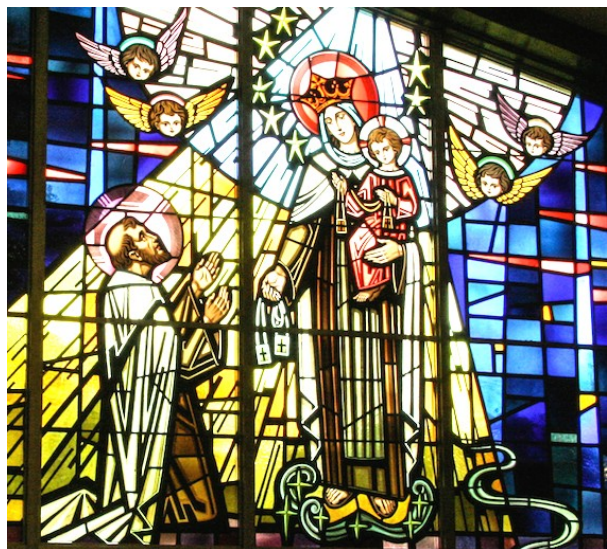


# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, August 4, 2019  
Eighteenth 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, August 3**

LV 25:1, 8-17 / MT 14:1-12

**8:30 am Intentions of Rosalie Turton**

*by Ron & Ann Johnson*

**5:00 pm Anthony Di Tore**

*by Autorino Family*

**Sunday, August 4**

ECC 1:2; 2:21-23 / COL 3:1-5, 9-11 / LK 12:13-21

**7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families**

*by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*

**9:00 am Intentions of Patricia Cholasta**

*by Parish Staff*

**11:00 am Jerry Pasternak**

*by Mazzola Family*

**Monday, August 5**

NM 11:4B-15 / MT 14:13-21

**8:30 am Esteve Negron**

*by Jo Ann Lacovara-Friel*

**Tuesday, August 6 - Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

DN 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 PT 1:16-19 / LK 9:28B-36

**8:30 am Janet Achu**

*by Parish Staff*

**Wednesday, August 7**

NM 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26A-29A, 34-35 / MT 15:21-28

**7:00 pm Jennie Apostola**

*by Eleanor Long*

**Thursday, August 8 - Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest**

NM 20:1-13 / MT 16:13-23

**8:30 am Daniel McDonald**

*by Parish Staff*

**Friday, August 9**

DT 4:32-40 / MT 16:24-28

**8:30 am Anna Sorresso**

*by Mazzola Family*

**Saturday, August 10 - Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**

2 COR 9:6-10 / JN 12:24-26

**8:30 am Bob Froetscher**

*by Barbara Froetscher*

**5:00 pm Eugene Streeter**

*by Mike & Ann Monahan*

**Sunday, August 11**

WIS 18:6-9 / HEB 11:1-2, 8-19 / LK 12:32-48

**7:30 am Robert Pecci**

*by Jo Ann Lacovara-Friel*

**9:00 am Intentions of Craig & Liz Johnson**

*by Ron & Ann Johnson*

**11:00 am Eugene Streeter**

*by Anne Zayacz*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING**

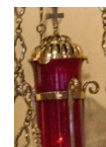
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**A GOOD STEWARD**

<b>Sunday, July 21</b>	<b>\$2,567.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Catholic Communications, Black and Indian Missions and Catholic University of America</b>	<b>\$563.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*This Week the  
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for  
Susan McGovern*



**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



**Feast Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr****August 10**

The esteem in which the Church holds Lawrence is seen in the fact that today's celebration ranks as a feast. We know very little about his life. He is one of those whose martyrdom made a deep and lasting impression on the early Church. Celebration of his feast day spread rapidly.

He was a Roman deacon under Pope Saint Sictus II. Four days after this pope was put to death, Lawrence and four clerics suffered martyrdom, probably during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian.

Legendary details of Lawrence's death were known to Damasus, Prudentius, Ambrose and Augustine. The church built over his tomb became one of the seven principal churches in Rome and a favorite place for Roman pilgrimages.

As deacon in Rome, Lawrence was charged with the responsibility for the material goods of the Church and the distribution of alms to the poor. When Lawrence knew he would be arrested like the pope, he sought out the poor, widows and orphans of Rome and gave them all the money he had on hand, selling even the sacred vessels of the altar to increase the sum. When the prefect of Rome heard this, he imagined that the Christians must have considerable treasure. He sent for Lawrence and said, "You Christians say we are cruel to you, but that is not what I have in mind. I am told that your priests offer in gold, that the sacred blood is received in silver cups, that you have golden candlesticks at your evening services. No, your doctrine says you must render to Caesar what is his. Bring these treasures—the emperor needs them to maintain his forces. God does not cause money to be counted: He brought none of it into the world with Him—only words. Give me the money, therefore, and be rich in words."

Lawrence replied that the Church was indeed rich. "I will show you a valuable part. But give me time to set everything in order and make an inventory." After three days, he gathered a great number of blind, lame, maimed, leprous, orphaned and widowed persons and put them in rows. When the prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasures of the Church."

The prefect was so angry he told Lawrence that he would indeed have his wish to die—but it would be by

inches. He had a great gridiron prepared with coals beneath it and had Lawrence's body placed on it.

Once again we have a saint about whom almost nothing is known, yet one who received extraordinary honor in the Church since the fourth century. Almost nothing—yet the greatest fact of his life is certain: He died for Christ. We who are hungry for the details about the lives of the saints are again reminded that their holiness was after all, a total response to Christ, expressed perfectly by a death like this.

**St. Lawrence is the patron saint of: Cooks, poor**

**OLMC Parish Tricky Tray 2019**

Our annual Tricky Tray will be held 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. The proceeds of the event go directly back to the church for expenses and repairs. We need volunteers to assist the Tricky Tray team. Please call the office or contact Kelly Kays (201)317-7881 [kellymariekays@yahoo.com](mailto:kellymariekays@yahoo.com) or Kaitlin Voris (973)903-2176 [ksheehyk@gmail.com](mailto:ksheehyk@gmail.com) if you can volunteer.

\*Parishioners will soon be receiving a letter in the mail with a suggested items list for the Tricky Tray donations.

\*The drop off dates of the trays are August 17, 18, 24 and 25 after all Masses. If you cannot make it during those times, you can drop it off at the parish office during business hours.

**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.

### Religious Education

**Religious Education Catechists** are needed for the 2019-2020 school year. Religious Education is a wonderful way to help our children understand their faith. Our goal is to have two teachers in each classroom so that the students have continuity throughout the year should one teacher be unavailable. It is an easy, rewarding and faith-filled undertaking! Training will be provided to everyone; all the work is outlined in the teacher's manual-even what to write on the board! We will guide you as you go. It is a worthwhile endeavor and the children appreciate it. Substitutes are needed when teachers are unavailable as well! Please contact the **Religious Education Office at (973)579-2355** if you would like to share your faith with our children. Also, Catechists do not pay tuition for their children who are enrolled in our program. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry. **Thank you and God Bless, Dan Salvatore, CRE**

### World Apostolate of Fatima-The National Blue Army Shrine-674 Mt. View Rd., Asbury, NJ 08802

Come celebrate Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima and the 100th anniversary of the building of the Capelinha requested by Our Lady. Pray at the Holy House USA containing crushed stone from the holy House of Loreto, the actual altar and baldacchino over which the last great vision of Fatima took place, and the largest extant piece of the tree upon which Our Lady stood at Fatima. Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am-Confessions; 12:00 noon-Rosary Procession; 12:30pm Guest Speaker: Rev. Matthew Mauriello; 1:15pm-Holy Mass-Celebrant: Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke; Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fatima Farewell Procession. talk at Holy House USA at 10:30am and 3:30pm; Talk at Capelinha at 3:30pm. (908)689-1700, ext. 224 - [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com).

**Parish Membership:** Our Parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register. If you move to another parish, or change your address, please notify us.

### GUIDE TO MARRIAGE

#### **Theme 1: A Natural and Supernatural Gift Relationship to Lived Experience Reflection**

Many neighborhoods are blessed to have a married couple on the block who are the true community makers. This is the couple on whom everyone counts to generate enthusiasm for the block party or to make the first welcoming visit to new arrivals. When this special couple also happens to be Christian, their positive influence gives the Church a good name. People seek their opinion on moral questions or ask them to pray for their loved ones. They seem to enjoy working together in the yard and on church projects. Their dinner table always has room for another teenager. In such a couple, people witness the natural and supernatural dimensions of marriage in the flesh.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. Think of a couple whose marriage you admire. Why do you admire them? What would you say are their best qualities?
2. What seems to make a marriage strong, despite flaws of the spouses?
3. In what ways can your marriage become a gift to other people, not only to each other?
4. What practical steps could you take to extend encouragement or support to another couple who are struggling?
5. What signs do you see that the love of a husband and wife benefits society?

#### **Journaling Questions**

1. How has your spouse been a gift to you?
2. What would you like to do for your spouse that would express your love in a special way? Write down a plan for doing it, and follow you plan.
3. A couple who needs our encouragement and prayers are \_\_\_\_\_. What can we do for them, individually or together? (Some suggestions: Babysit for their children while the couple goes on a date; write them a note of encouragement; invite them to work with us on a project in the parish or neighborhood).





**The road less travelled by many people is to become rich towards God but you have nothing to lose only if...**

God created all things in this world, and He called it all “good.” So, wealth, money, material stuff is not evil in itself. Sadly, there are times the wealthy are our society’s heroes, our idols and our stars. And lust for money could be out of control and damaging. “Riches are precarious; material security is unstable; dreams of untroubled longevity are soon dispelled by events. Paradoxically, our experience of life as fickle can take us in the opposite direction.” We might be tempted to plunge ourselves into more enjoyment of the present moment, as St Paul caustically observes: “let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” (1 Cor 15:32).

Today's gospel provides us the wisdom and guide we need on this issue. “Where there’s a will, there are relatives.” The ‘will’ can lead to fights among family members. The two brothers in today’s gospel who are arguing over the division of the family inheritance are both in danger of falling prey to the grasp of covetousness, Jesus warns. They both are placing the value of money over the value of brotherhood. In response to the brother’s request, Jesus used the parable to warn His followers the dangers associated with money. The rich farmer in the parable told by Jesus is not a wicked man. He does not become wealthy by stealing or cheating anyone. He just has a bumper crop one year, thanks to his hard work. His wealth would make him a real success story in our society. Maybe he would be listed in *Forbes*, as the richest farmer. But Jesus called him foolish, or silly. Why? “First, when we hold material wealth we are supposed to respond with gratitude, aware that those goods are blessings, gifts from a generous God. Even if we worked hard for the money, it still belongs to God in the end. Second, wealth is supposed to move us toward generosity towards others.” The rich fool spent all his energy piling riches upon riches. The other extreme would be to see no point in working for a living. “Why bother with service since life is so short, and we can be fed at public expense?” Unfortunately, living off state benefits or food stamps are not valid vocational option.

Jesus’ parable calls us to reflect on our personal lives. The rich man’s fault was not in planning ahead. He was perfectly right to provide for the rainy day. Where he went wrong was in thinking only of himself, his own comfort and well-being, while ignoring the wretched fellow starving at his gate. He forgot his responsibility to the community at large. “It is only when we live and work in some social solidarity that we fit in with God’s plan for us.” Has the parable of the rich fool anything to say to us? Yes of course! Many of us may think that money can give them more than it can deliver. Material comforts, yes. And there is nothing wrong with that. But bank accounts and real estate deeds do not translate into rich character and may even cheapen it. And money cannot buy true love, happiness, peace, or real relationships. Should we ignore our financial advisors and make no provision for the future? No! We should make plans for the future with prudence. Besides, we should be generous with our material possession. In fact, nothing can better show the relativity of money than the question, “This pile of yours, when death comes knocking – whose shall it be?” The rich man obviously thought there is nothing else to lose because of his wealth but he failed miserably. The road less travelled by many people is to become “rich towards God.” And yes, you and I have nothing to lose if we can also get rich with things of God. “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? (Mark 8:36). “Our life is not made secure by what we own, even when we have more than we need” (Lk 12:15). –Fr. Abuchi



**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“The accidents of life separate us from our dearest friends, but let us not despair. God is like a looking glass in which souls see each other. The more we are united to Him by love, the nearer we are to those who belong to Him.” –Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*