

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, January 29, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am / 9:00am / 11:00am

Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday: 8:30am (except Wed.)
Wednesday: 7:00pm

First Friday Mass: 2:00pm
@Homestead Nursing Home
Civic Holidays: 9:00am
Holy Days: 8:30am / 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 9:00am-12:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15pm-4:45pm

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, & Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the office to arrange.

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What is the ultimate purpose of human existence?

One of Aristotle's most influential works is the [Nicomachean Ethics](#), where he presents a theory of happiness that is still relevant today, over 2,300 years later. Aristotle answers that the ultimate purpose of human existence is "happiness." Everywhere we see people seeking pleasure, wealth, good food/drinks, a good reputation is just to make to make them happy. For Aristotle, "Happiness depends on acquiring a moral character, where one displays the virtues of courage, generosity, justice, friendship, and citizenship in one's life. These virtues involve striking a balance or "mean" between an excess and a deficiency."

In today's gospel Jesus gives a true and clearer meaning of happiness. This he explains in his sermon on the mount. The sermon opens with the verses we know as "The Beatitudes" which mean "the blessings," "happy" or "joyous." The beatitudes are the road map for attaining perfect happiness. The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in mourning and persecution? Christ wants us to be humble in spirit, to be clean of heart, to be merciful, to be peacemakers and so forth.

This radical happiness of which Jesus speaks is not void of risk. In fact, Jesus warns of persecution, retribution and even death to those who take up His way of life and love. He nevertheless assures those persecuted for this just cause to rejoice for they will be rewarded greatly in heaven. "The Beatitudes teach us how to become more like God, how to reflect the goodness and beauty and truth in the heart of God, in the Sacred Heart of Jesus." Most of all, the ultimate purpose of our existence is to live in perfect happiness which can only be attained when we live in harmony with Christ and others.

— Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, January 28 (Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas)**

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 / Mk 4:35-41

8:30am Special Intention

5:00pm Karl Weisser

Sunday, January 29

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 5:1-12A

7:30am All Parishioners of OLMC

9:00am Intentions of Callistus

11:00am Intention of Lorraine Paxton on her 90th Birthday

Monday, January 30

Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20

8:30am For Political Leaders

Tuesday, January 31 (Memorial of St. John Bosco)

Heb 12:1-4 / Mk 5:21-43

8:30am Philomena Nazzaro

Wednesday, February 1

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mk 6:1-6

7:00pm Bob Froetscher

Thursday, February 2 (Feast of Presentation of the Lord)

Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

8:30am Edward Muller, Sr.

Friday, February 3

Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:30-34

8:30am Francine Manner

Saturday, February 4

Heb 13:15:17, 20-21 / Mk 4:35-41

8:30am For Peace in the World

5:00pm Deceased Members of the Weisser & Muller Families

Sunday, February 5

Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16

7:30am Irene Doyle

9:00am Concetta Bertucci

11:00am Intentions of Patrick

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Lindsey Brooke, Joseph Colon, Terry Comex, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Doug Ernst, Sr. Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Les Humienny, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Kden LeoGrande, Charles Longo, Pete Mahler, Mary Jo Manno, Susanne Martone, James B. Nienstedt, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, John Samssock, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jerome Pasternak, Connie Pyne, Peter F. Reynolds, Colleen Romano, Sal Romano, Carol Rock, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, James Scales, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmiditty, Rose Marie Sciascia, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Pat Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, January 22

\$3,145.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for
An End to Abortion

**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: Larisa Furs, US Navy; Lt. Jason Gieniewski, U.S. Army; Pvt. Daniel Michael Mobilio, Army; Captain Richi M. Pazdzierski, US Army;

Captain Jane Petrick, Army; Lt. Daniel T. Pevarnik Jr., National Guard; Captain Cheryl Ryan, US Army; Seaman Recruit Tylor Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Robert Williams, Airman

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.

FAREWELL TO KATHY MODROW

Kathy Modrow has worked in our parish for over twelve years. She retires on February 3rd. We thank her for years of devoted service to the parish. I invite you to join me to say thank you and farewell to her on **February 5th** after 11am Mass.

Many thanks to **Ann Johnson** who have been working hard in different ways. She will continue to be our secretary and book keeper. I thank **Caroline Mazzola** for accepting to be our parish Secretary. I'm sure she will contribute greatly with her talents to our parish.

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS

Save the Date: March 23, 2017 - Assumption College for Sisters' 16th Annual Caring Basket Gala!

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, NJ, is proud to honor Father Brian Plate, Eileen and Les Quick and Terry and Prudence Pigott for their service to Church, family and community. Assumption College for Sisters, sponsored by the Sisters of Christian Charity, exists primarily to educate women called to consecrated life.

The Gala raises scholarship money for the Sisters' education which equips them with the necessary pastoral and professional skills for ministry. For more information, contact Patricia McGrady 973-957-0188 ext. 101, or email: gala@acs350.org.

AUXILIUM SCHOOL

PART TIME CAREGIVERS NEEDED!

The Auxilium School is looking for part-time caregivers with flexible hours to work in our Infant/Toddler program. We are looking for responsible, nurturing, committed individuals to join our staff. CPR/FA certified preferred. Some additional training may be required. Please fax your resume to us at (973) 383-3214 or email us at Schooloffice@campauxilium.org

HOMESTEAD EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are in dire need of volunteers to take the Eucharist to the residents of the Homestead Rehab & Health Care Center in Newton. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and can help out one Sunday every 5 weeks, please contact Dan Salvatore at 973-579-1908.

GERTRUDE HAWK EASTER CANDY

The parish Knights of Columbus are selling Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy as a fund raiser for Right to Life programs. Candy catalogues are available in the kitchen and at each of the church doors and there is a box for completed order forms in the kitchen. The Knights thank you for your past and continued support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next children's Mass will be **February 5th** at 11 am. Grade 6 will be actively participating.

February 5th is the *Rite of Candidacy* for the second year Confirmation candidates at the 11:00 am Mass.

The next Confirmation gathering will be **February 12th** in the Community Center from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

The following children's Mass will be **February 19th** at 11 am. Grade 4 will actively participating.

Attention Youth Group and all Church members: Please see the youth group bulletin board for all upcoming youth group events. The board is located in the entry way to the hall. For more information on the youth group and upcoming events, please email olmcyg@gmail.com.

LEGACY GIFTS

Lord reminds us of the abundant blessings that come from a generous heart. "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

When you give your time, talent and financial resources to our parish, it strengthens our faith community in so many wonderful ways!

Did you know that there are also opportunities to make a legacy gift to Our Lady of Mount Carmel that will touch the lives of parishioners for generations to come? Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish in your will and estate plans. For more information, call our parish at 973-383-3566 or contact our diocesan development office at 973-777-8818, ext 215 for further assistance and to discuss options that might work for you. Thank you so much for all you do for Our Lady of Mount Carmel — now and in the future!