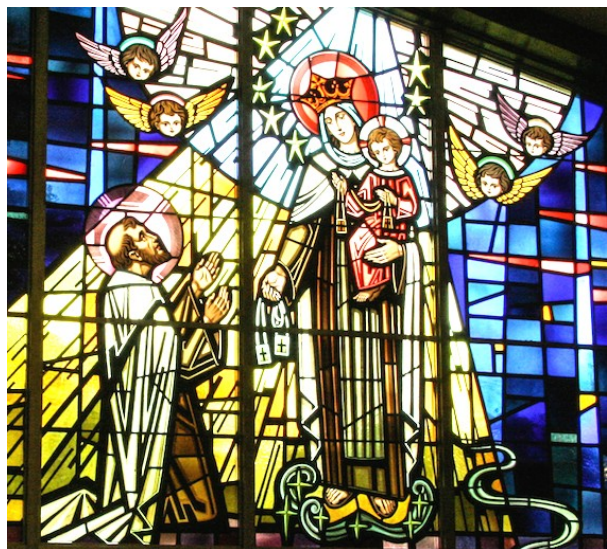


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, July 7, 2019
Fourteenth 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, July 6

GN 27:1-5, 15-29 / MT 9:14-17

8:30 am Joachin E. Ezeilo

by Parish Staff

5:00 pm Gordon Jennings

by Boettcher Family

Sunday, July 7

IS 66:10-14C / GAL 6:14-18 / LK 10:1-12, 17-20

7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller and Weisser Families

by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

9:00 am Eugene Streeter

by Mary Case

11:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Earl Worman

by Worman Family

Monday, July 8

GN 28:10-22A / MT 9:18-26

8:30 am Oddie Ndeche

by Parish Staff

Tuesday, July 9

GN 32:23-33 / MT 9:32-38

8:30 am Fr. William Rosensteel

by Parish Staff

Wednesday, July 10

GN 41:55-57; 42:5-7A, 17-24A / MT 10:1-7

7:00 pm Jerry Pasternak

by Gloria Jablonski

Thursday, July 11 - Memorial of St. Benedict, Abbot

GN 44:18-21, 23B-29; 45:1-5 / MT 10:7-15

8:30 am Kathy Digman

by Parish Staff

Friday, July 12

GN 46:1-7, 28-30 / MT 10:16-23

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

by Parish Staff

Saturday, July 13

GN 49:29-32; 50:15-26A / MT 10:24-33

8:30 am Intentions of Jere & Jo Ann Johnson

by Ron & Ann Johnson

5:00 pm Alfonso Scudato

by The Brady Family

Sunday, July 14

DT 30:10-14 / COL 1:15-20 / LK 10:25-37

7:30 am Newborn Blessings Baby Natalie Carmen Friel

by Joann Lacovara-Friel

9:00 am Eugene Streeter

by Don & Marion Kimble

11:00 am Jerry Pasternak

by Elsie & Rich Allen

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Jennie Apostola, John and Lucy Barrett, Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Ted Cassera, Joseph Colon, Olivia Compton, 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, George Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsok, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski

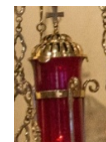
A GOOD STEWARD

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Because of the July 4th holiday, last Sunday's Collection for June 30 will be posted in next weeks' bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

*This Week the
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for
Jennie Apostola*



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



**PARISH TRIP TO ROME: SUNDAY NOVEMBER
10 – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019**

Cost per person: \$2,500 – Two in a room
\$3,200 - Single Occupancy

Visits includes Rome, Vatican City, Assisi and Florence. Some of the highlights of the trip will be attending an audience with Holy Father (Pope) and celebrating Mass each day in Basilicas such as St. Peter's in Rome and Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi. **As of now 24 people have paid for their reservations.** For further information, stop by the office for a detailed brochure or you can contact the travel agency: Great Experience, Inc. (201)825-3725

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.

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.

Come to Our Parish Feast Day – July 14

July 16 is the memorial of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. It is the feast day of our parish. In honor of our Lady, our feast will be celebrated on Sunday, July 14 and the brown scapular of our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be vested for interested parishioners. Since our parish is blessed with good cooks and bakers, we are going to have a pot luck lunch. There will be sign-up sheets at the doors of the Church. Please plan on joining our beautiful parish community to celebrate and to socialize on **Sunday, July 14 at 11 am Mass followed by pot luck lunch.**



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.

PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY - 2020

Next year, 2020 will be the 50th Anniversary of our parish. We are going to be celebrating with Bishop Serratelli the Anniversary Mass on September 20, 2020 at 11 AM. If you would like to be a member of the committee to help plan for the anniversary, please contact the office (973)383-3566.



Wine and Cheese Gathering

There will be no Wine & Cheese Gathering for the months of July & August. The Club will resume in September. More information will be posted later.



Memorial of Saint Benedict, abbot – July 11



Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome and early in life was drawn to Monasticism. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb.

He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose Benedict as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one “Grand Monastery” to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity and permanent worship in one house. Finally, he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino, commanding three narrow valleys running toward the mountains north of Naples.

The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor and living together in community under a common abbot. Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the *Rule of St. Benedict*.

Today the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation encompassing the men and women of the Order of St. Benedict and the Cistercians, men and women of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance.

St. Benedict is the Patron Saint of:

Europe, kidney disease, monks, poisoning, schoolchildren

Salvatore A. Romano, Sr. Memorial Blood Drive

OLMC will be hosting the Salvatore A. Romano, Sr. Memorial Blood Drive on Sunday, July 28th from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Church Hall. On the day of donation, eat a healthy breakfast, drink plenty of fluids and bring photo ID. Walk-Ins welcome! Or to schedule an appointment go to REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG. Search by sponsor keyword: “Our Lady of Mt. Carmel” or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTICE

Bishop Serratelli has approved Fr. Abuchi’s request that, going forward, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to our OLMC eighth Grade students instead of in Grade 10 as in the past.

This coming year (2019) will be a transitional year since we will be Confirming the 8th, 9th and 10th Grade students together in one group.

Because the preparation for Confirmation is a two-year process, all students who are to be Confirmed must attend at least two consecutive years of instruction. For example, this means that, if a student enrolls in our Grade 8 Program, but he/she did not attend Grade 7, either here at OLMC or at another parish, he/she will have to receive another year of instruction before being Confirmed.

Tentatively, all Confirmation classes will be held during Sunday morning CCD class time in the OLMC Community Center, and follow the CCD schedule, which will eliminate the need to meet on Sunday evenings.

As a condition for Bishop Serratelli’s approval allowing us to Confirm Grade 8 students, he has insisted that every student must be an active member of our parish Youth Group, beginning in Grade 7.

In the coming weeks, we will be providing you with more details regarding this transition process.

--Dan Salvatore, OLMC CRE



“Behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves”

But what an extreme metaphor to describe the difficulty of the mission—lambs among wolves really! Jesus’ audience can relate well to His statement. Many of His hearers are quite familiar with sheep and shepherding. Sheep are extremely docile and compliant. "Sheep have no natural defense mechanisms—no claws, no sharp teeth, no hard-external protection, no poisonous fangs, no ability to swim or fly or run away fast when attacked. Sheep are easy prey. But among the many animals who might be predators to the flock, none was more feared than wolves." As you already know wolves hunted in packs, they were smart, they were cruel and heartless. Wolves have sharp teeth, are fleet of foot, and they absolutely love the taste of mutton! However, the one advantage the lambs have over the wolves, and it is a huge advantage, indeed, is the sheep have a shepherd. Are there wolves in the world? Yes! But in this message Jesus is reassuring them never to worry because they have His support as their Shepherd. Thus, wolves can fight but they have no chance to defeat them.

Jesus already knows that following Him and representing Him can be met with opposition as well as a warm and wonderful reception. For those who could take this calling including the bishops, priest, religious and lay people must be prepared to face both realities. Tell me about that! It would be like speaking or ministering in an environment where not only the message would not be welcomed by the people but the messenger will also be attacked in different ways. It would have been easier for Jesus to send His disciples to the familiar places He has visited, He rather send them to new places. But it is a way to hone their skills for the future tasks. He did not assign them to go in solo but in pairs. By sending them in pairs, Jesus is also teaching them to learn to work with each other by using their talents, and to learn how to trust each other. Their survival and success will be depended on their ingenuity and of course reinforced with their mutual support.

Jesus instructed those He appointed to go into the selected towns to preach the kingdom of God, to bring peace and cure the sick people. Listen to Jesus’ statement whether or not their message is welcomed or rejected: "when you are welcomed into a home, stay there without complaint or sense of entitlement, and without trying to move up to better quarters somewhere else." In other words, they would be forced to depend on their hosts, to celebrate and be sustained by those places where their message is welcomed, and not be defeated and discouraged by those places where their message is rejected. "Even the instruction of wiping the dust off the feet when we leave a place that rejects the gospel may not be so much an ancient form of curse on that town, but rather just another example of the common-sense counsel of Jesus to leave the scars and cynicism of failure behind. Don’t take it to the next town but enter that town with a fresh face and bounding hope."

This is wonderful advice for all of us. As you and I march across the decades of time, we are going to meet unpleasant people, meet unpleasant experience in our lives. We can be very honest and courageous about our gospel value but we can face rejection or opposition. From that point on, we might become like sheep among the wolves but we should not give up those values. In fact, we must not allow the old failures and rejections of our past to creep into our next opportunity, whether that be in the area of human relationships, or professional performance. We have to learn to wipe the dust of that rejection off and move forward fresh and hopeful.

–Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of His sandals. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

–Mark 1:7-8