

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, June 24, 2018
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist



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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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What will this child turn out to be?

Zacharia and Elizabeth were parents of John the Baptist. This barren couple were up in age before receiving surprising news that they would have a son. The name John comes from Hebrew, "Yeho-hanan," which means "the Lord is gracious." "St. Luke's gospel account underlines, in sending John the Baptist God had shown great favor, not just to the childless couple, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but to the whole of humanity. Before John came on the scene, the prophetic voice in Israel had been silent for about 400 years." John kicks off his prophecy by heralding the coming of Christ. He boldly preached repentance and complete renewal of peoples' lives. He also invited and offered baptism to the people in preparation for the coming of Christ.

Although John has many followers, he was fully aware of his role and ministry and never took advantage of his prophecy and his held position. John therefore humbly admitted he was only a prophetic voice from the desert and Christ is the one being expected. And in comparing himself to Christ, he asserted, "I am not worthy to untie His sandals." "He must increase, but I must decrease." Thus, at the arrival of Christ, he pointed Him to the people, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

John's preaching was fire and brimstone but that message resonated with people to the extent that soldiers, tax collectors and common people asked what they can do to improve their lives. For instance, the Tax-collectors asked him what they must do and he replied, "Exact no more than the appointed rate." (Luke 3:13) Soldiers also repented, and his advice to them was, "No intimidation! No Extortion! Be content with your pay!" (Luke 3:14) His message spread far and wide like wild fire. His honesty and courage is never filtered but that ultimately cost him his life. Because He confronted paranoid king Herod for his unlawful marriage, John was arrested and later beheaded in the prison. When John was born, this question was asked by the neighbors and relatives: "What will this child turn out to be?" That question could be asked of any of us at any stage of our lives. "What will you turn out to be?" "John turned out to be the messenger and a very honest man. His ultimate purpose was to prepare the people to be ready to welcome the savior - Jesus Christ by turning away from their sins and selfishness. How about you? What is God's purpose for you? Are you fulfilling that purpose as well as fulfilling all your responsibility to your family and others?"

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 23

2 CHR 24:17-25 / MT 6:24-34

8:30am Pray For All Graduates

5:00pm Theresa Orso

Sunday, June 24 - Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

IS 49:1-6 / ACTS 13:22-26 / LK 1:57-66, 80

7:30am Intentions of John Wendlocher

9:00am Intentions of Maria Sarcona

11:00am Intentions of Lester and Patricia Zaleski

Monday, June 25

2 KGS 17:5-8, 13-15A, 18 / MT 7:1-5

8:30am Msgr. Charles R. Russo

Tuesday, June 26

2 KGS 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A, 36 / MT 7:6, 12-14

8:30am Fr. Michael Burke

Wednesday, June 27

2 KGS 22:8-13; 23:1-3 / MT 7:15-20

7:00pm Renato Zuniga

Thursday, June 28 - Memorial of St. Irenaeus, Bishop

2 KGS 24:8-17 / MT 7:21-29

8:30am Rich Sinski

Friday, June 29 - Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

ACTS 12:1-11 / 2 TM 4:6-8, 17-18 / MT 16:13-19

8:30am William S. Long

Saturday, June 30

LAM 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 / MT 8:5-17

8:30am Fr. William Rosensteel

5:00pm Danielle Nazzaro and Ida and Howard Grimes

Sunday, July 1

WIS 1:13-15; 2:23-24 / 2 COR 8:7, 9, 13-15 / MK 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35B-43

7:30am Eleanor Ann Sylvester

9:00am

11:00am Renato Zuniga

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Jennie Apostola, Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Samantha Brady, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, George Carse, Joseph Colon, 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, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Jerome Pasternak, Lorraine Paxton, Clarence Remke, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, 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, Richard Sorge, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, June 17

\$3,554.00

Seminarian Education

\$ 804.00

***This weekends 2nd collection is for the Church in Latin America and Catholic Relief Services**

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Intentions of Eugene Streeter



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

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA and CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION-June 23rd and 24th

This month, parishes throughout our Diocese are asked to take up a collection for the Church in Latin America and for Catholic Relief Services.

*Although people in Latin America are eager to practice their faith, obstacles beyond their control make it extremely difficult. For example, in Cuba, people have not had the opportunity to share their faith and essentially no place to worship as a community. Through the collection for the Church in Latin America, religious education, retreats and evangelization efforts are now beginning. This has given the faithful the hope and joy of the Gospel.

*Catholic Relief Services has been a beacon of hope for many people in need around the world. In Central America, a great effort has begun to reach out to the massive number of young people who are uneducated and therefore unemployed. With the help of Catholic Relief Services, they are being provided with school reentry, job skills training and social services. Offering this help now will guide many on the road to opportunity, making them productive citizens.

OLMC Food Pantry

We are in need of the following items for our food pantry: paper towels, toilet paper and boxes of tissues. Thank you for your support!

COME TO OUR PARISH FEAST DAY

July 16 is the memorial of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. It is the feast day of our parish. In honor of our Lady, our feast will be celebrated on Sunday, July 15 and the brown scapular of our Lady of Mt Carmel will be vested for interested parishioners. Since our parish is blessed with good cooks and bakers, we are going to have pot luck lunch. There will be sign up sheets at the doors of the church. Therefore, I request you to cook or bake if you can. Please plan on joining our beautiful parish community to celebrate and to socialize on **Sunday, July 15 at 11am followed by pot luck lunch.**

OLMC BLOOD DRIVE

OLMC will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive to be held in Biesiada Hall on Sunday, July 22, 2018, from 8am to 1pm. On the day of donation, eat a healthy breakfast, drink plenty of fluids and bring picture ID.

Walk-Ins welcomed but appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter the **sponsor keyword: Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel**

**SICK and HOMEBOUND**

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

Knights Of Columbus ANNOUNCEMENTS**SCHOLARSHIP**

***The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council #9920**, will once again award a Scholarship in memory of Brother Knight Joseph A. Lacovara. An award for tuition and/or supplies assistance will be presented to a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish for the academic year 2017-2018. Applications are available on the table by the CCD office. Please read the instructions carefully and return the application by noon July 16, 2018. If there are any questions, please ask one of the Knights or email olmckofc9920@gmail.com or wrnagy@ptd.net

***The Knights of Columbus** are presently holding a raffle to help the less fortunate. There will be 3 prizes drawn to give you a greater chance of being a winner. The three monetary prizes will be 35%, 10%, and 5% of all proceeds collected from ticket sales. Tickets are available at the kitchen-side entrance of the church. "The Knights" thank you for your continued support

***The Knights of Columbus** is a fraternal organization for Catholic gentlemen in union with the Holy See. All Catholic men, 18 and over, are invited to join.

Visit "WWW.KofC.org/joinus" to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

For more information contact Bill Nagy, at 973-919-8554, or Terry O'Connor, at 201-874-9836.

DEACON ASSIGNMENT

Bishop Serratelli has assigned Deacon Al Kucinski to the staff of our parish. He was formerly serving in St. Joseph in Newton before joining our parish. We welcome Deacon Kucinski to our parish!

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Matthew Arnold, the music director of the parish, was offered an opportunity to "perform an operatic role" with a company in Miami, Florida. The job will last from June 6 to July 1. So we expect Mr. Arnold to be here on the weekend of July 7 and 8.

WHY DO I HAVE TO GO TO DAILY MASS?

Are you still thinking if there is a need not to go to Mass on a daily basis or as often as possible? Think no more. Praising and thanking God should be the first thing in the morning and even when going to bed. It should be the most important thing on our daily calendar. Every Mass is a healing experience. It heals wounds caused by our sinful nature, it heals our relationship with God and with one another, bringing us closer to our Lord, giving us opportunities to draw near and receive Him not only in the Word, but also in the Blessed Sacrament.

The sanctifying grace that pours through us when we receive the consecrated host allows us to stop before uttering a word of anger, or engaging in a selfish sin. In fact, the Eucharist strengthens us for the daily journey and Mass can teach us that prayer has a lot to do with being thankful. Besides, reading and reflecting on the daily scriptures the evening before, makes the Mass seem even richer and more fulfilling. The Mass helps us to get a full Catholic education in Christ—stewardship, the sacraments, the saints and evangelization—260 days a year. It helps us grow in the Lord a day at a time.

Everything including people may pass away but God's love and protection are the only real stability we will ever know in life. If we come to Mass with the right attitude, at that mass, God gives us peace, grace and comfort we can ever imagine. Even St. Augustine realized the importance and greatness of the presence of God in our lives and said, "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its **rest** in thee." Do I have to go to Mass daily? Yes, it is good for you. Go as often as you can. It would be a wonderful practice to also observe the **First Fridays and Saturdays of every month.**

First Friday Devotion—First Friday is the devotion of receiving Holy Communion on consecutive first Fridays for nine months in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This practice arose following one of the promises made by Christ to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque by which one gains the grace of repentance, an assurance of receiving the last sacraments and the consolation of the love of Christ's Sacred Heart at the time of death

First Saturday Devotion—This devotion began after the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima in 1917. Those who practice this devotion are to receive Holy Communion on the first Saturday of each month, to receive the Sacrament of Penance within eight days before or after this day, recite five decades of the rosary and make a fifteen minute meditation on one or more of the mysteries of the rosary. Saturdays have been the traditional day of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.