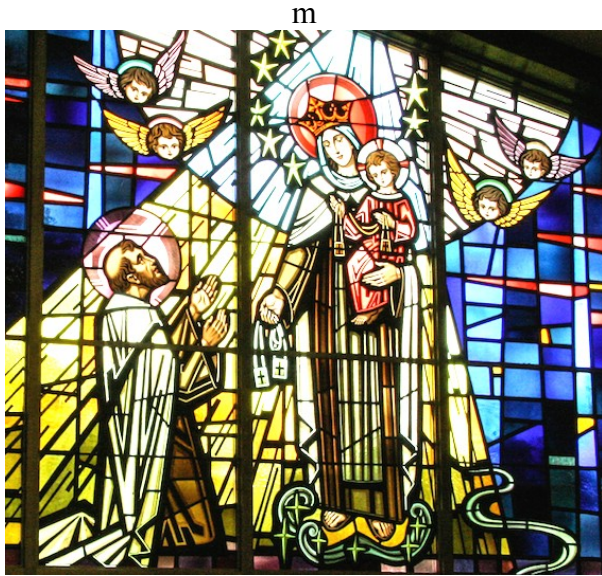


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, September 22, 2019
Twenty-fifth 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 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

Monday, September 23 – Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

EZR 1:1-6 / LK 8:16-18

8:30 am Rich Sinski *by Parish Staff*

Tuesday, September 24

EZR 6:7-8, 12B, 14-20 / LK 8:19-21

8:30 am For Peace in the Families *by Parish Staff*

Wednesday, September 25

EZR 9:5-9 / LK 9:1-6

7:00 pm Intentions of Franco Lombardo
by Lombardo Family

Thursday, September 26

HG 1:1-8 / LK 9:7-9

8:30 am Mary Parkyn *by Parish Staff*

Friday, September 27 – Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

HG v2:1-9 / LK 9:18-22

8:30 am Private Intentions *by Carmen Burdi*

Saturday, September 28

ZEC 2:5-9, 14-15A / LK 9:43B-45

8:30 am Bob Froetscher *by Barbara Froetscher*5:00 pm Intentions of Kara Deserto
by Mazzola Family

Sunday, September 29

AM 6:1A, 4-7 / 1 TM 6:11-16 / LK 16:19-31

7:30 am

9:00 am Eugene Streeter
*by Marty & Mary Ann Chapkosky*11:00 am Jennie Apostola
by Elaeonor Long

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

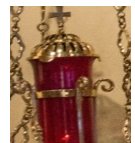
A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, September 15	\$2,537.00
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Online Giving	\$ 250.00
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Thank you for your generosity!

*This Week the
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the
Intentions of Ray Doyle*



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. Kyle Titus, US Army; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman



Family Promise

Parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel helped serve the homeless recently. Dan and Dina Salvatore and Beth Sylvester provided meals for the “guests”. There were 8 kids ranging in age from 5 to 18. Two grandmothers raising their grandchildren and one single mom were very grateful for the delicious meals provided. Larry Condit helped with the overnight shift for two nights and Pam Cuneo volunteered for a third night. Thank you for helping those in most need. Please pray that these women and their children will soon be able to have a place of their own instead of every week traveling to another church for help.

Can You Be Excused at any time From Sunday Mass?

Church teaches that you have an obligation to go to Mass every Sunday. Mass is a celebration of the Eucharist, or transformation of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Many people do not understand why the Church requires Mass every Sunday. The answer is found within the Ten Commandments passed on to Moses several millennia ago. For the Jews, the Sabbath was Saturday; Christians, however, transferred the Sabbath to Sunday, which was the day of Jesus Christ’s resurrection from the dead.

Private worship is not enough from the earliest days of the Church, Christians have understood that being a Christian is not a private matter. You are called to be Christians together. While you should engage in the private worship of God throughout the week, your primary form of worship is public and communal, which is why Sunday Mass is so important.

But there are a few situations, where you may be excused from Mass.

If you have a debilitating illness, you may be excused from Mass, or if there is extremely bad weather that would make your attempt to getting to Church unsafe, you are excused from attending. The bishop from some dioceses will announce a dispensation from attending on Sunday if travel conditions are unsafe. In some cases, priests may cancel Mass in order to preemptively protect parishioners from harm. If you are traveling and you cannot find a Catholic Church nearby or cannot make it for a good reason, then you may be excused from attending Mass. You should check with your priest to make sure that your reason was valid and that you did not commit a mortal sin. You are required to be in a state of grace when you attend your next Mass and to participate in Holy Communion. If your reason was not acceptable by the Church, you will require confession and absolution by your priest.

****SAVE THE DATE****

FALL FAMILY DINNER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
AFTER 5PM MASS

GREAT FOOD
FUN ACTIVITIES
FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

****BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS****



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.”

***Starting September 30th, Adoration will be moved to the Church. The new time is from 9am-11am.**

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.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal
"For I Was Hungry..."

For your convenience, you can support the Annual Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2019appeal.org and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience.

Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed. Appeal today!

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.

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.

Religious Education Calendar

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

October 6th-Children's Mass-9 AM, class immediately following Mass.

Confirmation Schedule

October 6th – Grade 10 Catechetical Gathering-9 am to 11:15 am (9 am Mass).

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.

**"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**



In a shocking twist, Jesus commends the prudence of a dishonest steward but why?

Prudence is simply defined as: “the ability to govern and discipline oneself by the use of reason, sagacity or shrewdness in the management of affairs, skill and good judgment in the use of resources, and caution or circumspection as to danger or risk.” Prudence is the first of the four cardinal virtues. Prudence helps us to make good decisions or choices in life. A prudent person takes the time to think of the consequences of their actions. A prudent person would discern, pray and think things through, and hopefully act in truth and love. In the gospel, Jesus praises the prudence of the dishonest finance manager.

The parables of Jesus were designed to move the listeners to mirror themselves in the characters of the story. In fact, it stirs and rearranges the mind, to challenge old ways of thinking, to turn established expectations upside down. There are many people who call this parable the most difficult of all the parables of our Lord. On first hearing, it appears that Jesus is holding up a dishonest and lazy finance manager as a model for the Kingdom of God. “The rich man in the story hired a steward to manage his finances. The steward was later accused of being dishonest and the master believed the charge was true. When this flop of a money manager(steward) learns he is about to be fired, his further actions validated his dishonesty because he went ahead to defraud his master of rightful collections from his creditors in order to gain friends and a possible next job.” “But then when the master discovers this latest treachery, rather than throw the scoundrel in jail, *he commends him!* And if that surprising turn is not difficult enough to swallow, Jesus then uses this crook as a positive example for Christian living!”

So what is going on here? Is Jesus actually commending and encouraging dishonesty and fraud? No, not at all. Jesus is not praising the dishonest steward because he was dishonest. He rather praises him because he was prudent; he knew what he needed to do to survive and he did it. This is why this parable is difficult to understand. We know from other sayings of Jesus that he did not condone dishonesty. “Probably Jesus is using this parable to teach that even the most unlikely person can still have redeeming qualities and potential, just as the most appealing character can harbor secret failures and flaws.”

"Another thing Jesus might be commending in this steward is his awareness that judgment is coming and that he must make some preparation for it. Although his financial dealings remained unethical, Jesus still holds him up as an example of someone who at least took some steps to prepare for the coming audit of his life. Sometimes we are either oblivious to the implications of our lives and the coming audit of our days before God, or we simply do nothing to make preparation even when we are made aware. For some of us, it is not the sin of some unethical behavior, but the sin of doing nothing, that is our undoing." The point of the story is to invite us, to warn us, to instruct us to prepare for our own audit before God. So, pay attention to the small things, the unseen things, where only you and God are watching. Do the right thing, every time, to everyone, as to God. **–Fr. Abuchi**



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Have courage and do not fear the assaults of the Devil. Remember this forever; it is a healthy sign if the devil shouts and roars around your conscience, since this shows that he is not inside your will.”

–St. Padre Pio