

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, March 17, 2019  
Second Sunday of Lent



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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, March 16**

DT 26:16-19 / MT 5:43-48

8:30 am Recovery of Tyler Rodimer *by Youth Group*

5:00 pm Tina Stolz *by Boettcher Family*

**Sunday, March 17**

GN 15:5-12, 17-18 / PHIL 3:17-4:1 / LK 9:28B-36

7:30 am Robert P. Hardy *by Parish Staff*

9:00 am Koltek Family *by Knas Family*

11:00 am Michael Sugar *by Pat & Lester Zaleski*

**Monday, March 18**

DN 9:4B-10 / LK 6:36-38

8:30 am Jerome Pasternak *by Tom & Darlene Scarince*

**Tuesday, March 19 – Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16 / ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22 / MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A

8:30 am Recovery of Tyler Rodimer *by Veliz Family*

**Wednesday, March 20**

JER 18:18-20 / MT 20:17-28

7:00 pm Intentions of Marina Veliz *by Veliz Family*

**Thursday, March 21**

JER 17:5-10 / LK 16:19-31

8:30 am Patricia Sweeney *by Larry & Mary Anne Condit*

**Friday, March 22**

GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A / MT 21:33-43, 45-46

8:30 am Alicia Del Valle *by Kuefner Family*

**Saturday, March 23**

MI 7:14-15, 18-20 / LK 15:1-3, 11-32

8:30 am Healing of Judy Bergeron *by Parish Staff*

5:00 pm Martin Boettcher *by Boettcher Family*

**Sunday, March 24**

EX 3:1-8A, 13-15 / 1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12 / LK 12:1-9

7:30 am Fr. John Quinlan *by Parish Staff*

9:00 am Mazur Family *by Knas Family*

11:00 am Anna Klym *by Calascibetta Family*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING**

Jennie Apostola, John Barrett, Lucy Barrett, 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, Tyler Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, Diana Salvatore-Hiler, John Samssock, Greg Schmiditty, 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**

<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>\$2,292.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>\$536.00</b>
<b>Diocesan Assessment</b>	<b>\$821.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Msgr. Paul Knauer*



**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



**St. Patrick – March 17**



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world’s most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was 14 or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God. Patrick’s captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: “I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus and he carried many letters and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: ‘The Voice of the Irish.’ As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: ‘We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.’ The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. When Patrick arrived in Ireland on March 25, 433, he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftan and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland where he converted many people- eventually thousands-and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick’s message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering, he died March 17, 461 at Saul where he built his first church.

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing – not even death.

**Lent 2019**

**Confession**

Every Monday, March 11 – April 8  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM and at all Parishes in the Diocese.



**Lenten Meatless Soup Suppers**

Every Friday at 6:00 PM during lent.

**Stations of the Cross**

Begins at 7:00 PM following the Meatless Soup Supper.

Our annual **Lenten Meatless Soup Suppers** are held each Friday during lent. Dinner starts at 6PM with **Stations of the Cross** beginning at 7PM. A free donation is suggested – all proceeds will go to the Church. Sign-up sheets are at the side doors. Set-up and clean-up help is needed. Please call Dina (973)579-1908 if you have any questions or would like more information on this Our Lady of Mount Carmel tradition.

**Newly Baptized**

**Congratulations to Miles Narducci who was baptized on Saturday, March 9, 2019.**

*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 you smiles to wear and may our heavenly Father always keep you in His care.”*

**The Way of the Cross –**

**A Franciscan Mystery Play at Saint Kateri, Sparta**

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 pm, the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of “The Way of the Cross” at Saint Kateri Parish, 427 Stanhope Rd., Sparta, NJ. Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, the Mystery Play is not a “play” in the common sense, but is in fact a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion and how it relates to their life today. The group is comprised of 14 teens and 8 adult supervisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Adults and teens are encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience. We suggest you arrive 10 minutes early. A free will offering will be taken.

**JOY Club Announcement  
(Fellowship for Parishioners over 55)**

Our next JOY CLUB meeting will be **Tuesday, March 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

**Knights of Columbus Announcement**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 5:00 pm Mass. The event will be held in Biesiada Hall for a donation of \$10.00 per dinner for adults. Seniors & children 12 & under \$8.00. **Please support the Knights.**



**OLMC Youth Group Announcement**

**Grades 7-12 are Welcome!**

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

**Biesiada Hall**

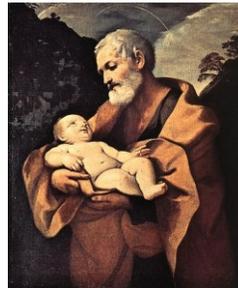
Lunch, Games, Prayer and FUN!

Any questions, contact Heather: [olmc@gmail.com](mailto:olmc@gmail.com)

**Don Bosco Columbiettes # 7784**

The Don Bosco Columbiettes are now taking orders for Easter Palm Crosses. This fresh Palm Cross is handmade with 10 fan sets of 6 palm hoops, 2 plastic lilies and a bow. The bottom of the of the wooden lath is cut at an angle for easy ground insertion. All crosses are individually wrapped in a clear poly bag. Palm Crosses outer dimensions: 26" x 14" and the cost is \$10.00. **Advanced Orders Only.** For additional information, please call Miriam Montagne at (201)230-1273. Palm Crosses will be available for pick-up the weekend of April 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center (directly across the street from St. Joe's Church). Please mail your orders by March 23<sup>rd</sup> along with payment to: **Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784**, PO Box 412 Newton, NJ 07860

**Solemnity of Saint Joseph – Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary – March 19**



The Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John tell us everything we know about Joseph, the husband of Jesus' mother, Mary. But the importance of Joseph's part in God's plan is first found in the Book of Isaiah in the Old Testament. Through the prophet Isiah, God promises to send a Messiah to save all people. The

Savior will come from the "House of David," which means that he will be an ancestor of King David. Both Matthew and Luke Gospels tell us that Joseph was from the family of David.

\*In Matthew's Gospel, we learn that the angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph and told him the child Mary would have was from the Holy Spirit. The angel told Joseph to name the child "Jesus," which means "God saves."

\*The Gospel tells us that Joseph was a 'just man'. That means that he was faithful to God and said yes to God's plan for him to be Mary's husband and Jesus' foster father. He was faithful to Mary, caring for her while they waited for her baby to be born. He was faithful to Jesus, protecting him when he learned of King Herod's plan to kill him and, when the danger passed, helping Mary raise Jesus with love in the small town of Nazareth. We honor Joseph's faithfulness to God, Mary and Jesus on March 19 each year. We pray that we too can be obedient to God's plan for us.

\*On May 1, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Joseph was a carpenter and he taught Jesus his trade. Celebrating the work that Joseph did to support his family helps us to remember to pray that God watches over all workers and protects them from accidents. We honor St. Joseph the Worker when we respect and appreciate all workers. We can also ask God to help unemployed people to find satisfying work.

**St. Joseph, Patron Saint of carpenters, fathers, travelers and workers.**



**“Our true citizenship is heaven and that should be our final destiny.”**

Early in the public life of Jesus, Peter had confessed that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." Although Jesus was very pleased with Peter's answer, he went further to reveal to them the true meaning of His identity. In short words, He explained to them, "He is going to suffer greatly, be rejected by chief priests. He will be crucified, die on the cross but will be resurrected on the third day." And for those aspiring to be on the list of His followers, He added, "let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Today's Gospel picks up after the above statement. Since He has already spoken about His identity and necessary requirement for His followers, He also needed to convince His men that in fact, there is glory after the crucifixion on the Calvary. So, next He took Peter, James, and John to a high mountain for prayer and mountain top experience. "And while he was praying, He transfigured. The appearance of his face changed and his clothes became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared with him. The disciples take it all in stunned, perplexed, and full of questions." "According to St. Leo the great, the principal aim of the Transfiguration is to banish from the disciples' souls the scandal of the cross and His voluntary suffering. The marvel of the Transfiguration contains lessons for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge." Christ's transfiguration also has many things to teach us today. It teaches us that Christ will always be in our midst but in different ways. Christ transfigures before us in the Blessed sacrament in forms of bread and wine. We encounter Christ daily in the people we meet, and He teaches us to take care of them and to be nice to them. Thus, He said, "Whatever you do to the least of my people you have done to me." Besides, it teaches us that our earthly life will someday come to an end. And Like St. Paul stated in the second reading, "our citizenship is in heaven." Therefore, as we live our earthly life to remember we will await the savior, the Lord Jesus Christ who will change our lowly body to conform with His glorious body."

Where does these readings take us today? Now we are some 12 days into our Lenten journey. It is a time to look back again on our personal lives, our relationship with God and also our relationship with others. Can we give up something that might prevent us getting close to God? Maybe we should look at what Abraham did in the first reading. "He offered to God his wealth, his security, that which was important to him. A heifer, goat, and ram—all three years old—were entering the most fertile season of their lives. We would say Abram sacrificed, gave away three of the most valuable, costly possessions he had." What are you holding so tightly that prevents you from transforming your life? The moment we acknowledge that our citizenship is in heaven and that our transfigured Christ will demand account of our life, we will give up a lot of things to be with Him. The question is what are you going to give up?

**–Fr. Abuchi**



**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"I pray to God to give me perseverance and to deign that I be a faithful witness to Him to the end of my life for my God."

**–Saint Patrick**