

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, March 4, 2018
Third 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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"Stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

There are sets of rules and regulations in all facets of human life and activities. Generally, people don't like rules as they represent a kind of restriction. No society can function properly without rules and regulations. Can you imagine even a game or sports without rules; of course, it would be kind of a mess. Absence of rules in a society will lead to anarchy and the survival of the fittest. Strict observance of rules keeps society safe and helps people to live in harmony.

The first reading today gives us a set of rules known as God's Commandments. The first three commandments express the absolute fidelity and honor we owe to God. The rest of the commandments spell the right relationship among the people and themselves. These commandments not only help us to honor God but they also remind us of our responsibility and respect to one another. It is not surprising in the gospel Jesus enforced a rule in a place of worship. "Jesus knew the huge religious and political significance of the temple in his day, and yet he challenged it, and He challenged those responsible for it, because He recognized that the temple was not in fact serving God's purposes." Thus, He chastises the people who have converted the temple to a business affair with a strict warning "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." "There is a big difference between a house and a market. A house has the potential at least to be a home. A market could never really be a home; people go to markets to buy and sell. Buying and selling are not activities you associate with home. The temple is a place of worship. The activities associated with the market were preventing the temple from being the home that God wanted it to be, a spiritual home for all the nations."

If we so carefully respect governments set of rules and regulations, so also must we be respectful to God's commandments. For us today, a Church is not only a sacred place but also a place of worship. Therefore, we have to be mindful we have come to the house of God to pray and not to play. It is neither a movie theatre nor a mall. We must also remember to approach and receive the Eucharist reverently. It is expected that we dress appropriately and avoid any style of dress that sends a message opposing our traditional values and ways of worship.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**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 and Weisser

Families

11:00am Rich Sinski

Monday, March 5

2 KGS 5:1-15AB / LK 4:24-30

8:30am Albert Knecht Detwiller, III

Tuesday, March 6

DN 3:25, 34-43 / MT 18:21-35

8:30am Intentions of Eleanor Long

Wednesday, March 7

DT 4:1, 5-9 / MT 5:17-19

7:00pm Duncan Fitton

Thursday, March 8

JER 7:23-28 / LK 11:14-23

8:30am William Muller

Friday, March 9

HOS 14:2-10 / MK 12:28-34

8:30am Intentions of S.M.

Saturday, March 10

HOS 6:1-6 / LK 18:9-14

8:30am For Broken Marriages

5:00pm Rich Sinski

Sunday, March 11

1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A / EPH 5:8-14 / JN 9:1-41

7:30am Robert Ryan

9:00am

11:00am Intentions of Kouba Family

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 Samsoc, James Scales, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmidty, 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 25 **\$3,108.00**
Church in Central and
Eastern Europe **\$ 735.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp
 Burns for the Intentions of
 Betty Lacovara*

**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

PARISH CATECHUMENS

On February 18th, our Catechumens met with other Catechumens in the diocese at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson for the Rite of Election which will be presided by Bishop Serratelli. This Sunday they will be undergoing their First Scrutiny which will continue till the Fifth Sunday of Lent. At Easter Vigil, they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).

We pray for Scott Begraft, Holly Rogers and Bob Schofield as they continue their spiritual journey to becoming full members of our Catholic faith family.

PERFECTLY YOURSELF

We hope you have been enjoying reading Perfectly Yourself by Matthew Kelly and hope you continue reading it. We have had so many positive responses. There is also a short, daily video online on the same topic. To sign up, please visit dynamiccatholic.org

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE**Palm Sunday:** March 25

Saturday - 5:00pm

Sunday - 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

Holy Thursday: March 29

7:00pm

Good Friday: March 30

3:00pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 31

8:00pm

Easter Sunday: April 1

7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am

Penance ServiceThere will be parish penance service on Wednesday,
March 28th

7:30pm

OLMC JOY CLUB

The next **JOY Club** meeting will be on Saturday, March 10 at 2:00pm. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Corned beef and cabbage will be served. Come join us for some food and fun! Sign up sheets will be at the doors for a head count.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS**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://olmcswartwood.churchgiving.com>

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**A Lenten Parish Mission**

Presented by Father Anthony Mastroeni

When Suffering Hits Home

Come and join us

March 5-7, 2018

Our Lady Queen of Peace

209 US Highway 206, Branchville

Monday, March 5 - 7:30pm - Lenten Talk

Ends with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

Tuesday, March 6 - 7:30pm - Lenten Talk

Ends with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

Wednesday, March 7 - 7:00pm - Mass**7:30pm** - Lenten Talk

Ends with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

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.

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS

Special thanks to all the parishioners who contributed financially for the memorial service of Rich Sinsky and his sister Bernadette Hoffman. We are thankful to all the members of The Knights of Columbus and the parishioners who volunteered their time to set up and to clean afterwards. Your kind effort made it a successful event. We are happy to be able to give one of our own brothers, gone before us, a befitting farewell. The parish received \$1,195.00 and the Knights received \$558.00 for the Memorial Mass and repass.

PARTNERS IN FAITH

I am happy to report that our parish recently received a check from our diocese. The amount of \$3,322.78 represents the fifth rebate returned to us as part of the Partners in Faith Campaign. We will apply these funds to repair Church bathrooms which is in bad shape.

These parish funds are only available because of the parishioners who honored their pledges. I am very grateful to all the parishioners who have honored their pledge. May God bless and reward you for your generosity.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

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