

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, December 25, 2016  
The Nativity of Lord (Christmas)



## Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am / 9:00am / 11:00am

## Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday: 8:30am (except Wed.)  
Wednesday: 7:00pm

First Friday Mass: 2:00pm  
@Homestead Nursing Home  
Civic Holidays: 9:00am  
Holy Days: 8:30am / 7:00pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 9:00am-12:00pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15pm-4:45pm

## Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, & Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the office to arrange.

## Youth Group

Heather Falotico  
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## Golden Angels Senior Ministry

Margie Palazzo  
973-948-6104

## Knights of Columbus, Council 9920

Terrence O'Connor, Grand Knight

## Served by:

Father Abuchi F. Nwosu, *Pastor*  
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Deacon Anthony Barile  
Deacon Edward Muller  
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Kathy Modrow, *Secretary*  
Ann Johnson, *Secretary*

## Parish Office

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## Religious Education Office

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## Celebrating Christmas - "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us."

The above phrase captures the true meaning of the incarnation. The gospel of John shows us that "God had come to be with us, among us, in the midst of our ordinary and sinful world." "Notice that John does not say that Jesus was the holy invisible God masquerading in the flesh of a human, or slipping into a costume of skin just for appearance sake. No, in Jesus God became flesh. This is the unfathomable mystery and grace of the Incarnation. God actually came all the way to us, to dwell with us, accepting the limitations and weaknesses of our mortal existence, risking and facing the very resistance and opposition He knew would come, as darkness attempted to snuff out the light."

He was born into the least expected family and the least expected place in the world. On His birthday He was not met or visited by dignitaries, generals, or celebrities. He was rather greeted and visited by poor shepherds, probably smelly and unwashed. "In their time and place they counted so little that their testimony was simply not accepted in any court of law. But it was to those shepherds that God gave His good and wonderful news: I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people."

For more than two years we gather every year to celebrate His birthday-the Christmas. On this day it is so beautiful to see the Church once again packed with many people. It is indeed one of the most joyful religious holidays. We celebrate with joy the birth of our Savior surrounded by family and friends. We also Skype and call our loves ones far away as well as exchanging gifts, giving and receiving. Since the birthday of Jesus is the center of this celebration, may we continue, even after the Christmas, to make Christ present in our lives and in our families. More importantly may we see Christ among the vulnerable, the poor and the less privileged - and strive always to make our world a peaceful, a better place and a home for all. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Abuchi

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, December 24**

Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25

8:30am NO MASS TODAY

6:00pm For OLMC Parishioners & their Families

12:00 am For OLMC Parishioners & their Families

**Sunday, December 25 (Nativity of the Lord)**

Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18

7:30am For OLMC Parishioners & their Families

9:00am For OLMC Parishioners & their Families

11:00am For OLMC Parishioners & their Families

**Monday, December 26 (Feast of St. Stephen)**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

8:30am Danielle Nazzaro

Ida & Howard Grimes

**Tuesday, December 27 (Feast of St. John the Apostle)**

1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1A & 2-B

8:30am Safe Travel for Fr. Abuchi

**Wednesday, December 28 (Feast of the Holy Innocents)**

1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

7:00pm Bob Froetscher, Duncan Fitton,

Fr. Paul Longua

**Thursday, December 29**

1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

8:30am Intentions of Ellen Dougherty

**Friday, December 30 (The Holy Family)**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

8:30am Peace in our Families

**Saturday, December 31**

1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

6:00pm Dave & Terry Bush

**Sunday, January 1 (Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God)**

Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

7:30am Louis & Philomena Nazzaro & John Crivelli

9:00am For OLMC Parishioners & their Families

11:00am Sam Sorce

**Please Remember and Pray For the Following**

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Lindsey Brooke, Joseph Colon, Terry Comex, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Doug Ernst, Sr. Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Les Humienny, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Kden LeoGrande, Charles Longo, Pete Mahler, Mary Jo Manno, Susanne Martone, James B. Nienstedt, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, John Samssock, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jerome Pasternak, Connie Pyne, Peter F. Reynolds, Colleen Romano, Sal Romano, Carol Rock, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmiditty, Rose Marie Sciascia, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Pat Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

**A GOOD STEWARD**

Sunday, December 18

\$3,893.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Bob Froetscher



**WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES**



We ask God the Father, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces. May they be brought back safely to those whom they love: Larisa Furs, US Navy; Lt. Jason Gieniewski, U.S. Army; Pvt. Daniel Michael Mobilio, Army; Captain Richi M. Pazdzierski, US Army; Captain

Jane Petrick, Army; Lt. Daniel T. Pevarnik Jr., National Guard; Captain Cheryl Ryan, US Army; Seaman Recruit Tylor Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Robert Williams, Airman

**2017 RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH**



*March for Life*

Washington D.C.

This year marks 43 years of the Roe V Wade Supreme Court Decision to permit the abortion of babies.....There is no doubt that Life begins at Conception. Some people for convenience, believe that it begins at other times. We as Catholics believe, as in the Immaculate Conception, that Life begins with God and we as people bring that Life into fruition. This year we will again bring the voice of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Christians to Washington D.C. to share with the world, that it is never right to kill a baby for convenience.....

Please come with us or financially support this trip....We all can do something to save a baby.....We have a 3 day trip planned. The sign up sheet is on the kitchen door. Flyers that detail the facts about the trip are on the bar by the kitchen door.....

Any questions call Deacon Tony 973 362 6453...Steve De Angelis 973 383 7036..... Heather Falotico 704 433 9201

### GIVING TREE GIFTS



Thank you to all who so generously purchased gifts for the tags on our giving tree. The members of our parish and our community were truly overwhelmed by your response. Many had tears in their eyes as they experienced the generosity of our congregation.

And a special Thank You to the women and high school students who worked so hard to sort the gifts and organize food baskets for these families.

May God continue to bless you all!

### A FLOWER FOR JESUS



We are inviting you to do something concrete for Jesus Christ. As a sign of your dedication to Jesus we would like each family of the parish (or each member of the family) to bring a single flower to place in front of the manger. We will

have a basket in front of the manger so before Christmas mass please place your flower in the basket as a pleasing sign to Jesus.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christmas Vigil Mass at 6 pm on Saturday, **December 24th** will be the children's Christmas Mass.

The next children's Mass will be **January 8th at 11 am**. Grade 4 will be participating. All CCD and Confirmation students are expected to attend.

**January 8th** will also be the next Confirmation Gathering at **7 pm**.

Attention Youth Group and all Church members: Please see the youth group bulletin board for all upcoming youth group events. The board is located in the entry way to the hall. For more information on the youth group and upcoming events, please email [olmcyg@gmail.com](mailto:olmcyg@gmail.com).

### WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Newton, NJ, is hosting our Women's Weekend Retreat January 6 – 8, 2017. The theme for this retreat is "Listen to my Voice." Come and spend some get-away time with Our Lord, listening to Him speak of His great love for you!

Register now by downloading a registration form at our website <[www.sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org)> For further information, please call 973-383-2620 or e-mail [shretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:shretreatcenter@gmail.com)

### HISTORY OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

St. Francis of Assisi staged the first nativity scene in a cave outside of the town of Greccio, Italy on Christmas Eve night 1223. It is said that St. Francis was inspired to re-create the nativity scene because he was disgusted with the greed and materialism that was rampant in Italy at that time. He felt that people had forgotten that Jesus came to us not as a rich king but as a poor child. In planning the scene St. Francis wrote to his friend Giovanni, "I want to do something that will recall the memory of that child who was born in Bethlehem, to see with bodily eyes the inconveniences of his infancy, how he lay in the manger, and how the ox and ass stood by."

### FR. ANGELUS CROCE'S RETIREMENT

After serving the community for many years and being the Chaplain for the Salesian Sisters for over twenty years Fr. Angelus Croce is retiring to Nazareth Village in Chester.

A simple reception will take place at Sacred Heart Center from 1:30-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8th. Please RSVP by email at [croceretirement@gmail.com](mailto:croceretirement@gmail.com) or leave a message at [201-396-1101](tel:201-396-1101). Please come and wish Fr. Angelus a happy retirement.

### LEGACY GIFTS

Lord reminds us of the abundant blessings that come from a generous heart. "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

When you give your time, talent and financial resources to our parish, it strengthens our faith community in so many wonderful ways!

Did you know that there are also opportunities to make a legacy gift to Our Lady of Mount Carmel that will touch the lives of parishioners for generations to come? Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish in your will and estate plans. For more information, call our parish at 973-383-3566 or contact our diocesan development office at 973-777-8818, ext 215 for further assistance and to discuss options that might work for you. Thank you so much for all you do for Our Lady of Mount Carmel — now and in the future!