

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, February 25, 2018  
Second Sunday of Lent



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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.

## OLMC Joy Club (Just Older Youth)

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## Knights of Columbus, Council 9920

Terrence O'Connor, Grand Knight

## In reality we project the past into our future and we end up having difficulty letting go.

Letting go can be one of the problems we encounter in life. Sometimes it is very hard to let go of a person, event or situation because of the memories we have of them. People also think that the memories that used to bring them so much happiness to something they treasure would now only bring misery if they let go. It takes a lot of discipline and courage to let go our comfort zone. And for some people, because they do not know what the future holds for them, it is even more difficult to let go, and begin an unknown adventure in their lives. As a priest, I have had difficulty not only letting go but also nervous going into a new assignment not knowing how it will turn out. I think those are the moments we should trust in God's unfailing love to be with us till the end of time.

The call of Abraham kicks off when God asked him to let go his of native place and to begin an unknown journey. It is a story packed with a radical trial of faith, testing and letting go. In the first reading, "Abraham is portrayed as being willing to let go of what was most precious to him, the only son of his old age. In being willing to let his son go as a sacrifice to God, he went on to receive him back as a gift." The demand that Isaac be sacrificed seemed to utterly contradict God's promise that the boy would pass on Abraham's line into the distant future. Abraham's heart was pierced by the boy's innocent question, "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Finding it impossible to tell his son that *he* was the intended victim, Abraham stammered, "*God will provide.*" Certainly, Abraham trusted God, willing to let go, and God provided the true lamb for the sacrifice and spared his son.

In the gospel, Jesus transfigured before His three apostles: Peter, James and John. This was meant to strengthen their faith and to banish the scandal on the cross. Peter was so thrilled with a glimpse of Christ's glory (transfiguration) that he would not let go. Instead he proposed to build three tents, one for Jesus, and the other two for Moses and Elijah. At the end, of course, Peter and the others had to let go of this precious experience; it was only ever intended to be momentary. During this lent, are you willing to let go the past events especially the ones that have hurt you or made it difficult for you to face the future or relate well with people? Trials and testing will come at different moments in our lives. Like Abraham, will you let go and trust in God's providence even in the most desperate moments of your life?

—Fr. Abuchi

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, February 24**

DT 26:16-19 / MT 5:43-48  
 8:30am For The Recovery of Addicts  
 5:00pm Intentions of Julia and Jim Scales

**Sunday, February 25**

GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18 / ROM 8:31B-34 / MK 9:2-10  
 7:30am Thomas Scrudato  
 9:00am Rich Sinski  
 11:00am Wes Pultz and Shirley Day

**Monday, February 26**

DN 9:4B-10 / LK 6:36-38  
 8:30am Intentions of Marie Curulli

**Tuesday, February 27**

IS 1:10, 16-20 / MT 23:1-12  
 8:30am Helen Boyko

**Wednesday, February 28**

JER 18:18-20 / MT 20:17-28  
 7:00pm Intentions of Barbara Froetscher

**Thursday, March 1**

JER 17:5-10 / LK 16:19-31  
 8:30am Bob Froetscher

**Friday, March 2**

GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A / MT 21:33-43, 45-46  
 8:30am Margaret Sagner

**Saturday, March 3**

MI 7:14-15, 18-20 / LK 15:1-3, 11-32  
 8:30am Intentions of Roehrig Family  
 5:00pm For Deceased Parishioners

**Sunday, March 4**

EX 17:3-7 / ROM 5:1-2, 5-8 / JN 4:5-42  
 7:30am Mary Agnes McCheyne  
 9:00am Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families  
 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 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, Virginia Zaleski

**A GOOD STEWARD**

**Sunday, February 18** \$2,587.00  
**Ash Wednesday** \$ 533.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp  
 Burns for  
 Bernard & Louisa*



**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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINNER**

**Congratulations to Vincent Kornmeyer** who is the winner of the **OLMC Commemorative Shadow Box** raffle sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council 9920.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported this fundraiser. Your support is very much appreciated and will allow us to increase our scholarship award this year.

**God Bless  
 Council 9920**

**QUOTES FOR LENT**

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

"Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache."

- Archbishop Fulton Sheen

*Prayer of Lenten Solidarity*

**God of All Peoples,**

As we look ahead to our Lenten journey,  
may our alms an offering of peace,  
and our prayers a reflection of humble and  
grateful hearts.

We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us  
as we spend these 40 days reflecting on what it  
means to be companions on the journey  
to encounter our global human family.

How may this encounter with our  
neighbor transform our own lives?  
How may our prayers, fasting and  
almsgiving support those worldwide who  
are forced to flee their homes  
for safety or better opportunities?

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with the Father and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever

*Amen*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Just A Reminder**

The next **children's Mass** will be **Sunday, March 4th at 11am.** **Grade 6** and **First Year Confirmation** students will be actively participating.

**FOOD PANTRY**

Our **Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, bath soap, toothbrushes, coffee, juice, snack items, saltines, cereal, canned meals and stews, pancake mix and syrup

**ONLINE GIVING OPTION**

**FOR WEEKLY AND ONE TIME GIFTS**

Enrolling in Online Giving 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>

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

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

**St. Joseph's Church gift shop**, located in the Church basement at 24 Halted St. in Newton is having bag sales on all men's, ladies and children's clothing. The sales will run from February 22 until March 16. The shop hours each week are Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 4pm and Saturdays from 9:30am until 12:30pm.

**LENT 2018**

*Welcome Home to Healing*

**Confession**

Every Monday, February 19-March 19  
7:00pm-8:30pm and at all Parishes in the  
Diocese

**Lenten Meatless Suppers**

Every Friday at 6:00pm during Lent

**Stations of the Cross**

Begins at 7:00pm following the Meatless  
Soup Supper



Our annual **Lenten Meatless Soup Suppers** are held each Friday of Lent. Dinner starts at 6pm with **Stations of the Cross** beginning at 7pm. A free donation is suggested-all proceeds will go to the church. Sign up sheets are at the side doors. Set up and cleanup help is needed. Please call Dina (973)579-1908 if you have any questions or would like more information on this Our Lady of Mt.Carmel tradition.

**OLMC JOY CLUB**

The next JOY Club meeting will be on Saturday, March 10. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Corned beef and cabbage will be served. The time will be announced in next weeks bulletin.

**SACRED HEART SPIRITUALITY CENTER**

Join us for the First Thursday Retreat on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton.

Fr. John Connell from Nazareth Village will give a Lenten talk, "My Heart is His" at 9:30 am, offer confession, adoration and Mass. A light lunch and fellowship will follow Mass.

Kindly donate \$15 or make a free will offering to help defray costs.

God Bless you and your Lenten journey!

\*For more information, please contact the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center-Sr.Susan Bagli (973)383-2620

**LIVING WITH GRIEF**

*An exploration of Grief: the normal, natural, unavoidable reaction to loss*

Newton Medical Center will be hosting: *The Living With Grief Lecture Series*. This is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the effects grief has on our lives, our loved ones and our relationships. It is offered to anyone who has experienced a loss, who is helping another cope with loss or who would like to learn more about the grieving process.

**Hosted at:** Romano Conference and Education Center  
175 High Street, Newton Room 100

Tuesday evenings: April 10, 17, 24 and May 1-6:30-8pm  
Light refreshments will be served.

**For registration/information, contact**

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**Registration is required as seating is limited**