

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, December 10, 2017  
Second Sunday of Advent



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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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## Knights of Columbus, Council 9920

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## A voice that cries in the wilderness - Prepare the way of the Lord!

"Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid." With these words Isaiah offers a long awaited message of hope which ultimately gives much needed comfort for the people in exile. In fact, these words convey to the people that their time of punishment and captivity in Babylon has come to an end. Now that their guilt has been expiated, the prophet announces to them that God is about to do new things-extraordinary deeds. Isaiah goes on to tell the people, "A voice cries out, In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

The above verse from the book of Isaiah in the first reading introduces the mission of John the Baptist which is fulfilled in today's gospel. John was sent by God as a messenger. John is the voice crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord." "The way of the Lord was Israel's path to freedom from slavery in Egypt and from exile in Babylon. Now John is preparing people for a new path to freedom that will begin with a baptism of repentance and forgiveness of sin. John's promise of forgiveness of sins drew large crowds of people waiting for a new manifestation of God's power. By calling to Baptism of water, John is calling them for repentance, to change of mind, heart, and behavior. While the ancestors followed the desert way of the Lord to return to the promised land, those baptized by John follow the way of the Lord to return to right relationship with God."

John kicked off the preparation for Jesus' coming. His message resonated with the people. He showed the people the value of self-control and of prayer. He urged them to listen to the inner voice of God, with a contrite and faithful heart. But let me ask, how do we prepare for the Lord's coming and how do you make straight His paths? Yes, we can prepare the way of the Lord by leveling those hills and the filling those valleys that make it difficult for God to reach us and save us. It is in our hearts that we need to make a straight highway for God. It is the valleys of sin in our own hearts that are to be filled with God's mercy and healing, and the mountains and hills of pride in our own hearts that are to become low. On this second week of advent, open your heart more fully and prepare the way for the lord.

—Fr. Abuchi

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, December 9**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

8:30am Intentions of John Oravec

5:00pm Danielle Nazzaro

**Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent**

IS 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 PT 3:8-14 / MK 1:1-8

7:30am For OLMC Sick Parishioners

9:00am Deacon Peter Falotico

11:00am John DeCoursey

**Monday, December 11**

IS 35:1-10 / LK 5:17-26

8:30am Sal Romano

**Tuesday, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

ZEC 2:14-17 or RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB / LK 1:26-38

8:30am Intentions of Matthew Scarince

**Wednesday, December 13 - Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

IS 40:25-31 / MT 11:28-30

7:00pm Intentions of Barbara Froetscher

**Thursday, December 14 - Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

IS 41:13-20 / MT 11:11-15

8:30am Mary Parkyn

**Friday, December 15**

IS 48:17-19 / MT 11:16-19

8:30am Pierre Cerney

**Saturday, December 16**

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11 / MT 17:9A, 10-13

8:30am Bernice Sammarco

5:00pm Lorraine Virga

**Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent**

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11 / 1 THES 5:16-24 / JN 1:6-8, 19-28

7:30am

9:00am John DeCoursey

11:00am

**Please Remember and Pray For the Following**

Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, Joseph Colon, Terry Comer, Fr. Angelus Croce, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Linda Flynn, Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, Kimberly Lane, Kden LeoGrande, Elizabeth Lacovara, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Brett Mershon, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Jerome Pasternak, Lorraine Paxton, Ellie Prakopcyk, Owen Primavera, Connie Pyne, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samssock, 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**

<b>Sunday, December 3</b>	<b>\$4420.00</b>
<b>Diocesan Assessment</b>	<b>\$846.00</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day November 23</b>	<b>\$353.00</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

\*There will be a 2nd collection the weekend of December 9th and 10th for the Retirement Fund for Religious

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns  
for  
Father Ethel Iwu*



**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 Tyler Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman



**Need for Laptops**

If you have a good working laptop you do not need anymore, please consider donating it to us. We will give them to the needy families.

**THANK YOU**

**Thank you** to all the families that donated food for the Thanksgiving food baskets and to all who helped put those baskets together from the volunteers to the Confirmation students. Because of you, we had enough food to make up all the baskets that were donated.

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

*In 1910, Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared Patroness of Latin America and in 1945, Pope Pius XII declared Her to be the Empress of all the Americas. She appeared to an Indian convert named Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. She left a marvelous portrait of herself on the mantle of Juan Diego. This miraculous image has proved to be ageless and is kept in the shrine built in her honor, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.*



### JOY CLUB

JOY (Just Older Youth) Club Christmas Party is Saturday, December 16 at 2pm in Biesiada Hall. Come join us for food and live music. \$5-10 Grab Bag (wrapped unisex gift optional). Sign-up sheets are at the doors so we know how much food we will need.

### NEW SONG BOOK

The new song books have arrived. It's not too late to purchase a book to donate to the Church in Memory of a Loved One. The dedication will be placed inside the cover. The cost is \$18.50 or \$30.00 for the Choir book.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a raffle for a custom Handcrafted shadow box commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church by Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, Bishop of Paterson, on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1967. Handcrafted by the Knights from solid oak church pews obtained during the OLMC garage clean-out in the fall of 2016. Featuring votive candles and music box, this well-built shadow box is a true representation of the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church community, and will be enjoyed by your family for generations to come. Tickets are \$10.00 each and available at the side door of the church after mass.

### ONLINE GIVING OPTION

#### FOR WEEKLY AND ONE TIME GIFTS

Enrolling in Online Giving today is a great way to ensure your gifts to Our Lady of Mt Carmel are received even when you are away or traveling.

Please visit: <https://olmcswartwood.churchgiving.com>

Many thanks for your continued tremendous support to our parish. May God richly bless you always.

### GIVING TREE

Our annual Giving Tree is set up near the altar. If possible, please take an ornament to help the needy. On the back of the ornament are details of what is needed. This is a great opportunity to show God's love to others. Please return wrapped gifts by Sunday, December 17th, with the tags attached. Thank you for your generosity!



\*We are in need of food donations for the Christmas food baskets and also volunteers to help put the baskets together and sort out the presents. You can drop off food donations after any mass the weekend of December 16 and 17. We will be putting together the food baskets and sorting the wrapped gifts on Sunday, December 17th from 4:30-6:30pm. Please call Caroline at 973-383-3566 if you can volunteer your time. Pizza will be served. Thank You!

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION



If you would like to donate a Christmas flower in memory of a loved one, the flower donation envelopes can be found at the doors of the church.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Jesus says, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." It is wonderful to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. "Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of his grace, his love, his peace. Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth." At the adoration, He strengthens us and comfort us in all trials and challenges in life.

Adoration has been moved back to the chapel. It is not worthwhile heating the entire Church for over three hours with only 1-3 people inside the Church. The adoration will continue again in the Church when the winter is over.