

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, February 17, 2019
Sixth 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, February 16

GN 3:9-24 / MK 8:1-10

8:30 am Don K.U. *by K.U. Family*

5:00 pm Michael Sugar *by Salvatore & Barbara Ingallinera*

Sunday, February 17

JER 17:5-8 / 1 COR 15:12, 16-20 / LK 6:17, 20-26

7:30 am Msgr. Leo P. Carey *by Parish Staff*

9:00 am Robrt Mucha *by A Friend*

11:00 am Mauro Colonna *by Joe & Charlene Marchese*

Monday, February 18

GN 4:1-15, 25 / MK 8:11-13

8:30 am Raphael Okeke *by A Friend*

Tuesday, February 19

GN 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 / MK 8:14-21

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

Wednesday, February 20

GN 8:6-13, 20-22 / MK 8:22-26

7:00 pm For Thanksgiving to God *by Carmen Burdi*

Thursday, February 21

GN 9:1-13 / MK 8:27-33

8:30 am In Memory of Karl Weisser
by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

Friday, February 22 – Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

1 PT 5:1-4 / MT 16:13-19

8:30 am Marcel Black *by Parish Staff*

Saturday, February 23 – Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop

HEB 11:1-7 / MK 9:2-13

8:30 am David Weir *by Parish Staff*

5:00 pm Zaleski Family *by Pat & Lester Zaleski*

Sunday, February 24

1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 / 1 COR 15:45-49 / LK 6:27-38

7:30 am Marion Gross *by Parish Staff*

9:00 am Peter Falotico *by A Friend*

11:00 am Mauro Colonna *by Joe & Charlene Marchese*

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, Eva Kieger, Ava Kljajic, Ziggy Knop, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Brett Mershon, Bob Metroke, 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, Diana Salvatore-Hiler, John Samssock, Greg Schmiditty, Alfonso Scrudato, Gloria Shope, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Gene Streeter, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, February 10	\$3,067.00
Online Giving	\$250.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$582.00
Diocesan Online Giving	\$140.00

*There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for European Relief

Thank you for your generosity!

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Recovery of Tyler Rodimer



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



How To Take Young Children to Mass

(Continued)

by Josh & Stacey Noem

At Church

*Sit up front. Yes, sit even in the first pew if it is appropriate at your parish. It can feel scary and even a little out of control the first few times, but it makes a world of difference for little ones to be able to see the action. Over time it also helps them to understand what is most essential about Mass without the distraction of rows and rows of backsides between them and the altar.

*We physically hold our children in our arms during Mass. In fact, we adopted the position that our children's feet do not touch the ground during Mass until they are three years old. This helps in many ways. The children get a better view; as they grow and mature we can talk them through the stories and the actions; and we have a bit more control over their behavior. If an infant or toddler gets squirmy, often switching who is holding them is enough to calm them down. Otherwise we might play a quiet game of "point to the...candles, priest, altar, cross, etc."

*During their two-year-old year, we begin to let our children stand for a portion of Mass or try sitting next to us quietly, instead of on our laps. Then when they turn three it is a special milestone to be big enough to stand, sit and kneel all on their own (although if they can't see over the pew we have them stand during the kneeling portions of the Eucharistic Prayer).

*If an infant or toddler makes a little noise during Mass and settles down right away, try not to feel self-conscious. Most folks except for those closest to you do not even notice. And even if they do notice, give your fellow parishioners credit for being adults who can focus through a small distraction.

*If a child cries or makes continual noise, it is best to calmly step out of the pew and take the child out of the main assembly until they have calmed down or are quiet. However, it is important to return to the worship space as soon as they are quiet, so that children do not begin to associate poor or disruptive behavior with a pass to get out of Mass. Just stand against the wall until it is appropriate to return to the pew. Our experience is that stepping out and returning even a few times is not nearly as disruptive as a crying baby and parishioners appreciate your consideration of their attempt to pray. Those that are parents understand completely.

After Mass

*Praise your children abundantly for their good behavior. If they need some improvement, mention briefly how they might do better next week and explain why. Let them know that you will help them by trying to remind them before the next Mass.

*Answer questions children have about Mass and encourage them to understand the liturgy and its place in our lives.

*For older children consider taking time to discuss the readings and the homily.

Thank you

Thank You to Patricia Cholasta, Dina and Dan Salvatore, Cassie Liobe, Joe Stadler, Charlene Nagy, Stella Apostola, and Richard Parker who volunteered their time this past weekend for the parish dinner with cooking, set up and clean up. Because of you, our parish dinner was a success. We had over 100 people come and a good time was had by all. Thank you also to the parishioners who brought dessert to the dinner.

2019 OLMC YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF!

Please Join Us for the First Meeting of the New Year!

Grades 7-12 are Welcome

Sunday, February 24th

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm - Biesiada Hall

JOY Club Announcement
(Fellowship for Parishioners over 55)

Our next JOY CLUB meeting will be **Tuesday, February 19 at 12pm** in the Church Hall. Lunch will be served. Come join us for good company and some fun. \$5 for lunch and \$2 dues. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Patricia (973)534-7733

FAMILY PROMISE

Volunteers from our parish and another parish hosted the homeless shelter at the Frankford Plains United Methodist Church for two days recently. They Helped with meals and overnight coverage for a family of 9 (mom, dad and 7 kids), a single mom and her 16-year-old and a single woman all without a home. A big Thank You to Dan and Dina Salvatore who provided a meal on Thursday and Lynn Ditullio who spent the night. Thanks too to the Friday volunteers: the meal was provided by Franco Lombardo and fellowship and game playing provided by the Cuneo Family, Ernie, Pam, Grace, Claire. Pam, daughter and Dorothy Sobieski provided overnight coverage. Volunteers kept saying how nice it was to be with these "guests". Our next time to serve will be in April. If you would like to help, please call Mary Anne Condit (973)219-3352.

RCIA -

On Sunday, February 24th at the 11 am Mass, Matt Spies will be formally accepted as a Catechumen. On March 10th, he will meet with all the Catechumens in the diocese at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson for the Rite of Election which will be presided by the bishop. On Easter vigil, he will receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).

Andrew Jaworski is already baptized and he will be accepted as a Candidate. He will eventually receive the rest of the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation).

We pray for them and wish them good luck as they continue their journey to become full members of the Catholic Church.

BLESSING & DEDICATION OF TABERNACLE

On March 3rd at the 11am Mass, we are going to be dedicating the tabernacle dedicated by a parishioner. We want to thank the donor for offering us a beautiful tabernacle. Mary. She, who offered her Son in the temple and on the Cross, will teach us how to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow after her Son.

Getting Married?

For those getting married in the Catholic Church, the highpoint of the wedding day is the wedding liturgy, where bride and groom become husband and wife in the lifelong covenant of marriage (a sacrament for baptized Christians). Thoughtful, prayerful planning and participation in your Catholic wedding ceremony will bring many blessings to your married life.

Pope Francis' advice about weddings:

“Make (your wedding) a real celebration – Because marriage is a celebration – a Christian celebration, not a worldly feast!...

What happened in Cana 2,000 years ago, happens today at every wedding celebration: that which makes your wedding full and profoundly true will be the presence of the Lord who reveals Himself and gives His grace. It is His presence that offers the ‘good wine’, He is the secret to full joy, that which truly warms the heart.

“It is good that your wedding be simple and make what is truly important stand out. Some are more concerned with the exterior details, with the banquet, the photographs, the clothes, the flowers... These are important for a celebration,
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but only if they point to the real reason for your joy: The Lord’s blessing on your love.”

I am still reeling from the Priest Abuse

I feel very ashamed and my heart hurts as I reel from clergy’s abuse. This past week, I am sure you saw the many reports in the media concerning the action of all the dioceses of our state in publishing the names of priests and deacons who were credibly accused of the sexual abuse of minors in the entire history of each person. Several months ago, I addressed it in the weekday and Sunday Masses. At least you know clearly my views and where I stand. These actions involving abuse of minors is intrinsic evil and cannot be condoned. They hurt all of us and are so damaging to the faith of many people.

There is one important fact that I hope you can appreciate in the midst of all the media attention. As awful as these things were in our history, you need to know that there has been great progress made in addressing these issues. Looking backwards, we can see that things have improved. More transparency and accountability have been encouraged in the Church. However, honesty demands that we acknowledge that the evil of the sexual abuse of a minor has affected many institutions in our society that served children, not only the Catholic Church. In our diocese, we have seen hopeful progress.

Please consider this most important fact that was mentioned in the diocesan release from **Bishop Serratelli**:

“Since the Dallas Charter in 2002, three priests from our diocese have been credibly accused of sexually abusing minors. Prior to the Dallas Charter, in the period between the founding of our diocese in 1937 and up to the time of the adoption of the Dallas Charter in 2002, another twenty-four priests and one deacon had been credibly accused of the sexual abuse of minors. One case of a child being abused is one too many. In the name of the Church, I am profoundly sorry that even one priest or minister abused one minor. I apologize to every single victim. We must remain vigilant. We can never be complacent.”

I also kindly ask for your prayers at this difficult time.

The entire statement from Bishop Serratelli can be found at <https://rcdop.org/list>

Fr. Abuchi



“True happiness comes when mankind uses their resources for the right purposes by sharing and caring for those around them.”

Apple founder Steve Jobs enjoyed great popularity throughout his life. He died of pancreatic cancer in 2011. Unfortunately, his relationship with his daughter, Lisa Brennon-Jobs, had been strained throughout his life. He even refused to publicly acknowledge that she was his daughter till 2 years after her birth. After that, the court asked Steve Jobs to take a paternity test and provide child support. Jobs' daughter has written a new memoir talking about her strained relationship with her father. “In her memoir, ‘Small Fry’, Lisa Brennon-Jobs claimed that she visited her dad every month till he died. In the memoir, she recalled another memory with him during a car ride. Apparently, the Apple founder used to buy a new Porsche every time he scratched his. So, wondering where the extra ones went, Lisa asked her father if she could have this one when he was done. But to her utter shock and regret, he refused with anger telling her that she would not get “anything.” This strained relationship created a huge gap between a father who has many and his daughter who has nothing but depends solely on the father who has much to spare. But the daughter will not get it. This kind of behavior summarizes Jesus’ sermon on the mount on the gap between the rich and the poor.

St Luke’s version of the sermon on the mount are to say the least, controversial in comparison to St. Matthew's version. "There are many Biblical scholars who think Luke’s version may be closer to the original language Jesus used." In fact, Jesus addressed a crowd primarily composed of the downtrodden, overworked, and underpaid. They were the ones pushed around by the powerful, excluded from the circles of the posh, always on the outside looking in on the party to which they were never invited. For the original hearers of this sermon on the plain, these words were powerful icons of hope for a brighter day to come, and a reminder that although they seemed forgotten and overlooked by the powerful people around them, they were very much on the mind and heart of Almighty God. On the contrary are those to whom Jesus chastises. Why were they chastised? Because they are well-off, socially popular and in need of nothing. It is difficult for them to have total dependence upon God in these situations. Thus, they have a false sense of security and there will be dire consequences to them at the end.

In the sermon, Jesus is inviting us to use our resources for the right purposes by sharing and caring for those around us. And of course, when mankind walks humbly, takes care of the poor, the orphan, the widow, the alien, and is utterly dependent upon God, then true happiness and peace ensues. But when mankind gets prosperous, self-seeking, independent, and disregards the marginalized, then there will be no true happiness. **–Fr. Abuchi**



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.”

–St. Francis