

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, September 29, 2019
Twenty-sixth 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 28

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

8:30 am Bob Froetscher *by Barbara Froetscher*

For the Intentions of Nelson Tirado *by Carmen Tirado*

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 Bishop Frank Rodimer *by Parish Staff*

9:00 am Eugene Streeter
by Marty & Mary Ann Chapkosky

11:00 am Jennie Apostola *by Elaeenor Long*

Monday, September 30 – Memorial of Saint Jerome

ZEC 8:1-8 / LK 9:46-50

8:30 am Fr. Jean Claude Martins *by Parish Staff*

Tuesday, October 1 – Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

ZEC 8:20-23 / LK 9:51-56

8:30 am Intentions of Samuel Suarez, Jr.
by Carmen Tirado

Wednesday, October 2 – Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

NEH 2:1-8 / MT 18:1-5, 10

7:00 pm Fr. William Santeliz *by Parish Staff*

Thursday, October 3

NEH 8:1-4A, 5-6, 7B-12 / LK 10:1-12

8:30 am Betty Hume *by Tommy & Pauline Schoonover*

Friday, October 4 – Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

BAR 1:15-22 / LK 10:13-16

8:30 am Fr. Bernard Eze *by Parish Staff*

Saturday, October 5

BAR 4:5-12, 27-29 / LK 10:17-24

8:30 am Fr. Michael Burke *by Parish Staff*

5:00 pm Intentions of Gloria Lombardo
by Lombardo Family

Sunday, October 6

HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14 / LK 175-10

7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families
by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

9:00 am Tina Spatarella *by Suzanne Wallace*

11:00 am Intentions of Craig Johnson
by Ron & Ann Johnson

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 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, September 22 \$ 2,614.00

Online Giving \$ 250.00

Thank you for your generosity!

*This Week the
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for
Carl H. Weisser*



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; Pvt. Chance Phillips, Army; 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



RCIA PROGRAM

*Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults (R.C.I.A.)*



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. Anyone 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.

****SAVE THE DATE****

FALL FAMILY DINNER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
AFTER 5PM MASS
GREAT FOOD
FUN ACTIVITIES
FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES



****Sign-Up Sheets and More Information Can Be Found at The Side Doors of The Church. ****

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.

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.

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 this Monday, Adoration will be moved to the Church. The new time is from 9am-11am.**

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

While there are many ways to donate to the Annual Appeal, there is one option unique to people who are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA. If you are in this category, the IRS requires you to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA each year. As a result, this distribution is added to your taxable income and increases the amount of taxes owed to the government. However, instead of taking your required minimum distribution, you can instruct your IRA investment manager to donate this distribution to a charity such as the Bishop's Annual Appeal and this automatically omits this amount from your adjusted gross income. This tax benefit can be realized by all qualifying individuals, whether you take the standard deduction or itemize your deductions. This can be a significant benefit to you and a great way to support the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. For more information, call the Bishop's Annual Appeal office at (973)777-8818, ext. 218. *If you are considering making a charitable donation using your IRA required minimum distribution, please be sure to first discuss this with your financial or tax advisor to make sure it is right for you.*

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.

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).

World Apostolate of Fatima

Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802-(908)689-1700, ext. 224. **"You at least try to console me,"** would like you to join them to honor this plea of Our Lady on December 10, 1925 requesting Five First Saturdays of Reparation for five consecutive months. Schedule: 10:30am Confessions; 11:30 Rosary w/15-minute meditation; 12:15 Holy Mass w/Guest Speaker/Celebrant Rev. Stephen Marie Dufrene, CFR; 1:15 Brown Scapular Enrollment; 1:30 Shrine Tours of Capelinha and Holy House; 2:00 Confessions; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Blessed Chapel. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: **"And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?"**

Wine & Cheese Social

The next gathering of the OLMC Wine & Cheese Social will be **Saturday, October 5th**, 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.

**Public Square Rosary Crusade**

Coordinated nationally by Tradition, Family and Property and its America Needs Fatima Campaign.

On October 13, 2007, America needs Fatima launched 2,100 Public Square Rosary Rallies held in public squares, busy intersections, city parks, in front of town halls or local abortion clinics all across America in honor of the 90th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, in Portugal.

Join the 2019 Public Square Rosary Crusade here at OLMC on Saturday, October 12th at 12:00 PM out on the lawn. For more information, please call Judie Klenk (973)580-0778.

Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil for 40 Days of Life

The Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil will take place every Monday during the 40 Days of Life Campaign: September 30th, October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at Planned Parenthood located 8 Moran Street, Newton.

First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on October 3, 2019. Our theme for this year is "Living as Missionary Disciples!" Our topic for this month is, "What does It Mean to Be a Disciple?" The day begins at 9 AM with 'coffee and,' and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, mass at 12:00 noon and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30pm. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering. There is no need to pre-register – all are welcome.

For further information, visit our website: sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org, e-mail shretreatcenter@gmail.com or call (973)383-2620.

Blessing of the Animals

Our Lady of Mount Carmel's annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 6th at 1 PM.



Indifference and insensitivity to the needs of others could have dire consequences

In 2010, two of the richest people in the world, Warren Buffett and Bill Gates, came together and launched a campaign to encourage the wealthiest people in the world to make a commitment to give most of their wealth to philanthropic causes. The project is called, "The Giving Pledge". One of those who have committed themselves to this pledge is an Indian-born entrepreneur, who now lives in the US: Manoj Bhargava. In his pledge, he states, "Service to others seems the only intelligent choice for the use of wealth. The other choices especially personal consumption, seem either useless or harmful." This statement captures Jesus' teaching on sharing our surplus with the poor. Today's gospel painted a picture of an anonymous rich man doing otherwise.

As we read through the gospel, we could sense the barrier between the life of a rich man and a poor man. But at the end of their lives, the tables are reversed, showing again another barrier between both. The rich man who enjoyed the most beautiful things during his earthly life embraced misery at his final destiny whereas the poor man who was miserable during his earthly life embraced peace and a glorious existence for his final destiny.

"Lazarus is described as a very poor man, dressed in rags glued to his body by the pus oozing from his sores. He is always hungry. All he has besides the rags hugging his body is his name." His name is Lazarus, meaning in the language of that day, "He whom God helps." The nameless wealthy man is a man of great affluence. He lives in a palace, a villa, a mansion. He probably did not acquire his richness by a foul means. "In addition, the rich man has lavish food and a luxurious wardrobe. There is no mention of guilt, for he had done wrong to the other. He simply ignores the fact that just outside his gate lies a poor man in rags and starving. Even the scraps of food that fell from the rich man's table were not offered to him. The rich man clearly sinned by omission and consequently God punished him. The rich man goes down to the dark emptiness of the grave. The poor Lazarus was embraced by the angels into paradise. The lesson of this parable focus on the ultimate settling of accounts, the final judgment that will level off all injustices."

But where does this parable of the anonymous wealthy man and poor Lazarus take us? Nowadays, we still experience attitudes of indifference among people. And there is still Lazarus around us. They are indeed all dehumanized human beings. They are often people who are neglected. They are the people the society calls nobody. They are the poor, the needy, the hungry, the addicts and the people we want to avoid or not talk to. They are the people who look for some comfort and compassion from others but they do not get it. They look for generous support but in vain. They are the certain kinds of people whom our parents, relatives or friends in our formative years, told us to keep at a distance. The parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus is Christ's warning to stop being indifferent toward those who need our help. It is a lesson that, at the end of our life, we are not going to be judged by our possessions but by the way we treated people around us, for Christ said, "Whatever you do to the least of my people you have done to me."

--Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you."

-St. Thomas Aquinas