

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, September 1, 2019  
Twenty-second 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 31

1 THES 4:9-11 / MT 25:14-30

8:30 am **Bob Froetscher** *by Barbara Froetscher*5:00 pm **For God's will on Nelson Tirado** *by C. Tirado*

### Sunday, September 1

SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / HEB 12:18-19, 22-24A / LK 14:1, 7-14

7:30 am **Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families** *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*9:00 am **Eugene Streeter** *by Larry & Mary Anne Condit*  
**For God's will on Nelson Tirado** *by C. Tirado*11:00 am **Isadore Crivelli** *by Marie & Lou Nazzaro*

### Monday, September 2

1 THES 4:13-18 / LK 4:16-30

9:00 am **For God's will on Nelson Tirado** *by C. Tirado*

### Tuesday, September 3 - Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 THES 5:1-6, 9-11 / LK 4:31-37

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

### Wednesday, September 4

COL 1:1-8 / LK 4:38-44

7:00 pm **Intentions of James Johnson**  
*by Ron & Ann Johnson*  
**For God's will on Nelson Tirado** *by C. Tirado*

### Thursday, September 5

COL 1:9-14 / LK 5:1-11

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

### Friday, September 6

COL 1:15-20 / LK 5:33-39

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

### Saturday, September 7

COL 1:21-23 / LK 6:1-5

8:30 am **For God's will on Nelson Tirado** *by C. Tirado*5:00 pm **Private Intentions** *by Kathleen Bikoff*

### Sunday, September 8

WIS 9:13-18B / PHMN 9-10, 12-17 / LK 14:25-33

7:30 am **For God's will on Nelson Tirado** *by C. Tirado*9:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ *by \_\_\_\_\_*11:00 am **Agnes Silbernagel**  
*by Deacon Tony & Beth Barile*

### 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, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, Connie VanHoven, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

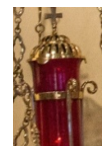
### A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, August 25	\$ 2,431.00
Online Giving	\$ 250.00
Missionary Collection	\$ 940.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*\*Second Collection next weekend is for Diocesan Assessment*

*This Week the  
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for  
the Intentions of  
George Romano*



### 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



### **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**

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

#### **Theme 5: Foundation of the Family and Society Relationship to Lived Experience Reflection**

Whenever he heard an ambulance siren, he offered a prayer for those involved in the accident or medical emergency. When the family pet passed away, she took care to bury it lovingly in the garden. Their Catholic faith was evident in the artwork on the walls and in the simple prayers offered at table and bedtime. They celebrated the anniversary of each child's Baptism with ice cream sundaes, and they always managed to pull together a group of neighbors for Christmas caroling. Their children saw and treasured these rituals of family life.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. Tell about a tradition or ritual you have in your home that you and your children enjoy celebrating each year, perhaps on a holiday or special occasion. Why does your family love doing this?
2. What does your family do that brings you together?
3. What opportunities for passing on your faith are uniquely present in family life (opportunities that don't usually happen at church)?
4. What things or actions remind you of God's presence in your home and family?

#### **Journaling Questions**

1. List 3 lessons you have learned from being a parent. How has parenthood strengthened your faith?
2. What would you like to do differently as a family? What one step you can take right now?
3. In your home, identify some reminders of God's presence. What can you add to or change about your home to increase your awareness of God in your daily life?

### **"Surrender and Accept Jesus' Invitation to: The Banquet"**

**Presenter:** Jim Browne, quick witted and faith filled famed Irish speaker

**Topic:** Getting closer to Jesus with Scripture based teachings

**Dates:** Tuesday, September 24th

Rosary: 8:00am

Holy Mass: 8:30am

Retreat: 9:45am—5:00pm

Wednesday, September 25th

Rosary: 8:00am

Holy Mass: 8:30am

Retreat: 9:45am—5:00pm



**Cost of Retreat:** \$85.00 (per person) Includes breakfast/lunch. Overnight accommodations are available for \$50 per night at St. Paul's Abbey.

**Location:** St. Paul's Abbey/289 US 206, Newton, NJ 07860

#### **To register please contact:**

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**\*\*SPACE IS LIMITED, PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY  
TO SECURE A SPOT\*\***

### **Religious Education Calendar**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 7 pm - CCD Parent Meeting Grades K-7

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** – 8:30 am - Catechist Meeting

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** – 9 am - Children's Mass and First Day of Religious Education. Classes immediately following Mass. Classes will dismiss at 11:15 am

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** – 11 am Mass - Catechetical Sunday – Catechists commissioned at 11 am Mass

**September 30<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30 pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting for Sacramental preparation

#### **Confirmation Schedule**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** – 9 am Mass followed by the Opening Catechetical Gathering ending at 11:15 am

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** – 7 pm – Confirmation Parent Meeting

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED AND  
CONFIRMATION ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED

### Wine & Cheese Social

The next gathering of the OLMC Wine & Cheese Club will be **Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the 5 pm Mass. Please join us for this great way to socialize with members of the OLMC community. Children welcome! Non-alcoholic beverages served. A donation of \$5 to cover expenses is suggested.

### *Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass*

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1995? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held Sunday, November 3, 2019.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 9, 2019. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

*Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

### Mass Book for 2020

The annual book for Masses for Calendar year 2020 is now open. Please contact the office if you would like to schedule a Mass for a Loved One.

#### **5 Things you Need to Know about "Offering a Mass for a Loved One:**

1. It doesn't cost anything. But if you are able to give an offering of \$10.00 is appreciated.
2. A Mass can be offered for a person who is still living.
3. You can have a Mass said in Thanksgiving or for a celebration.
4. It is not a long or difficult process to request a Mass, and a card can be prepared for you to send to the recipient.
5. Because the Mass is the highest form of worship on Earth, there are many fruits and graces that result from having a Mass said.

### Labor Day

Monday – September 2<sup>nd</sup> – we celebrate Labor Day. **Mass will be at 9:00 am.** Why not take the time this day to thank God for all He has given you? Including the ability to work.

This is an annual celebration of workers and their achievements which originated in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties and parades.

### SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

**Sacrament of Anointing:** Please call the parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

**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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Adults interested in learning more about their faith or in becoming Catholic may join the program of formation and instruction.

**Sponsor Certificates:** Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active registered members of the parish who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis.

### 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.



### *Inclusive dinner invitation and etiquette!*

For the past weeks, we have been reading about Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. His earthly mission at this moment is winding down. On this journey, He will encounter many people. It will also be a teaching moment for Him about the kingdom of God and what it entails. He has spoken a lot about repentance from sins and readiness for the uneventful journey of the unknown, that is, our death. He went further last week to instruct His audience on radical inclusiveness of God's love and mercy to all people. In today's gospel, He speaks on the theme of dinner invitation and dinner etiquette.

"The first century, Middle Eastern rules for dining were and still are unlike those in western cultures in many ways. But some aspects of etiquette are universal. Where you sit at the table indicates importance. Normally, those closer to the host are family and intimate friends. The same idea applied then and now to who receives an invitation. You know how it works. Someone invites you to dinner or a party at their home and, in time, you invite them to your home. Those invited become those inviting. Back and forth, invitations sail through the mail or show up in our 'Inbox' on the screen. Little has changed in 2,000 years. Those who invite get invited." And as I reflect on the today's reading, humility, more welcoming and inclusive heart seems to be the theme. The first reading today from Sirach endorses humility. In his simple way, he says, "my child, conduct your affairs with humility and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts, humble yourself more and you will find favor with God." In the Gospel, Jesus took this theme of humility and explained it concretely. Thus, He proposes a radically new dinner etiquette. "When invited to a banquet, resist the temptation to grab the best seats. Instead, hang back, taking a lesser place. Transfer seating placement and importance to the host where it belongs." A surprising thing may happen. The host may find you and say, "'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you." He then gives the punch line: "For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." In fact, sin of pride is a capital sin which can hurt us in many ways other than just causing us some occasional humiliation or embarrassment.

Jesus also goes further to encourage extending a dinner invitation to those who will be unable to repay or invite us back. "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return," He said. However, we should also be humble and never take it so serious by feeling unwanted or less important when we expect to be invited but it never happened.

Yes, you can always have dinner with your close family members and common friends. Today, Jesus invites you to open your friends' list to a new person and give to a person who probably won't repay or to a person who will be unable to reciprocate with a dinner invitation. And if possible, to volunteer in a challenged economic neighborhood or give a couple of hours serving meals in the soup kitchen. Some of our parishioners have manifested this good example by volunteering to serve food in Manna House every month. —Fr. Abuchi



#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"To join two things together, there must be nothing between them or there cannot be a perfect fusion. Now, realize that this is how God wants our soul to be, without any selfish love of ourselves or of others in between, just as God loves us without anything in between."*

**—St. Catherine of Siena**