

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, September 24, 2017
25th 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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God's thoughts and ways are completely different from us!

In today's gospel, Jesus tells a parable on what the kingdom of heaven is like and it doesn't sound as if the Lord and Master of the kingdom plays fair. The Landowner is the Lord himself who directs how things are to be in the kingdom. The setting of the parable would be immediately recognizable by Jesus' original hearers. The characters, hiring process, and other details of the story reflect the real life situation of Jesus' day. "As was the custom of the day, a worker was hired early in the morning and paid at the end of the day." Looking at the story from purely monetary point of view, the parable contains a twist and surprise ending.

"The landowner goes back throughout the day—at 9:00 am, at noon, at 3:00 pm, and even again at 5:00 pm, when the workday was almost finished—hiring workers at those odd and impossibly late hours, simply promising them to pay them what is right." The payment of the workers, alongside the landowner generosity must have shocked Jesus' audience. Even for us, in today's modern time, we all know some workers are paid per hour. Those who worked several hours make more money than those who only work for few hours, but not the same with this parable. "Here the landowner is probably looking at things from two perspectives: justice and fairness on the one hand and mercy and generosity on the other. He was fair and just to those who worked all day as agreed upon. However, he also chose to be generous to those who came later who would need enough money to feed their family that day or next."

The early laborers grumbled about the unfairness of the landowner. And so, do we sometimes grumble. How do we react when God extends His love and mercy to others especially those whom we label 'no good'? "Devout Christians may find it hard to stomach that a deathbed penitent is admitted to the kingdom no less than those who have struggled and suffered all their lives for what is right." God is big-hearted. "The parable teaches and proclaims the wonderful generosity and mercy of God, who reaches out to all people. He freely offers salvation to those who appear to be last and least in the eyes of the world, as well as to those who welcomes God's generosity at the last moment of their lives. Jesus' own disciples needed to hear this parable. Rather than being resentful of people who did not labor long years as they did, Jesus teaches them that they should delight in God's generosity. And should all of us."

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 23-Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

1 TM 6:13-16 / LK 8:4-15
 8:30am Bob Froetscher
 5:00pm Cornelio Odorizzi

Sunday, September 24

IS 55:6-9 / PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A / MT 20:1-16A
 7:30am Daniel M. McDonald
 9:00am Darrel Dickerson
 11:00am Alfons Toriello

Monday, September 25

EZR 1:1-6 / LK 8:16-18
 8:30am Leo Powell

Tuesday, September 26

EZR 6:7-8, 12B, 14-20 / LK 8:19-21
 8:30am Intentions of Helen Oravec

Wednesday, September 27-Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

EZR 9:5-9 / LK 9:1-6
 7:00pm For Peace in the Family

Thursday, September 28

HG 1:1-8 / LK 9:7-9
 8:30am Bernice Sammarco

Friday, September 29-Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

DN 7:9-10, 13-14 or RV 12:7-12AB / JN 1:47-51
 8:30am For Those Struggling With Addiction

Saturday, September 30-Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

ZEC 2:5-9, 14-15A / LK 9:43B-45
 8:30am Deceased Parishioners of OLMC
 5:00pm Intentions of Mary Parkyn

Sunday, October 1

EZ 18:25-28 / PHIL 2:1-11 or PHIL 2:1-5 / MT 21:28-32
 7:30am Eleanor Ann Sylvester
 9:00am Intentions of Ann Briggs
 11:00am Thomas Cichon

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, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Mary Parkyn, 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 Samsock, 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, September 17

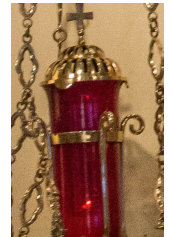
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Thank you for your generosity!

*On the weekend of September 30/October 1, we will be taking up a second collection for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. These funds will go to Catholic Charities USA, who has already in position and getting resources directly to the needy. Please be as generous as possible.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns For The Intentions of George and Peggy Shammas



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



GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE

The Confirmation Program is now taking orders for Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy and Christmas Wreaths and Grave Blankets. Please help support this fundraiser by ordering through one of our Confirmation Candidates or pick up a candy catalogue and wreath ordering form available in the Parish kitchen. All orders must be submitted by November 5. Thank you for your past support.

MONDAY ADORATION - 9am-12noon

Everyone is invited to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Instead of using the chapel for adoration on Mondays, we are going to have adoration in the Church from Monday, October 2nd to November. This will give more opportunity for people who will want a larger space to pray and to meditate.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Diocese of Paterson Marian Pilgrimage-You are invited to join us for a one day trip to The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on October 21, 2017. One day Pilgrimage is \$49/person. For more information please call the office

PARISH DINNER

The Parish will have a covered dish dinner on Saturday, September 30th after the 5pm Mass. If anyone wants to bring food or baked items, there will be sign up sheets at the side doors of the church.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal *In Giving, We Receive*

The vital work of our Church supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is only as successful as the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. Your support helps bring hope to those who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence and our inner-city area schools. Every gift counts! Saint Teresa once wrote that, "We feel what we are doing is a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without the drop." Our Bishop's Annual Appeal is able to do that much more with whatever you are able to give. Please help make 2017 the year that our Bishop's Annual Appeal does even more for people in profound need.

PARISH LEGACY GIFTS

Many thanks to some parishioners who have graciously remembered the parish in their will.

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!

RCIA PROGRAM

We are accepting candidates for the RCIA program. Anybody who is inquiring to know more about the Catholic faith and teachings, please call the office or e-mail Fr. Abuchi.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Reminder

The next Confirmation gathering will be Sunday, October 1st at 7pm.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Pow Wow

Youth group members new and old (7th grade and up) are invited to join us for our first Pow Wow of this school year on Sunday, October 1st from noon - 2pm. We will play some games, get to know each other, and plan for our upcoming Pumpkin Carving Party. You are welcome to join us at 11 o'clock mass before the meeting (meet us in the kitchen). Hope to see you there!

Pumpkin Carving Party

The Youth Group will be sponsoring a Pumpkin Carving Party on Saturday, October 14th after the 5pm mass. Parishioners are invited to bring their own pumpkin and carving tools and enjoy a night of carving, festive music, games, refreshments, and of course the best company in town!

SILVER AND GOLD ANNIVERSARY MASS

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1967 or 1992? You are warmly invited to celebrate you 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson.

Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 4:00pm-Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Registrations will be accepted through **Tuesday, October 17, 2017**. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

FAMILY PROMISE

This past week there were three women and two children at the homeless shelter in the Frankford Plains church. They were very happy and grateful for the delicious meals provided by Franco Lombardo and Dan and Dina Salvatore. Larry Condit provided overnight coverage on Thursday and Lynn Ditullio provided overnight coverage on Friday. God bless all of you for helping those in need. The average stay in this program is three months and then the families usually will find an apartment and a job if they do not have one. Please pray for the continued success of Family Promise.