

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, August 11, 2019
Nineteenth 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 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*

Monday, August 12

DT 10:12-22 / MT 17:22-27

8:30 am For God's will on Nelson Tirado
by C. Tirado

Tuesday, August 13

DT 31:1-8 / MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

8:30 am John McCarthy, Sr. *by Larry & Mary Anne Condit*
For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

Wednesday, August 14 – Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

DT 34:1-12 / MT 18:15-20

7:00 pm Intentions of Chad Goldfarb *by Carol*
For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

Thursday, August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB / 1 COR 15:20-27 / LK 1:39-56

8:30 am For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

7:00 pm Josephine Barile *by Deacon Tony & Beth Barile*
Marriage Renewal *by Lombardo Family*

Friday, August 16

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

8:30 am Carmine Curulli *by Mazzola Family*
For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

Saturday, August 17

JOS 24:14-29 / MT 19:13-15

8:30 am For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

5:00 pm Andrew Louis Stevans *by Parish Staff*

Sunday, August 18

JER 38:4-6, 8-10 / HEB 12:1-4 / LK 12:49-53

7:30 am For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

9:00 am Elizabeth Lacovara *by Jo Ann Lacovara-Friel*

11:00 am Intentions of P.M. *by Mazzola Family*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

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, 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 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, August 4	\$2,953.00
Online Giving	\$375.00
Catholic University	
Online Giving	\$60.00

Thank you for your generosity!

***Second Collection this weekend is for the Diocesan Assessment**

*This Week the
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for
Carmine Curulli*



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



**Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest,
Martyr - August 14**



St. Maximilian, born Raymond Kolbe in Poland, January 8, 1894. In 1910, he entered the Conventual Franciscan Order. He was sent to study in Rome where he was ordained a priest in 1918.

Father Maximilian returned to Poland in 1919 and began spreading

his Militia of the Immaculata movement of Marian consecration (whose members are also called MIs), which he founded on October 16, 1917. In 1927, he established an evangelization center near Warsaw called Niepokalanow, the "City of the Immaculata." By 1939, the City had expanded from 18 friars to an incredible 650, making it the largest Catholic religious house in the world.

To better "win the world for the Immaculata," the friars utilized the most modern printing and administrative techniques. This enabled them to publish countless catechetical and devotional tracts, a daily newspaper with a circulation of 230,000 and a monthly magazine with a circulation of 1 million. Maximilian started a shortwave radio station and planned to build a motion picture studio—he was a true "apostle of mass media." He established a City of the Immaculata in Nagasaki, Japan in 1930 and envisioned missionary centers worldwide.

Maximilian was a ground-breaking theologian. His insights into the Immaculate Conception anticipated the Marian theology of the Second Vatican Council and further developed the Church's understanding of Mary as "Mediatrice" of all the graces of the Trinity and as "Advocate" for God's people.

In 1941, the Nazis imprisoned Father Maximilian in the Auschwitz death camp. There he offered his life for another prisoner and was condemned to slow death in a starvation bunker. On August 14, 1941, his impatient captors ended his life with a fatal injection. Pope John Paul II canonized Maximilian as a "martyr of charity" in 1982. St. Maximilian Kolbe is considered a patron of journalists, families, prisoners, the pro-life movement and the chemically addicted.

Assumption of our Blessed Mother



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into heaven, before her body could begin to decay. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. This year, Assumption falls on **Thursday, August 15. The masses for this day are 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.**

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

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 or Kaitlin Voris (973)903-2176 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.

GUIDE TO MARRIAGE (continued from last week)**Theme 2: Unique Union of a Man and a Woman
Relationship to Lived Experience Reflection**

She proudly thinks of herself as a multi-tasker, able to juggle many things at once. Her husband might counter that he likes to concentrate on one thing at a time, focusing his attention on the task at hand. She may need to share her worries; he may be surprised to find that she isn't expecting him to do them. He discovers that she needs to talk and relax into feeling romantic; she wishes he figured that out sooner. The beauty of marriage is that spouses have a lifetime to understand and appreciate their differences. *Vive la difference!*

Discussion Questions

1. How have society's images of masculinity and femininity changed since your parents' day? How are they the same?
2. Name three ways in which your spouse's approach to problems differs from how you like to do things.
3. Men: What unique qualities do you bring to relationships, both at work and in you family?
Women: What unique qualities do you bring to relationships, both at work and in your family?
4. What do you enjoy about being a man or a women?

Journaling Questions

1. In His wisdom, God planned that man and woman would be made for each other. How would you say that your spouse has been made for you?
2. How does being a man or woman affect how you approach your relationship with God?
3. In our sexual relationship, one thing my spouse could do for me is _____. Choose a quiet moment to share this with your spouse.

The Michael J. Burke Thrift Shop (St. Joseph's Church located at 17 Halsted St., Newton) will be having half price sales on their incredible supply of household items from August 15 – September 7. The shop has also restocked all their clothing with Fall and Winter items. There is also a huge supply of CD's, DVD's and books. The Christmas Shop is also open and daily adds new items. Shop Hours are Thursday and Friday 10 am – 4 pm. The shop will be closed on Saturday's for the month of August.

Knights of Columbus Announcement

Sunday, August 18th, at the 11:00 am Mass, the Knights of Columbus will present the Joseph A. Lacovara Memorial Scholarship Award to two of our Parish students who will be entering college this fall. This is OLMC's annual Sending Forth Mass for all students and educators. All are invited to receive a special blessing for the new school year.

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

Our next **JOY CLUB** meeting will be **Tuesday, August 20. Trip to World Apostolate of Fatima.** All are welcome! Details to follow. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Patricia (973)534-7733.

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 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.



All it takes is to be prepared and ready always to begin uneventful journey of the unknown.

“A wise observer of human nature noted long ago that the hardest step is in the start. The car that needs washing, the windows needing to be cleaned or a stack of photos screaming to be organized, the hardest step may always be in the start.” Each of us today is making his or her own journey. It might be toward graduation from school, it might be toward marriage or toward a new career, it might be toward improved health or it might be toward retirement. Whatever it is, time is moving us along. There seems to be preparation for any great things we want to do.

In our journey through life, there is an event that we definitely need more preparation and readiness for. "In fact, that is the day we are going to meet our Lord, not just in prayer, not just in the sacraments, not just in the invisible ways in which he comes into our lives, but in a visible, unmistakable way at the end of our life's journey through this life." It is a meeting most of us would like to put off as long as possible and many people do not like to hear about it or even think about it. But it is real. If we prepare for almost everything, we should also be comfortable when Jesus tells us to get prepared for His second coming-the coming of God's kingdom. Unlike the parties or weddings that we plan, the funerals we hurriedly pull together, the coming of the Lord is something we have no control over. Thus, Jesus warned us to prepare for it, because we may tend to procrastinate or just put it out of our minds altogether.

In today's gospel, Jesus gives us guideline for better preparation to the "end time." He tells us what is unthinkable and then instructs us to do the impossible: sell our possessions, give alms, entrust our so-called wealth to God. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Is it possible to hear that sentence in 2019; this era of human history seduced by money, power and possessions? "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. He said." Note how our Lord inverts our behavior. We convince ourselves we need a new vehicle or a larger house or a "cooler" something. We set our heart on the object and start planning how to acquire it. The heart steps out first, followed by our treasure for 48, 60 or more months or dozens of years till we finally get it.

"Jesus said the opposite. He tells us to take the hard step of putting our treasure where God can bless, God can use, God can multiply. Everything we own, the life and health and work to acquire it is a gift. We are simply stewards to God's many gifts. How we take these first hard steps shows up next in a parable. Our Lord tells a story about faithful and unfaithful servants. "At its heart is the promise that God blesses faithfulness." Jesus uses the two examples to warn us for adequate preparation. At the end, He recommended vigilance and readiness are expected of all who follow Him. Be prepared always, my dearest friends! The ultimate, unexpected coming of the Lord in our lives is at the moment of death. We should be watchful to recognize the Lord and prepare to meet Him in the little unexpected opportunities of everyday life, to recognize Him in the faces of the people considered "nobody" by society, to keep His commandment and continuing being the agents of His love, compassion and forgiveness to the broken world. These are the best ways to prepare for the ultimate encounter with the Lord at the hour of our death. And all it takes is to be ready and prepared always.

–Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If we could comprehend all the good things contained in Holy Communion, nothing more would be wanting to content the heart of man." –Saint John Vianney