

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, November 3, 2019
Thirty-first 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, November 2 – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

WIS 3:1-9 / ROM 5:5-11 / JN 6:37-40

8:30 am For All Deceased Members of Our Families
5:00 pm Deceased Members of 4th Degree Knights of Columbus *by Knights of Columbus Council 9920*

Sunday, November 3

WIS 11:22-12:2 / 2 THES 1:11-2:2 / LK 19:1-10

7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*
9:00 am Eugene Streeter *by Parish Staff*
11:00 am Anthony Tanella *by Autorino Family*

Monday, November 4 – Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

ROM 11:29-36 / LK 14:12-14

8:30 am Jennifer Passos *by Diana Hiler-Salvatore*

Tuesday, November 5

ROM 12:5-16AB / LK 14:15-24

8:30 am Intentions of Elaine Cantanzaro & Family *by Eleanor Long*

Wednesday, November 6

ROM 13:8-10 / LK 14:25-33

7:00 pm Tim Mandeville *by Valerie Derbyshire*

Thursday, November 7

ROM 14:7-12 / LK 15:1-10

8:30 am Jack Huelsman *by Kuefner Family*

Friday, November 8

ROM 15:14-21 / LK 16:1-8

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of McCarthy Family *by Larry & Mary Anne Condit*

Saturday, November 9 – Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 COR 3:9C-11, 16-17 / JN 2:13-22

8:30 am Jacques Crivelli *by Marie & Ray Nazzaro*
5:00 pm Charles Visotsky *by Cassie Liobe*

Sunday, November 10

2 MC 7:1-2, 9-14 / 2 THES 2:16-3:5 / LK 20:27-38

7:30 am Josephine Scudato *by George & Peggy Shammass*
9:00 am James Hamilton McCheyne *by Tommy & Pauline Schoonover*
11:00 am Elizabeth Muchow *by Bill & Charlene Nagy*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

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., Richard Hennings, Barbara Ingallinera, 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, Greyson Christopher Mueller, 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, Andrew Sorce, Richie Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, Connie VanHoven, David & Vince Ventresca, Fred Worman, Brooke Zaleski, Patricia Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, October 13 **\$ 2,609.00**
Online Giving **\$ 250.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for The Intentions of Andrew 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; Pvt. Chance Phillips, Army; Captain Cheryl Ryan, US Army; Seaman Recruit Tyler Joseph Salonia; Ethan Swartz; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Kyle Titus, US Army; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman



BENEFITS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

#1 – Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity! (Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

#2 – The spiritual lives of our families are strengthened through our Holy Hour. (Blessed John Paul II)

#3 – A Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so important to Jesus that a multitude of souls go to Heaven who otherwise would have gone to hell. (Jesus revelation to Blessed Dina Belanger)

#4 – All the angels of heaven gaze in ecstasy at the image left on your soul after each holy hour you make in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. (Excerpt from 'Letters to A Brother Priest')

#5 – The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship. (Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

#6 – Perpetual Adoration extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond. (Pope Paul VI)

#7 – Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you. (St. Josemaria Escriva)

#8 - During our Holy Hour our souls are fed in two faculties of the spirit – the Mind and the Will. In the mind, we need light' in the Will we need strength. (Fr. John Hardon).

#9 – The love of God and neighbor, the greatest commandment, is expressed in, and the fruit of, Eucharistic worship. (Blessed John Paul II)

#10 – Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him rarely. Do you want the devil to attack you? Visit Jesus rarely in the Blessed Sacrament. Do you want him to flee from you? Visit Jesus often! (St. John Bosco)

#11 – Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them. (St. Peter of Alcantara)

#12 – A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacraments worth more than a thousand years of human glory. (St. Padre Pio)

#13 – It is our duty to adore the Blessed Sacrament. No one receives the Blessed Sacrament unless he adores it...and not only do we not sin by adoring, we do sin by not adoring. (St. Augustine)

#14 – A Holy Hour brings Heavens choicest blessings on those who are faithful to their Hour. (Pope Paul VI)

#15 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer. (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

#16 – There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration. (St. Pope John XXIII)

#17 – A Holy Hour of adoration testifies to the fact that the Jesus who died on the cross, is present in the Eucharist, and reigns in Heaven, are identical. (Pope Pius XII)

#18 – Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is the devotion which surpasses all others. (St. Pope Pius X)

#19 – Our Lord is hidden there in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and visit Him, and make our requests to Him. (St. John Vianney)

Come to Daily Mass

This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. 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.

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.

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.

Frankford Plains Church

Family Promise and specifically Frankford Plains United Methodist Church thanks the parishioners of



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel for their generosity in donating over 40 blankets. You warmed the hearts and bodies of those in need.

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome – November 9th

St. John Lateran's Basilica in Rome is the "Mater et Caput", 'Mother and head', of all churches in Rome and the world. This fact is solemnized by the relief that adorns the entrance to the Basilica.

The name "Lateran" is derived from the fact that this Basilica was constructed on the territory that belonged to the Lateran family before it was bequest as an inheritance to Fausta, the wife of the Emperor Constantine. The Basilica was consecrated by Pope Sylvester I on the 9th day November 324 and the liturgical feast of the Basilica, which is celebrated on the same day, commemorates this event. This feast has a special importance because the Lateran Basilica was the first church dedicated to the Most holy Savior under the express wishes of the Emperor Constantine. The entire Church celebrates this feat as an affirmation of unity with the Pope who is the Bishop of Rome and Head of the Universal Church.

The existence of the Basilica testifies to Constantine's vision of the cross in the sky which turned out to be a prodigious event that profoundly changed the practice of Christianity during the first centuries.

The night preceding the battle for domination of the Roman Empire against Maxentius, the Emperor considered which god to appeal to for help and protection in the battle. Suddenly, a vision of an illumined cross appeared in the sky which was visible to the whole army. Beneath the vision were the words, "In hoc signo vinces" which means 'with this sign you will be victorious.' The following morning, the army went into battle bearing the sign of the cross.

Thanks to this victory, the Emperor brought an end to three centuries of Christian persecution during which many Christians were martyred. Constantine publicly authorized Christian worship with the proclamation of the celebrated Edict of Milan in 312.

The Basilica was initially dedicated to the Most Holy Savior. It was also dedicated to Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist when it also became known by its most popular name as St. John Lateran.

The importance of the feast of the 'dedication of the Lateran Basilica' celebrates the fact that Christians could freely come together in union with their Bishop to celebrate the liturgy of the Church and receive the

teaching of the doctrine of the faith. From antiquity, the Basilica became the Cathedral of Rome and the world. The Pope has his Cathedra or Chair here as a sign of his teaching, his magisterium and his precedence. Therefore, the Petrine ministry is only initiated when the elected Pope has taken possession of the Chair of St. Lateran.

This beautiful edifice represents the Church – the assembly formed of the 'living stones' of Christians who today, as in centuries past, continue to testify their faith in Jesus Christ, the Most Holy Savior.

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

As a parish, we are blessed by the number of our faithful members who practice the stewardship way of life by contributing their time and talent to the service of our Church. Their gifts help us become a better parish as we look to communicate the Gospel message in both word and deed. Our parish also responds to the needs of those in our community who have fallen on difficult times and who need our support. Our parish support to Bishop's Annual Appeal can go a long way to help support those in need within our Diocesan community. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

If you or if you know of someone or of some family who could benefit from receiving a food basket for Thanksgiving, please contact the office. All names will be kept confidential.

***Donations for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets** will be the weekend of **November 23rd & 24th at all Masses**. All helping hands are welcome and needed to put these baskets together. If you can volunteer your time on **Sunday, November 24th right after the 11 am Mass**, please call Caroline (973)383-3566. There will be pizza for the volunteers. **Thank you!**

Knights of Columbus Announcements

The Knights of Columbus, are holding a 35/10/5 raffle to help finance our many charities. The tickets are only \$10 and the drawing will take place on Tuesday, December 3. With the purchase of one ticket, you have 3 chances to win some money just in

time for your Christmas shopping. With the purchase of 2 tickets, you will double your chances of winning. As always, The Knights appreciate your past and present support.

Is it better waiting on the offending party to make the first move because justice and fairness demands it?



It is usually hard for someone who has been wronged and whose feelings have been hurt, to reach out to the offending party. How can two estranged people become reconciled again? If you ask the person who feels wronged, they will almost always say something like this, "I could forgive them if they would first just admit their mistake, ask for my forgiveness, and repay me for the wrong they did to me." Let me ask: Is reconciliation granted only when it is earned and after the wrong-doer has sufficiently suffered and groveled? Indeed, for many people who have been hurt for no fault of their own, the obvious answer to this question is of course 'yes'. However, today's readings offer a different answer but also a path going forward. "According to the Wisdom and Gospel reading we read today, God offers a radical reversal to the repentance/forgiveness sequence. The scripture suggests that the path to reconciliation is for the *offended* party to make the first move, to offer forgiveness even before the *offending* party asks for it, much less deserves it. It sounds crazy, I know. But the very audacious grace of that unmerited offer may provoke the repentance needed from the wrong-doer for the reconciliation to be complete. It is a bold and brave move, this unilateral disarmament God asks the offended person to make."

The writer of the Book of Wisdom celebrates this new order of forgiveness, begetting repentance in his praise to God, "You have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent." And in the gospel of Luke, Jesus teaches again He has come to seek and save those who were lost. His encounter with Zacchaeus is a concrete example. Zacchaeus is an unlovable character, a lonely short man who had betrayed his friends, family, and country for a shekel. Consequently, he has no friends. He must have heard Jesus were to pass through to Jericho. Given his short stature, he considers the tree the best option to be able to see Christ. By letting go of his arrogance, he humbled himself by climbing the tree. "Luckily Jesus went out of his way to find Zacchaeus hiding in his treetop perch, and without so much as a whisper of repentance from this crook, Jesus selected his house for lodging and a meal. The choice of Zacchaeus' house must have stunned the religious followers and wealthy patrons in Jericho, all of whom would have given anything to host Christ.

The amazed tax-collector is overwhelmed by the grace of Christ, volunteered half of his enormous wealth to the poor, and promised to repay everyone he had cheated, which would have been the entire town, four times the amount overcharged. His profound repentance was the effect of Christ's forgiveness. Where does Christ – Zacchaeus' encounter lead us today? Don't you think we can try something new? If you are someone who sits there nursing your wounds, rehearsing the story of how you have been wronged, betrayed, and waiting on the offending party to make the first move because justice demands it, you may be waiting a long time. The person who offended you may not even know the depth of your pain, or may be totally unsure how to make the first move toward you because they feel so guilty, or because they are so unsure how you would react if they did approach you. So why don't you make the first move? Remember, repentance may not create forgiveness but forgiveness may lead to a profound repentance.

--Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The soul hungers for God, and nothing but God can satiate it. Therefore, He came to dwell on earth and assumed a Body in order that this Body might become Food of our souls."

–Saint John Vianney