

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, August 18, 2019  
Twentieth 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 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 Peter** *by Mazzola Family*

**Monday, August 19**

JGS 2:11-19 / MT 19:16-22

**8:30 am Madolyn McCarthy**  
*by Larry & Mary Anne Condit*

**For God's will on Nelson Tirado** *by C. Tirado*

**Tuesday, August 20 - Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot**

JGS 6:11-24A, MT 19:23-30

**8:30 am John Murphy** *by Tom & Pauline Schoonover*

**For God's will on Nelson Tirado** *by C. Tirado*

**Wednesday, August 21 - Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope**

JGS 9:6-15 / MT 20:1-16

**7:00 pm Robert Schoonover**  
*by Tom & Pauline Schoonover*

**For God's will on Nelson Tirado** *by C. Tirado*

**Thursday, August 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

JGS 11:29-39A / MT 22:1-14

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

**Friday, August 23**

RU 1:1, 3-6, 14B-16, 22 / MT 22:34-40

**8:30 am Helen Domaski** *by Larry & Mary Anne Condit*

**For God's will on Nelson Tirado** *by C. Tirado*

**Saturday, August 24 - Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

RV 21:9B-14 / JN 1:45-51

**8:30 am Intentions of Ariana Diani** *by Carol*

**5:00 pm For God's will on Nelson Tirado** *by C. Tirado*

**Sunday, August 25**

IS 66:18-21 / HEB 12:5-7, 11-13 / LK 13:22-30

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

**9:00 am Veronica Grossi** *by Falotico Family*

**11:00 am Eugene Streeter**  
*by Knights of Columbus Council 9920*

**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 Samscock, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

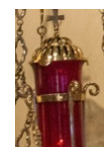
**A GOOD STEWARD**

<b>Sunday, August 4</b>	<b>\$2,555.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Diocesan Assessment</b>	<b>\$590.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*\*Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for Missionary Cooperation Plan*

*This Week the  
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the  
Intentions of  
Richard Derbyshire*



**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 of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle –  
August 24**

Saint Bartholomew is one of the Twelve Apostles, mentioned sixth in the three Gospel lists (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14), and seventh in the list of Acts (1:13). The name (Bartholomaios) means “son of Talmai” which was an ancient Hebrew name.



Besides being listed as an Apostle, he is not otherwise mentioned in the New Testament, at least not under the name Bartholomew: many ancient writers and Catholic tradition have identified Bartholomew as Nathaniel in the Gospel of John (John 1:45-51 and 21:2).

The Gospel passage read at Mass on the feast of Saint Bartholomew is precisely this passage from John (1:45-51) where Nathaniel is introduced to Jesus by his friend Phillip and Jesus says of him, “Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him (1:47).

We are presented with the Apostle’s character in this brief and beautiful dialogue with the Lord Jesus. He is a good Jew, honest and innocent, a just man, who devoted much time in quiet reflection and prayer – “under the fig tree (1:48)” – and has been awaiting the Messiah, the Holy One of God.

At Jesus’ mention that “Before Phillip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you (1:48)”, Nathaniel responded, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel (1:49)!

Being “a true child of Israel,” Nathaniel was a man well-read in the Scriptures and knew what they said of the Messiah and where He would come from. This is why he is skeptical of Phillip’s claim that Jesus is the Messiah, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth (1:46)?”

In encountering Jesus and hearing His words, he found himself face to face with the Truth Himself and like John the Baptist’s leap in his mother’s womb at the Lord’s presence, Nathaniel’s words leapt out of his own heart in a clear and simple confession of faith, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

Jesus, in Matthew 5:8, says, “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.” In Nathaniel, we have an example of the pure man who sees – recognizes – God when confronted with Him and on seeing Him believes in Him and upon believing in Him, follows Him.

Nothing is known for sure about the life of Nathaniel/Bartholomew after the Ascension of Jesus but tradition holds that he preached in the East and died a martyr’s death in Armenia, being flayed alive for having won converts to the Lord Jesus.

**Patron saint of plasterers, leather workers, nervous diseases, neurological diseases**

**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](mailto:kellymariekays@yahoo.com) or Kaitlin Voris (973)903-2176 [ksheehyk@gmail.com](mailto:ksheehyk@gmail.com) if you can volunteer.

**\*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.**

**Help make a difference for the poor in Peru**

Each year in parishes throughout the United States, parishioners have the opportunity to hear about the world missions. On the weekend of August 24-25, 2019, Sister Michelle Humke, a sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet will be speaking at all Masses. She will be making an appeal for this cause.

### **GUIDE TO MARRIAGE (continued from last week)**

#### **Theme 3: Communion of Love and Life Relationship to Lived Experience Reflection**

When they were newlyweds, both were sure that this was the one person who completed their world. They thought they could never love each other more. When they found they could not have biological children, they adopted their little girl and discovered a new dimension to their love. The day they first held her in their arms, they suddenly saw each other in a new light: Mom and Dad. In becoming parents, they began to understand something new about why God had brought them together. Their feelings of great joy were accompanied by feelings of over-whelming responsibility; they knew they would need God's help.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. What can couples who have no difficulty conceiving learn from an adopting couple like the one in the story? In what additional ways can a married couple have a procreative relationship and attitude?
2. Think of a couple with children whose family life you admire. From your observation, how are the children a blessing to that couple's marriage?
3. How can a couple maintain intimacy when they are parents?
4. How can we as a parish communicate the message that children are an important part of marriage?

#### **Journaling Questions**

1. In what ways do you and your spouse need to change or grow older to be able to welcome child (or another child) into the family?
2. If you are a parent, how has your child been a blessing to you? How have you changed for the better since becoming a parent?
3. If you do not have children, how do you expect that having a child would change your marriage?

**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.

### **JOY Club Announcement**

#### **Fellowship for parishioners over 55 Day trip to Our Lady of Fatima shrine**

Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Join us for a visit Tuesday, August 20. We will leave church at 10:30 for the hour drive. There is daily Mass at 12pm in the Holy House for those who would like to attend. Picnic lunch will be served at 1:00pm. Afterwards we can walk through the rosary garden and outdoor pathways with shrines and holy spots. Trip will be postponed if raining. RSVP by August 18h (973)534-7733, text (973)862-7385, cholasta7@outlook.com.

### **Contemplative Prayer Retreat, September 23-26 (mid-week)**

Marianist family Retreat Center –  
[www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org), Cape May point, NJ  
08212 – (609)884-3829

This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers as well as those who are familiar and experienced with this type of retreat are all welcomed. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet, personal time, special liturgies and daily Eucharist. Cost: \$155/pp (includes: meals, room and program)

### **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.



## But in the end, we may begin to see the division as almost the price of authentic peace

Today, the country of the United States is more politically divided that it has ever been. Recently, we have experienced lots of tragedies either in the form of solo killings or mass shootings. Many families are more divided because of their political views. People at work, in the school, do not want to get along when they disagree with each other. It is even getting a little more difficult for people to freely express their views without being harassed. Where will these behaviors take us? Of course, hatred and division are the consequences of such behavior.

In the gospel, we hear Jesus, the greatest prophet ever, saying He is not coming for peace but for division. It is alarming to hear those words. If we take these words literally they would not bring comfort to us especially with everything going on now in the country. Didn't Jesus come to bring peace? Certainly! At his birth the angels sang "glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to people of good will." When Jesus sent his disciples out on a mission, they were instructed that when they entered a person's house, they were to say: "Peace to this house." At the last Supper, He promised His disciples a "peace which the world cannot give." After His resurrection, His first words to the disciples when He appeared to them were: "Peace be with you." Jesus brought a lot of peace to the sick and the marginalized during his earthly ministry. However, when Jesus says He is bringing "division" He meant the controversy and division that accompany proclamation of the Gospel. Jesus clearly understands this and so alerts His followers that the road on which He will lead them won't be easy. Division will come, not because Jesus wants it, but because oil and water don't mix, because evil won't keep company with good, because dark is dismissed even by the smallest flame. By speaking about division, He was referring of the ongoing battle between good and evil, between those who believe and follow Him and those who reject Him. It is Jesus' intention to offer God's forgiveness and love to all who would accept it. Division results from the fact that there will always be those who resist Jesus' offer.

Jesus already knew the gospel message will not be always accepted, therefore, as He sent the disciples on the mission, He clearly instructed them that persecution and rejection awaits those who will carry His message to the world. He also encouraged them that there will be people who will gladly listen and accept the message. Today, that gospel message especially on moral issues has divided many people. In addition, it has caused division in the family, and separated husbands and wives, parents and children, friends, co-workers and so forth.

"Jesus parted company with the authorities, not because He wished to but because they did. His warm, open-handed approach to others provoked in the authorities an angry, clenched-fisted reaction. To preserve the status quo, they would have to be rid of this challenging presence. The crucifixion was meant to silence Him for good. Instead, it gave Him the last word. It not only capped His life of sacrifice but raised up an iconic sign to inspire us over the centuries. The sacrifice of Jesus shows the price to be paid if we are to reach the peace He calls us to." Christ continues to call us never to give up, to be the instruments that will make His message known to the world. We must also show tolerance and kindness in the face of opposition. Although this may still cause division, in the end we may begin to see the division as almost the price of authentic peace. -Fr. Abuchi



### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Here is a true child of Israel. There is no guile in him." Bartholomew answered Jesus: "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." -John 1:47-48*