

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, July 8, 2018
Fourteenth 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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Does God allow suffering and pain to good people in the world?

Many people often wonder about God's presence in the midst of pain and suffering. "Why do bad things happen to good people?" In 1981, Rabbi Harold Kushner wrestled with this very question, and titled his book accordingly. "The reasoning goes like this, if we believe that God is all-powerful, and all-loving, then why does God allow good people to suffer bad things? Either God cannot prevent such suffering, which means He is not all-powerful. Or worse, God does not care whether or not His followers suffer, which means He is not all-loving."

God did not even spare His own Son-Jesus Christ from suffering. In the garden of Gethsemane, He prayed asking His Father to take away the pain and suffering from him, "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." While hanging on the cross, He lamented over The Father's abandonment, "My Lord my Lord why have you abandoned me." This of course, shows us the suffering is part of human life and no one is exempted. In today's second reading, St. Paul wrote the Corinth and lamented over his affliction which he described as, "A thorn in the flesh." We do not know exactly what he meant. However, we know his ministry has inflicted many traumas on his body including physical beatings, jail time and persecution. Probably he was undergoing another form of suffering. But whatever his ailment, Paul begged God repeatedly for healing, for a release from this "thorn in his flesh." Finally, he heard an answer from God that he never wanted to hear. God was not going to remove his thorn, but told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you."

Why will God allow good people to get into tragedy, to suffer, to get sick or die? We know of course, God does heal and solves the problem of those who prayed. But there are times no matter how faithful people pray for what they desire, the only answer they get from God is "no." Sometimes God's answer to our prayers is "not now." And sometimes His answer is, "I am giving you something for which you did not ask..." Hasn't this happened to you at some point in your life with God? You prayed for the healing of a loved one, but instead they died. You prayed for a new job, or a new love, but the job went to someone else, and the lover turned their attention to someone else. Yes, God hears every prayer but His plan is just different from what you have asked. Never give up praying and asking. As we gather at the Eucharistic table, ask Him to remove that thorn in your flesh. Pray that He gives you peace and grace to accept and to endure whatever is going on in your life.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 7

AM 9:11-15 / MT 9:14-17

8:30am Fr. Patrick Rice

5:00pm Georgene Wyker

Sunday, July 8

EZ 2:2-5 / 2 COR 12:7-10 / MK 6:1-6

7:30am Madeline Macomber & Delores Nugent

9:00am Deceased Members of Weisser & Muller Families

11:00am Richard Caccavale

Monday, July 9

HOS 2:16, 17C-18, 21-22 / MT 9:18-26

8:30am Intentions of Ben Rotile

Tuesday, July 10

HOS 8:4-7, 11-13 / MT 9:32-38

8:30am Helen Crifasi

Wednesday, July 11 - Memorial of St. Benedict, Abbot

HOS 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 / MT 10:1-7

7:00pm Agnes Sterker

Thursday, July 12

HOS 11:1-4, 8E-9 / MT 10:7-15

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 13

HOS 14:2-10 / MT 10:16-23

8:30am Intentions of Jere & JoAnn Johnson

Saturday, July 14

IS 6:1-8 / MT 10:24-33

8:30am For a Special Intention

5:00pm Ronald, Helen & Kenneth Spehalski

Sunday, July 15

AM 7:12-15 / EPH 1:3-14 / MK 6:7-13

7:30am Mary Agnes McCheyne

9:00am

11:00am Carmine Curulli

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, 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, Jenna Shammas, 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, July 1

\$2,928.50

The second collection this week is for the Diocesan Assessment.

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Intentions of Jenna Shammas



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

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot-July 11

Patron Saint of Monks-greatest influence on monasticism in the West

Born into a distinguished family in central Italy, Benedict studied at Rome and early in life was drawn to monasticism. At first he became a hermit, leaving behind a depressing world. He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave in the high mountains for three years. Some monks chose Benedict as their leader for a while but found him to be too strict. However, the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had the idea of gathering various families of monks into one "Grand Monastery" to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity and permanent worship in one house. Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino. The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor and living in community under a common abbot. Today, the Benedictine family is represented by two branches:the Benedictine Federation encompassing the men and women of the Order of St.Benedict and the Cistercians, men and women of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance

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 PARISH TRICKY TRAY 2018

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will be holding its annual **Tricky Tray** on **Friday, August 31, 2018**. As you might know, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year which benefits the entire church a great deal. We need volunteers to assist the Tricky Tray team. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. We will have more information for you in the coming weeks

SICK and HOMEBOUND

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

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>

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.

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**



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.