

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, June 9, 2019
Pentecost Sunday



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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, June 8

ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31 / JN 21:20-25

8:30 am Intentions of Valerie Derbyshire *by Parish Staff*
5:00 pm Jeff Weddle *by Boettcher Family*

Sunday, June 9 – Pentecost Sunday

ACTS 2:1-11 / 1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13 / JN 20:19-23

7:30 am Deceased Members of Rivara Family *by Parish Staff*
9:00 am Knas Family *by Knas Family*
11:00 am Elenita Nucum Obligation *by Scarince Family*

Monday, June 10 - Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

ACTS 19:1-8 / JN 16:29-33

8:30 am Bernice Sammarco *by Parish Staff*

Tuesday, June 11 – Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle

ACTS 11:21B-26; 12:1-3 / MT 5:13-16

8:30 am Bob Froetscher *by Barbara Froetscher*

Wednesday, June 12

2 COR 3:4-11 / MT 5:17-19

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

Thursday, June 13-Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua

2 COR 3:15—4:1, 3-6 / MT 5:20-26

8:30 am Alfons E. Toriello *by Parish Staff*

Friday, June 14

2 COR 4:7-15 / MT 5:27-32

8:30 am Private Intentions *by Anonymous*

Saturday, June 15

2 COR 5:14-21 / MT 5:33-37

8:30 am In Memory of William Muller *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*
5:00 pm Pray for All Fathers

Sunday, June 16-The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

PRV 8:22-31 / ROM 5:1-5 / JN 16:12-15

7:30 am Pray for All Fathers
9:00 am Pray for All Fathers
11:00 am Pray for All Fathers

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Jennie Apostola, John and 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., Donna Gatto, Richard Hennings, Eva Kieger, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Bob Metroke, Deacon Ed Muller, Bill Nagy, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Lorraine Paxton, Clarence Remke, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsock, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, June 2	\$2,859.00
Online Giving	\$375.00
Peter's Pence Online	\$80.00
Ascension Thursday	\$679.00
Holy Land	\$592.25

Thank you for your generosity!

***There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for the Diocesan Assessment and next weekend for the Seminary**

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Intentions of Ray Doyle



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



SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

Ministry to the Sick: Please call the parish office for a priest visit to the physically handicapped, aged, hospitalized, sick and shut in.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated individually every Saturday afternoon at 4:15pm or by individual appointment with Fr. Abuchi at any time.

Baptisms: Parents may contact the parish before or after their child's birth. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at the 11 am Mass or after. We also accommodate other days. You will be invited to attend a Pre-Baptismal session either before or after the birth of your child.

Sacramental Marriage ~ The couple should contact the office several months before the desired date for the marriage to insure proper preparation for this Sacrament. Those who are civilly married may also contact the priest to help them convalidate their marriage in the Church.

PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY - 2020

On December 7, 1970, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish became independent from St. Joe's Parish. Next year, 2020 will be the 50th Anniversary of our parish. We are considering a celebration. If you would like to be a member of the committee to help plan for the anniversary, please contact the office (973)383-3566.



Knights of Columbus Announcements



The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council # 9920 will once again award a tuition and/or supplies assistance Memorial Scholarship Award to a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish for the academic year 2018-2019, in memory of Brother Knight,

Joseph A. Lacovara. Applications are available on the table by the CCD office. Please read the instructions carefully and return the application by noon July 15, 2019. If there are any questions, please ask one of the Knights, or email olmckofc9920@gmail.com, or wrnagy@ptd.net.

JOY Club Announcement

(Fellowship for Parishioners over 55)

Our next **JOY CLUB** meeting will be **Tuesday, June 18 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.

SAVE THE DATE

OLMC Parish Tricky Tray 2019

We will be holding our annual Tricky Tray on Friday, August 30, 2019. As you might know, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year which benefits the entire church a great deal. We need volunteers to assist the Tricky Tray team. Please call the office or contact Kelly Kays (201)317-7881 kellymariekays@yahoo.com or Kaitlin Voris (973)903-2176 ksheehyk@gmail.com if you can volunteer. We will have more information for you in the coming weeks.

Confirmation for 8th Graders

*Some of our parishioners have left to St. Jude's Church in Blairstown so that their children can make their confirmation in the eighth grade. Some of the parishes in our diocese have also experienced the same departure from their parishioners looking for a shorter religious education program. Statistics have revealed that children in the grade 8 are more receptive to learning about their faith than children in their sophomore year of high school.

***Before the bishop approved for the eighth graders in our parish to make their Confirmation beginning in 2020, he insisted they must be active members of our Youth Group.** Thus, joining our Youth Group is highly recommended from 7th grade up. The Confirmation Program is a two-year program. In the past, the first year was 9th grade and in 10th grade is Confirmation. Now with the change from 10th to 8th grade, **every student must have attended CCD the previous year before Confirmation.** If your child attended CCD in the 7th grade either here or at another parish, they will be eligible to receive their Sacrament in 8th grade. The same if your child is going into the 9th grade, they will be eligible to make their Confirmation **only** if they attended CCD in the 8th grade.

*In the coming weeks, we will provide you more details about accommodating those presently in 7th & 8th grade to be able to do Confirmation next year. However, we would likely be having all the Confirmation classes on Sunday mornings.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church – June 10



The Memorial of Mary, the Mother of the Church, has been included in the Roman Calendar and is celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost. As stated in the “Ecclesia Mater,” the aim is “to foster the growth of the motherly sense of the Church in Pastors, in religious and in the faithful as well as in genuine Marian piety. The decision was announced in a decree by the Vatican’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, dated February 11, 2018. The decree observes that the veneration of Mary as Mother of the Church has ancient roots in Catholic tradition. “She became the tender Mother of the Church which begot on the cross, handing on the Spirit,” the decree said. “Christ, in turn, in the beloved disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of His love towards His mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection.” With the new decree, devotion to Mary as Mother of the Church now becomes an approved feast for the universal Church. “This celebration will help us to remember that the growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharist Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and the Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God,” the decree said.

Secular Franciscans – Information Night

The Order of Franciscans Secular are lay people who strive to follow the Gospel more intensely and develop a deeper relationship with Christ in the spirit of St. Francis Assisi. We are women and men of all ages and walks of life that engage in the same struggles as everyone else. We attempt to focus on daily conversion. We rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us and our local community of Franciscans to pray for us as we support each other. The Secular Franciscan vocation is a challenge, but the grace, love and joy that we experience and share is beyond awesome. we’d love to share that with you too, but most especially provide an opportunity for you to grow closer to Christ – even if you’re not called to join the Franciscan family. If you’d like to learn more, please join us at an Information Night.

When: Wednesday, June 12 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Where: Sacred Heart Center, Newton, NJ

Contact Hugo Bader (973)579-1430 or JoAnn Jenson jjoejen@aol.com.

Pentecost Sunday – June 9

*Pentecost is the Church’s birthday. and like any birthday, it’s a cause for celebration. The word Pentecost is Greek and it means “50th day.” Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.



*At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another.

*Others who didn’t understand the works of the Holy Spirit, accused those speaking in tongues of being drunk, but Peter arose and addressed the crowd and that this phenomenon was not intoxication but rather this was the work of the Holy Spirit, prophesized in the scripture.

*Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day. These people were among the first Catholics and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

Corpus Christi Food Collection for the Poor

Due to the unprecedented requests for assistance from Catholic Charities’ food pantries and in order to fulfill our obligations to the poor, Bishop Serratelli has authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Saturday/Sunday, June 22nd - 23rd, 2019. We are being asked to bring assorted food products on that day. **We have been asked to provide canned carrots, peas, mixed vegetables/paper towels.** Cash/Check donations will also be accepted made payable to Catholic Charities or online at www.ccpaterson.org/corpus.

Please mark Saturday and Sunday, June 22nd – 23rd as the food collection day in order to help those in need in our Diocesan communities of Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties.



“Filled with the Holy Spirit, they left the upper room as changed characters and full of missionary purpose.”

Today we celebrate the Pentecost. It is regarded as the birthday of the Church but also a special day for us to remember the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. As part of Jesus' farewell on the eve of the Passion, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles. That Holy Spirit would remind them everything He thought them. He would be an ever-reliable helper, advocate, counsellor, teacher, a replacement for Christ Himself. “Unless I go, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you,” He said (Jn 16:7). The day of the Pentecost was the fulfillment of that promise. Before this time, “the apostles were timid and afraid, like children huddling together in a storm.” When he came upon them in a whooshing of wind, fire and speech, they were transformed. “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:4) They left the upper room as changed characters, full of missionary purpose. They went out animated, fired up and boldly proclaimed the risen Christ. This led to the beginning of the Church with the gathering of many pilgrims from different nationalities who, despite the differences in language, were able to understand them in their own particular language. That day marks the beginning, the birthday of the Church.

The apostles were chosen men from God and through baptism all the followers of the apostles also become chosen people and children of God. This is because we also share in the same Holy Spirit given to the apostles. From Pentecost, every decision the apostles made was Spirit-guided: the choice of seven deacons; the admitting of Gentiles to the Church; the sending of Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey.

The Holy Spirit is impossible to visualize, because the Spirit cannot be seen as such. Yet the Holy Spirit is profoundly real. "The Holy Spirit belongs to the spiritual world, and naturally we cannot see the Spirit with our eyes. Although we may not be able to see the Holy Spirit, but we can see the effects of the Spirit in our life, just as we cannot see the wind but can see the effect of the wind on people and objects of various kinds." And according to St. Paul, "wherever we find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control, the Spirit is there at work. The Spirit becomes visible in and through these qualities and virtues (Galastians 5:22-23)." Pentecost changed the course of human history. In fact, it brought about a wonderful bonding of people from all over the Roman Empire. "They were united in admiring and praising the marvels of God. In spite of differences of language and culture, there was a real communion among them. Wherever communion of heart and mind exist among people of different backgrounds, the Holy Spirit is at work. Unity in diversity is the mark of the Spirit."

Remember at Baptism and Confirmation we receive the Holy Spirit and with that we are chosen and are children of God. May that Holy Spirit infuse boldness and confidence in us so that we can courageously bear witness to the risen Lord and uphold and practice what we believe. May the Holy Spirit guide you to act always as a child of God who will be eager always to show love, joy, peace, kindness, trustfulness and so forth to all people. **–Fr. Abuchi**



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the sign of the cross.”

–St. Anthony of Padua