

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, November 5, 2017
31st 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.

OLMC Joy Club (Just Older Youth)

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Terrence O'Connor, Grand Knight

Should a Catholic clergy practice what he preaches?

As a priest, we are called to holiness and to serve God's people. Thus, we should not only be faithful to the preaching of the gospel, we must also live and practice what we believe, preach and teach. Sometimes, however, human weakness brings us down to fulfill our responsibilities and cause our down fall to living gospel values. Please pray for us always.

Today's readings are targeted to the religious leaders. For instance, in the first reading, Malachi condemned the leaders who are supposed to be spiritual fathers of God's people but who misled the people and consequently caused them to sin and falter. Jesus even went further in the gospel, to warn His audience about the religious leaders of His time, telling them, "Do whatever they teach you, but do not do what they do." What an odd admonition! We could turn that around and say, "Don't listen to a thing that teacher says because he doesn't practice what he preaches!" Our Lord gave this a strange twist. "Listen and follow everything that teacher is saying but don't live like he or she lives." Jesus went on to describe the ostentatious behavior of many in that day who gloried in being called "rabbi" and "teacher." The scribes and Pharisees were not only religious leaders but they were also teachers; which was the highest stratum of society then. Thus, they seek favors and honored treatments among the people. Obviously, they pretend to be good inside. Unfortunately, they do not practice what they teach and preach.

We, of course, cannot achieve either holiness or happiness by pretending to be what we are not. While today's readings point directly to the religious leaders, it also speaks to us in some ways because we are all leaders at different times and in different capacities. All parents are leaders in the family. Hence, they must be willing to lead by example. How can we bring our youngsters to resolve conflicts peacefully when we resolve conflicts by disrespecting and bashing our opponents into submission? How can a child learn to live in truth when he sees his/her parents are living a lie and pretentious life? How can a child grow in his/her relationship with God if the parent shows him/her complete disconnection with God? How can a child learn how to pray when he/she never sees his/her parents pray? How can a child grow in the life of the Church when his/her parents do not come to Mass or drop him/her off for CCD and go home? May you and I humble ourselves, live a godly life, practice what we preach and above all, to be a good example to others.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, November 4 - Memorial of St. Charles****Borromeo, Bishop**

ROM 11:1-2A, 11-12, 25-29 / LK 14:1, 7-11

8:30am Matthew Simpson

5:00pm Deceased Members of Weisser and Muller Families
Deceased Members of 4th Degree Knight**Sunday, November 5**

MAL 1:14B-2:2B, 8-10 / 1 THES 2:7B-9, 13 / MT 23:1-12

7:30am Mary Parkyn

9:00am Antina D. Spatarella

11:00am Lester and Helen Zaleski

Monday, November 6

ROM 11:29-36 / LK 14:12-14

8:30am Andrew Oravec

Tuesday, November 7

ROM 12:5-16AB / LK 14:15-24

8:30am Mom and Dad Maniachi

Wednesday, November 8

ROM 13:8-10 / LK 14:25-33

8:30am Intentions of Barbara Froetscher

Thursday, November 9 - Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 COR 3:9C-11, 16-17 / JN 2:13-22

8:30am Jacques Crivelli

Friday, November 10 - Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

ROM 15:14-21 / LK 16:1-8

8:30am James Hamilton McCheyne

Saturday, November 11 - Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

ROM 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / LK 16:9-15

8:30am Norman Oravec

5:00pm Intentions of Larry and Mary Ann Condit

Sunday, November 12

WIS 6:12-16 / 1 THES 4:13-18 / MT 25:1-13

7:30am Intentions of Tom Rivera

9:00am Peter Biasi

11:00am Ann Mary Scangarello

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Joseph Colon, Terry Comer, Fr. Angelus Croce, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Linda Flynn, Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, Kimberly Lane, Kden LeoGrande, Elizabeth Lacovara, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Brett Mershon, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., 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

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, October 29

\$3688.00

Thank you for your generosity!

*There will be a 2nd collection the weekend of November 11th and 12th for the Diocesan Assessment

SANCTUARY LAMP

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
for the Intentions of
Larry and Mary Ann Condit*

**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 Tyler Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Robert Williams, Airman

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

Our parish community happily welcomes **Matthew Arnold** as the new music director of our parish. Matt is a graduate of the University of Delaware with a Bachelor degree in music, with a minor in Sacred Music, and received his Master of music "voice" from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. He cantored in another Church before accepting the position of music director in our parish.

VETERAN'S DAY

Saturday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. On this day we honor all Veterans and all those who wear the uniform, as we pray...and give thanks...and remember.

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you, will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect our military personnel as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



OLMC SENIOR GROUP

The **first** meeting of the new **OLMC Senior Group** will be Friday, **November 10th** at **12pm** in the Hall. Lunch will be served. We will discuss the new group and have some fun. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Patricia Cholasta at 973-534-7733.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, IS ELECTION DAY

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. "In the Catholic tradition," they write, "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation".

SHOULD WE FAST BEFORE WE RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Canon 919 of the *Code of Canon Law* states, "One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion."

This rule also has two exceptions: First a priest who celebrates more than one Mass on the same day, as oftentimes happens on Sunday, can take something before the second or third celebration even if there is less than one hour between them.

Second, those who are elderly or sick as well as their caretakers can receive Communion even if a full hour fast has not been fulfilled. For example, people in the hospital are not in control of their own schedule and may be eating or have just finished eating when visited by the Priest or Eucharistic Minister. Because they are unable to conveniently observe the fast, they can receive Eucharist even if they have eaten something within preceding hour.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL*In Giving, We Receive*

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our inner-city area elementary schools and our priests retirement residence. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal is returned to the parish directly for its own needs. Please know that Appeal funds are used for no other purpose and serve only those who live in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties. Please make a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org. **Thank you!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

-Reminder - *There are no CCD classes on Sunday, November 12th because of the teachers' convention

FURNITURE FROM OUR WOODS

Many thanks to Mr. Tom Rivera for making and donating beautiful kneelers to the Church. The furniture was carefully crafted from the trees cut down from our own locality.

PRAYER OF SAINT GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Dictated by our Lord to release 1,000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, for those in my own home and within my family. Amen

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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

If you or if you know of someone or of some family who could benefit from receiving a food basket for Thanksgiving, please call the office. All names will be kept confidential.

***Donations** for the **Thanksgiving Food Baskets** will be the weekend of **November 18th and 19th at all masses**. All helping hands are welcome and needed to put these baskets together. If you can volunteer your time on **Sunday, November 19th from 5:00pm — 7pm**, please call Caroline (973)383-3566. There will be pizza for the volunteers.

Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP

*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.