

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, January 28, 2018  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Religious Education Office

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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  
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.

## OLMC Joy Club (Just Older Youth)

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## Knights of Columbus, Council 9920

Terrence O'Connor, Grand Knight

## Are people still interested in power and authority of others?

There are teachers in the course of our lives we might never forget. We remember them for their fondness and great teaching skills. They inspired us with a love for the subject they taught and even shared some expertise with us, and encouraged us to head off in a direction of our own. Later, we may have also listened to motivational homilies of some priests. In fact, their inspirational homilies strike a chord in our hearts and moved us to reflect about so many things in our lives. Some of our teachers, priests and mentors can indeed put us in the right path and we are forever thankful for their powerful influence in our lives. Because they value and care about us, we respect their authority and power.

In today's gospel, Jesus' incredible teaching technique surprised His audience to question His authority, "What is this? A new teaching with authority?" "Jesus offered stories, parables, filled with common and earthy characters and elements. He used humor, exaggerated speech, and surprise twists in plots to open the heart to a deeper truth. He did not quote famous Rabbis. If anything, He only quoted the Old Testament. But He taught as someone who knew the truth first-hand, and with a style that was both winsome and inviting, but also grounded in an intimate knowledge of God. His teachings, we are told, made a deep impression on people, because, unlike the scribes, He taught them with authority." In fact, Jesus was recognized as a person of authority because of the word that He spoke and the impact for good of that word on the hearers. His audience found His authority so attractive and refreshing. It is the authority that goes beyond teaching but additionally raises the lowly from the dungeon, feeds the hungry with food and good things. His authority also extends to welcoming and restoring the outcasts, exorcising the demons and granting forgiveness to the sinners.

How do we use our own power and authority? Christ has given us an example to follow. Our power and authority will be highly prized and respected only when it extends to loving, caring and serving the people under our care. However, for us Christians, Jesus remains the ultimate authority. It is by submitting to the authority of His teaching and power, that we can be peaceful and enjoy life to the fullness.

—Fr. Abuchi

**Mass Intentions for the Week****Saturday, January 27**

2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17 / MK 4:35-41

8:30am Intentions of Frank Roehrig

5:00pm Intentions of Francesca Ferrari

**Sunday, January 28**

DT 18:15-20 / 1 COR 7:32-35 / MK 1:21-28

7:30am Private Intention

9:00am Karl Weisser

11:00am Intentions of Elizabeth Johnson

**Monday, January 29**

2 SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 / MK 5:1-20

8:30am Safety of Travellers

**Tuesday, January 30**

2 SM 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30-19:3

8:30am Philomena Nazzaro

**Wednesday, January 31**

2 SM 24:2, 9-17 / MK 6:1-6

7:00pm Connie and Sal Romano

**Thursday, February 1**

1 KGS 2:1-4, 10-12 / MK 6:7-13

8:30am Intentions of Jim Stadelman

**Friday, February 2 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

MAL 3:1-4 / HEB 2:14-18 / LK 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

8:30am Edward Muller, Sr.

**Saturday, February 3**

1 KGS 3:4-13 / MK 6:30-34

8:30am Intentions of Lee Swiatek

5:00pm Francine Crivelli

**Sunday, February 4**

JB 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23 / MK 1:29-39

7:30am

9:00am Deceased Members of Weisser and Muller

Families

11:00am Edward Joseph Myzyinski

**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, Bill Rasmussen, Connie Pyne, 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, Virginia Zaleski

**A GOOD STEWARD**

Sunday, January 21

\$3,636.50

Thank you for your generosity!

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp  
Burns for the  
Protection of the Unborn*

**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

**CHARITABLE STATEMENTS**

If you would like to receive a copy of your charitable statement for 2017, please call the office

**NEW SONG BOOK**

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 \$18.90 or \$30.00 for the Choir book.

**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>

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next **children's Mass** will be **Sunday, February 4th** at **11am**. **Grade 6** will be actively participating.

#### Confirmation Candidates

This is a reminder that on **Sunday, February 11, 2018**, at the **11am Mass**, you will be presented during **The Right of Candidacy for Confirmation**. **All candidates must attend**.

\*It is very important for **children of all ages** including **Confirmation** students to attend.

### BLESSING OF THE HOME

In Christianity, blessing a home is an ancient tradition. Many Christians like to offer their house to God and ask for a blessing on those who live within it or might visit. If anyone would like to have their home blessed, whether you just moved in or have been in your home, please call the office to make arrangements.

### 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, 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.

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Anyone who is homebound or sick and needs a priest, please call the office to make arrangements — (973) 383-3566.

### AUXILIUM SCHOOL/CAMP AUXILIUM OPEN HOUSE

#### The Auxilium School OPEN HOUSE for the 2018/19 School Year

Classes for Juniors, PreK 3 & 4 and Year to Grow

**Date:** January 31, 2018

**Time:** 9:30 – 11:00 AM

**COUPON: 50% off NEW Registrations - 1/31/18 only**

For more information call 973.383.2621 or visit our website: [www.campauxilium.org](http://www.campauxilium.org)

### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The church will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Friday, February 2nd, which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas Day, since the blessings and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas Feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until the feast.



In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day.

If you have candles that you wish to have blessed, please bring them to Mass and Fr. Abuchi will bless them.

### THE FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts, he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His followers spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century, he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

The Feast of Saint Blaise and the Blessing of the Throats will be celebrated at Mass on Saturday, February 3