Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, November 26, 2017 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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CHRIST THE KING OF UNIVERSE AND LORD OF LORDS

There are so many titles of Jesus, but this Sunday we celebrate His kingship. He is the Alpha and Omega, Miracle worker, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of Lords, Prince of Peace and Kings of Kings. In the mind of most people in the modern world, the concept of kingly rule has echoes of authoritarianism and a special class distinction. The kingship of Christ is however, non-political. In fact, during His earthly ministry, He identified with the lowly: He feeds the teeming hungry, cast out demons, restores sight to the blind, and sits with the outcast and tax collectors. So, "His kingdom is the one of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace."

Today's gospel shows Christ as The Chief Judge, who will judge all nations. In the parable we heard today is what you can call 'king incognito' or 'Christ incognito.' "In a stunning moment at the last judgment, the king reveals Himself to be someone who was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, and in prison. Incredulous, the righteous and non-righteous ask," "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" The silence that follows is broken when the king unmasks the answer. "Truly I tell you," He said, "just as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me."

According to Jesus, the greatest commandment is to love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Love of God is only complete when we love others. "It can be difficult for us to realize that in our ordinary dealings with each other we are in a real sense dealing with the Lord, and that is especially true when we are confronted with others in all their brokenness and need. We need to be aware of our surroundings. Be aware of the cry for help. Be aware of the sadness in a friend's eyes. Be aware of the sick and the dying. Be aware of the stranger who feels vulnerable in a foreign environment and needed a welcome." The best way to honor Christ our King is to recognize Him in all people. Notice at the end of the parable, God only welcomes the people who cared for others not the people whose care is only about themselves. May Christ reign in your hearts and may you make Him present in all the people you meet.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 25

1 MC 6:1-13 / LK 20:27-40

8:30am Duncan Fitton

5:00pm For All the Sick OLMC Parishioners

Sunday, November 26 - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

EZ 34:11-12, 15-17 / 1 COR 15:20-26, 28 / MT 25:31-46

7:30am Don K.U.9:00am Mary Parkyn

11:00am George Paul Brenger

Monday, November 27

DN 1:1-6, 8-20 / LK 21:1-4

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, November 28

DN 2:31-45 / LK 21:5-11

8:30am John Clabby

Wednesday, November 29

DN 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / LK 21:12-19

8:30am Bill Vosper

Thursday, November 30 - Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

ROM 10:9-18 / MT 4:18-22 9:00am Helen Weisser

Friday, December 1

DN 7:2-14 / LK 21:29-33

8:30am Duncan Fitton Saturday, December 2

DN 7:15-27 / LK 21:34-36

8:30am Intentions of Barbara Froetscher

5:00pm Deceased Members of Weisser and Muller

Families

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 / 1 COR 1:3-9 / MK 13:33-37

7:30am

9:00am Richard Millus11:00am Genevieve Oskierko

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, Lorraine Paxton, 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 Samsock, 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, November 19 \$
Catholic Home Mission \$

*Collections from the weekend of November 18th and 19th will be posted on the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd

Thank you for your generosity!

*There will be a 2nd collection the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd for the Diocesan Assessment

SANCTUARY LAMP

This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Deceased Members of the Weisser and Muller Families



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; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman

ONLINE GIVING OPTION

FOR WEEKLY AND ONE TIME GIFTS

Enrolling in Online Giving today is a great way to ensure your gifts to Our Lady of Mt Carmel are received even when you are away or traveling.

Please visit:https://olmcswartswood.churchgiving.com

Many thanks for your continued tremendous support to our parish. May God richly bless you always.

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

St. Andrew, also known as Andrew the Apostle, was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter.

According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills.

In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then he asked the two to become disciples and "fishers of men." Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist before the Lord called him and his brother. The tradition holds that he preached north of the Black Sea and in Greece, and died bound to an X-shaped cross at Petras, Greece. He is a patron of Russia and Scotland. He is also a patron of the Greek Church and fishing industry.

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING & COVERED DISH

This year our annual tree lighting and covered dish dinner will be on Saturday, **December 2nd** immediately after the **5 pm Mass**. Please plan on attending. For further information, call the office between 9 am and 1 pm. If you can volunteer to bring a dish or help with setup/cleanup, please sign up at the doors of the church. Thank you.



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION KNEELING & STANDING

Until the 1960s, Catholics around the world received Communion kneeling and on the tongue. The practice of kneeling for Holy Communion has in its favor a centuries-old tradition, and it is a particularly expressive sign of adoration, reverence completely appropriate in light of the true, real and substantial presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ under the consecrated species.

It is worthwhile for Mass participants to deeply contemplate what is being done at the Mass, namely that God is made present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. This indeed should stir the Mass goers soul and fill him with awe and wonder, but often the faithful are too busy to take notice what is going on at Mass. Whether we choose to receive by hand or kneeling, we should strive to receive reverently. According to general instruction of Roman Missal (GIRM), it is not licit to deny anybody communion kneeling or standing.

The kneelers in front of the sanctuary is meant to help those who chose to receive on the tongue while kneeling.

GIVING TREE

Our annual Giving Tree will be set up near the altar the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd. If possible, please take an ornament to help the needy. On the back of the ornament is details of what is needed. This is a great opportunity to show God's love to others. Please return wrapped gifts by Sunday, December 17th, with the tags attached. Thank you for your generosity.

CONFIRMATION WREATHS AND GRAVE BLANKETS

*Anyone who ordered candy, Christmas wreaths and grave blankets can pick them up at OLMC on Saturday, December 2nd or Sunday, December 3rd after each Mass in the Community Center.



NEW SONG BOOK

New church books are being ordered. If you'd like to donate a book either to the **Church** or **In Memory of a Loved One**, printed on a label that will be placed inside the cover of the book, the cost is \$18.90 each. It is more cost effective printing it on a label for inside the book cover than having it printed on the front cover which would cost \$56.90. You also have the option of donating a book for the choir. The cost for the choir book is \$30.00 each. There are sign up forms at all the doors of the church. Please mail the form with your payment to OLMC, drop off at the rectory or place it in the collection basket. Absolute deadline for submission is the **weekend of November 25th/26th.**

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Giving, We Receive

This time of year, as our nation celebrates Thanksgiving, let us reflect on how we use all the gifts given to us by a loving God. Consider showing your thanks for all your blessings by making a gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As we are reminded in this year's Appeal theme - In Giving, We Receive - your participation not only impacts the lives of tens of thousands of people in need, but it benefits you as well. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www. 2017appeal.org.