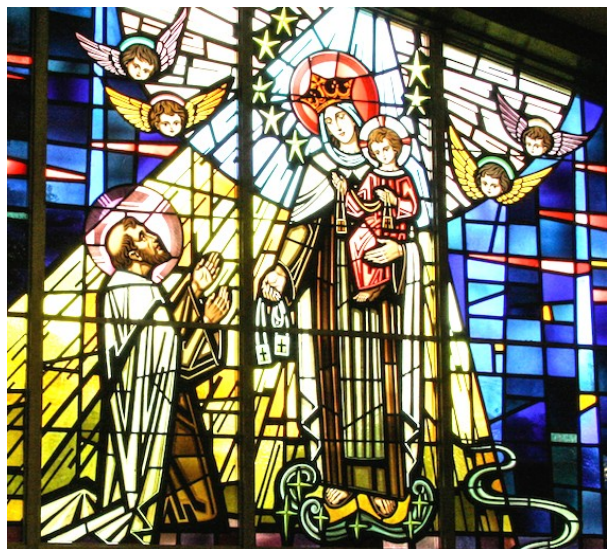


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord



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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, January 5 – Memorial of St. John Neumann

1 JN 3:11-21 / JN 1:43-51

8:30 am Rich Sinski *by Parish Staff*
5:00 pm Car Weisser *by Larry & Mary Anne Condit*

Sunday, January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord

IS 60:1-6 / EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6 / MT 2:1-12

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

9:00 am Irene *by Marty Chapkosky*
11:00 am Thomas Tell, Sr. *by Parish Staff*

Monday, January 7

1 JN 3:22-4:6 / MT 4:12-17, 23-25

8:30 am Ellen Uhl *by Parish Staff*

Tuesday, January 8

1 JN 4:7-10 / MK 6:34-44

8:30 am Intentions of Ron Johnson *by Ann Johnson*

Wednesday, January 9

1 JN 4:11-18 / MK 6:45-52

7:00 pm Intentions of Caroline Mazzola *by Parish Staff*

Thursday, January 10

1 JN 4:19-5:4 / LK 4:14-22

8:30 am Intentions of Deacon Ed Muller
by Muller Family

Friday, January 11

1 JN 5:5-13 / LK 5:12-16

8:30 am Memory of Justina Muller
by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

Saturday, January 12

1 JN 5:14-21 / JN 3:22-30

8:30 am Maureen Foley *by Parish Staff*
5:00 pm Ralph Bozza *by Parish Staff*

Sunday, January 13 – The Baptism of the Lord

IS 42:1-4, 6-7 / ACTS 10:34-38 / LK 3:15-16, 21-22

7:30 am Roger Monaco *by The Ganning Family*
9:00 am Robert Mucha *by Jim Calvert*
11:00 am Frank Uhl *by Parish Staff*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Jennie Apostola, Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, Joseph Colon, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Linda Flynn, Donna Gatto, Richard Hennings, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Brett Mershon, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Jerome Pasternak, Lorraine Paxton, Clarence Remke, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsock, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Richard Sorge, Gene Streeter, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski

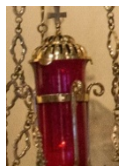
A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, December 23	\$3,318.00
Online Giving	\$250.00
Christmas December 25	\$7,672.00
Online Giving	\$

*There will be a 2nd collection on January 13th for the Diocesan Assessment

Thank you for your generosity!

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for August 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: Major Brandon Bennett, NJ Army National Guard (Federal); Larisa Furs, US Navy; Lt. 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; Captain Cheryl Ryan, US Army; Seaman Recruit Tyler Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman



RCIA PROGRAM

Are any of your relatives, friends or anyone you know who wants to become a full Catholic? Look no further. We are accepting candidates for the RCIA Program. Anybody who is inquiring to know more about the Catholic Faith and teachings, and those who were baptized but did not receive Eucharist or Confirmation, please call the office or e-mail Fr. Abuchi

Religious Education Announcement

Sunday, January 6

- *Next Children’s Mass-8th grade will be actively participating**
- *Confirmation Gathering 7pm – 8:30 pm**

Family Promise

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel helps the homeless of Sussex County by providing meals, fellowship and overnight coverage three times a year at the Frankford Plains Church. our first time to help in 2019 will be Thursday, January 31st and Friday, February 1st. Please consider cooking and serving a meal on one of these evenings or spending the night (in your own room/classroom). these families who may have lost their homes due to financial or family problems appreciate all the help they are given to get back on their feet. It won’t take much sacrifice on your part but will give others the knowledge that God is helping them. For more information call Mary Anne Condit (973)219-3352. Thank you!

Homestead Eucharistic Ministries

On the First Friday of every month, a Mass is held at the Homestead nursing home. Volunteers are needed to bring the residents from their room downstairs to where Mass is being celebrated. The time involved would be approximately 1:30-3:00. Every Sunday we try to bring communion to the Catholic residents of the Homestead who were once active members and even daily Mass attendees at their home parish. Now if we do not bring Communion, the residents may go a long time before receiving Jesus. If you could serve either on the First Friday or on one Sunday of the month, it would help tremendously. Please call the Parish Office to volunteer or for more details (973) 383-3566 or Dan Salvatore (973) 579-1908.

CELEBRATING NEW YEAR 2019

The name "January" comes from the Roman god Janus, the god with two faces, one looking to the past and the other looking to the future. This is indeed a time to look back at the year that has just ended and to look forward to the new year ahead of us. How did I spend this one year of my life that has just passed? Did I use it to advance my goals and objectives in life? Did I use it to enhance the purpose of my existence? Could I have done better last year in the way I invested my time between the demands of work, family, friends and society, and the demands of my spiritual life? What things did I achieve last year and what did I fail to achieve? How can I consolidate the achievements of last year while reversing the failures and losses in this new year? Through soul searching questions like these we find that a review of the past year naturally leads to setting goals and resolutions for the New Year.

Today we celebrate Mary the Mother of God – Mary the mother of our salvation. Mary, the one who gave birth to a new beginning. Let us today resolve to listen more to the voice of God and just like Mary did to treasure God's word and ponder it in our hearts. Then shall we be able to realize our New Year resolution of a new life in union with God.

On this New Year, my hope for you, and wishes for you, is the one we heard in the first reading. It dates to the time of Moses...but was popularized by one of the great deacons of the church, Francis of Assisi...and that is my prayer and wish for all of you: "That the Lord bless you and keep you, that the Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. And that the Lord may look upon you kindly and give you peace"

Knights of Columbus Council 9920 Announcement



The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic gentlemen in union with the Holy See. All Catholic men, 18 and over, are invited to join. Visit "WWW.KofC.org/joinus" to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Grand Knight Bill Nagy at (973) 919-8554 or Terry O'Connor at (201)874-9836

Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

First native-born American, was the founder of the Sisters of Charity, the first American religious society. Elizabeth Bayley was the daughter of a distinguished physician. She devoted a good deal of time to working among the poor and in 1797 she joined Isabella M. Graham and others in founding the first charitable institution in New York City called the Society for the Poor Widows with Small Children, serving as the organization's treasurer for seven years. She had married William M. Seton in 1794 and in 1803 and the eldest of their five children, traveled to Italy for his health. Three years later her husband died of tuberculosis. Because of her experiences and acquaintances in Italy, Seton joined the Roman Catholic Church in NYC in 1805. Herself now a widow with small children, found it difficult to earn a living and many friends and relatives shunned her after her conversion. For a time, she operated a small school for boys. In 1808, Seton accepted an invitation from the priest Louis William Dubourg, president of St. Mary's College in Baltimore, Maryland, to open a school for Catholic girls in that city. Several young women joined in her work and in 1809, her long-held hope to found a religious community was realized when she and her companions took vows before Archbishop John Carroll and became the Sisters of St. Joseph, the first American-based Catholic sisterhood. A few months later, Mother Seton and the sisters moved their home and school to Emitsburg, Maryland, where they provided free education for the poor girls of the parish—an act later considered by many to be the beginning of Catholic parochial education in the United States. In 1812, the order became the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph under a modification of the rule of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Houses of the order were opened in Philadelphia in 1814 and in NYC in 1817. Mother Seton continued to teach and work for the community until her death in 1821, by which time the order had 20 communities. In 1856, Seton Hall University in New Jersey, was named for her and in 1885, the Sisters of Charity founded Seton Hall Junior College (now Seton Hall University) in Greensburg, PA. in her honor. She was canonized in September 1975.



Memorial of St. John Neumann – January 5

This American saint was born in Bohemia in 1811. He was looking forward to being ordained in 1835 when the bishop decided there would be no more ordinations. It is difficult for us to imagine now, but Bohemia was overstocked with priests. John wrote to bishops all over Europe but the story was the same everywhere, no one wanted any more priests. John was sure he was called to be a priest but all the doors to follow that vocation seemed to close in his face. But John didn't give up. He had learned English by working in a factory with English speaking workers so he wrote to the bishops in America. Finally, the bishop in New York agreed to ordain him. In order to follow God's call to the priesthood, John would have to leave his home forever and travel across the ocean to a new and rugged land. In New York, John was one of 36 priests for 200,00 Catholics. John's parish in Western NY stretched from Lake Ontario to Pennsylvania. He spent most of his time traveling from village to village celebrating Mass at kitchen tables. Because of the work and the isolation of his parish, John longed for community and so joined the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. John was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. As bishop, he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. A founder of Catholic education, he increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from 2 to 100. John learn to speak Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch and Gaelic so he could hear confessions in at least 6 languages. John died on January 5, 1860 at the age of 48.





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Today we celebrate the visit of the ancient astrologers popularly called “Wise Men” to the infant Jesus. The Magi’s visitation is called Epiphany. “The Christian tradition pictures the Wise Men as three and even given them the exotic names of Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.” These astrologers began their inquiries after a star was spotted. It was a revelation to them that the savior of the world has been born. Guided by the star, they took a circuitous journey and finally arrived at the birth place of baby Jesus, offering him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Our traditional practice of Christmas gift – giving goes back to the story of the wise men going to Bethlehem, falling down on their knees, and offering the best gifts they could afford to the Baby King. In fact, "the wise men were completely single-minded and sincere in their gift-giving. Their gifts were expressions of their respect, reverence, gratitude and love for the child. Their gifts were given with no strings attached, no conditions, and no mixed motives." There are times people feel obligated to give even when they do not have. Some others give because there are higher expectations afterwards or at least greater things to be expected from the receiver. Whatever it is, we must emulate the wise men who gave freely but with a pure motive. Hence, we must also give with good intentions and with no expectations of rewards or returns for favors. "The flaws in our own gift-giving may make us feel that the whole business of exchanging Christmas presents should be abolished." And of course, there are going to be those who will always give genuinely and never expect a thank you or to receive any form of favors. For example, many parishioners generously buy several Christmas gifts from the giving tree. This is so beautiful because they remain anonymous to the recipients of these gifts. As a matter of fact, the gifts to family and friends at Christmas, spurs people to make donations to the poor and needy at this special time of giving and sharing. Many charities, in fact, experience a big boost at Christmas time.

"The wise men gave gifts they had, not luxuries they borrowed. Theirs were not “virtual” or imaginary gifts. Like those visitors to our Lord’s crib long ago, we too can only give the treasure we have. Such is the gift of grace, and talent God gave you. On this solemnity of the Epiphany, the best decision you might make would be to open your life to receive and experience the forgiving, freeing grace of God, and also to acknowledge many blessing and talents God bestowed on you. The gracious gift received would then become a gift you could give in great love and generosity to others in need of you."

–Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man”

–St. John Chrysostom