

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, September 15, 2019
Twenty-fourth 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, September 14- Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

NM 21:4B-9 / PHIL 2:6-11 / JN 3:13-17

8:30 am **Barbara Froetscher** *by Barbara Froetscher*

5:00 pm **Joseph Greshko** *by Greshko Family*

Sunday, September 15

EX 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 TM 1:12-17 / LK 15:1-32

7:30 am **Marion Gross** *by Frances DeWitt*

9:00 am **Eugene Streeter** *by Deacon Tony & Beth Barile*

11:00 am **Elyse Stropoli** *by Beth & Larry Lockwood*

Monday, September 16 - Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs

1 TM 2:1-8 / LK 7:1-10

8:30 am **Edna & Dominick Maniaci**

by Fran Sorce

Tuesday, September 17

1 TM 3:1-13 / LK 7:11-17

8:30 am **Duncan Fitton** *by Barbara Froetscher*

Wednesday, September 18

1 TM 3:14-16 / LK 7:31-35

7:00 pm **Harry Pasternak** *by Tom & Darlene Scarince*

Thursday, September 19

1 TM 4:12-16 / LK 7:36-50

8:30 am **Healing of All Those Abused** *by Parish Staff*

Friday, September 20 - Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Hasang

1 TM 6:2C-12 / LK 8:1-3

8:30 am **Intentions of Matthew Johnson**

by Ron & Ann Johnson

Saturday, September 21 - Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist

EPH 4:1-7, 11-13 / MT 9:9-13

8:30 am **Edith Monsour** *by Kathleen Bikoff*

5:00 pm **Souls in Purgatory**
by Larry & Mary Anne Condit

Sunday, September 22

AM 8:4-7 / 1 TM 2:1-8 / LK 16:1-13

7:30 am **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cashman, Sr.**

by Jo Ann Lacovara- Friel

9:00 am **Darrel Dickerson** *by Falotico Family*

11:00 am **August 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, Harry Pasternak 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, 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, September 8	\$3,248.57
Online Giving	\$ 395.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 676.00
Online Assessment Giving	\$ 140.00

Thank you for your generosity!

*This Week the
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for
Sam Sorce*



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 Catechist to teach the 5th Grade is needed for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested and can help please contact Dan Salvatore, CRE (973)579-2355.

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!**

Also, Catechists do not pay tuition for their children who are enrolled in our program. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

Religious Education Calendar

September 15th – 11 am Mass - Catechetical Sunday – Catechists commissioned at 11 am Mass

September 30th – 7:30 pm - 2nd Grade Parent Meeting for Sacramental preparation

Confirmation Schedule

September 17th – 7 pm – Confirmation Parent Meeting

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED AND CONFIRMATION ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED

GUIDE TO MARRIAGE (continued from last week)

Theme 7: School of Love and Gratitude

Relationship to Lived Experience Reflection

Watching her husband reading to their young children one evening, her heart swelled in gratitude for the tender and loving man that God had made for her. Catching her look of love, he paused and looked deeply into her eyes, returning her smile. He savored the moment of peace and the warmth of his family surrounding him, thinking that he certainly had so much to be grateful for. Later, after the children were tucked in bed, she embraced him and told him how grateful she was to have him. He told her, "God has given us so much, I've been feeling lately like we certainly have a lot to offer another child..."

Discussion Questions

1. How do spouses show gratitude toward each other? Are some ways more effective than others?
2. How can spouses help each other to share the gift of themselves with others, both inside and outside of their family?
3. What good thing did your spouse do recently that you could have thanked him or her for, but didn't? Write it down on the index card. Share the card privately with your spouse. (The facilitator can also invite anyone who wishes to share).
4. Make a list: What do you still love about your spouse? Exchange cards.

Journaling Questions

1. Write your love story, as you want it told to your great-grandchildren. Include how and why you fell for your spouse. Recount at least one way your spouse gave of himself or herself.
2. What gifts has God given you in your spouse and your marriage? With whom will you share them?
3. List five ways that you show gratitude toward your spouse. Which two ways does he or she like best? Resolve to do those two more often.

Eucharistic Adoration

At OLMC, we are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration every Monday morning from 9:00 am till noon. Below are some reasons why you should consider spending some "one on one" time with our Lord.

***It deepens our experience receiving Holy Communion-** Pope Benedict has said, "Indeed, an intrinsic connection exists between celebration and adoration: 'No one eats of this flesh' as St. Augustine outside Holy Mass prolongs and intensified what has taken place in the celebration and makes a true and profound reception of Christ possible."

***It helps us to be transformed by Jesus** – In 1989, St. John Paul II said, "If we are to experience the Eucharist as the 'source and summit of all Christian life,' then we must celebrate it with faith, receive it with reverence and allow it to transform our minds and hearts through the prayer of adoration."

***It helps us to humble ourselves** – In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is written that "Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator."

***It brings us joy** – St. Padre Pio was once quoted as saying, "A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communicating with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

***It greatly pleases Jesus** – St. Faustina wrote that she heard Jesus saying to her "I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them. You, at least, come to Me as often as possible and take these graces they do not want to accept. In this way, you will console My Heart."

***It strengthens us** – Mother Theresa of Calcutta reminded us that through the Eucharist Jesus, "opens the floodgates of His merciful love to the whole world."

RCIA PROGRAM

Are any of your relatives, friends or anyone you know who wants to become a full Catholic? Look no further. We are accepting candidates for the RCIA Program. Anybody who is inquiring to know more about the Catholic Faith and teachings, and those who were baptized but did not receive Eucharist or Confirmation, please call the office or e-mail Fr. Abuchi.

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

Our next **JOY CLUB** meeting will be **Tuesday, September 17 at 12pm** in the Church Hall. Lunch will be served. Come join us for good company and some fun. \$5 for lunch and \$2 dues. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Patricia (973)534-7733.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

As befitting the mission of outreach to people in need in the Paterson Diocese, the Bishop's Annual Appeal stands ready to help support the rebuilding efforts of Straight and Narrow. With this terrible fire that has further complicated the lives of those already struggling with often crippling personal issues, your generosity to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is needed now more than ever.

10% of all funds raised in the 2019 Annual Appeal, over and above the usual allocation to Catholic Charities, will go toward the Straight and Narrow rebuilding effort. With your pledge to the Appeal, this could come to hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring new life to Straight and Narrow and the people being served. Parishioners across the Diocese are being asked to support all the ministries and programs funded by the Appeal, **including this special effort for the Straight and Narrow**, when it kicks-off in the next two weeks. Contributions can also be made on-line now at www.2019appeal.org.

Parish Membership

Our Parish family invites all 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.

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.

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.

Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1995? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th 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!

Come to daily Mass

This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome Him, but He remains hidden in the Sacred Host. Every Mass is a healing experience. Receiving Christ in the Blessed Eucharist gives us the strength to draw closer to God and to heal our wounded relationship with one another.



Sometimes it's hard for people to go back and face their mistakes, and even to face those whose hearts they have broken.

The parable of the Prodigal Son is a classic of narrative skill that is timelessly relevant. It is a classical story that has three main characters: a father and his two sons. It continues to resonate with audiences through the centuries like few other stories. "It has inspired paintings and novels and hymns like few other stories told by our Lord. Why? Because at different times in our lives we are likely to see ourselves in each of these three characters." But why did Jesus tell the parable? Because the Pharisees resented Jesus' extraordinary mercy and compassion to the sinners.

Let us now examine this parable and hopefully it will give us some insight in our lives. In order to understand this perfectly, I'm going to pose some questions: Is it possible to go back and apologize when you come to your senses? Are you willing to forgive and welcome back that person who offended you? Are you also willing to celebrate, if peace can be reached without revenge or punishment? The parable suggests all these can be done. The younger son obviously made a mistake and demanded his share of 'Will' be given to him before his father's death. He not only received his share but he also squandered everything. He came back to his senses, was penitent and then returned home to apologize to the father. **First, for reconciliation to happen, there must be someone willing to play the part of the father in the story.** "That is, someone must be willing to love mercy more than justice, to forgive a debt that cannot be repaid, to become a champion of what a broken person might yet become rather than keep them chained forever to the mistakes of their past. Of course, we are not very good at playing this role. We prefer to dispense forgiveness only when we feel it has been duly deserved, or when time has been served, or when we are sure the offender has suffered sufficiently. But the father of the prodigal son did otherwise. He was willing to love and to be merciful to his wayward son. If the father does not open up his heart and his home, risking that he will be hurt again, forgiveness will not happen."

Then, **second, for reconciliation to happen, someone must be willing to play the part of the prodigal son in this story.** That is, the willingness to return home despite terrible mistakes and failures. The reconciliation is possible when we return to apologize. In fact, it's hard to go home and face our mistakes, and even to face those whose hearts we have broken. And that is what the younger son did. "The elder brother obviously never left home or squandered his inheritance. But neither has he learned from his father how to love or how to forgive. He is angry because his sense of justice has been violated. He is angry because with the younger son gone he now owned everything, and that fatted calf being served for the banquet came from his property."

The parable illustrates the unconditional love and care of our heavenly Father. It is the unconditional mercy and forgiveness God lavishes upon us when we return home through the sacrament of reconciliation. The parable also teaches us that if we ask forgiveness, we must also let others be forgiven. The spirit of hatred, anger and revenge is alive and well in our world today. But to heal and have peace, you must be willing to let go and forgive any wrongs inflicted on you by others. Unlike the elder brother, we must celebrate if peace can be reached without revenge or punishment of any sort.

—Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You are asking for something that would be harmful to your salvation if you had it—so by not getting what you asked, you really are getting what you want." —St. Catherine Siena