

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, December 11, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent



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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"Are you the one who is to come, or do we look for another?"

John the Baptist was the herald to announce the glorious coming of Jesus Christ. Although John was highly respected for his ministry he also humbly admitted that Jesus who is to come later on is mightier than him. Nevertheless, John was imprisoned for his gospel truths which abruptly ended his ministry. At this point Jesus's earthly ministry has started off with incredible miracles, impossible things were made possible, hopeless situations become hopeful and unhealed sickness and diseases were instantly cured by his words and actions. It's indeed a fulfillment of what people have long awaited.

While in prison John lacked firsthand experience of his cousin's ministry. However John heard about the incredible work of Jesus. He therefore sent his disciples to go and inquire, "Are you the one who is to come, or do we look for another?" Jesus responds and points to the changed lives that lined the wake of his ministry. John knows Isaiah and so Jesus quotes from (today's first reading) Isaiah portion: "the blind regain their sight, the lame walk..." and the poor hear the Good News. If these signs are the retinue of the Messiah, then surely the Messiah has come. Apparently satisfied, John's disciples depart.

This holiday season finds many people feeling like imprisoned John asking, "Are you the one who is to come or should I expect someone else?" Today we have several people literally imprisoned, wondering, "Are you the One, Jesus? Can you speak to me in my prison? Behind my bars of pain? Are you the One? Or should we look for another?" Many people find themselves in a prison of loneliness, in a prison of hardship this time of the year. Some of them are Shut-ins with few family and friends. On this Advent Jesus invites you and I to answer yes individually and also as a group. Yes I am the one, and yes we are the one who can change the world and bring hope, joy and peace to ourselves, to our friends, to our families and to our communities.

Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 10

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9A, 10-13

8:30am Reconciliation in Marriage

5:00pm James Corcoran & Frederick Manak

Sunday, December 11

Is 35:1-6A, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

7:30am Residents of the Homestead

9:00am Deacon Peter Falotico

11:00am Martha Visco

Monday, December 12 (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38

8:30am For our Country

Tuesday, December 13 (Memorial of St. Lucy)

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:28-32

8:30am Dom & Edna Maniaci

Wednesday, December 14 (Memorial of St. John of the Cross)

Is 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25 / Lk 7:18B-23

7:00pm Bob Froetscher

Thursday, December 15

Is 54:1-10 / Lk 7:24-30

8:30am Increase in Vocations

Friday, December 16

Is 56:1-3A, 6-8 / Jn 5:33-36

8:30am Peter Uzzo

Saturday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm Pat Bush

Sunday, December 18

Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

7:30am Private intention of Deacon Anthony Signorelli

9:00am Intentions of Brian & Tina Johnson

11:00am Marie Tosti

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

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 Samsock, 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

Sunday, December 4		\$4,132.00
Sunday, December 4	Diocesan Assessment	\$ 909.00

The second collection this week is for the Retired Religious. Please be as generous as possible.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp which burns near the Tabernacle in the Church is a reminder of the Lord's Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. The candle can burn in memorial of a loved one and also for a private intention. Please contact the office to arrange for Sanctuary Lamp intentions or Mass intentions.

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

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas flowers for the Church can be requested in memory or in honor of a loved family member or friend. All donations help to defray the cost of Christmas decorations to the Parish and are greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church. You can call the Parish Office or mail names and donation to the Parish Office or drop it in the Sunday Collection.



HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS



Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide 24 families with Thanksgiving food baskets. We also have enough food donations for the Christmas Food Baskets. Therefore no additional food collection will be needed. God Bless you for all you do!

GIVING TREE

As a reminder, please return wrapped gifts no later than Sunday, **December 18th**, with the tags attached. Thank you for your generosity. Know that your kindness is bringing joy to the the less fortunate in our area.



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 Patron 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. The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on Monday, December 12th.

HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.



In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Advent Penance Service will be available at CCD on **December 11th** for grades 5, 4 and 3.

There will be a Confirmation Service Opportunity for in-church hours to assist with Christmas Food Basket assembly and sorting gifts from our giving tree by family on **Sunday, December 18th at 4:30 pm**. Pizza dinner provided for all volunteers.

There will be a Confirmation Gathering on Sunday, **December 18th** at 7pm in the church hall.

Christmas Vigil Mass at 6 pm on Saturday, **December 24th** will be the children's Christmas Mass.

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE LAPEL ROSES

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Right to Life Lapel Roses on December 17th and 18th after all the Masses. We will be taking a bus trip to Washington D.C. on January 26th for the March for Life. We need your help to pay for the bus. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.



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!