

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, July 23, 2017
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

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Does God allow Good and Evil to be together?

The world is a mixture of good and evil. It seems there is good and bad in almost everything. There are good plants and bad plants-weeds growing among the good plants. There is good food and bad food alike. Even more so, there are good people and bad people, and so forth. We all know people with a beautiful attitude to life, people who love and are generous, people who go out of their way to support others, people who are patient, humble and who never complain or speak ill of others. But the good are often tangled up with the evil: folks who destroy innocent lives, people who exploit and take advantage of others, people who never care about others or to be there for them. The question is: Is it fair for the good and the bad to live together in the family, in the community and probably to work together?

In today's gospel, Jesus gives us a powerful way of understanding our lives in this world by comparing it with weeds and wheat growing together. Anyone who has gardened or farmed knows the phenomenon, and Jesus applies it to human living. In this parable, Jesus extols the importance of patience with weeds growing together with the wheat. He recommended an appropriate time for weeding the farm; which in comparison, is as a way of weeding evil from good on the Judgement Day. In fact, the first reading from the book of Wisdom reaffirms God as the Chief Judge who will administer justice in the world at the appointed time. "He is not only lenient but also merciful to those whom He governs. Thus, He waits upon the evil-the wicked to change and turn to Him. God is a patient God who is not ready to come down and destroy His creation for every sin and evil He sees, rather He is ready to come down to call us to holiness and to save us. If God zapped a person every time someone stepped out of line, how many of us would be left?"

We don't need to be told there are weeds in God's kingdom. We all know that. The Church and its leaders are not always perfect. Imperfection is all around us, in our nation and other nations, in our friends and in our families. Therefore, this parable of wheats and weeds teaches us to be patient and tolerant with one another, and not to be judgmental. Hence, we must leave all judgment to God, the Chief and merciful Judge who will judge everything at the end of the time.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, July 22-Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene and**

SGS 3:1-4B or COR 5:14-17 / JN 20:1-2, 11-18

8:30am Needs of Family of Barbara Froetscher

5:00pm Edward Muller, Sr.

Sunday, July 23

WIS 12:13, 16-19 / ROM 8:26-27 / MT 13:24-43

7:30am Michael Vallone

9:00am William Muller

11:00am Gloria and Frank Lombardo Family

Monday, July 24

EX 14:5-18 / MT 12:38-42

8:30am Rose Crivelli

Tuesday, July 25-Feast of Saint James, Apostle

2COR 4:7-15 / MT 20:20-28

8:30am Intentions of Meredith Cushman

Wednesday, July 26-Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

EX 16:1-5, 9-15 / MT 13:1-9

7:00pm Joanne Passerini

Thursday, July 27

EX 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20B / MT 13:10-17

8:30am For All the Parishioners

Friday, July 28

EX 20:1-17 / MT 13:18-23

8:30am For All the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 29-Memorial of Saint Martha

EX 24:3-8 / JN 11:19-27

8:30am Intentions of Kara Deserto

5:00pm Josephine Grabowski

Sunday, July 30

1 KGS 3:5, 7-12 / ROM 8:28-30 / MT 13:44-52

7:30am Robert Malinosky

9:00am

11:00am Corcoran and Zaleski Families

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Joseph Colon, Terry Comer, Meghan Corcoran, Michael Corcoran, Fr. Angelus Croce, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, James Dykstra, Doug Ernst, Sr., Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Les Hummienny Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Betty Lacovara, Kden LeoGrande, Charles Longo, Pete Mahler, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, James B. Nienstedt, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, John Samsock, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jerome Pasternak, Ellie Prakopcyk, Connie Pyne, Maryanne Quara, Peter F. Reynolds, Colleen Romano, Carol Rock, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, James Scales, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Ronald Wild, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, July 16

\$3319.00

***There will be a 2nd Collection this weekend for Catholic Communications**

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp
Burns for the Intentions of
Patricia Cholasta*

**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

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD DRIVE

Because of miscommunications with Catholic Charities, we did not have our annual Corpus Christi Food Collection for the poor that was supposed to be scheduled on the weekend of the Feast of Corpus Christi. We will be having the Food Drive on the weekend of **July 22nd and 23rd**. We've been asked to donate the following items: any brand shelf milk like Parmalat and canned vegetables: peas, carrots, beets, potatoes, corn, etc. All donations can be dropped off after every mass in the Community Center. Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Catholic Charities **Thanks You for your generosity!**

****The Corpus Christi Food Collection has been extended to the following weekend, Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30th.**

OLMC GARAGE SALE

Fr. Abuchi would like to say a special Thank You to Patricia Cholasta who organized and ran last weekends Garage sale. And to all the volunteers who helped set up the Community Center and for those who gave their time to help sell donated items. Also to the people that donated their items for this special sale. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the BBQ. OLMC made a total of \$776.22 from the sales of donated items and we sold \$91.00 worth of T-Shirts.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Catechists are needed for the 2017-2018 school year. Religious Education is a wonderful way to help our children understand their faith. Our goal is to have two teachers in each classroom so that the students have continuity throughout the year should one teacher be unavailable. It is an easy, rewarding, and faith-filled undertaking! Training will be provided to everyone; all the work is outlined in the teacher's manual-even what to write on the board! And I will guide you as you go. It is a worthwhile endeavor and the children appreciate it. Substitutes are needed when teachers are unavailable as well! Please contact the **Religious Education office at 973-579-2355** if you would like to share your faith with our children. Also, Catechists do not pay tuition for their own children to be enrolled in our program. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

Thank you and God bless, Dan Salvatore, CRE

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 your 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!

OLMC TRICKY TRAY

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will be holding its annual **Tricky Tray** on **Friday, September 1st 2017**. As you might know this is our biggest fundraiser of the year, which benefits the entire church a great deal. The proceeds of the event go directly back to the church for expenses and repairs. We will need volunteers to assist the Tricky Tray team. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: Kelly Kays: (201)317-7881 or kellymariekays@yahoo.com or Kaitlin Voris: (973)903-2176 or ksheehyk@gmail.com. We will have more information for you in the coming weeks. Thank you!

ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

St. James, Apostle

He was a son of [Zebedee](#) and [Salome](#), and brother of [John the Apostle](#). He is also called **James the Greater** or **James the Great** to distinguish him from [James](#) because he followed Christ before the other apostle of the same name. His parents seem to have been people of means. Zebedee, his father, was a fisherman of the [Sea of Galilee](#), who probably lived in or near Bethsaida, present Galilee, Israel, perhaps in [Capernaum](#), and had some boatmen or hired men. Salome, his mother, was one of the pious women who afterwards followed Christ and "ministered unto him of their substance", and his brother [John](#) was personally known to the high-priest, and must have had wherewithal to provide for the Mother of Jesus.

The [Synoptic Gospels](#) state that James and John were with their father by the seashore when Jesus called them to follow him. James was one of only three apostles whom Jesus selected to bear witness to his [Transfiguration](#). He is the first of the twelve apostle to be martyred, being decapitated by order of Herod Agrippa I, C. 44. He is venerated at Compostella, Spain; named in the Roman Canon. He is also patron of pilgrims, of Spain, Guetamala, and Nicaragua.

Job Openings

Veritas Christian Academy, a Christian High School in Sparta, has immediate job openings for part-time Spanish and Business teachers, and full-time Math and Science teachers. We are also seeking a part-time instructional aide. For all inquiries, please contact the school office at **973-579-6333** or vcaoffice@veritasnj.org.