until returning years later (**hopefully**) to celebrate their marriage. So to address this ever growing concern, **10%** of the monies raised through the '**Campaign**' will be directed to '**Youth Ministry and Evangelization**'. It is the hope of our Bishop to hire a '**Youth Minister**' for every parish in the Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens. This would be a great asset to our parish community. We do have an extraordinary group of active parishioners who give of their time and talent to assist with our parish's '**Religious Education Program**', but all of these parishioners are '**volunteers**'. A paid coordinator, whose job description would be exclusively '**Youth Evangelization**', could only benefit our parish life and insure the future of our congregation for years to come. So your donations to the '**Capital Campaign**' will address the **past**, the **present** and the **future** of our parish!

*Sincerely, Fr. Pat*

**+ The Fourth of July +**  
*Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? History has made much of John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams. But what about the lesser known patriots? As we pause to celebrate our Nation's 'Independence Day,' and gather with family and friends to enjoy this holiday, you might be interested in knowing:*

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.



Independence Day

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

#### *What kind of men were they?*

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well-educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

**Carter Braxton** of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

**Thomas McKeam** was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of **Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton**.

At the battle of Yorktown, **Thomas Nelson, Jr.**, noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

**Francis Lewis** had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

**John Hart** was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year, he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying this July 4th holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. **Remember: freedom is never free!** We thank these early patriots, as well as those patriots now fighting to protect our freedom!



In recognition of our National observance of Independence Day, our Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, July 6th**. Our daily morning mass will be celebrated as usual.



## Ordination

### + Congratulations, Fr. Rafael Perez +

This Sunday, July 5th, immediately following the 9:30 Latin Traditional Mass, there will be an informal “*coffee & cake reception*” for **Fr. Rafael Perez**, who was ordained to the ministerial priesthood, on Sunday, June 27th. *All are welcome!*

## Anointing of the Sick



Next Saturday, **July 11th**, at the **4:30 Vigil Mass**, we will conduct a “*Mass of Anointing for Healing*.” Within the context of the mass, those who wish to participate in the sacrament of the ‘*Anointing of the Sick*,’ will be invited to come forward.

**Who can be anointed?** As we anticipate this mass, please think about the fact that ‘*healing*’ might be needed in several aspects of our lives. ‘*Physical*’ healing is the first thought that comes to mind when we speak of ‘*anointing*’ someone through this sacrament. That is probably the most common use of the sacrament (*more so than as an anointing of ‘Last Rites’*). Fr. Patrick and Fr. Orlando make regular visits to those patients at Methodist hospital, where the sacrament is celebrated with those who are in need of a ‘*physical*’ healing. Often this is done ‘*prior*’ to a surgical procedure, where prayers are offered not only for the patient, but for the doctors who will perform the surgery. But prayers for ‘*healing*’ may also be addressed to an ‘*emotional*’ healing, or a ‘*psychological*’ healing or a ‘*spiritual*’ healing. We all have aspects of our lives that may be in need of healing. Prior to the mass on July 11th, think about the healing needs in your own life, and then take advantage of this opportunity to invoke God’s healing graces.



**Mark your Calendar!** We will celebrate our ‘*Annual Parish Picnic*’ on **Saturday evening, July 18th**, following the **4:30 Vigil Mass**. Food, music & beverages will be provided! *All are welcome!*

### + Please Remember and Pray for the Sick +

“*And the prayer offered in faith may make the sick person well*”

+ James 5:15

Nancy Barrucco, Lucille Acocella, Elisa DePalma Erazo, Friar Daniel Morey, ofm, Arlene Morganti, Henry Seretta, Friar Robert Artman, ofm, William Casale, Maria Albanese, Melissa Torres, Molly Meltzer, Salvatore Russo, Carlos Emilio Flores, Friar Ron Bolfeta, ofm, Elaine Vona / Dr. Ray Mustafavi, Dolly Panza, Catherine Scoria, Sebastian James Diaz, Dante Manzo, Alice Brandifino, Flo Leopold, Vincent Manzo, Isabel Chavarria, Ciro Diaco, Catherine Dashiff, Matthew Anthony Keeffe, Gia Florio, Luis Rodriguez, Nicolas Escamilla & Ernestina Martinez Rojas, Maria Teresa Salazar Alava, Luis Cáceres.

Please inform the parish office when it's appropriate to remove someone's name from this prayer list. Thank you.



### Saturday, July 4, 2015

4:30pm Guillermo Ruiz (*Dec*)

7:15pm Neo - Catechumenal Community

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 5, 2015

8:00am For the Living and Deceased members of Our Parish (“*Pro-Popolo*”)

9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass - “*Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Rafael Perez*”

11:00am Fausto de Jesus Lugo, Juana y Marcos Vargas, Gloria, David y Pedro Gonzalez. (*Dec*)

### Monday, July 6, 2015

8:00am Oh's Family (*Living*)

### Tuesdays, July 7, 2015

8:00am St. Anthony - *In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony*

### Wednesday, July 8, 2015

8:00am Our Lady of Charity (*In Thanksgiving*)

### Thursday, July 9, 2015

‘*Feast of Our Lady of Peace*’

8:00am *For the Intention of our Parishioners*



### Friday, July 10, 2015

8:00am Special Intention

### Saturday, July 11, 2015 -

4:30pm For the Living and Deceased members of Our Parish (“*Pro-Popolo*”)

7:15pm Neo - Catechumenal Community

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 12, 2015

8:00am Ralph Pollara (*Dec*)

9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass

11:00am Anita Arrivillaga, y Jorge Gil (*Dec*)

### + Stewardship of Treasure +

Parish Support for the

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 28th

Totaled: \$ 1,072.50

The previous week's collection for

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 21st

Totaled: \$ 1,207.84

*As always, we remain grateful for your generous support.  
“Thank You!”*



### + REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES +

+ Sanctuary Lamp + All Souls

+ Altar Bread & Wine + All Souls

+ Chapel Lamp + All Souls