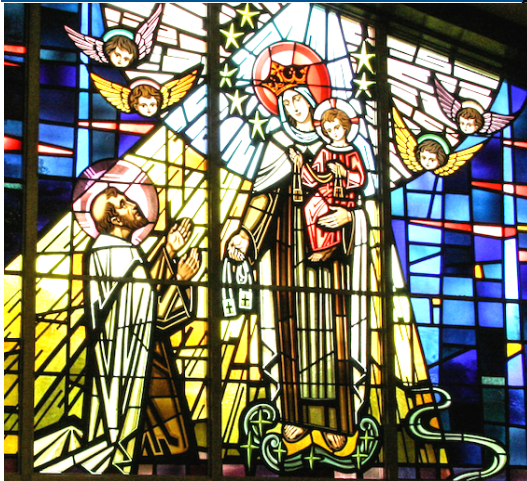


# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, February 4, 2018  
Fifth 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  
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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## Knights of Columbus, Council 9920

Terrence O'Connor, Grand Knight

## Remaining calm in the storm!

Sometimes human suffering comes like an unpredictable storm. It catches people off guard and disrupt their lives. We hear of earthquakes or natural disasters affecting the poorest people and the poorest countries, violence and injustice to the poor, marriages heading for the rocks, people with nervous breakdowns, and people with all sorts of sickness. Only a total hermit could avoid seeing the pain, suffering and misery around us. The question people often ask is, "why will God allow good people to suffer?"

We can identify with many of the sentiments that Job speaks of in today's reading. His life is a big success. He is a prosperous landowner, blessed with a happy home. He is happily faithful to his religious duties and devotion to God. All of a sudden a storm strikes and Job lost everything he has including his children and his property. With almost unbelievable courage and faith, he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." This is very powerful! It is acknowledging that everything we have comes from God and we must be open to accepting difficulties or losses whenever they come. Although Job lamented his losses, he surprisingly remained faithful till the very end. Thus, God rewarded him abundantly. And whatever he lost, God multiplied it.

What can we say to the many like Job who suffer in our time? "There may not be an easy answer to take away their pain. Maybe in dire situations it is not our task to speak at all, but to listen. Job's cry of loneliness, grief and despair may not be the most profound insight into life, but his feeling is honest and strong. The cry of distress is a cry that demands some response. We see how Jesus responds when sick people came to him and he healed them. He does not debate the meaning of suffering, but simply stretches out his hand and heals." We can also be imitators of Christ in that way. Yes, of course, we may not make illness go away with a simple blessing or a touch of the hand, as He could. But we can respond, and we can help to ease the suffering. We can let Christ himself act through us to ease the loneliness, care for people in need, and comfort those who are anxious or heartbroken. Like Job, trust in God who gives us courage and delivers us from the storms of life.

— Fr. Abuchi

**Mass Intentions for the Week****Saturday, February 3**

1 KGS 3:4-13 / MK 6:30-34

8:30am Intentions of Lee Swiatek

5:00pm Francine Crivelli

**Sunday, February 4**

JB 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23 / MK 1:29-39

7:30am Darlene Tamborini and Marlene Muska

9:00am Deceased Members of Weisser and Muller Families

11:00am Edward Joseph Myzynski

**Monday, February 5 - Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

1 KGS 8:1-7, 9-13 / MK 6:53-56

8:30am Intentions of Pat Brady

**Tuesday, February 6 - Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions**

1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30 / MK 7:1-13

8:30am Intentions of Rose Grabinski

**Wednesday, February 7**

1 KGS 10:1-10 / MK 7:14-23

7:00pm Rich Sinski

**Thursday, February 8**

1 KGS 11:4-13 / MK 7:24-30

8:30am Joseph Wallace

**Friday, February 9**

1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19 / MK 7:31-37

8:30am Intentions of Barbara Froestcher

**Saturday, February 10 - Memorial of Saint Scholastica**

1 KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / MK 8:1-10

8:30am Ann Marie Jones

5:00pm Intentions of Darrin Condit and Family

**Sunday, February 11**

JB 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23 / MK 1:29-39

7:30am

9:00am Frances Curulli

11:00am Rich Sinski

**Please Remember and Pray For the Following**

Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Samantha Brady, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, 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, Bill Rasmussen, 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, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

**A GOOD STEWARD**

Sunday, January 28

**\$2,617.00**

\*There will be a 2nd collection the weekend of February 10th and 11th for the Diocesan Assessment

**Thank you for your generosity!****SANCTUARY LAMP**

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp  
Burns for the Intentions of  
the Deserto Family*

**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

**A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP SERRATELLI**

A widespread outbreak of flu requires precautions that lessen its transmission. Nothing can absolutely prevent spread of the flu virus but a few common sense recommendations can help to lessen the possibility.

1. If you don't feel well and suspect that you may have the flu: **remain at home.**
2. **Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser.**
3. **Sign of Peace:** If you feel uncomfortable with exchange of the sign of peace through a handshake you are under no obligation to do so. You may extend the sign of peace to your neighbor by a nod of the head.
4. **Distributing and Receiving the Eucharist:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist **must thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser both before and after the distribution of the Eucharist.** Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is the most practical means to distribute the Blessed Eucharist in a sanitary way.
5. Receive the Eucharist by also drinking the Precious Blood from the chalice is discontinued until the level of flu cases is dramatically decreased.
6. **Children.** In parishes where Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated, the pastor may suspend the practice during flu season.

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

February 8th is the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. It has also been designated as a Day of Prayer and Awareness against human trafficking. As a child, St. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000.

*Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita-*

*St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardships and suffering.*

*Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and His Church.*

*O, St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity.*

*Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.*

*Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith.*

*Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. Amen*

### ASH WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses. It's a day of fast and abstinence.

### FAREWELL TO RICHARD SINISKI

One of our active parishioners very well known as Rich passed this January. Rich volunteered in any way he could to support the parish. For instance, he locked and unlocked the Church whenever he could. Rich will be remembered for assisting in the sale of bagels, donuts and serving coffee in the kitchen.

Some parishioners will never be in a hurry to forget his unique Crumb cake. Not only was he very passionate about it but he also baked the cake with love. May God grant him eternal happiness and peace.

For convenience, the family has scheduled a memorial Mass on Saturday February 24th at OLMC

If you are interested to donate money for the memorial service or for the repast, which will be in our church hall, please make the check payable to the parish, and put "Rich memorial" in the memo.

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Anyone who is homebound or sick and needs a priest, please call the office to make arrangements — (973) 383-3566.

### SAINT JOHN BOSCO

St. John Bosco, also known as St. Don Bosco, is the Patron Saint of Youth and Education. He was a dedicated priest who took on blood-thirsty revolutionaries, the Italian government and his own archbishop in his quest to rescue the homeless children of Turin. This heroic priest's undying belief in the boys he sought to help inspired them to fulfill their potential in the Catholic Faith. Don Bosco's lifelong effort to save the children of the street became the foundation of the Salesians, one of the largest child care networks in the world.

*A Prayer to St. John Bosco*

O glorious *Saint John Bosco*, who, in order to lead young people to the feet of the divine Master and to form them in the light of faith and Christian morality, didst heroically sacrifice thyself to the very end of thy life and didst set up a proper religious Institute destined to endure and to bring to the farthest boundaries of the earth thy glorious work, obtain also for us from Our Lord a holy love for young people who are exposed to so many seductions, in order that we may generously spend ourselves in supporting them against the snares of the devil, in keeping them safe from the dangers of the world, and in guiding them, pure and holy, in the path that leads to God. Amen

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### Confirmation Candidates

This is a reminder that on **Sunday, February 11, 2018**, at the **11am Mass**, you will be presented during **The Right of Candidacy for Confirmation**. **All candidates must attend.**

\*It is very important for **children of all ages** including **Confirmation** students to attend.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**The Knights of Columbus** are hosting a raffle for a custom Handcrafted shadow box commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church by Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, Bishop of Paterson, on July 2, 1967. Handcrafted by the Knights from solid oak church pews obtained during the OLMC garage clean-out in the fall of 2016. Featuring votive candles and music box, this well-built shadow box is a beautiful addition to any home. Proceeds from the raffle will be used for the purchase of new candles for the church. **CHARITABLE STATEMENTS**

If you would like to receive a copy of your charitable statement for 2017, please call the office

### 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://olmcswartwood.churchgiving.com>