

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, September 9, 2018
Twenty-third 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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The sensitivity and danger of playing favorites in human family!

Generally, human needs gravitates towards the favorites. We have our favorite foods, colors, places and people. People are happier and comfortable when surrounded with their favorite things. In some circumstances, favoritism can sadly be dangerous. Parents who have more than one child may be tempted to favor one child over the other. Some stories in the Bible also illustrated this favoritism. For instance, in the stories of Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers to name a few prove this point. "In business, employees who have a favored reputation with management often don't fare well with their colleagues. Playing favorites may work for someone handicapping a horse race, but in general, it doesn't work out so well in relationships with others."

In today's second reading, St. James not only highlighted the dangers of favoritism but also discouraged it. Some authors suggested that James might be dealing with a Christian community where discrimination and favoritism seemed to be the order of the day. Besides, he spoke to the predominantly poor community: where people are housekeepers, day laborers, sun up to sun down workers. However, every once in a while a wealthy person would visit their worship service who experienced a level of deference not accorded other members. He simply condemned special treatment and favoritism given to the rich who dressed nicely than the poor in shabby clothes. Unfortunately, we still live in this discriminatory climate where some groups are treated differently than others. "Favoritism is not only a virus that can infect the church, left unchecked, it can become toxic that kills family unity, the community and the country."

We must understand that divisiveness and favoritism can cause chaos, break the trust and destroy human relationships. Thus, instead of looking down on any person or any group, we need to welcome and treat everyone with respect. During Christ's earthly ministry, He treated every person with the highest level of kindness, honoring their humanity and embracing their uniqueness. He even violated the customs of His day, he touched lepers, healed on the Sabbath and ate and dined with the outcast and sinners. Among us are certainly those who have reached milestones in education and in their respective professions. Thankfully, we know brothers and sisters respected in our community for their leadership and wisdom. But at the core of our common life in Jesus Christ, we are simply, beautifully "brother" and "sister."

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 8 - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MI 5:1-4A / MT 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

8:30am Rinch Sinski
5:00pm Agnes Silbernagel

Sunday, September 9

IS 35:4-7A / JAS 2:1-5 / MK 7:31-37

7:30am Andrew Alexander Napolitano
9:00am Joseph Casey
11:00am Norma E. Zaleski

Monday, September 10

1 COR 5:1-8 / LK 6:6-11

8:30am Intentions of Andrew Sorce

Tuesday, September 11

1 COR 6:1-11 / LK 6:12-19

8:30am For All the Families and Victims of 9/11

Wednesday, September 12

1 COR 7:25-31 / LK 6:20-26

7:00pm Jane Guidetti

Thursday, September 13

1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13 / LK 6:27-38

8:30am Marion Gross

Friday, September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

NM 21:4B-9 / PHIL 2:6-11 / JN 3:13-17

8:30am For OLMC Benefactors

Saturday, September 15 - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 COR 10:14-22 / JN 19:25-27 or LK 2:33-35

8:30am Intentions of Vera Nitko
5:00pm Cornelio Odorizzi

Sunday, September 16

IS 50:5-9A / JAS 2:14-18 / MK 8:27-35

7:30am Gary Stanker
9:00am George and Joan Gluszak
11:00am Colin O'Connor

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, John Kucinski, 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, Nicole Perry, Clarence Remke, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samssock, James Scales, Greg Schmiditty, Jenna Shammas, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Richard Sorge, Gene Streeter, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Joe Vicens, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, September 2	\$3,574.50
On Line Giving	\$ 250.00
Assumption	\$ 55.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 45.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

*There will be a second collection this weekend for the Diocesan Assessment

SANCTUARY LAMP

This Week
The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Intentions of Maria Lombardo



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

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Here I Am, Lord

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is officially kicking-off this weekend with the theme, *Here I Am, Lord!* Please support this important annual cause that helps so many people throughout our Diocese.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of our Catholic Charities; seminarian education; priests' extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence and our urban elementary schools. These are all critically important ministries that touch many lives, and so, you are invited to make a pledge today. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

SONG BOOK

If you are interested in donating a book to the Church or "In Memory of a Loved One" we have several copies available. Forms are available at all the doors of the Church. You can either mail the form with your payment to OLMC, drop it off at the rectory or place it in the collection basket.

SICK and HOMEBOUND

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

VIVERE CHRISTUS MEDAL

Every year the Catholic diocese of Paterson awards the "VIVERE CHRISTUS MEDAL" to **one** individual, or **one** couple or **one** family from each parish across the diocese. The goal of this award is to acknowledge the value and importance of the Laity and Religious and to express gratitude and appreciation to those who unselfishly give of themselves for the building up of God's Kingdom. This year, **Mrs. Eleanor Long** will be receiving this diocesan honor award on Sunday, September 9. Mrs. Long exemplifies her selfless service to the parish and to the community. For over a decade she has maintained our parish grotto. She plants, weeds and cleans the grotto. She also helps in cleaning the sacred linens and have tremendously supported the parish in several other ways. We are thankful for her many years of devoted service to our parish community.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

From September we will begin to say Divine Mercy prayers on Fridays after Mass. We will announce the date to begin.

BIBLE STUDY

Do you want to know more about St. John's Gospel? This Fall, the parish will be offering a bible study on St. John's Gospel. We are considering to begin on September 10 at 6:30pm. And depending on the interest we may also offer day meeting for those who are unable to do evening. Please call the parish office or speak to Mr. Lester Zaleski to let us know if you can participate.

ST. PADRE PIO and ST. ANTHONY of PADUA

The relics of Saints Padre Pio of Pietrelcina and Saint Anthony of Padua, will be visiting our diocese in the coming months for veneration.

The relics of Saint Padre Pio on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his passing will be on display **Thursday, September 20, 2018:** from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM. A mass in honor of St. Padre Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 PM by Msgr. Herbert K. Tillyer, P.A. Pastor of the St. Peter the Apostle Church. For more information about the public veneration, please call (973)334-2090 or send an email to stpetrpar@optonline.net
The relics of Saint Anthony of Padua will be on display on **Thursday, October 4:** St. Anthony of Padua Church, Butler (10:00 AM to 1:30 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM)
Saturday, October 13th: St. Anthony Parish, Hawthorne (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)- St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Stirling (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)
Sunday, October 14th: Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM) - Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Rockaway (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you ever feel distressed during your day—call upon Our Lady—just say 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me know.' I must admit—this prayer has never failed me."

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS-September 15

This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation; with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away sins of the world. As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. The seven sorrows of Mary are: 1.The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35), 2.The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15), 3.Loss of the Child Jesus for 3 days (Luke 2:41-50), 4.Mary meets Jesus on His way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17), 5.Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30), 6.The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37), 7.The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47)

**TRAVELING OUT OF TOWN?**

Are you traveling out during the weekend for a vacation, visit or for business? In order to attend Mass while you are away for the weekend, go to www.Masstimes.org or get the phone app from Apple Store, "Mass Times for Travel." This will show you the closest Church nearby.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Our parish community joyfully welcomes all new parishioners. We invite you to introduce yourself to the Priest or Deacon after Mass if you can. You may also visit us at the office to register. If you have been attending our Church regularly but have not registered we encourage you to do so. Besides, if you would like to have your house blessed please give us a call at 973-383-3566. We look forward to meeting you.

WHY SHOULD I GO TO DAILY MASS!

*Are you still thinking if there is a need 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.