

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, October 25, 2020
Thirtieth 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, October 24

EPH 4:7-16 / LK 13:1-9

8:30 am Eileen Murphy *by Tommy & Pauline Schoonover*

5:00 pm Angela Murcia *by Lombardo Family*

Sunday, October 25

EX 22:20-26 / 1 THES 1:5C-10 / MT 22:34-40

7:30 am Scholastica S. Ndeche *by Lisa Cangelosi*

9:00 am Cathy Powell *by Knights of Columbus Council 9920*

11:00 am Steve DeAngelis *by Lester & Pat Zaleski*

Monday, October 26

EPH 4:32—5:8 / LK 13:10-17

8:30 am Healing and God's blessing on Arthur

McMahon *by Parish Staff*

Tuesday, October 27

EPH 5:21-33 / LK 13:18-21

8:30 am Robert Muller *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*

Wednesday, October 28 - Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

EPH 3:2-12 / LK 12:39-48

7:00 pm Healing and God's blessing on

Charles Sullivan *by Parish Staff*

Thursday, October 29

EPH 6:10-20 / LK 13:31-35

8:30 am Bob Freotscher *by Barbara Froetscher*

Friday, October 30

PHIL 1:1-11 / LK 14:1-6

8:30 am Cathy Powell *by Dan & Dina Salvatore*

Saturday, October 31

PHIL 1:18B-26 / LK 14:1, 7-11

8:30 am For John Reinhart's continuous conversion & deeper relationship with God *by Angela Reinhart*

5:00 pm For all the Deceased Members of Our Family

Sunday, November 1 - Solemnity of All Saints

RV 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 JN 3:1-3 / MT 5:1-12A

7:30 am For all the Deceased Members of Our Family

9:00 am For all the Deceased Members of Our Family

11:00 am For all the Deceased Members of Our Family

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Ann Bott, Walter Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Ellen Burroughs, Ted Cassera, Joseph Colon, Olivia Compton, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Ray Doyle, Barbara Ingallinera, Eva Kieger, Ava Kljajic, Michael Kochanski, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, 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, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsoc, Greg Schmiditty, Charles Schult, William Schult, George Shammas, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Andrew Sorce, Richie Sorce, Kenneth Spellman, Dale Swoboda, Charles Sullivan, Connie Van Hoven, David & Vince Ventresca, Debbie Wirths, Fred Worman, Brooke Zaleski

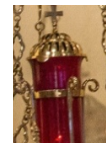
A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday

October 18	\$ 1,773.00
Online Giving	\$ 380.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 288.00
Online Giving	\$ 85.00

Thank you for your generosity!
*2nd collection this weekend is for All Saint's Day

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Healing of Charles Sullivan



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



How attentive are you to God's Word? Take this quick test! –Father Paul-Marie Cathelinais

Do you know how to really take the Word of God in Scripture to heart?

Try this little exercise: Take a sheet of paper and after you read the Gospel for this coming Sunday carefully, close the book or tablet and write down as much as you can remember. Then go back and re-read the text and compare your copy with the original. No doubt there will be gaps, inaccuracies, blind spots and mistakes.

In short, very often we read what we want to read. True attention is a matter of love. When love desires something, memory is selective. **But if love wants to please, then the eye and the ear retain even the smallest detail.** So attention, like good memory, is a fearsome test. Even when it comes to testing our love for the Lord and His Word.

Knowing and embracing the Word

If we hear “chocolate ice cream” or “grandma’s cake,” our mind wakes up. It is listening. The reality of what we have experienced attracts us. So it is with the Father when he hears his Son: He loves him. His words are his word. The love that the Father has for his Son produces in him a reality which attracts him to the Son, like the inner image of a cake attracts me.

If we are granted this, our spirit becomes like that of the Father, magnetized through the Son. **The words of the Son become ours, his thoughts more precious than ours.** Better! We seek in his words the full meaning to restore its power and nuances. Molded by the Scripture, we would like to know Him personally and to kiss Him ... as a lover kisses a love letter. The Word, cold at first, like a flint stone, will transmit its flame if we rub it a little against our hearts.

2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal
“Love Thy Neighbor”

For your convenience, you can support the Annual Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2020appeal.org and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with five monthly payments made automatically for your convenience or a continuous monthly gift that repeats each month from year-to-year. Please participate in the 2020 Appeal today!

Dignity of Human Life

The Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil for 40 Days for Life kicked off on September 24. It starts at 9:30AM in front of the Planned Parenthood office on Moran Street in Newton and will continue each Thursday through October 29th. You may join on these times on Thursday if you can. If you cannot, Fr. Abuchi asks you to please continue to pray for the dignity and sanctity of human life from the beginning of conception until natural death. All life matters and is precious in the eyes of God.

Pope John Virtual Open House

Pope John XXIII Regional High School will host a **Virtual Open House on Thursday, October 29th** at 7:30pm. Ranked the #1 Best Catholic Co-ed High School in new Jersey for 2021 by Niche.com, come find out why our students are so happy to be back in school. Prospective families must RSVP at www.popejohn.org/visit. For more information, please call Anne Kaiser, Director of Admissions, at **(973)729-6126**.

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.

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles,
October 28



Both Simon and Jude were ordinary men who were chosen by Jesus Himself to teach others about God’s love and to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew

28:19). Their lives help us to understand that even the most average people can become saints when they decide to follow Jesus.

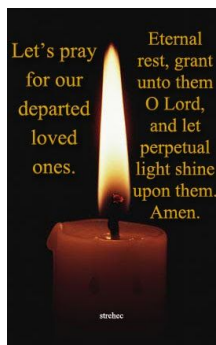
Both of these men were known by other names during their lives. Simon was often called “the Zealot.” A zealot is a person who is strongly committed to something. In Simon’s case, he firmly believed in the importance of people following Jewish law. Once he met Jesus, his life was changed and he became convinced that the most important thing was to follow Jesus and His teachings. We believe that another reason Simon had a nickname was to keep people from confusing him with the other apostle named Simon, the one Jesus called Peter.

Jude was also known as “Jude Thaddeus.” People used this formal title so that he was not confused with Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus and handed him over to be arrested. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless cases and desperate situations. People often pray to Jude when they feel that there is no one else to turn to. They ask Jude to bring their problem to Jesus. Because Jude had such great faith, we know that nothing is impossible for those who believe in the Lord.

Simon and Jude traveled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus’ miracles and His death and Resurrection, many people became believers and were baptized. Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day in Beirut. Jude’s body was later returned to Rome where it was buried in a crypt under St. Peter’s Basilica.

We honor their feast day on October 28. These two saints remind us to learn all we can about Jesus and to share it with others, as they did.

All Souls Day



Monday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. Mass will be at 8:30 am. While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, attending Mass this day is a great blessing for our departed. Please bring a picture of your departed loved ones to be placed by the altar for Mass. There will be a candle lighting ceremony after the Mass followed by light refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome!

Welcome

NEW PARISHIONERS

Our parish community joyfully welcomes all new parishioners. We invite you to introduce yourself to the Priest or Deacon after Mass if you can. You may also visit us at the office to register. If you have been attending our Church regularly but have not registered we encourage you to do so. Besides, if you would like to have your house blessed please give us a call at 973-383-3566. We look forward to meeting you.

PARISH PARKING LOT & SECURITY CAMERAS

My dear parishioners, your contribution and generosity made the parking lot project a reality. We are still raising funds for the parking lot and security cameras for our safety. The camera installation will cost over \$2,500.00. With another twenty seven thousand we would reach the goal to the cost of the newly paved parking lot.

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:	\$ 60,915.00
Unpaid pledges:	\$ 975.00
Total:	\$ 61,890.00

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.”

--Saint Jude 1:20-21



“ There is no sense of entitlement, no inherent right to oppress someone weaker than we are, when we remember our own humble origins. ”

“Power corrupts. Absolute power, corrupts absolutely.” This axiom seems so true, and is corroborated so many times in human history, you would think it was found written in Holy Scripture. “Those with the money, the privilege, the prestige, and the popularity usually lord over lesser souls around them with the power those commodities bring. Whether in the hallways of Junior High School or Congress, from exclusive neighborhoods to private country clubs, those with power in our society are sorely tempted to use that power for selfish purposes. We see it everywhere—corporate corruption in the boardroom, sexual harassment at the office, special interest money swaying government policy, bullies picking on smaller kids at the playground.”

The abuse of power was not different during the captivity of Israelites and also the abuse and neglect of the weak, the poor and the vulnerable. Sadly, during our time we have also seen the abuse of power and the corrupt practices in Wall Street. Even some politician who runs for public office enrich their pockets and their families pockets to the detriment of the public they’re supposed to serve. Obviously, when they pass through this corridor of power, they completely forget their humble beginnings. While the Church has spoken clearly on the sanctity of human life and religious freedom, over the centuries the Church has always continued to condemn greed and abuse of power. In addition, the Church never stops advocating for the poor, the vulnerable, the plight of the immigrants and so forth.

In today's first reading, the Lord addresses the Israelites that have been redeemed from bondage to Pharaoh, while they are still just a band of wandering Bedouins in the desert, journeying toward the Promised Land. God looks ahead to the time when they will be settled in the new land, will plant farms and dig cisterns instead of living on daily manna, and will build cities after conquering the inhabitants of Palestine. After a few generations, God knows the Israelites will be tempted to forget their humble beginnings and that they were once exiles, outcasts, strangers, and slaves. Once they achieve some measure of economic security and establish a government, once they are the “insiders,” they will be tempted to treat other exiles and aliens as “outsiders.”

Consequently, God tells them, and us, to remember where we came from, and find the common ground for compassion in our common humanity. “Remember that you were once aliens and exiles and you shall not wrong molest or oppress an alien,” God commands. In fact, there is no sense of entitlement, no inherent right to oppress someone weaker than we are, when we remember our own humble origins. What a difference it would make if all Americans today remembered that almost all of us are descendants of immigrants when we are resenting today’s immigrants! "What a difference it would make if the powerful CEO remembered the first time he or she was hired, when their resume was only a blank sheet of paper! What a difference it would make if the wealthy person remembered that the only difference between them and the homeless man on the street is just a single Wall Street collapse, or a change of heart by the board of directors" What a different it would make when political leaders remember when they were not leaders but an average person in the community! If we can remember all these, remember our humble beginnings, probably our difficulties, our struggles, the people who were there for us and supported us, our attitude to others would be different. It would spur us to humility, to kindness and to sympathy, to compassion to one another.

The passage from Exodus illustrates the potential of abuse and neglect by those in power. Thus, God expects our current politicians to exercise that power on behalf of those who do not have it. And God expects that compassion to be offered with respect to the dignity and long-term security of the powerless in society. Just like everyone has the right to defend their house or property, the country also has the right to defend their borders and protect it from foreign invaders. However, the country alongside the political leaders must also treat immigrants fairly. We may or can disagree but we need to love and care for each other. And Jesus summarized it today in the gospel, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind but you shall also love your neighbor as yourself." --Fr. Abuchi