

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, March 11, 2018
Fourth 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.

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Storm and life experience leaves us in darkness!

This past Friday, the North East was devastated with a storm and consequently plunged into darkness. Many people lost electricity, internet and phone services. People were left without heat or water. In fact, we were simply living in the darkness. And many households desperately needed light (electricity). We need more than electrical lights. Today's gospel declares that 'light has come into the world.' The light mentioned in the Gospel is a reference to the light of God that has come into the world through Jesus. Both the second reading and the gospel make clear that the light of God is the light of love. God's love is exemplified in His forgiveness and mercy in today's first reading. Because of God's love for the world, He gave His only son. Therefore, His Son, Christ brought light to the world immersed in darkness. The light of Christ is manifested in all his earthly ministry which was packed with mercy, compassion, kindness, love and so forth.

According to gospel of John, "Christ is the light that shines in the darkness and that the darkness cannot overcome." During the storm, we all long for the restoration of light. Besides, we all long for that kind of light, a light that is strong and enduring, a light that can be found at the heart of darkness and that is more resilient than darkness. "We have all experienced darkness in one shape or form. It may be the darkness of sickness, or of the death of a loved one or the darkness of failure; we may struggle from time to time with the darkness of depression, with those dark demons that tell us that we are worthless and that life is not worth living." Even the responsorial Psalm clearly express the frustration and cry of Israelites when they were plunged into darkness in exile, "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and wept, remembering Zion."

Always remember in any circumstance, God is still in charge and He still loves and cares for you. He is the light that scatter the darkness. He is always waiting on you to come to Him in those moments. Although storms and life experience leaves us in darkness, God never abandons us in darkness. With outstretched hands, He asks you and I, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, March 10**

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

8:30am For Broken Marriages

5:00pm Rich Sinski

Sunday, March 11

2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23 / EPH 2:4-10 / JN 3:14-21

7:30am Robert Ryan

9:00am Helene Ventrudo

11:00am Intentions of the Kouba Family

Monday, March 12

IS 65:17-21 / JN 4:43-54

8:30am Theresa Orso

Tuesday, March 13

EZ: 47:1-9, 12 / JN 5:1-16

8:30am Rich Sinski

Wednesday, March 14

IS 49:8-15 / JN 5:17-30

7:00pm Christian Veliz

Thursday, March 15

EX 32:7-14 / JN 5:31-47

8:30am Andrew Oravec

Friday, March 16

WIS 2:1A, 12-22 / JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:30am Intentions of Christopher Sullivan

Saturday, March 17

JER 11:18-20 / JN 7:40-53

8:30am Daniel & Elizabeth Salvatore

5:00pm William Scheidler

Sunday, March 18

JER 31:31-34 / HEB 5:7-9 / JN 12:20-33

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am Sam Sullivan

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Samantha Brady, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, George Carse, 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

Last week's Collection amounts were not available in time to be included in the bulletin.

This week the second collection is for the Diocesan Assessment. 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. Last Sunday they underwent their First Scrutiny. This Sunday they will be undergoing their Second 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.

BEST LENT EVER WITH DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

Dynamic Catholic with Matthew Kelly is offering a free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40 day journey which can help you make this a truly life-changing lent. For the free daily email, sign up at: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE



- Palm Sunday:** March 25
Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am
- Penance Service:** March 28
There will be parish penance service on
Wednesday, March 28th at 7:30pm
- Holy Thursday:** March 29
7:00pm
- Good Friday:** March 30
3:00pm
- Blessing of the Food:** Saturday, March 31
1:00 pm in the Church
- Easter Vigil:** Saturday, March 31
8:00pm
- Easter Sunday:** April 1
7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am

THANK YOU

Special Thanks to all the parishioners who contributed financially for the memorial service for Rich Sinski 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 and the Knights received \$558 for the Memorial Mass and repast.

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://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

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.

LENTEN QUOTES

“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst...‘Repent and believe’ Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor - He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.”—**Blessed Teresa of Calcutta**

“In fact, the external aspects of fasting, though important, do not convey the full measure of the practice. Joined to the practice should be a desire for inner purification, readiness to obey the divine will and thoughtful solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the poor.”—**St. Pope John Paul II**

“Let everyone know and hold for certain that we cannot be saved except through the sacred Words and the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which priests preach, announce and distribute and of which they are the sole ministers.”—**St. Francis Assisi**

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 the Church bathrooms which are 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.