

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, June 28, 2020
Thirteenth 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.

*There is no 7:30 AM Mass until further notice

Masses for the Week 

Saturday, June 27

LAM 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 / MT 8:5-17

8:30 am Scholastica Ndeche *by Barbara Froetscher*

5:00 pm Blessings on their 50th Anniversary
Rich & Elsie Allen *by Rich & Elsie Allen*

Sunday, June 28

2 KGS 4:8-11, 14-16A / ROM 6:3-4, 8-11 / MT 10:37-42

7:30 am Thomas Moore *by Anita & John Pflugh*

9:00 am Stella Knas *by Knas Family*

11:00 am Anthony Barile, Sr.
by Deacon Tony & Beth Barile

Monday, June 29 - Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

ACTS 12:1-11 / 2 TM 4:6-8, 17-18 / MT 16:13-19

8:30 am In Honor and Gratefulness to the Immaculate Heart of Mary *by C. Tirado*

Tuesday, June 30

AM 3:1-8; 4:11-12 / MT 8:23-27

8:30 am Danielle Nazzaro
Ida & Howard Grimes *by Marie & Ray Nazzaro*

Wednesday, July 1

AM 5:14-15, 21-24 / MT 8:28-34

9:00 am Scholastica Ndeche *by Froetscher Family*

Thursday, July 2

AM 7:10-17 / MT 9:1-8

8:30 am Bill Rhyne *by Carol Inglima*

Friday, July 3 - Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

EPH 2:19-22 / JN 20:24-29

8:30 am In Honor & Thanksgiving to the Blessed Trintiy *by Valeich Family*

Saturday, July 4

AM 9:11-15 / MT 9:14-17

9:00 am Peace in Our Nation *by Parish Staff*

5:00 pm Anne Savacool *by Liz Ryan*

Sunday, July 5

ZEC 9:9-10 / ROM 8:9, 11-13 / MT 11:25-30

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

9:00 am Intentions of Charles Sullivan *by John Sullivan*

11:00 am Wayne Francis Rowe *by Deacon Tony & Beth Barile*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Ellen Burroughs, Ted Cassera, Joseph Colon, Olivia Compton, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Ingrid Diaz, Steve DeAngelis, Kara Deserto, Ray Doyle, 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, Greyson Christopher Mueller, Deacon Ed Muller, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Jason Parker, Harry Pasternak Sr., Lorraine Paxton, Laura Pierce, Peter F. Reynolds, Tammy Rivers, Charles Schult, William Schult, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsoc, Greg Schmiditty, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Andrew Sorce, Richie Sorce, Kenneth Spellman, Dale Swoboda, Connie VanHoven, David & Vince Ventresca, Fred Worman, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

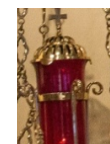
Sunday

June 21	\$ 1,946.00
Online Giving	\$ 490.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 75.00

Thank you for your generosity!

***This weekends 2nd collection is for South American & Latin American Mission**

*This Week
the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for
Anthony Barile, Sr.*



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; Capt. Jason Gieniewski, US Army; Pvt. Daniel Michael Mobilio, Army; Captain Richi M. Pazdziarski, 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



**PARISH PARKING LOT & SECURITY
CAMERAS**

My dear parishioners, we are raising funds for our parking lot and security cameras for our safety. The camera installation will cost over \$2,500.00 and the parking lot will cost over \$92,000.00. It will be great when it's finished.

Honestly, I have *NO* idea how much to ask you for, but a gift of \$_____ is something you'd be able to consider? You can also make a pledge to be paid in installments. Envelopes are provided for your convenience at all doors of the church. Please fill out the amount of your contribution or if you want to make monthly installments over a 12 month period.

Together we can build our parish and I thank you for your tremendous support all this while.

Total received to date: \$ 52,720.00
Unpaid pledges: \$ 1,575.00
Total: \$ 54,295.00

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.

July 4th - Independence Day
Please join us for Mass at 9:00 AM on
Saturday, July 4th, to Thank God for our
Freedom!



God, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has

achieved. On this day, we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice. We thank You!

"WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER"

THE HAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE IS HOLDING A FOOD DRIVE TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS AND LOCAL FAMILIES WHO ARE COPING WITH THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE COVID19 PANDEMIC.

PLEASE JOIN THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS BY DROPPING OFF FOOD DONATIONS AT THE HAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT ONE RUMSEY WAY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 28th FROM 12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. **OR** MONDAY, JUNE 29th FROM 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

LET'S FILL THE COMMUNITY CENTER WITH OUR GOOD WILL!

FOOD DONATIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS THROUGH THESE LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES/FOOD BANKS:

BENNY'S BODEGA

HEART TO HANDS

(In Partnership with the Baleville Congregational Christian Church and the Branchville Methodist Church)

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDE: "MEALS IN A CAN", e.g., RAVIOLI, SOUPS, CHILI, HASH, STEW, MACARONI & CHEESE, ETC.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE: CEREALS, OATMEAL, GRANOLA BARS, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, CRACKERS, PASTA, PASTA SAUCES, TUNA, RICE, BEANS, VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, APPLE SAUCE, DRY MILK, JUICE BOXES, HYGIENE PRODUCTS, ETC.

ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE AN INSULATED, REUSABLE SHOPPING BAG



“Celebrating human freedom and independence in the midst of the pandemic and pockets of protests.”

This week, while a lot of us are getting ready to fire up the grill or head to the beach or the lake this holiday, let me ask you to reflect on this July 4th week about those who fought and shed their blood for human freedom. Reflect about those who have shed and continue to shed their blood for religious freedom.

As we mark 244 years of independence in USA, we are very thankful for the people who made ultimate sacrifices for our independence. We are thankful to Christ who died and saved us all. And we continue to admire the Martyrs who stood their ground and shed blood for our religious freedom. A Chaldean archbishop from Iraq once said, “Christian persecution is nothing new,” he said. “It began on Good Friday. “The martyrs offer us the two most precious commodities in the spiritual life: hope and faith.”

This July 4th, before opening that beer and barbecuing the burgers, remember what this holiday is about. It’s about independence, yes. And freedom. Sweet, precious freedom. Franklin Roosevelt described the “four freedoms” of our country: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want, freedom from fear. This weekend let us remember in a special way, the freedom of religion. The freedom to worship, to pray, to live as our conscience dictates. Remember how fragile this freedom is—and how so many others around the world do not have it. Remember the Christian men, women and children of Iraq and China and India and Pakistan, Egypt and some parts of Africa. Remember the martyrs whose names we will never know— and the countless others who died for what they believed. And remember: this, too, is part of what it means to be a follower of Christ.

The Gospel from Matthew we heard this Sunday continues Christ’s exhortation from last week, when He warned His apostles that there would be suffering. “Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me,” He said, “is not worthy of me.” Jesus even went further to say clearly to His disciples to prioritize His calling above every other relationship. This is a very hard call. Fidelity to Christian values or adherence to the gospel values comes with a cost, that is the cross. We have seen much of that in recent protests and violence as well as taking down statues. Recently, Shaun King tweeted, “The statues of the white European they claim is Jesus should also come down. King followed the post up with another, saying that “white Jesus is a lie” and a “tool of white supremacy” created to help white people use Christianity as a “tool of oppression.” He further tweeted support from taking down all imagery, including “murals and stained glass windows of white Jesus, and his European mother, and their white friends.” The Church and her members had continuously faced many attacks and violence.

Remember these words of Jesus from last week: “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Fear no one.” I know: it’s easier said than done. In a time of terror, fear is almost a way of life. But the Christian life stands in defiance of fear. It stands for faith. It stands with hope. The Christian life stands, above all, for love.

Remember our soldiers who fought for our freedom, they did not give in to fear. In fact, they were not afraid. Today, lift them up in prayer. Remember all the unknown martyrs of our age. They remind us of the message in today’s gospel: that discipleship comes with a cost—and a cross. May God give us the grace to carry ours with the same faith, and hope, and love. --Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament of Eucharist, I am sure that the thought of Christ’s love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.” --Saint Angela of Foligno