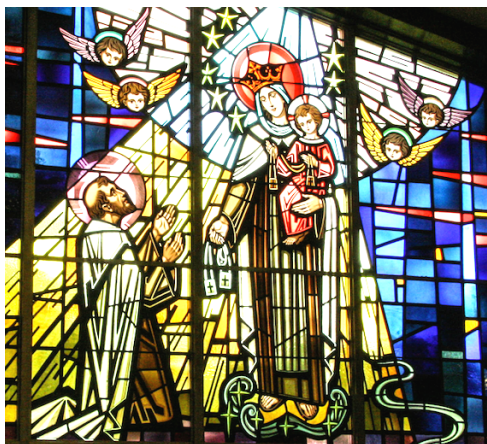


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, September 3, 2017
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 profit would there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his/her life?

Do you know that yearning for more is the secret sauce that fuels and rewards advertising campaigns? We are told that if we have the newest phone, or the next generation technology on our TV's or the larger house, or the new model vehicle, we will be happy, the envy of neighbors — and we believe it! We end up buying more and more to make us happy. Unfortunately, it is only a temporal happiness. How about if we go beyond temporal happiness and possibly search for permanent happiness? Long lasting happiness cannot be found on material things. It can only be found by being faithful to God, to live in harmony with others as well as making a difference in the lives of others.

It is not surprising Jesus warned us today in the gospel, "What profit would there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" In addition, He warned His followers, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Following such requirement doesn't come so easy. Jesus of course, is not telling us to abandon our material needs. He's rather telling us never to allow too much comfort and accumulation of material possessions to deprive us from eternal happiness, and consequently, forfeit our eternal life with God. We should examine our lives and ask ourselves what make us happy and how do we pursue it.

"In 2005, Steve Jobs gave a commencement speech at Stanford. He talked about success, failure, love and loss. He described how he learned that he had pancreatic cancer, and how the odds were stacked against him. Incredibly, six years later, he is still alive. But he mentioned too, a question that has given his life its focus. Every day, he said, he has looked in the mirror and asked himself, "If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?" Probably we can rephrase it and ask ourselves, "If today were the last day of my life, would God want me to do what I am about to do today?"

Standing before our merciful Judge-God, our life is not going to be measured on how many years we lived or measured by what we accomplished, or measured by what we possessed. It is only going to be measured on how faithful we lived, and how we used gifts God has given us to bring joy and make a difference in the lives of others and the community.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, September 2**

1 THES 4:9-11 / MT 25:14-30

8:30am Duncan Fitton

5:00pm Deceased Members of Weisser and Muller Families

Sunday, September 3

JER 20:7-9 / ROM 12:1-2 / MT 16:21-27

7:30am For Students and Teachers

9:00am Intentions of Rose Grillo

11:00am Alvin Welter

Monday, September 4-Labor Day

1 THES 4:13-18 / LK 4:16-30

9:00am Lois and Bernard

Tuesday, September 5

1 THES 5:1-6, 9-11 / LK 4:32-37

8:30am Oddie Ndeche

Wednesday, September 6

COL 1:1-8 / LK 4:38-44

7:00pm Duncan Fitton

Thursday, September 7

COL 1:9-14 / LK 5:1-11

8:30am Raymond Varga

Friday, September 8-Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary

MI 5:1-4A or ROM 8:28-30 / MT 1:1-16, 18-23

8:30am Sal Romano, Sr.

Saturday, September 9-Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest

COL 1:21-23 / LK 6:1-5

8:30am Donatus K.U.

5:00pm Norma E. Zaleski

Sunday, September 10

EZ 33:7-9 / ROM 13:8-10 / MT 18:15-20

7:30am Eleanor Ann Sylvester

9:00am Peter Camiolo

11:00am Alfons Toriello

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Joseph Colon, Terry Comer, Meghan Corcoran, Michael Corcoran, Fr. Angelus Croce, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst, Sr., Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Les Hummienny, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Betty Lacovara, Kimberly Lane, Kden LeoGrande, Charles Longo, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jerome Pasternak, Ellie Prakopcyk, Owen Primavera, Connie Pyne, Maryanne Quara, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer Colleen Romano, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samssock, James Scales, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD**Sunday, August 27****\$3709.50****Missionary Co-Op Plan****\$2556.00****Thank you for your generosity!****SANCTUARY LAMP**

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp
Burns For
Agnes Silbernagel*

**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

**WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA****Wednesday Sept. 13th:**

The World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802. Join us as we celebrate the **100th** Anniversary of the Fifth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Come pray the Rosary in the beautiful Outdoor Rosary Garden. Visit the Holy House USA, containing crushed stone from the Holy House of Loreto; the actual baldacchino and altar over which the last great apparition of Fatima took place; and the largest extant piece of the tree upon which Our Lady stood at Fatima.

Confessions start 10:30 AM**Noon Rosary Procession****12:30 pm-Speaker David Carollo****Holy Mass 1:00 pm****Main Celebrant-Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio, Diocese of Brooklyn.****Celebration ends with the Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Info: www.bluearmy.com 908-679-1700. A Jubilee Year Plenary Indulgence has been granted to this Shrine.

Mass for Monday, September 4, Labor Day will be at 9:00am. The office will be closed.

FAMILY PROMISE

Our Lady of Mt Carmel serves the homeless of Sussex County about 4 or 5 times a year. We are a "support church" for the Frankford Plains Methodist Church. We make and serve meals and spend the night during the week those without shelter stay at the community center at the Frankford church. Our next time to serve is Thursday and Friday, September 14 and 15. We do have volunteer cooks but we need help to cover the evening shift. This would mean spending the night at Frankford church from about 7 pm to 7 a.m. The volunteer would sleep in a private room(classroom) and cot and bed linens would be provided. If you can help out or have any questions please call Mary Anne Condit (973-219-3352) or Dan Salvatore (973)579-1908.

Congratulations to newly baptized baby Allison Rose Weir on Saturday, August 19, 2017.

Welcome, precious little child. So divine from God above. Christened today in Jesus' name, Held in His arms of love. May angels guide your tiny feet and bring smiles to wear and may our Heavenly Father always keep you in his care.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

-Reminder-

There is still time to register your kids for the CCD and Confirmation programs. Please kindly do so as soon as possible.

Thank you and God bless, Dan Salvatore, CRE

PARISH LEGACY GIFTS

Many thanks to some parishioners who have graciously made part of their will to the parish.

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 your 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!

ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST (1581-1654)

Known as the slave of the slaves, St. Peter was born to a prosperous family in Verdu, Spain and earned his first degree in Barcelona. He entered the Jesuits in 1601. While studying philosophy in Majorca, Peter was encouraged by Alphonsus Rodriguez, the saintly doorkeeper of the college, to go to the Indies to save "millions of perishing souls."

Peter set out and landed in Categena in 1610 after completing his studies in Bogata. He was ordained in 1616. Catagena was one of two ports where slaves from Africa arrived to be sold in South America. Peter worked daily to minister to the needs of the 10,000 slaves who arrived each year.

When a ship arrived, Peter first begged for fruits, biscuits, or sweets to bring to the slaves. He then went on board with translators to bring his gifts as well as his skills as a doctor and teacher. Claver entered the holds of the ships and would not leave until every person received a measure of care. Peter gave short instruction in the Catholic faith and baptized as many as he could. In this way he could prevail on the slave owners to give humane treatment to fellow Christians. Peter Claver baptized more than 300,000 slaves by 1651, when he was sickened by the plague.

In the last years of his life, Peter was too ill to leave his room. The ex-slave who was hired to care for him treated him cruelly, not feeding him many days, and never bathing him. Claver never complained. He was convinced that he deserved this treatment.

In 1654, Peter was anointed with the oil of the Sacrament of the Sick. When Carthaginians heard the news, they crowded into his room to see him for the last time. They treated Peter Claver's room as a shrine, and stripped it of everything but his bedclothes for mementos. Claver died September 7, 1654.

St. Peter Claver was canonized in 1888. His memorial is celebrated on September 9.

