

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, February 10, 2019  
Fifth 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, February 9

HEB 13:15-17, 20-21 / MK 6:30-34

**8:30 am Intentions of Barbara Froestcher** *by Parish Staff*  
**5:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving** *by Barbara Froestcher*

### Sunday, February 10

IS 6:1-2A, 3-8 / 1 COR 15:1-11 / LK 5:1-11

**7:30 am Duncan Fitton** *by Parish Staff*  
**9:00 am Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families** *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*  
**11:00 am Mauro Colonna** *by Joe & Charlene Marchese*

### Monday, February 11

GN 1:1-19 / MK 6:53-56

**8:30 am Intentions of S.M.** *by Mazzola Family*

### Tuesday, February 12

GN 1:20—2:4A / MK 7:1-13

**8:30 am Carre Abrams & Carol Abrams** *by Parish Staff*

### Wednesday, February 13

GN 2:4B-9, 15-17 / MK 7:14-23

**7:00 pm Sadie Doherty** *by Marjorie Mucha*

### Thursday, February 14 – Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

GN 2:18-25 / MK 7:24-30

**8:30 am Msgr. Eugene M. Boland** *by Parish Staff*

### Friday, February 15

GN 3:1-8 / MK 7:31-37

**8:30 am Bob Froestcher** *by Barbara Froestcher*

### Saturday, February 16

GN 3:9-24 / MK 8:1-10

**8:30 am Don K.U.** *by K.U. Family*  
**5:00 pm Michael Sugar** *by Salvatore & Barbara Ingallinera*

### Sunday, February 17

JER 17:5-8 / 1 COR 15:12, 16-20 / LK 6:17, 20-26

**7:30 am Msgr. Leo P. Carey** *by Parish Staff*  
**9:00 am Robert Mucha** *by A Friend*  
**11:00 am Mauro Colonna** *by Joe & Charlene Marchese*

### 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, Ziggy Knop, 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 Samsoc, Greg Schmiditty, Alfonso Scrudato, Gloria Shope, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Gene Streeter, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

### A GOOD STEWARD

**Sunday, February 3**  
**Online Giving**

**\$3,423.69**  
**\$250.00**

\*There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend for the Diocesan Assessment

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Recovery of John Orso*



### 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 To Take Young Children to Mass

by Josh & Stacey Noem

### Before Church

- Make sure children are well-fed right before Mass. They do not need to fast, nor will fasting help them to be on their best behavior during Mass. We personally do not think it is appropriate to take snacks into the pew. Our exception to this is a non-spill drink cup that bought us enough time to hear the homily once in a while.
- Beginning even with the smallest infants, dress them in some special clothing that they wear only for church or other special events. This does not have to be expensive and can be as simple as a nice pair of shoes. It helps them to identify what we do at Mass as different from everyday activity.
- Check your diaper bag to make sure it is stocked for any possible needs. Consider including a small toy or book that your child sees only on Sunday at Mass. These should be quiet and made of soft material so that they do not distract those around you from their prayer while they are being played with or in case they are dropped.
- Put on a fresh diaper or visit the bathroom right before walking out the door of your home or into the church.

### For toddlers or older children

- You might read the readings in the car on the way to church. This could even be the job of an older child. Then everyone hears them at least once in case someone has to step out during a portion of the Mass.
- Before going into the church, take a moment to remind children what you are about to do. Make sure they know what their job is at Mass. For us, we say that their job is to be quiet/still, to participate by sharing their voices and to pray. Their job is also not to distract those around them from praying.

To Be continued...

### 2019 OLMC YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF!

Please Join Us for the First Meeting of the New Year!

Grades 7-12 are Welcome  
Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm - Biesiada Hall

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

Our next JOY CLUB meeting will be **Tuesday, February 19 at 12pm** in the Church Hall. Lunch will be served. Come join us for good company and some fun. \$5 for lunch and \$2 dues. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Patricia (973)534-7733

### CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

We need people to join our Choir. Everyone is Welcome! Thursday evening practice at 7:30 for one hour. Please consider joining the choir to sing some light music. To enable us to sing we need members for either the 9 AM or 11 AM Mass. If you are interested, please see Carol Kramer after either Mass.



### 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](http://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

## Getting Married?

For those getting married in the Catholic Church, the highpoint of the wedding day is the wedding liturgy, where bride and groom become husband and wife in the lifelong covenant of marriage (a sacrament for baptized Christians). Thoughtful, prayerful planning and participation in your Catholic wedding ceremony will bring many blessings to your married life.

## Pope Francis' advice about weddings:

“Make (your wedding) a real celebration – Because marriage is a celebration – a Christian celebration, not a worldly feast!...

What happened in Cana 2,000 years ago, happens today at every wedding celebration: that which makes your wedding full and profoundly true will be the presence of the Lord who reveals Himself and gives His grace. It is His presence that offers the ‘good wine’, He is the secret to full joy, that which truly warms the heart.

“It is good that your wedding be simple and make what is truly important stand out. Some are more concerned with the exterior details, with the banquet, the photographs, the clothes, the flowers... These are important for a celebration, but only if they point to the real reason for your joy: The Lord’s blessing on your love.”

## The Month of February

-The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ’s public life, the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family.



-The Feast of the Presentation (February 2) or Candlemas, forms a fitting transition from Christmas to Easter. The small Christ-Child is still in His Mother’s arms, but already she is offering Him in sacrifice.

-The saints that we will focus on this month and try to imitate are St. Agatha (Feb. 5), St. Paul Miki & Companions (Feb. 6), St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita (Feb. 8), Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb. 11), Sts. Cyril and Methodius (Feb. 14), St. Peter Damian (Feb. 21), Chair of St. Peter (Feb. 22), and St. Polycarp (Feb. 23).

-The feast of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), St. Scholastica (Feb. 10), and the Seven Founders of the Orders of Servites (Feb. 17) will not be celebrated this year because they are superseded by the Sunday liturgy. **To be Continued....**

## National Marriage Week is February 7-14, 2019

*Together as a couple nourish your response to the vocation of marriage. How do you bear witness to the Gospel in your marriage?*

❖ In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus instructs Simon to “put out into deep water” and lower his nets. Simon had fished all night and had caught nothing. He may have shrugged off or ignored Jesus’s words in frustration. However, he chooses to believe that this instruction is meaningful and meant to be obeyed. His faith and obedience are rewarded with an unexpected number of fish.

▪ Every couple experiences moments of distress, frustration, and difficulty. It requires a great deal of faith and fortitude to “put out into the deep”. *What are the challenges that try your patience and perseverance as a couple? Perhaps it is illness, a career change, a difficult teenager? How is Christ asking you to ‘put out into the deep’ and trust in Him?*

❖ Simon Peter and the other fishermen are astonished at the catch that reveals Jesus as Lord. Jesus’ response to Simon Peter is reassuring: “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men”. Once again, the fisherman of Galilee places his trust in the words of Jesus and leaves everything to follow Him. James and John also do the same; from now on, they will be ‘fishers of men’.

▪ Jesus invites them to share in His mission, the mission of the Church. As baptized, we all partake in the mission of Jesus Christ, priest, prophet, and king. As married men and women, the calling is lived out in a concrete home and family. *How does your life as a couple, as parents, as godparents, or in another way, touch the lives of your family? How are you witnesses and bearers of the Gospel?*

## Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**“The people God has chosen throughout history to be instruments of justice, mercy, love and compassion have been brave, earthy and sinful individuals.”**

Today's readings show us how God can make use of the most unlikely people to fulfill the divine purpose. God rehabilitates His chosen and commissions them. The lessons from Isaiah, First Corinthians, and Luke's Gospel have a common thread running through them. Those called on the three readings not only acknowledged not having the credentials but also expressed their unworthiness, weaknesses and vulnerabilities before God. “In each of these callings, God issues a divine summons, inviting ordinary human beings into the mission God has for them to impact lives and in so doing, change the human story.”

Both Isaiah and Paul in the first and second reading, fully expressed their unsuitableness for the job, but God called them anyway. The gospel presents to us the dramatic scene that unfolded with the call of the apostle Peter. Disappointed and frustrated with the outcome of night's fishing, Jesus instructed Peter to cast his net one more final time. And he complied. His compliance was amply rewarded. According to Dr. Scott Hahn, "In humbling himself before the Lord's command, he was exalted—his nets filled to overflowing." After the extraordinary catch of fish, Peter was suddenly aware of his own weakness and unworthiness. Surely, he felt he did not deserve such generosity from Jesus. “Then he discovered that the Lord has chosen him and has a great purpose for him, in spite of his faults. From now on he will gather people into the net of God's kingdom.”

The lesson from these readings is that Christ came to call sinners. Some of those He called, He sent them on a mission. Another message is to remind us that God does not wait for us to be worthy before calling us to share in His loving service to others. Indeed, our very *sense* of unworthiness creates an opening for Christ to work through us. “However, be mindful the people God has chosen throughout history to be instruments of justice, mercy, love and compassion have been brave, earthy and sinful individuals.” “The principle of evangelizing is that one sinner tells another the good news, just as with Alcoholics Anonymous, where one recovering alcoholic helps another to sobriety. Many of us could come up with some instance in our lives, when, like Peter, we have tried hard and caught nothing. This could be anything from an addiction, to resentment, an inability to forgive, to a scar of mind or memory, which has never healed. This has the potential for a miracle, if you are willing to let go and hand it over to God.” There is nothing impossible with God. In addition, when you have overcome a particular problem, you may become a great instrument to helping others overcome the same problem. For instance, people who have grieved and overcome it know best how to counsel others. Alcoholics Anonymous and some other recovered addicts have always been the great instrument in helping others on the road to recovery. That is exactly how God continues to call and reach out in the history of humanity.

**–Fr. Abuchi**



**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him.”

**–St. Teresa of Avila**