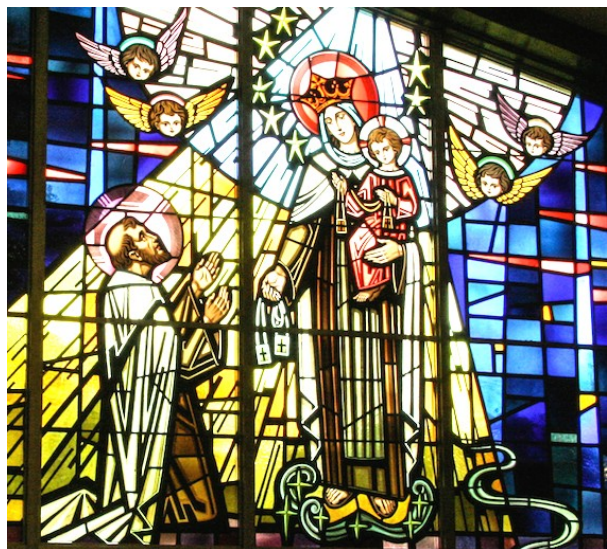


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Saturday 8:30 am (except Wednesday)
Wednesday 7:00 pm
First Friday Mass 2:00 pm
@Homestead Nursing Home
Holy Days 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the office to arrange.

Masses for the Week 

Saturday, December 15

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11 / MT 17:9A, 10-13

8:30 am George H.W. Bush *by Parish Staff*
5:00 pm Richard Caccavale *by Ida Odorizzi*

Sunday, December 16

ZEP 3:14-18A / PHIL 4:4-7 / LK 3:10-18

7:30 am Most Reverend Frank Rodimer *by Parish Staff*
9:00 am Prayers Answered in Honor of Elizabeth
 Lacovara *by Jo Ann Lacovara- Friel*
11:00 am Sr. Thomasina Gebhard *by Worman Family*

Monday, December 17

GN 49:2, 8-10 / MT 1:1-17

8:30 am Fr. Benedict Obikwelu *by Parish Staff*

Tuesday, December 18

JER 23:5-8 / MT 1:18-25

8:30 am Intentions of Brian & Tina Johnson
by Ron & Ann Johnson

Wednesday, December 19

JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A / LK 1:5-25

7:00 pm Intentions of Tierney Veliz *by Parish Staff*

Thursday, December 20

IS 7:10-14 / LK 1:26-38

8:30 am Carmine Curulli *by Mazzola Family*

Friday, December 21

SG 2:8-14 / LK 1:39-45

8:30 am Ann Inglima *by Carol Inglima*

Saturday, December 22

1 SM 1:24-28 / LK 1:46-56

8:30 am Colin O'Connor *by Parish Staff*
5:00 pm Joseph T. Greshko *by Halina & Richard Pazdzierski*

Sunday, December 23

MI 5:1-4A / HEB 10:5-10 / LK 1:39-45

7:30 am Andrew Alexander Napolitano *by Parish Staff*
9:00 am Robert Mucha *by Nancy & Oscar Fernandez*
11:00 am Betty Lacovara *by Dan & Dina Salvatore*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Jennie Apostola, Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, Joseph Colon, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Linda Flynn, Donna Gatto, Richard Hennings, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, Kden LeoGrande, 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, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsock, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Richard Sorge, Gene Streeter, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Immaculate Conception December 8	\$854.00
Sunday, December 9	\$3,567.00
Online Giving	\$425.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$840.00

Thank you for your generosity!

*This Week the Sanctuary Lamp
 Burns for the Intentions of
 Bishop Arthur Serratelli*



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: Major Brandon Bennett, NJ Army National Guard (Federal); Larisa Furs, US Navy; Lt. Jason Gieniewski, US 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





Third Week of Advent

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. "Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means to us. The great joy is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His kingdom.

To be continued....



Latin Mass

After the Second Vatican Council, the *Novus Ordo* Mass promulgated by Paul VI in 1969 succeeded the Tridentine Mass and is now the Mass that most Catholics are familiar with. One of its greatest changes is a wider use of the vernacular language. This provision allows many countries to do Mass in the language of their people. The post-Vatican II change of the liturgy brought about many questions that numerous Catholics still wonder today: What happened to the "old rite"? Is it still valid? Why go back to it? In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI made it clear that the "new rite" from 1969 did not null the "old rite," which was last published in 1962. Neither were they two different rites or versions. Instead, they must be seen as a "twofold use" of the same rite. Thus, he called the "new" rite the "Ordinary Form" and the "old" rite (the 1962 Tridentine Mass) the "Extraordinary Form" of the Roman Rite. He also gave permission to all Latin Rite Catholic priests to celebrate the Extraordinary Form without people and with people "who, of their own will, asked to be admitted."

Latin Mass has been the unified language that unites Catholics all over the world. Besides, in many countries all over the world, the Mass is still said in Latin. Since some of our parishioners love Latin Mass, on December 23 at 7:30am I will be offering the Preface and Eucharistic prayer in Latin and other parts will be completely in English.

Christmas Wafers

Many cultures have special traditions surrounding Christmas Eve. The Eastern Europeans especially have the tradition of the Christmas wafer. Many Lithuanians call the wafer the "Christ-Child cake". The wafer is a symbol of the living bread which became flesh. The father breaks his wafer first, then each family member breaks off a portion from his own "plotkele" & wishes that person Merry Christmas or a prayer such as "May you live till the next Christmas. God grant you happiness & health all the coming year until the next Christmas."

*Donated by one of our parishioners, we have Christmas wafers available this year. It's a polish tradition however, you don't have to be Polish to take a wafer. It's available in the hall and in the Sacristy. You are not required to but you may give a free will offering if you need a Christmas wafer.

Parish Advent Penance

Do not let the busy schedule of Christmas prevent you from receiving the special grace this Advent. Reach out to those who need you, spend time with your family. Spend some time in prayer. Most of all, be willing to reconcile with God and also ask for God's special grace to reconcile with people who offended you. In preparation for the Christmas, Advent also offers us a great opportunity to reflect about our lives. I invite you to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 19th, there would be a parish general reconciliation after the 7pm Mass.

OUT OF TOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - **Christmas Eve Mass** schedule is 6:00 PM and Midnight Mass.

Tuesday – **Christmas Day Mass** schedule is 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

The Mass schedule for **New Year's Eve**, December 31st is 5:00 PM. **January 1st is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God.** This is a **Holy Day of Obligation** with Mass at 9:00 AM.

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

The choir is preparing for Christmas with rehearsals on Thursdays evenings at 7:30 pm. They will be singing a prelude of special music on December 24th at 11:30 pm accompanied by a violin before the midnight Mass. They will have a treat at the 6 pm Mass. The sounds of a violin played by our organist, piano and percussions will fill the Church with beautiful Christmas music. All are invited to participate in familiar seasonal music!

JOY Club Announcement**(Fellowship for Parishioners over 55)**

Please join the JOY Club's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 29th at 12 pm in Biesaida Hall. More information to follow.

Family Promise

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel helps the homeless of Sussex County by providing meals, fellowship and overnight coverage three times a year at the Frankford Plains Church. our first time to help in 2019 will be Thursday, January 31st and Friday, February 1st. Please consider cooking and serving a meal on one of these evenings or spending the night (in your own room/classroom). these families who may have lost their homes due to financial or family problems appreciate all the help they are given to get back on their feet. It won't take much sacrifice on your part but will give others the knowledge that God is helping them. For more information call Mary Anne Condit (973)219-3352. Thank you!

Important Message from the Paterson Diocese

The Paterson Diocese has received an allegation of sexual abuse committed by the late Father James Reedy, who was assigned to our parish from September 1983 to June 1984. If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact the Local County Prosecutor's Office and also Monsignor James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, Diocese of Paterson. He may also be reached at (973)777-8818 ext. 205.

Giving Tree Gifts

THANK YOU to all the parishioners who so generously purchased gifts for the tags on our Giving Tree. And Thank You to all the volunteers and students from the Confirmation class that helped to sort through and organize all the gifts for the needy families in our community.

**Christmas Flower Donations**

If you would like to donate a Christmas flower to a loved one, the donation envelopes can be found at the doors of the Church.

Knights of Columbus Council 9920**Announcement**

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 Grand Knight Bill Nagy at (973) 919-8554 or Terry O'Connor at (201)874-9836.

Monday Adoration 9 AM - Noon

For the winter months, Adoration has been moved to the Chapel.



“At this moment in your life where do you find joy and happiness?”

Today is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word meaning “rejoice.” The *joy and happiness in the Lord* that we celebrate today is symbolized by lighting a rose candle on the Advent wreath. In the first reading, Zephaniah advised his audience not to lose hope but to rejoice. And in the second reading, St. Paul wrote from his prison encouraging the Philippians not to have any anxiety but to rejoice always. The reason is simple! Our Lord is coming. The psalmist equally taps on the same theme: “Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.” These readings tell us to rejoice even during difficult times. We all have an idea of what we really need to be happy, but some research indicates that often what we think we need, is not what we need. If you ask most people what they think that will make them to be happy, I am sure vast majority of people would say more money. But the research conducted a few years ago which I read, commented that money doesn't really make for a greater happiness. More so, “there are those who are convinced that physical attractiveness is necessary for happiness. And that comes from many ads pushing people they need to be beautiful because many people will like and love them. Unfortunately, looks contributes to about 10% of our happiness in life. And it is not also marriage that leads to happiness either, but it is happiness that leads to marriage”

In the gospel, John the Baptist offered his audience a true road to happiness. The central message of John is about a good relationship with God and with people. In fact, that is where true joy or happiness comes from. His message of repentance was so powerful that it resonated with many people. Thus, people from different sectors of the community came to John to ask what they should do. There are three groups that came to John for counsel. The crowd which are the average people, the tax collectors and the soldiers. The last two groups are detested for their dishonesty, extortion and brutality. John encouraged the crowd to be generous and charitable to their community. He discouraged tax collectors from extortion and dishonesty. Then to the soldiers he discouraged them from any form of brutality and false accusation.

“The greatest danger to peace in society is if unbridled selfishness becomes our way of life.” The way preached by John the Baptist was to form a sharing, caring community. “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Instead of sharing their clothing or food, many see their neighbors as *competitors* and try to outdo them in status, lifestyle, travel, conspicuous spending and housing quality. Such self-seeking and materialism can give satisfaction on the outside but not deep and lasting joy. St. Francis of Assisi, the most joyful of saints, rightly said, “Lord, make us channels of your peace. For it is in giving that we receive.” Our best joy or happiness comes when we live God’s will and when we’re not thinking about ourselves always but, trying to give a helping hand to others in the name of God.

–Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“What has He done for me? He has loved me and given me His whole self. What shall I do for Him? I shall love Him and give myself to Him without reserve.”

–St. Ignatius of Loyola