

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, August 27, 2017  
21st 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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Terrence O'Connor, Grand Knight

## The power of keys in our lives

Keys and Locks are used by all of us in our daily life. Have you ever imagined what could have happened if locks and keys were never invented? Keys and Locks provide us much of the security in the current world of crime and theft. The major benefit of locks is that it protects our house and property from unauthorized persons. Perfect and sturdy locks could prevent the entry of unwanted persons into our private premises. When there is a lock, there is also a key to unlock. We have our own personal keys. There are times when keys are handed over to people when they take on a new job or change to a different position. The key is powerful but also speaks volumes of the authority or access giving to the 'key receiver.'

In today's gospel, "Key" is entrusted to the Apostle Peter. When Jesus asked the apostles a question about His true identity, Peter boldly declared Jesus as "Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus acknowledges Peter's answer as revealed by God. Following his answer, Christ built and entrusted the authority of the Church to Peter. He goes on to say, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth shall be lost in heaven." Although Peter was not a perfect person, he carried the authority invested on him by Christ properly. Peter denied Christ three times. St. John Chrysostom said, "his falling to sin was a providential grace to teach him from his own experience of his own weakness on how to deal kindly to others also on their own weakness."

In today's first reading, similar authority was also granted to Shebna. He was a servant who moved up to the position of controller or governor of the King's household which would be a very prominent position. Shebna apparently took every advantage that came with it. He became so selfish and focused on his own desires and his own glory. Because of his pride and selfishness, God dethroned him. He was stripped of all his "keys" of authority. Indeed absolute power corrupts.

Many of us hold different "keys" to different places and departments. The 'key' becomes the symbol of authority given to us. It is like the keys, that is, the authority of the kingdom of heaven granted to St. Peter. The lesson is: Do not use the 'key' — the power and the authority given to you to advance your personal agenda, your glory and your personal gains. Those in authority or in power at any given time, should discharge their duties properly, must be willing at every moment to listen and to respect peoples. Most of all, they should be humble and serve according to the needs of the people.

—Fr. Abuchi

**Mass Intentions for the Week****Saturday, August 26**

RU 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17 / MT 23:1-12

8:30am Gerard Salvatore

5:00pm Antonio and Virginia Salvatore

**Sunday, August 27**

IS 22:19-23 / ROM 11:33-36 / MT 16:13-20

7:30am Josefa Reyes

9:00am William Muller

11:00am Patricia Cribbin

**Monday, August 28-Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10 / MT 23:13-22

8:30am Frances and William Wilks

**Tuesday, August 29-Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist**

1 THES 2:1-8 / MK 6:17-29

8:30am For Souls In Purgatory

**Wednesday, August 30**

1 THES 2:9-13 / MT 23:27-32

7:00pm Bob Froetscher

**Thursday, August 31**

1 THES 3:7-13 / MT 24:42-51

8:30am For Private Intentions

**Friday, September 1**

1 THES 4:1-8 / MT 25:1-13

8:30am Isadore Crivelli

**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

9:00am Intentions of Rose Grillo

11:00am Alvin Welter

**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 Samsoc, 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 20

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Assumption

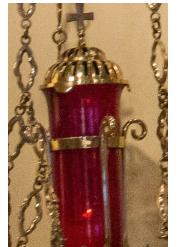
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\*There will be a second collection this weekend for the Missionary Cooperation Plan

Thank you for your generosity!

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns For the Intention of Eleanor Long*

**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



Dear Parish Family,

I would like to thank you for your support of our *Pride In Our Parish* increased offertory program. The results confirm our commitment as a community and our desire to continue our mission. I am grateful to each of you for your offering, but this is more about our concern for each other and our parish. You have helped each other through your collective sacrifice. As we build our faith, we must now implement the appropriate actions to build our parish.

Thank you for your dedication to our parish family and to the commitment you are making. I pray that our good Lord continues to bless you and our parish family as we meet our challenges.

Fr. Abuchi

**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.

**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 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. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP (354-430)****St. Augustine Of Hippo**

Augustine Aurelius was born November 13, 354 in Tagaste, North Africa. His father was a pagan and his mother, St. Monica, was a devout Christian.

Despite being brought up Christian, Augustine lived a life of 'loose living'. This famous son of **St. Monica** spent many years of his **life** in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up Christian, his sins of impurity and his **pride** darkened his mind so much that he could not see or understand the Divine **Truth** anymore. Through the **prayers** of his holy mother and the preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that **Christianity** was the one true religion. But that did not happen right away. Augustine thought that he could never live a pure life.

One day, he heard about two men who had been converted on reading the **life** of St. Anthony and he felt ashamed of himself. Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then he heard a child singing "Take up and read!" He knew **God** intended for him to hear those words. He picked up the book of the letters of **St. Paul** and read the first passage his eyes fell on. The passage said to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. From then on, Augustine began a new life. He became devout and charitable. He practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor up until his death.

Augustine was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous **Catholic** writer, Founder of religious priests and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. With his holy life, he made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. His **feast day** is August 28th.

**OLMC TRICKY TRAY****SAVE THE DATE!**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church** will be holding its annual **Tricky Tray** on **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**. As you might know this is our biggest fundraiser of the year which benefits the entire church a great deal. The proceeds of the event go directly back to the church for expenses and repairs. We will need volunteers to assist the Tricky Tray team. If you are interested in volunteering, you may join us on Tuesdays for our meetings at 7:00pm. You may also contact: Kelly Kays: (201)317-7881 or [kellymariekays@yahoo.com](mailto:kellymariekays@yahoo.com) or Kaitlin Voris: (973)903-2176 or [ksheehyk@gmail.com](mailto:ksheehyk@gmail.com). We will have more information for you in the coming weeks. Thank you!

**\*Tricky Tray drop off dates and times:**

**Weekend of August 26/27**

**\*Please drop off trays in the Hall**