

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Thirty-third 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 14

3 JN 5-8 / LK 18:1-8

8:30 am **John & Theresa Orso***by Orso Family*5:00 pm **Charles J. Visotsky***by Cassie Liobe*

Sunday, November 15

PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 THES 5:1-6 / MT 25:14-30

7:30 am **Anthony Cerbo, Jr.***by Judy McMahon*9:00 am **Cathy Powell***By Durso Family*11:00 am **Scholastica Ndeche***by Knights of Columbus Council 9920*

Monday, November 16

RV 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / LK 18:35-43

8:30 am **Neita Green***by Deacon Tony & Beth Barile***For Safety & Speedy Recovery of C. Tirado***by C. Tirado*

Tuesday, November 17 – Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

RV 3:1-6, 14-22 / LK 19:1-10

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

Wednesday, November 18

RV 4:1-11 / LK 19:11-28

7:00 pm **Healing of Charles Sullivan***by Marty & Mary Ann Chapkosky*

Thursday, November 19

RV 5:1-10 / LK 19:41-44

8:30 am **David Grimes***by Ray & Marie Nazzaro*

Friday, November 20

RV 10:8-11 / LK 19:45-48

8:30 am **Mary Beth Curry***by John & Katrina Prior*

Saturday, November 21 – Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3 JN 5-8 / LK 18:1-8

8:30 am **Carol Spiwak***by Parish Staff*5:00 pm **In Thanksgiving to God for 55 Years of Wedding Anniversary of Robert & Janet Worman***by Worman Family*

Sunday, November 22 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

EZ 34:11-12, 15-17 / 1 COR 15:20-26, 28 / MT 25:31-46

7:30 am **Cathy Powell** *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*9:00 am _____ *by _____*11:00 am **Steve DeAngelis***by Bob & Janet Worman*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Canterbury Family, Fr. Angelus Croce, Jennifer & Bella, Larry Domonkos, George Shammass, Kenneth Spellman, Charles Sullivan, Brooke Zaleski



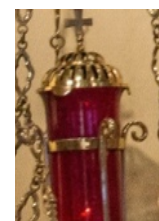
A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday

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| November 8 | \$ 2,125.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 415.00 |
| Diocesan Assessment | \$ 196.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 130.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Healing of C. Tirado



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. 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 21st & 22nd at all Masses.** All helping hands are welcome and needed to put these baskets together. If you can volunteer your time on **Sunday, November 22nd right after the 11 am Mass, please call Caroline (973)383-3566. Thank you!**

Why the peace of Christ is the remedy for political discord

--Philip Kosloski

Pope Pius XI explained that if we want peace in politics, we must first seek the spiritual peace of Jesus.

Politics has a tendency to divide, whether its families or nations. This can be distressing, and the quest for peace among political parties can appear out of reach.

What is the remedy for this division?

Pope Pius XI believed it was the **peace of Jesus Christ.**

He explained his thoughts in his encyclical, *Ubi Arcano*.

*First, and most important of all, for mankind is **the need of spiritual peace.** We do not need a peace that will consist merely in acts of external or formal courtesy, but a peace which will penetrate the souls of men and which will unite, heal, and reopen their hearts to that mutual affection which is born of brotherly love.*

The peace of Jesus is the only lasting peace that is possible in this world. If an external peace is not somehow rooted in that truth, it will likely fall.

Pius XI wrote these words in 1922, after the conclusion of World War I. The peace established was unfortunately only an illusion, as history has proved.

*Peace indeed was signed in solemn conclave between the belligerents of the late War. **This peace, however, was only written into treaties. It was not received into the hearts of men, who still cherish the desire to fight one another and to continue to menace in a most serious manner the quiet and stability of civil society.** Unfortunately the law of violence held sway so long that it has weakened and almost obliterated all traces of those natural feelings of love and mercy which the law of Christian charity has done so much to encourage. Nor has this illusory peace, written only on*

paper, served as yet to reawaken similar noble sentiments in the souls of men.

It was an external peace, “written” on paper. This type of peace will never endure.

The remedy that can correct this false peace comes from Jesus Christ.

The only remedy for such state of affairs is the peace of Christ since the peace of Christ is the peace of God, which could not exist if it did not enjoin respect for law, order, and the rights of authority.

It is our duty to pray for the peace to reign in the hearts of all, but **we too can help establish that peace.**

*But peace **does not consist merely in a hard inflexible justice.** It must be made acceptable and easy by being compounded almost equally of **charity and a sincere desire for reconciliation.** Such peace was acquired for us and the whole world by Jesus Christ, a peace which the Apostle in a most expressive manner incarnates in the very person of Christ Himself when he addresses Him, “He is our peace” ... Therefore, the Apostle beholds in the work of Redemption, which is **a work of justice at one and the same time, a divine work of reconciliation and of love.** Of this peace of Christ, which dwells in our hearts and is, in effect, **the love of God.***

We must work together to reconcile with each other, healing divisions and putting into practice our love of neighbor. If we want peace to reign on earth, it must come from God and from our own heart.

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.

-If someone without faith eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?

If "to receive" means "to consume," the answer is yes, for what the person consumes is the Body and Blood of Christ. If "to receive" means "to accept the Body and Blood of Christ knowingly and willingly as what they are, so as to obtain the spiritual benefit," then the answer is no. A lack of faith on the part of the person eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ cannot change what these are, but it does prevent the person from obtaining the spiritual benefit, which is communion with Christ. Such reception of Christ's Body and Blood would be in vain and, if done knowingly, would be sacrilegious (1 Cor 11:29). Reception of the Blessed Sacrament is not an automatic remedy. If we do not desire communion with Christ, God does not force this upon us. Rather, we must by faith accept God's offer of communion in Christ and in the Holy Spirit, and cooperate with God's grace in order to have our hearts and minds transformed and our faith and love of God increased.

2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal
"Love Thy Neighbor"

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Diocesan Ministries Appeal is dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals, with a total of almost \$ 713,000 returned to parishes from last year's Appeal – and over \$ 3.25 million in five years! Please help your neighbors in need and our own parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2020appeal.org.

Names on the Sick List

We have deleted all the names on the bulletins sick list and are starting off fresh. There are many people on the list who have died and we were never notified. Please call the parish office if you want to have a family member added to the list. Speak to the person before you ask for their names to be added. There are times the sick prefers privacy.



The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – November 21st

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Savior, she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, "Let it be done to me," was a great act of faith. Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead.

She replied yes to the angel's announcement and agreed to become the mother of Jesus, and the Church has declared Mary to be the Mother of God. Because she was the first to say yes to the Messiah, the Church has declared her to be the Mother of the Church.

The feast of the presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3-years-old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to his grace and dedicate yourself to him, as Mary did.

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.

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| Total received to date: | \$ 62,500.00 |
| Unpaid pledges: | \$ 900.00 |
| Total: | \$ 63,400.00 |

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

How can I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me!"

--Saint Elizabeth of Hungary



“ A rich life is indeed the one that ends without regrets for what we should ought to have done. ”

A woman celebrating her ninetieth birthday was asked to share with the people one thing she had learned in all those years she thinks that would be helpful to people. And do you know what she said? What do you think was the one shining nugget of wisdom she gathered from her years of life experience? She said, "A rich life is one that ends without regrets. But beware, for the most stubborn regrets at the end of life are probably not those things you did that you wish you had not done. The things you will most likely regret are those things you did not do, that you wish to God, now, that you had."

Wise words indeed! For all the appropriate attention we give to avoiding wrong behavior in our lives, it just may be those good things left undone that trip our regret button at the end. Things like saying, "I love you" or "I'm sorry," while there is still time. Little things like writing that thank you note or remembering the birthday of a lonely widower next door or inviting someone who has no place to go for Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. These are the small pivots around which a life richly lived may turn. And to leave them undone is to risk a life left undone.

Beware things left undone. This is the life lesson contained in our Old Testament and Gospel lessons for today, illustrated by both a positive and a negative example. "First, the positive example; consider the description of the ideal woman in the lesson from Proverbs. Of course, it comes from a different time and culture than our own—hence the words about spinning her own clothes, rising while it is still night to cook breakfast, and planting a vineyard while her husband sits at the city gates. By no means is this meant to be a literal standard for today's wife and mother. It is hard enough to deal with the impossible demands of running a household without adding yet another set of burdens for women to bear." This first reading starts beautifully with, "When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls, her husband entrusting his heart to her, has unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil." It points that the ideal wife is lauded for what she does. It is her actions that speak loudly, and that linger longest to shape the character of her children. Her heart of love is revealed in the things she does for her husband and children, the things she says, the ways she serves, the manner in which she leads. This is a hymn of praise for a woman in action. And even though that endless "to do" list exhausts her at times, this Proverb says that in the end "her children will rise to call her blessed" (Proverbs 31:28). I would kindly say to wives and mothers, if you are not appreciated for all you do for the family, never worry, someday your husband and children will look back and will be amazed for the great things you have done.

The second part is from the gospel which deals with what could have been done but not done. Consider the servant in the parable of Jesus who hid the master's money until the master returned at the accounting. The first two servants invested their master's money profitably. Sadly, the third servant feared losing his master's money buried it for safe keeping. Sadly, he fails in his stewardship, he fails his master, and for his failure he is thrown into the darkness where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth. "Perhaps the servant was afraid. But it is not only for this that he is punished. All of us are afraid sometimes. Surely the other two servants who invested the master's money were nervous too. But the failure was allowing that fear to paralyze him, to render him totally inactive. In other words, his failure was not in what he did that he ought not to have done. His failure was in what he did not do, that he ought not to have left undone. But where does these readings take us?

What good is the Good News if we keep it to ourselves? Christ's message—the Good News of compassion, of mercy, of justice, of hope—is meant to be lived. It is meant to be shared. It is meant to be spread to others. Are we doing that? Or are we too frightened of what that might involve? Again and again, we hear in the gospels these simple words: "Do not be afraid." In this parable, we see the consequences of being afraid. But the call to live the gospel is a call to be fearless. At the end, we have to give an accounting before God. But remember a rich life is indeed the one that ends without regrets for what we should ought to have done. --Fr. Abuchi