

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, November 10, 2019
Thirty-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, 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*

Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

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 Shammas

9:00 am James Hamilton McCheyne

by Tommy & Pauline Schoonover

11:00 am Elizabeth Muchow *by Bill & Charlene Nagy*

Monday, November 11 – Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

WIS 1:1-7 / LK 17:1-6

8:30 am Pray for All Veterans

Intentions of Joseph Sarcona

by Mazzola Family

Tuesday, November 12 – Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

WIS 2:23—3:9 / LK 17:7-10

8:30 am Nelson Tirado

by C. Tirado

Wednesday, November 13 – Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

WIS 6:1-11 / LK 17:11-19

7:00 pm Intentions of Robert Abrams

by Tom & Darlene Scarince

Nelson Tirado

by C. Tirado

Thursday, November 14

WIS 7:22B-8:1 / LK 17:20-25

8:30 am Nelson Tirado

by C. Tirado

Friday, November 15

WIS 13:1-9 / LK 17:26-37

8:30 am Nelson Tirado

by C. Tirado

Saturday, November 16

WIS 18:14-16; 19:6-9 / LK 18:1-8

8:30 am Nelson Tirado

by C. Tirado

5:00 pm Josephine Scudato

by Scudato Family

Sunday, November 17

MAL 3:19-20A / 2 THES 3:7-12 / LK 21:5-19

7:30 am Intentions of Ray Doyle

by Parish Staff

9:00 am Joseph Shammas *by George & Peggy Shammas*

11:00 am Nelson Tirado

by C. Tirado

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, Michael Kochanski, 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, Tammy Rivers, Charles Schult, William Schult, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, George Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samscock, Greg Schmiditty, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Andrew Sorce, Richie Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, Connie VanHoven, David & Vince Ventresca, Fred Worman, Brooke Zaleski

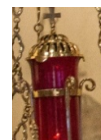
A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, October 13	\$ 2,856.00
Online Giving	\$ 400.00
Solemnity All Saints	\$ 811.00
All Souls	\$ 455.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Second collection this weekend is for Diocesan Assessment*

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for The Intentions of Joe Falotico



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



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.

St. Paul Inside the Walls Announcement

The 2019 Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 9:00am to 1pm. The goal of the conference is to impart the message that true Catholic womanhood is achieved by using our God-given gifts in faithfully and fearlessly fulfilling our vocation, standing ever firmly in our faith and beliefs. As women, we have so very much to offer—a deep and abiding wisdom to share. This year's speakers are Jean Pankow, Sr. Graciela Colon and Jennifer Hubbard. Join us for fabulous speakers, Adoration, networking, giveaways and more! For more information, please visit insidethewalls.org/womens-conference.

St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson
November 16 - Save the Date

The Annual Respect Life will be celebrated on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral. This Mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils. The Mass is a wonderful way for our faithful to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all our children and all life.

Veteran's Day – November 11



A veteran is a word that simply means someone who is experienced in a field. But in our country, we also call those men and women who serve (or who have previously served) in our military and in any branch a veteran. Prayer is a way to say thank you and let them know we have not forgotten them. As believers, we owe our veterans a deep debt. It is because of their sacrifice we are free to worship God. We go to Church, have Bibles and serve God without fear of being put into prison or put to death. It is in large part due to their sacrifice we have these freedoms. Christians have a different perspective because we know the power of prayer. God can change hearts and heal wounds in very unique ways. So let prayer help guide you and remind you of these amazing veterans.

Oh God, we give you praise for these people who have allowed us to serve and worship You in freedom. We do not take for granted that there are millions of Christians around the world afraid of prison or even death because of what they believe. Our veterans are a significant reason why we do not fear and we thank You for them. Amen



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**Office of
THE BISHOP**

November 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month our parishes are asked to take up a special collection for two different and important causes: Catholic Home Missions and the Archdiocese for Military Services.

The Catholic Home Missions assist dioceses and parishes in our country that simply do not have the financial resources to provide even basic pastoral services to Catholics. Ministries and services that are common in our own parishes, such as the Mass and the Sacraments, religious education, and ministry training are scarce in many parts of our country. These missions are located in areas such as Appalachia, the South and the Rocky Mountain States -- everywhere that Catholics are small in number but are great in their hunger for the richness of our Catholic faith.

A portion of the funds will also support the Archdiocese for the Military Services. This Archdiocese serves the pastoral needs of those in military installations in many countries as well as patients in V.A. Medical Centers. The priests, religious, and lay ministers in the Archdiocese for the Military Services serve over one million people. Having a Catholic presence available to those who serve us is a way to express our gratitude for their commitment to our country.

Please be as generous as possible when this combined collection is taken up in your parish. May God bless you and your family this Thanksgiving and always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Arthur J. Serratelli

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

SITTING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Catholics believe that Eucharistic adoration is the act of being in a state of worship before the consecrated Eucharistic host. The consecrated host is placed in a monstrance that holds it in place for worshipers to see. The host displayed in this manner is given the utmost respect by those in its presence.

Catholics believe that the consecrated host contains the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ. This is why Catholics engage in the practice of Eucharistic adoration. They want to be in the presence of Jesus Christ.

There are times when a Catholic is wrestling with a tough issue, is in conflict about some aspect of life or must do something he doesn't want to do. Sitting or kneeling before the monstrance containing the consecrated host is a perfect way he can bring his feelings in line with what God wants him to do.

Think of the Catholic woman who is at odds with her spouse. Catholics believe that marriage is for a lifetime. Divorce is not an option. But what does a woman do when she is angry at her spouse and feels defeated in her marriage? One productive action is to go to a Catholic church that has 24-hour Eucharistic adoration and sit before the Blessed Sacrament. God will impart his will for her life – not verbally – but He will do it nonetheless. As the woman sits before the Blessed Sacrament, she can offer up her emotional suffering. Her marriage and her negative feelings are in the hands of her Creator.

Some Catholics enjoy taking their lunch breaks at adoration. It is a soul-refreshing exercise of faith. Who better to be in the presence of than Jesus Christ in the Eucharist? Jesus' living water replenishes the tired worker's spirit and mental health. In fact, sometimes when a Catholic is feeling "mentally under the weather," he can sit before the Blessed Sacrament, adore it, and regain the ability to cope. This is a product of faith and logic. Faith, because the Catholic believes in the real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and logic because the best person to seek help from is the Great Healer – God himself.

When I became a Catholic six years ago, I had no understanding of Eucharistic adoration. But now, I believe that it is an essential part of experiencing healthy spirituality. Jesus in the Eucharist wants to heal our inner wounds. In Eucharist adoration this often takes place.

By Catholic convert

Confession to a Priest

In John 20:21 – 23, our Lord gave the apostles authority to forgive sins: "'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'"

In the Catholic Church, Venial (lesser) sins do not have to be confessed to a priest and can be confessed to God in prayer throughout the day. Mortal (greater) sins must be confessed to a priest in order to be forgiven.

Mortal sin has three parts:

1. It is of grave matter.
2. It is committed with the full knowledge of the sinner.
3. It is committed with the deliberate consent of the sinner.

Venial Sin is everything else.

Confession to a priest is also based on accountability. As a human being, I have an amazing ability to deceive myself into believing that my sin wasn't that terrible. Or, in the alternative, I can convince myself that my sin is unforgivable. Of course, neither is true. This is why the accountability of confessing sins to a priest over-rides the "Jesus-and-me" Lone-Ranger mentality and places our sins in the hands of the priest who is authorized by God to forgive 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.

The last things and the journey of the unknown



Fear of the unknown is one of the most greatest fears of people. And that "unknown" is death. Benjamin Franklin once remarked, "There is nothing certain in this world but death and taxes." And we might add; no two subjects are more likely to cause us anxiety and frustration. People may talk endlessly about the latest gossip coming out of Hollywood and may also engage in passionate debates about politics. But who wants to talk about death and taxes? Only undertakers and financial planners. But today's readings directs us to think about death and resurrection.

The human heart feels an inherent longing for the after-life. But the realm of the dead is what Shakespeare memorably called "The undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns." Though nobody comes back to confirm it for us, through Jesus we believe it is real, just the same. It is also that belief that led the seven brothers in the first reading from the Maccabees never to waver in renouncing their beliefs. They hoped on the resurrection and also died while refusing to conform to the dictates of the dictatorship. And in today's gospel, it is on the basis of life after death and resurrection that Jesus was confronted. "The question was a trick question again, designed to ridicule the belief in resurrection after death, a belief held by Jesus and many of the common Jews of that day, a belief that the Sadducees considered both naive and blasphemous. Jesus refuses to get caught up in the ridiculous illustration about a woman and seven husbands in the afterlife, and instead basing his answer in the timeless character of God Himself, and even appealing to a reference in the writings of Moses (Exodus 3:6) for Biblical support."

"The thing to know about our existence after death, as this response by Jesus illustrates, is that God is there. God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Our bodies, our forms of relationships and priorities, our national laws, even our natural laws,—all of these are likely to change as we move from this life to the next. Any attempt to simply transpose one's picture of this life to the next, keeping the details and possessions and presuppositions the same, is likely to be incomplete. This was the folly of the Egyptian Pharaohs, who thought they could pack their belongings for the trip to the afterlife. It is the folly of anyone today who would restrict their vision of the afterlife to the details of this life."

Although Shakespeare memorably called afterlife, "The undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns," we can rest assured with faith and trust in the God who is changeless throughout. It is interesting to us, but not really crucial to know whether the streets of heaven are made with real gold or if that is symbolic language. It is not crucial to know whether we will have pets in heaven, or whether we will play harps, or whether we have all of our full head of hair back like when we were twenty. All that really matters is to remember the last things which are death, judgment, heaven and hell. Thus, our preparation for the last things begins here. The readings calls us to continue to examine our lives and strive at the end of our life to have eternal happiness with God. As Paul said: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart to imagine what God has in store for those who love him" (I Corinthians 2:9).

--Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Often, actually very often, God allows His greatest servants, those who are far advanced in grace, to make the most humiliating mistakes. This humbles them in their own eyes and in the eyes of their fellow men."

–Saint Louis de Montfort