

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, August 20, 2017
20th 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 also love and take care of my enemies?

God doesn't pick and choose, neither does He discriminate or exclude. His mercy extends to those who are different from us, to those with whom we might even consider to be our enemy.

The Jews considered Canaanite an enemy. Thus, they have no dealing with them either with business or marriage. They do not believe God should love or be merciful to them in any way. In today's gospel, Jesus proved them wrong. What He did is what many of them will think unthinkable. "He decided to leave his home turf in Galilee to spend some time in the region of Tyre and Sidon. This change of venue does not mean much to us, but for Jesus, it was so bold and risky and it could have led to the demise of his ministry. Tyre and Sidon was shorthand for pagan, unclean, foreign. This was not a resume-building trip." On his journey, a Canaanite woman finds him and shouts, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." Jesus who till this moment has never shunned anybody ignores her. His disciples even made the matter worse by asking, "Send her away" because, frankly she is a pest.

Jesus tested her faith and then tells her His mission is to the Israelites. Finally, He said, "It is not right to take the food of the children (the Jews) and throw it to the dogs (meaning Gentiles). Referring to someone as a dog in those days would be an insult. A dog will be unclean animal for the Jews, just as Gentiles were considered unclean by the Jews." The woman never backed down and never let any of the derogatory statement get in her way of asking for help from Jesus. And because of her strong faith and persistence, her request was granted.

The lesson is that God does not exclude or hate those we labelled as enemies. We know some social networks like Facebook allows you to create your own separate "circles" of friends and co-workers, sharing certain information with only certain circles of people. But the readings this Sunday remind us: Those who may seem to be outside *our* circle aren't necessarily outside the circle of God. His circle is limitless. And there is always room for more.

Certainly, all of us, at one time or another, have been "outside the circle." All of us have felt like foreigners: isolated, uncomfortable, like we don't belong. But God is always there for us and everyone is part of His circle. Therefore, we must extend our love, our kindness, our smile and our mercy to others without excluding anybody. "Experience teaches all of us that when we reach out to another person in love, with warmth and a smile, most people smile and reach out to us."

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, August 19**

JOS 24:14-29 / MT 19:13-15

8:30am John Murphy

5:00pm Madolyn McCarthy

Sunday, August 20

IS 56:1, 6-7 / ROM 11:13-15, 29-32 / MT 15:21-28

7:30am Daniel Salvatore, Sr.

9:00am Veronica Grossi

11:00am Daniel Robert Blide

Monday, August 21-Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope

JGS 2:11-19 / MT 19:16-22

8:30am Robert Schoonover

Tuesday, August 22-Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

JGS 6:11-24A / MT 19:23-30

8:30am Intentions of Owen Primavera

Wednesday, August 23

JGS 9:6-15 / MT 20:1-16

7:00pm Helen Domanski

Thursday, August 24-Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

RV 21:9B-14 / JN 1:45-51

8:30am Richard Orefice

Friday, August 25

RU 1:1, 3-6, 14B-16,22 / MT 22:34-40

8:30am Daniel Lardiere

Saturday, August 26

RU 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 / MT 23:1-12

8:30am Gerard Salvatore

5:00pm Antonio and Virginia Salvatore

Sunday, August 27

IS 22:19-23 / ROM 11:33-36 / MT 16:13-20

7:30am

9:00am William Muller

11:00am Patricia Cribbin

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Joseph Colon, Terry Comer, Meghan Corcoran, Michael Corcoran, Fr. Angelus Croce, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, 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, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jerome Pasternak, Ellie Prakopcyk, Owen Primavera, Connie Pyne, Maryanne Quara, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer Colleen Romano, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsok, 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, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD**Sunday, August 13****\$3748.00****Diocesan Assessment****\$730.00**

*There will be a second collection next weekend
for the Missionary Cooperation Plan

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp
Burns In Memory of
Leo McHale, Jr.*

**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

OLMC TRICKY TRAY

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, you may join us on Tuesdays for our meetings at 7:00pm. You may also 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!

***Tricky Tray drop off dates and times:**

Weekend of August 19/20 and the August 26/27

August 21-23 (Monday thru Wednesday)6:30pm-8pm

***Please drop off trays in the Hall**

The Feast Day of St. Pius X is August 21

St. Pius X was born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto on June 2, 1835, in Riese, Italy. Pope Pius X was particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the specific title of *Our Lady of Confidence*. In his papal encyclical, he expresses his desire through Mary to renew all things in Christ. Pius X believed that there was no surer or more direct road than by the Virgin Mary to achieve this goal. He vigorously opposed modernist interpretations of Catholic doctrine, promoting traditional devotional practices. His most important reform was to the codification of the first *Code of Canon Law*, which collected the laws of the Church into one volume for the first time.

Public veneration of Pope Pius began soon after his death in August 1914. Numerous petitions resulted in an early process of beatification which resulted in his canonization on May 29, 1954. St. Peter's Basilica holds a monumental statue of him and his town was renamed Pio X after his canonization.

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!

MISSIONARY SPEAKER

Fr. Ildefonce Mapara, OSB. a Benedictine Missionary speaker from Tanzania, will be coming to our parish on the weekend of August 26 and 27 to speak about the desperate need for safe drinking water for the people in Tanzania.

A NEED FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER IN SOUTHERN TANZANIA

Fr. Ildefonce Mapara

The need for safe drinking water in the world is huge. In Tanzania the situation is as bad as many other countries in the world.

Many children under the age of five die of complications due to drinking water from contaminated sources. And also research shows that 80% of diseases that the world population suffer is due to contaminated water. St. Maurus Hanga Abbey in southern Tanzania is serving people to have safe drinking water. Several villages have been helped but many more need the service.

Our need is to buy pipes to pipe water from the mountains to villages in the lowland. You can be part of this project by buying a section of a pipe for \$25 that people can have access to safe drinking water.

A few have access to safe drinking water, but many still use water from contaminated sources.

