

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, February 2, 2020
The Presentation of the Lord



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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, February 1

2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17 / MK 4:35-41

8:30 am Intentions of James Stadelman

by Ron & Ann Johnson

5:00 pm Doug Ernst *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*

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IS 8:23—9:3 / 1 COR 1:10-13, 17 / MT 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

7:30 am Edward Muller, Sr.

by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

9:00 am Gerard Kick *by Edmund Heinsohn*

11:00 am Intentions of Lee Swiatek
by Ron & Ann Johnson

Monday, February 3

2 SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 / MK 5:1-20

8:30 am Francine Crivelli *by Ray & Marie Nazzaro*

Tuesday, February 4

2 SM 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30—19:3 / MK 5:21-43

8:30 am Kenneth Kasper *by Linda Grillo*

Wednesday, February 5 – Memorial of Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr

2 SM 24:2, 9-17 / MK 6:1-6

7:00 pm Intentions of Pat Brady *by Ron & Ann Johnson*

Thursday, February 6 – Memorial of Saint Paul and Companions, martyrs

2 SM 7:18-19, 24-29 / MK 4:21-25

8:30 am Intentions of Rose Grabinski
by Ron & Ann Johnson

Friday, February 7

SIR 47:2-11 / MK 6:14-29

8:30 am For the Intentions of the Arnott Family
by Valerie Derbyshire

Saturday, February 8

1 KGS 3:4-13 / MK 6:30-34

8:30 am Vincent Martin *by Janet Autorino*

5:00 pm Mary N. Nolan *by Parish Staff*

Sunday, February 9

IS 58:7-10 / 1 COR 2:1-5 / MT 5:13-16

7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser
Families

by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

9:00 am Jay Morrone *by Calascibetta Family*

11:00 am Don Don Nucum
by Rich & Elsie Allen

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, Ray Doyle, 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, Betty Mastrelli, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Greyson Christopher Mueller, Deacon Ed Muller, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Jason Parker, Harry Pasternak Sr., Lorraine Paxton, Peter F. Reynolds, Tammy Rivers, Charles Schult, William Schult, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsok, 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, January 26	\$ 2,636.00
Online Giving	\$ 250.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Next Sunday's 2nd collection will be for the Diocesan Assessment*

*This Week the
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for
Mary Yanvary*

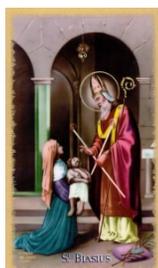


WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

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



Feast of Saint Blaise, February 3



St. Blaise was a physician and Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. He lived in a cave on Mount Argeus and was a healer of men and animals. According to legend, sick animals would come to him on their own for help, but would never disturb him at prayer.

Agricola, governor of Cappadocia, came to Sebaste to persecute Christians. His huntsmen went into the forests of Argeus to find wild animals for the arena games, and found many waiting outside Blaise's cave. Discovered in prayer, Blaise was arrested, and Agricola tried to get him to recant his faith. While in prison, Blaise ministered to and healed fellow prisoners, including saving a child who was choking on a fish bone; this led to the blessing of throats on Blaise's feast day.

Thrown into a lake to drown, Blaise stood on the surface and invited his persecutors to walk out and prove the power of their gods; they drowned. When he returned to land, he was martyred by being beaten, his flesh torn with wool combs (which led to his association with and patronage of those involved in the wool trade), and then beheading.

Blaise has been extremely popular for centuries in both the Eastern and Western Churches and many cures were attributed to him, notably that of a child who was suffocating through a fish bone being caught in his throat. He is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. He is invoked for all throat afflictions, and on his feast two candles are blessed with a prayer that God will free from all such afflictions and every ill all those who receive this blessing.

Patron: Against wild beasts; animals; builders; carvers; construction workers; coughs; Dalmatia; Dubrovnik; goiters; healthy throats; stonemasons; throat diseases; veterinarians; whooping cough; wool-combers; wool weavers.



Father Michael J. Burke Thrift Shop, located at 17 Halsted St., Newton, is having Bag Sales on all men's, ladies and children clothing. The sales will run from February 6th - February 29th. The Shop hours are Thursday and Friday 10am - 4pm and Saturday's 9:30am - 12pm. The Shop has many other items at low prices

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
Profit & Loss
July 2018 through June 2019**

	Jul '18 - Jun 19
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
A. · Offertory and Regular Receipts	211,042.07
B. · Stipends and Stole Fees	7,365.00
D. · National Collections	8,895.63
H. · Religious Ed Inc.-Faith Formatl	7,438.30
I. · Fundaising Income	49,331.25
K. · Other Income	21,598.97
Total Income	305,671.22
Gross Profit	305,671.22
Expense	
L. · Personnel	53,348.35
M. · Benefit Costs	38,275.04
N. · Extra Clergy	815.00
O. · Cost of Provisions	2,863.33
P. · Religious Ed Expense (Youth Min	17,151.45
R. · Assessment Paid (Project Faith)	26,178.89
S. · Utility	19,534.21
T. · Building or Repair Costs	31,904.95
U. · Fundraising Expenses	32,661.92
V. · Other Expenses	51,436.60
Total Expense	274,169.74
Net Ordinary Income	31,501.48
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Capital Improvements Church	4,677.64
Capital Improvements Rectory	2,362.82
Capital Improvements Sanctuary	10,350.00
Total Other Expense	17,390.46
Net Other Income	-17,390.46
Net Income	14,111.02

Wine & Cheese Social

The next gathering of the OLMC Wine & Cheese Social will be **Saturday, February 8th**, 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.



Why does the church teach that marriage is a sacrament?

The sacraments make Christ present in our midst. Like the other sacraments, marriage is not just for the good of individuals, or the couple, but for the community as a whole. The Catholic Church teaches that marriage between two baptized persons is a sacrament. The Old Testament prophets saw the marriage of a man and woman as a symbol of the covenant relationship between God and his people. The permanent and exclusive union between husband and wife mirrors the mutual commitment between God and his people. The Letter to the Ephesians says that this union is a symbol of the relationship between Christ and the Church.

What is the difference between a valid and an invalid Catholic marriage?

Just as individual states have certain requirements for civil marriage (e.g., a marriage license, blood tests), the Catholic Church also has requirements before Catholics can be considered validly married in the eyes of the Church. A valid Catholic marriage results from four elements: (1) the spouses are free to marry; (2) they freely exchange their consent; (3) in consenting to marry, they have the intention to marry for life, to be faithful to one another and be open to children; and (4) their consent is given in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized Church minister. Exceptions to the last requirement must be approved by church authority.

If a Catholic wants to marry a non-Catholic, how can they assure that the marriage is recognized by the Church?

In addition to meeting the criteria for a valid Catholic marriage (see question #3), the Catholic must seek permission from the local bishop to marry a non-Catholic. If the person is a non-Catholic Christian, this permission is called a "permission to enter into a mixed marriage." If the person is a non-Christian, the permission is called a "dispensation from disparity of cult." Those helping to prepare the couple for marriage can assist with the permission process.

Why does a Catholic wedding have to take place in a church?

For Catholics, marriage is not just a social or family event, but a church event. For this reason, the Church prefers that marriages between Catholics, or between Catholics and other Christians, be celebrated in the parish church of one of the spouses. Only the local bishop can permit a marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.

If a Catholic wishes to marry in a place outside the Catholic church, how can he or she be sure that the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church as valid?

The local bishop can permit a wedding in another church, or in another suitable place, for a sufficient reason. For example, a Catholic seeks to marry a Baptist whose father is the pastor of the local Baptist church. The father wants to officiate at the wedding. In these circumstances, the bishop

could permit the couple to marry in the Baptist church. The permission in these instances is called a "dispensation from canonical form."



Presentation of the Lord

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas Day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.



According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas Feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast.

The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter. "In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by His Blessed mother and His foster Father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day.



Sacred Heart Spirituality Center

First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center

Come join us for our First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on February 6th, 2020. Our theme for this year is "Living as Missionary Disciples!" Our topic for this month is "The Journey of Conversion." 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 1:30 pm. 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 us at shretreatcenter@gmail.com or call (973)383-2620.



"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel"

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It's a feast that happens every year on February 2nd. Mary and Joseph respected the Mosaic Law by bringing infant Jesus to the temple. "The idea behind this ritual was that every male firstborn whether human or animal is holy to God, the same way that the first fruits of a crop were holy to God. Consequently, they had to either be given to God in sacrifice or redeemed--bought back from Him. The offering made by the Holy family indicates they were poor. The ordinary offering was a lamb and a dove, but in cases where a family was too poor for that, two doves were used instead." In the temple were Simeon and Anna. They were two venerable elderly people dedicated to prayer and fasting and so their strong religious spirit rendered them able to recognize the Messiah. Simeon, suddenly aware that he was in the presence of majesty, God's anointed, reached out and held the infant Christ in his arms and blessed God. His awareness led to action, as Anna's awareness led to praise. "Simeon's response on meeting the infant Jesus was a hymn of praise to God. Mary and Joseph must have often pondered, as did Simeon and Anna, wondering what destiny lay ahead for their child. Like most parents, they probably had high hopes for Him, which are echoed in the words of Anna, while the prophecy of Simeon contains a somewhat more ominous tone: "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel...and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." This is a powerful statement! The question is who is this child Jesus?

The coming of Jesus changed the course of human history and transformed the world in many ways. His powerful messages and sermons on the hills of Galilee still resound two thousand years after His earthly ministry. Jesus was human like us in everything except in sin and He was also divine. He was the Son of God, sent on a mission to transform the world through changing individual lives. As Simeon prophesied during the presentation in the temple, through many ways Jesus touched human lives. He indeed became fall and rise of many people. He taught His followers true meaning of Faith, Love and Hope. He lived by examples and eventually paying the ultimate sacrifice on the cross for the love of mankind. Simeon's prophecy also came through as Mary felt the pain like a sword at the crucifixion of Jesus. However, By Christ's death on the cross, He thought His followers the true meaning of sacrificial love.

For over two thousand years, Christians have carried His love, compassion and care to people everywhere. Nations have been won through His love. The majority of hospitals and other ministries of compassion around the globe have been launched in His name. Where there have been devastation through natural disasters, wars, or famine, people filled with God's love have run to alleviate human suffering via donations or foundations set up to care for others, via the Red Cross, and countless number of other agencies. Imagine what the world would be like today if there is no Christ. Jesus lived a life of complete faith in the Father and imparted that faith to His followers. In fact, faith in Him has also led His followers through the centuries to care for the poor; minister to the sick; start hospitals and schools; share the Good News around the world; apply Christian principles to government, economics, and social issues; and to influence every other engine of progress.

Like Simeon who was aware of the presence of Christ at the presentation in the temple, may we never forget to be aware of Christ in the people we meet. A time will come when we are made aware of a need in another's life, or the suffering of some lost soul, or the pain that is the measure of loneliness in a teenager or a brutal grief in a widow - and we do nothing! We even say, "I feel for him" or "I feel so sorry for her." But our feelings, our awareness, is all there is. From God's perspective, awareness without action is the worse form of Christian indifference. I'll just say it: this apathy is a sin that clouds our best selves and keeps us from being God's people and doing God's work. Never forget to be aware of Christ who was presented in the temple today, and later died on the cross to set you and me free. Never forget to be aware of the needs of that person around you.

—Fr. Abuchi



Quote of the week - "Lord Jesus Christ, you created me, you watched over me from infancy, kept my body from defilement, preserved me from love of the world, made me to withstand torture and granted me the virtue of patience in the midst of torments." --Saint Agatha