

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, January 27, 2019
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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, January 26 – Memorial of Sts. Timothy & Titus

2 TM 1:1-8316 / MK 3:20-21

8:30 am Marilyn O'Connor *by Parish Staff*
5:00 pm Brone Visotsky *by Cassie Liobe*

Sunday, January 27

NEH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 COR 12:12-30 / LK 1:1-4; 4:14-21

7:30 am Edward Burns *by Parish Staff*
9:00 am Connie Bigalow & Michael Melton *by Pat & Lester Zaleski*
11:00 am Intentions of Elizabeth Johnson *by Ron & Ann Johnson*

Monday, January 28 – Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

HEB 9:15, 24-28 / MK 3:22-30

8:30 am In Memory of Carl Weisser *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*

Tuesday, January 29

HEB 10:1-10 / MK 3:31-35

8:30 am Private Intentions *by Anonymous*

Wednesday, January 30

HEB 10:11-18 / MK 4:1-20

7:00 pm Intentions of Jim Stadelman *by Ron & Ann Johnson*

Thursday, January 31 – Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest

HEB 10:19-25 / MK 4:21-25

8:30 am Philomena Nazzaro *by Marie & Ray Nazzaro*

Friday, February 1

HEB 10:32-39 / MK 4:26-34

8:30 am Barbara Abler *by Patricia Cholasta*

Saturday, February 2 – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

MAL 3:1-4 / HEB 2:14-18 / LK 2:22-40

8:30 am Robert P. Hardy *by Parish Staff*
5:00 pm In Memory of Edward Muller, Sr. *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*

Sunday, February 3 – In Memory of Saint Blaise, Blessing of the Throat

JER 1:4-5, 17-19 / 1 COR 12:31–13:13 / LK 4:21-30

7:30 am Francine Crivelli *by Marie & Ray Nazzaro*
9:00 am Intentions of Lee Switak *by Ron & Ann Johnson*
11:00 am Grabin Family *Pat & Lester Zaleski*

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, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, Diana Salvatore-Hiler, John Samssock, Greg Schmiditty, Alfonso Scrudato, 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

Sunday, January 20	\$1,801.00
Online Giving	\$250.00

Thank you for your generosity!

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Recovery of Alfonso Scrudato



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



How do I pray?

Various forms of prayer are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2623-2649). These various forms include prayer of blessing or adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, and prayer of praise.

What is meditation?

Meditation is a Christian practice of prayer dating back to the early Church. As the Catechism states: "Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking." By meditating on the Gospels, holy icons, liturgical texts, spiritual writings, or "the great book of creation," we come to make our own that which is God's. "To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" (CCC 2705-2706).

Meditation is an essential form of Christian prayer, especially for those who are seeking to answer the vocational question, "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

How do we pray with Sacred Scripture?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

1. The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
2. The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.
3. The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.

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4. Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact

Newly Baptized

Congratulations to Breelyn Harper Jaworski who was baptized on Sunday, January 20, 2019.

"Heavenly Father, surround this child with your love, protect her from evil. Fill her with the Holy Spirit and receive her into the family of your Church, that she may walk with us in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love." Amen

SAVE THE DATE
OLMC Family Dinner

Saturday, February 9th after 5pm Mass
Join us for good food and fun activities for kids of all ages
Stop by the crafts table, answer the trivia questions, and more

Compliments of OLMC
Sign-up sheets at doors as we need a head count for food.

Wine and Cheese Gathering

The next Wine and Cheese Gathering will be Saturday, November 10 after the 5 PM Mass. Good opportunity to meet and get to know more of our parishioners in a relaxed manner with beverages of all types and cheese and fruits.



Religious Education Announcement

***February 3 – 11 AM Mass**
-Children’s Mass - Grade 6 will actively be participating.
-2ND Year Rite of Candidacy - (attendance is required for formal candidate presentation to parish).

Bereavement and Funerals

Because of our belief not only in the immortality of the soul, but also in the resurrection of the body, the Church professes hope in the face of death, and acts with charity in the funeral rites. The Church provides a number of **prayers** for the faithful to offer both to accompany the dying of a loved one and to strengthen our faith upon their death. Through private prayer and public **funeral rites**, we strengthen our faith and hope, comfort those who mourn, and bury the bodily remains of the deceased with care befitting what was the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

The following excerpts are taken from the General Introduction of the Order of Christian Funerals:

At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting word of God and the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral.

The Church through its funeral rites commends the dead to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins. At the funeral rites, especially at the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the Christian community affirms and expresses the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in the one great communion of saints. Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayers and intercession. At the rite of final commendation and farewell, the community acknowledges the reality of separation and commends the deceased to God. In this way, it recognizes the spiritual bond that still exists between the living and the dead and proclaims its belief that all the faithful will be raised up and reunited in the new heavens and a new earth, where death will be no more.

Canon 1176 from the Code of Canon Law states, "Deceased members of the Christian faithful must be given ecclesiastical funerals according to the norm of law." Others who are eligible for an ecclesiastical funeral include:

- Catechumens
- Children whom the parents intended to baptize but who died before baptism, and
- "In the prudent judgment of the local ordinary, ecclesiastical funerals can be granted to baptized persons who are enrolled in a non-Catholic Church or ecclesial community unless their intention is evidently to the contrary and provided that their own minister is not available" (canon 1183.3).

Feast of The Presentation of The Lord – February 2

Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. According to Jewish law, the firstborn male belonged to God, and the parents had to "buy him back" on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two pigeons" (Luke 2:24) in the temple (thus the "presentation" of the child). On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified (thus the "purification"). Saint Mary and Saint Joseph kept this law, even though, since Saint Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification. In his gospel, Luke recounts the story (Luke 2:22-39). Originally, the feast was celebrated on February 14, the 40th day after the Epiphany (January 6) because Christmas wasn't yet celebrated as its own feast and so the Nativity, epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the feast celebrating Christ's first miracle at the wedding in Cana were all celebrated on the same day. By the last quarter of the fourth century, however, the Church at Rome had begun to celebrate the Nativity on December 25, so the Feast of the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days later.





“An unparalleled inauguration speech that called for radical generosity and hospitality to all.”

John F Kennedy's famous inaugural speech delivered on a bitterly cold, snow-laden January 20 1961, is best remembered for his "ask not" line. That is, when he added in his inaugural speech, "Ask not what your country can do for you, rather, as what you can do for your country," has been an often-quoted statement that urges young Americans to take up national service. "Kennedy launched the Peace Corps in order to spread American values and improvement to the developing world. Kennedy thought that it was important to send humanitarian aid as well as military aid to the developing world."

Similarly, president Abraham Lincoln ended his inaugural speech with, "...the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether...With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

In today's gospel, Jesus used Isaiah's quote as the lines of inaugural speech to illustrate the intentions of the public ministry He was about to launch. Jesus read from the Old Testament to His hometown synagogue at Nazareth. He read with clarity and authority one of their favorite passages of scripture from the prophet Isaiah. "And all the people were impressed by His demeanor and diction—proud of their hometown boy." Before His people, He gave what sounded like His inaugural address and thus launched His public ministry. "He doesn't speak about organizing a perfect religion or a more worthy worship, but about communicating liberation, hope, light and grace for the poorest and most unfortunate. This is what He read: 'The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim a year of favor from the Lord'. When He finished, He told them: 'This text is being fulfilled today even while you are listening'. It was a call to action, a call to arms, a call to radical generosity and hospitality.

But the interpretation he gave the passage was unpleasant to His audience. Certainly, God's Spirit is in Jesus, sending him to the poor, directing his whole life toward those most in need, most oppressed, most humiliated. Besides, the same Spirit will take Him to bring hope to the poor, freedom to the captives, as well as miraculous cure to all those afflicted with different kinds of sickness and diseases. He ushered a new beginning which nobody ever saw before. During His time, He cured many sick people, converted many sinners, helped and fed many people stricken with poverty. He also became a giant voice to the voiceless and vulnerable people of His time. Looking back to all the inaugural statements cited above here and spoken words of Jesus, you can agree with me that we are all called to watch out for one another, to work for peace, to serve others and to extend our love, charity and generosity to one another especially the poor among us. Most of all, to remember we are followers of Christ and we must strive to work in this same direction.

–Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You.”

–St. Augustine of Hippo