

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, October 23, 2016



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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DESPISING OTHERS!

British novelist **Charles Dickens** once said, "Throughout our life, our worst weaknesses and meanness are usually committed for the sake of the people whom we most despise." There are times that those who despise people will never get best out of others and themselves.

The Pharisees detest tax collectors and would never see anything good in them. Tax collectors are seen as traitors by their own people. Jesus uses these two groups (a Pharisee and a tax collector) in His parable to illustrate the importance of praying with humility. In fact, His parable is addressed to "people who are convinced of their own righteousness and despise others." Both tax collector and Pharisee went into the temple to pray.

While at prayer, the Pharisee was so proud, showing off in the temple and telling God how wonderful he is, how much he does, and how important he believes himself to be. He condemned the tax collector who came to pray with him in the temple. He clearly forgets to pray with humility and leaving judgment to God. The Pharisee got off the right track, he was full of pride at his own self-righteousness rather than being grateful for the righteousness of God. On the other hand, the tax collector offers no excuses for his sins and never entertains the thought that at least he's better than some others. He also realized he didn't have much to be proud so he offers his true contrition and begged for God's mercy.

At the end of the story Jesus praises the Tax collector's humility and contrition but condemns the Pharisees pride. The lesson of the parable is, even though we might be better off we shouldn't despise others. None of us is really worthy to stand before God's presence. You might notice that's why the way Mass begins. By acknowledging we are not perfect when we approach God, and therefore as we start Mass we approach him asking for his mercy and forgiveness.

— Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, October 22**

Eph 4:7-16 / Ps 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5 / Lk 13:1-9

8:30am Cornelio Odorizzi

5:00pm Intentions of Dyanne Palisi

Sunday, October 23

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 / Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 / Lk 18:9-14

7:30am Intentions of Tony & Rose Grabinski

9:00am Evelyn D'Aliberti

11:00am Laura Pasternak

Monday, October 24

Eph 4:32-5:8 / Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, & 6 / Lk 13:10-17

8:30am Eileen Murphy

Gloria Murcia

Tuesday, October 25

Eph 5:21-33 / Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / Lk 13:18-21

8:30am Louis Romano

Wednesday, October 26

Eph 6:1-9 / Ps 145:10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14 / Lk 13:22-30

7:00pm Bob Froetscher

Thursday, October 27

Eph 6:10-20 / Ps 144:1B, 2, 9-10 / Lk 13:31-35

8:30am For an End to Abortion

Friday, October 28 (Feast of Saints Simon & Jude)

Eph 2:19-22 / Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 / Lk 6:12-16

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 29

Phil 1:18B-26 / Ps 42:2, 3, 5CDEF / Lk 14:1, 7-11

8:30am Increase in Vocations

5:00pm Cornelio Odorizzi

Sunday, October 30

Wis 11:22-12:2 / Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 / 2 Thes 1:11-2:2 / Lk 19:1-10

7:30am Peace in the World

9:00am Evelyn D'Aliberti

11:00am Mass of Thanksgiving

Please Remember and Pray For:

Joan Bamrick, Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Lindsey Brooke, Joseph Colon, Terry Comex, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Doug Ernst, Sr. Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Les Humienny, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Kden LeoGrande, Charles Longo, Pete Mahler, Susanne Martone, James B. Nienstedt, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, John Samssock, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jerome Pasternak, Connie Pyne, Peter F. Reynolds, Colleen Romano, Sal Romano, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmiditty, Rose Marie Sciascia, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Pat Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

October 16, Sunday Collection: \$ 3,395.50

The second collection this week is for the World Missions.

Please be as generous as possible.

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; Cpl. Garrett Michael Reynolds USMC; Captain Cheryl Ryan; US Army, Seaman Recruit Tylor Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Robert Williams, Airman

**VISITATION OF SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

If you would like a visit from a priest, please contact the office. Also, please let us know when someone is admitted to the hospital.

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OLMC MUSIC MINISTRY

Our Music Ministry has begun rehearsing music for the Advent and Christmas seasons! New members are always welcome! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. For more information, please see Allison after Mass or email olmcmusicministry@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Annual **Trunk or Treat** will be held on October 28th at 7PM in the church parking lot. Please plan on attending.

Attention Youth Group and all Church members: Please see the youth group bulletin board for all upcoming youth group events. The board is located in the entry way to the hall. For more information on the youth group and upcoming events, please email olmcyg@gmail.com.

POVERTY SIMULATION

Thursday, November 10th from 6:30 - 9:00 PM, you are invited to enter the world of someone who lives at or below the poverty line and get to experience the challenges faced by one living in this arena. **Poverty Simulation** will take place at the Romano Conference Center at Newton Medical Center, 175 High St., Newton NJ. RSVP Required. Registration limited. Call Emily at 973-383-4787 or email willse@norwescap.org to register. The **Poverty Simulation** is changing the way many in our community think and act with regard to "loving our neighbor."

THE GENIUS OF BEING WOMEN

Come join the women of our area to learn about how St John Paul II affirmed the dignity of women and reminded them that God needs their unique "feminine genius". Shifting focus from *what we do* to *who we are in Christ*, women find their true identity. God has called them to share their vibrant gifts in the New Evangelization, the New Springtime of the Church precisely for "such a time as this".

November 9, 2016
7 pm - 8:30 pm
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall
Free will offering at the door

TEE SHIRT LOGO CONTEST

The Parish Council is planning on ordering tee shirts and sweatshirts in time for possible Christmas gifts. We are having a contest to come up with an appropriate logo and would like all adults and children of the parish to help us. So please get your creative juices going and put your design on an 8 1/2 x 11 or 5 x 7 sheet of paper and submit it for consideration. (More than one entry is allowed.) We need all entries by Sunday, November 6.

Your entries can be mailed or dropped off at the rectory or put in an envelope with "contest" written on front and dropped in the collection basket. Please put your name and phone number on the back of the paper. Any questions please call Patricia Cholasta 973-534-7733 or Mary Anne Condit 973-219-3352

VALUES OF OUR FAITH

The bishops of the United States have issued a statement on the importance of bringing the values of our faith to the decisions made in our public life. In their statement, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the bishops call for "a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable" (no. 14). As you prepare for the upcoming election, please consider how the values of your faith can help you make your decisions. For information on Faithful Citizenship, visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

LEGACY GIFTS

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 our 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!