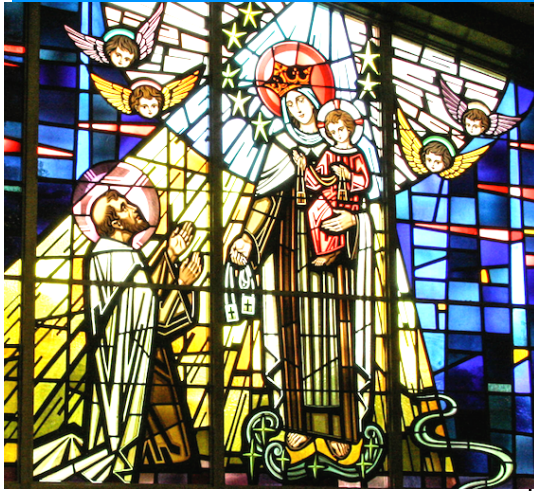


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, October 22, 2017
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

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Knights of Columbus, Council 9920

Terrence O'Connor, Grand Knight

Am I more respectful to Government or to God

The clash between religion and the secular state is prevalent in Jesus' time just like it is in our modern time. The Pharisees hated the Romans who were ruling Israel and the Herodians were favorable toward the Romans and cooperated with them in tax. The hostility between Pharisees and Jesus has increased dramatically to the extent they like to see Him dead. Today's gospel narrates how they set him up with Herodians. They posed a question to him: Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor-Caesar or not? "If Jesus sided with the Pharisees, He would incur the wrath of the government, which would consider Him a leader of rebellion. If Jesus supported the tax and thus the Herodians, He would incur the wrath of the Jews, who regarded both the Roman coin and the tax as religiously offensive. Knowing their malice Jesus bluntly calls them hypocrites."

Then, the gospel ends with Jesus' response to the Pharisees, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." In our modern time, Jesus' response will be applicable to giving what is due to the government and giving to God what is due to Him. Certainly, we pay our taxes and obey the laws of government. And of course, we do our best to be good citizens. "We owe the government a concern for the common good, and obedience to laws—unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church." But let me ask: Are we as careful about our obligations to God as we are to the state? Are we as compliant with the laws of God? How many of us take the time to repay "to God what belongs to God"? Do we even bother? Of course, some of us find it easier to cheat God than to cheat the government. If we cheat on our taxes, someone may soon notify us that we owe more than we claimed we owed. If we cheat on the time we owe God or cheat on following God's laws, no angel comes knocking, but it is our loss if we have not met our obligation to God, and what we have lost by cheating God can only be regained by a change of heart.

Today's responsorial psalm, "Give the Lord glory and honor" reminds us of a perfect way of giving our time, thanks, praise, our lives and everything we have to God. We must acknowledge his omnipotence and glorify His name above everything. Hence, people's life, dignity or happiness must never be sacrificed to any power of government.

— Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, October 21**

ROM 4:13, 16-18 / LK 12:8-12

8:30am Intentions of Tony and Rose Grabinski

5:00pm Intentions of Deacon Ed and Mary Lou Muller on their 50th Anniversary

Sunday, October 22

IS 45:1, 4-6 / 1 THES 1:1-5B / MT 22:15-21

7:30am Daniel McDonald

9:00am William Pote

11:00am Intentions of Bill and Charlene Nagy on their 50th Anniversary

Monday, October 23

ROM 4:20-25 / LK 12:13-21

8:30am Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, October 24

ROM 5:12, 15B, 17-19, 20B-21 / LK 12:35-38

8:30am Eileen Murphy

Wednesday, October 25

ROM 6:12-18 / LK 12:39-48

7:00pm Intentions of Barbara Froetscher

Thursday, October 26

ROM 6:19-23 / LK 12:49-53

8:30am Intentions of Ralph Bozza

Friday, October 27

ROM 7:18-25A / LK 12:54-59

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 28 - Feasts of Saints Simon and Jude

EPH 2:19-22 / LK 6:12-16

8:30am Blance M. Ortiz

5:00pm Intentions of Deacon Ed and Mary Lou Muller

Sunday, October 29

EX 22:20-26 / 1 THES 1:5C-10 / MT 22:34-40

7:30am Fr. Bob Hooper

9:00am

11:00am

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, 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, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, Kimberly Lane, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Brett Mershon, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Mary Parkyn, Jerome Pasternak, Ellie Prakopcyk, Owen Primavera, Connie Pyne, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samscock, 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, Lorraine Virga, Brooke Zaleski

-Please contact the office if you need to add or remove a name on the prayer list. Thank you!

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, October 15

\$4,450.50

Thank you for your generosity!

**There will be a special collection this weekend for World Mission Sunday.*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Private Thanksgiving to God*

**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

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is traditionally the month of the rosary. Why did the Blessed Mother ask us to pray the rosary at many of her apparitions such as at Fatima? One reason might be because it can benefit anyone at any stage of the spiritual life. Prayer is a way to help us get in touch with God and to develop a relationship with Him.



In prayer, we not only talk with God, but God communicates with us. As we continue to pray, our relationship with God grows and we are transformed more into the people we are meant to be. The rosary is a vocal prayer, a meditation and can lead to contemplation. While meditation is a very good form of prayer, contemplation is a higher form of prayer. Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. His gaze purifies our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and his compassion for all men. The goal is a greater love for God and union with God.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**-Reminder-**

*Our Annual *Trunk or Treat* will be held on Friday, October 27th at 7PM in the OLMC church parking lot. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and baked snacks will be provided. Please plan on attending.

YOUTH GROUP

***Youth Group** meeting on Sunday, November 5th from 5pm-7pm before Confirmation gathering

*All members (and those who are interested in being members) of the Youth Group should join the OLMC Youth Group Remind Group to receive reminders and messages about meetings and events. Simply text the message @oyouth to the number 81010. Reminders and announcements will come to you in the form of a text message.

BEREAVEMENT ASSISTANCE

The **Newton Medical Center Spiritual Care Department** and **Faith Community Health Partnerships** are offering "**Grief in The Holidays**" with Lori Opitz, M.A.-professionally licensed grief counselor at the Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center. Some resources will be made available to help support attendees through the holiday season in ways that will encourage them and offer hope-filled ways to face potential moments of grief.

The free dinner/discussion will be Tuesday, November 14th from 5:30-6:30pm in the Lobby Coffee Shop of Newton Medical Center. Participants are encouraged to RSVP to randolph.parks@atlantichealth.org or 973-579-8625 by **November 10th** (for food purposes). Walk-Ins are welcome.

PARISH LEGACY GIFTS

Many thanks to some parishioners who have graciously remembered the parish in their will.

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!

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal*****In Giving, We Receive***

Did you know that this year our Diocese had the largest number of men ordained to the priesthood in the country? There are currently over 50 men now enrolled in the seminaries to prepare for the priestly life in the Paterson Diocese. That is a tremendous blessing, but one that comes with a significant cost for room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps meet the annual expenses for the seminarian education. It is a gift that will enhance the faith life of our Diocese for years to come. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

OLMC Eucharistic ministers are **urgently** needed to assist with bringing Holy Communion to the Catholic residents of the **Homestead Nursing Home**. Currently, we have only **two** active Eucharistic Ministers serving, so, as of now, only **two** Sundays of each month are covered, resulting in the Homestead residents not being able to receive this vital sacrament as often as they should. Ideally, we need **three** additional Eucharistic ministers to volunteer for the Homestead, who will alternate their service weekly, resulting in each minister serving **once every five weeks**. It takes about one hour to complete this service.

As you can imagine, this is a critically important and blessed ministry which is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. If interested in assisting, contact Dan Salvatore at 973-579-1908 or via e-mail at dan958@embarqmail.com for further details.

GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE

The Confirmation Program is now taking orders for Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy and Christmas Wreaths and Grave Blankets. Please help support this fundraiser by ordering through one of our Confirmation Candidates or pick up a candy catalogue and wreath ordering form available in the Parish kitchen. All orders must be submitted by November 5. Thank you for your past support.

ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY

Please be reminded that next **Wednesday, November 1st**, is **All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.

Thursday, **November 2nd** is **All Souls Day** and Mass will be at 8:30 am. While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, attending Mass this day is a great blessing for our faithful departed. Please bring a picture of your departed loved ones to be placed by the altar for Mass. There will be a candle lighting ceremony after the Mass followed by light refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome!