

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent



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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, March 23

MI 7:14-15, 18-20 / LK 15:1-3, 11-32

8:30 am Healing of Judy Bergeron *by Parish Staff*
5:00 pm Martin Boettcher *by Boettcher Family*

Sunday, March 24

EX 3:1-8A, 13-15 / 1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12 / LK 13:1-9

7:30 am Fr. John Quinlan *by Parish Staff*
9:00 am Mazur Family *by Knas Family*
11:00 am Anna Klym *by Calascibetta Family*

Monday, March 25 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

IS 7:10-14; 8:10 / HEB 10:4-10 / LK 1:26-38

8:30 am Recovery of Tyler Rodimer *by Youth Group*

Tuesday, March 26

DN 3:25, 34-43 / MT 18:21-35

8:30 am Pavel Cholasta *by Patricia Cholasta*

Wednesday, March 27

DT 4:1, 5-9 / MT 5:17-19

7:00 pm Intentions of Tierny Veliz *by Veliz Family*

Thursday, March 28

JER 7:23-28 / LK 11:14-23

8:30 am Intention of Judy Scales *by Eleanor Long*

Friday, March 29

HOS 14:2-10 / MK 12:28-34

8:30 am Alicia Del Valle *by Lauren & Frankie Del Valle*

Saturday, March 30

HOS 6:1-6 / LK 18:9-14

8:30 am Complete Recovery of Tyler Rodimer *by Eleanor Long*
5:00 pm Anna Boettcher *by Boettcher Family*

Sunday, March 31

JOS 5:9A, 10-12 / 2 COR 5:17-21 / LK 15:1-3, 11-32

7:30 am Chase Veliz *by Veliz Family*
9:00 am Frank Bollero *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*
11:00 am Michael Sugar *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Jennie Apostola, John Barrett, Lucy Barrett, 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, Eva Kieger, 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, Bob Metroke, Deacon Ed Muller, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Jerome Pasternak, Lorraine Paxton, Clarence Remke, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Tyler Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, Diana Salvatore-Hiler, John Samsok, Greg Schmiditty, 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, March 17	\$3,603.75
Online Giving	\$250.00

Thank you for your generosity!

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Healing of Tyler Rodimer



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



Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord –

March 25

On March 25, nine months before Christmas, we celebrate one of the Church’s most important feast days, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Like all solemnities, this feast is one of formal celebration and joy. The Annunciation is particularly special to many Catholics because it brings together three Catholic beliefs that are intrinsic to our faith.



The Incarnation of the Lord

It was always part of God’s perfect plan to have the Second Person of the Trinity become human while also being fully divine. However, this did not actually take place until Gabriel announced God’s message to Mary and she gave her consent.

When Gabriel announced this news, God was made man in the womb of Mary. We remember this when we pray in the Nicene Creed, “For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”

The Incarnation is a pivotal moment in salvation history. It is the coming of our promised Savior--the beginning of the Life that saves us. The Incarnation is among the most important Mysteries of our Catholic faith, and it reveals God's great mercy.

Devotion to Mary

We honor Mary on the Annunciation because of her unique role in God's plan of salvation and her unprecedented obedience. In His omnipotence, God chose to rely on Mary for the completion of His plan.

It is another great Mystery that though God does not *need* any human being in order to do His work, He chose to redeem us in a way that included human participation through a humble young woman's consent. When Mary spoke her "*Fiat*," she said "yes" to God as a reversal of Adam and Eve's "no." We meditate on the angel Gabriel's announcement and Mary's consent as the first of the [Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary](#).

Catholic Social Teaching

In more recent times, Catholics have been looking at the way the Annunciation informs Catholic social teaching, particularly regarding the dignity of the human person. The Annunciation marks the conception of Jesus--that is, it recognizes the time that God became man as the moment when Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb.

Significantly, the Annunciation acknowledges that God did not become man only at the Nativity, but was man from the very moment of conception. This is well reflected in the most recent translation of the Nicene Creed found in the Roman Missal, 3rd Edition: we no longer say that the Son was "born of the Virgin Mary and became man," but that He was "incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." The importance we attach to this feast day is a good reminder of why we defend the dignity of life from conception.

As we enter the last few weeks of Lent, celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation with the faith and confidence born from the Incarnation of Jesus that would lead to His death, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension.

Lent 2019

Confession

Every Monday, March 11 – April 8
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM and at all Parishes in the Diocese.



Lenten Meatless Soup Suppers

Every Friday at 6:00 PM during lent.

Stations of the Cross

Begins at 7:00 PM following the Meatless Soup Supper.

Our annual **Lenten Meatless Soup Suppers** are held each Friday during lent. Dinner starts at 6PM with **Stations of the Cross** beginning at 7PM. A free donation is suggested – all proceeds will go to the Church. Sign-up sheets are at the side doors. Set-up and clean-up help is needed. Please call Dina (973)579-1908 if you have any questions or would like more information on this Our Lady of Mount Carmel tradition.

Newly Baptized

Congratulations to Nolan Cornelio Voris who was baptized on Sunday, March 17, 2019.

Welcome, precious little child. So divine from God above. Christened today in Jesus’ name, Held in His arms of love. May angels guide your tiny feet and bring you smiles to wear and may our heavenly Father always keep you in His care.”

Knights of Columbus Announcement



The Knights of Columbus will be having an Easter egg hunt, crafts and games for the children of our parish immediately following the April 7th 11 am Children’s Mass. The event will be free of charge and all are

welcome, children and adults alike! A light refreshment will be served. Please come for the Children’s Mass and stay for the fun!



Don Bosco Columbiettes # 7784

The Don Bosco Columbiettes are now taking orders for Easter Palm Crosses. This fresh Palm Cross is handmade with 10 fan sets of 6 palm hoops, 2 plastic lilies and a bow. The bottom of the wooden lath is cut at an angle for easy ground insertion. All crosses are individually wrapped in a clear poly bag. Palm Crosses outer dimensions: 26” x 14” and the cost is \$10.00. **Advanced Orders Only.** For additional information, please call Miriam Montagne at (201)230-1373. Palm Crosses will be available for pick-up the weekend of April 6th-7th at the Community Center (directly across the street from St. Joe’s Church). Please mail your orders by March 23rd along with payment to: **Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784**, PO Box 412 Newton, NJ 07860



PARISH SURVEY

In the coming weeks, we will be conducting a parish survey. The survey will be some collective questions about the activities in the parish. The goal of the survey is to help the staff and volunteers to know some areas of parish life and activities that may need some change or more improvement. When the survey materials are available, we will notify you and ask you to participate.

RCIA Announcement

On Sunday, March 10th, our Catechumen Matt Spies joined other Catechumens in the diocese at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, where bishop celebrated rite of election. On March 24th, at 11 am, Matt will receive rite of First Scrutiny and second and third scrutiny on the fourth Sunday and 5th Sunday of lent respectively. On Easter Vigil, he will receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).

Andrew Jaworski is a candidate who is already baptized. He will also receive the rest of the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation).

We pray for them and wish them good luck as they continue their journey to become full members of the Catholic Church.

OLMC Youth Group Announcement

Grades 7-12 are Welcome!

Sunday, March 31st

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Biesiada Hall

Lunch, Games, Prayer and FUN!

Any questions, contact Heather: olmc@gmail.com

Wine and Cheese Gathering

The next Wine and Cheese Gathering will be Saturday, April 6 after the 5 PM Mass which is also the 1 year anniversary of the club. 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. Please join us!





“He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may bear the fruit He desires from us.”

Apart from natural death around us or elsewhere, there have been lots of tragedies, ranging from earthquakes, deadly accidents, terrorist attacks, killings and so forth. In fact, death stares at us from our newspapers and TV screens. Death is real! Death does not predict its calendar but is a certain fate for us all. People who were expected to live to an old age die suddenly while others whose childhood was marked by illness often survive to a remarkable age. Our reactions to other people’s death can raise so many questions: Is it something that could have been prevented? Is it their time to go? Or is it a self-inflicted death? My question is: are we spared from death because we are better than those that have died? Of course not! How about many people who lost their lives in the recent B737 MAX plane crash in Ethiopia? Are they the worst people in their respective countries? Do you ever think God will inflict suffering or condemn and punish people through natural disaster or accidents? And that was similar to the question posited to Jesus in today's gospel.

"When people told Jesus how some Galileans died, victims of Pilate’s anger, they wondered how God could have let this happen. The intention of the crowd seems to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness in Jewish custom. But instead of explaining it, Jesus asks “do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?” He then went on to warn them on the necessity of repentance: “Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did!” He further illustrated this with the parable of the fruitless tree. In this parable Jesus called for a continuous repentance.

The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit. So, Jesus used this parable to illustrate God's patience and hopefulness for us all. God calls us to change, to repent. It is in fact, within His power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness and yet He is patient and merciful to us. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may bear the fruit He desires from us. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, He chooses to attend to us even when we do not recognize His love and mercy. Similarly, in the second reading, St. Paul also echoes importance of continuous conversion among the Corinthian community. The lesson is to always remember the course of our lives might be shorter than we think and we would be foolish not to seize the opportunities to continue self-examination, repenting, enjoying and loving one another, and continuing doing good. **–Fr. Abuchi**



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God’s heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact, on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart.”

–Padre Pio