

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, January 8, 2017
Epiphany of the Lord



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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Big revelation more than you think!

When a child is born into a Royal family everybody hears about it. The media carries the news and more information will continue to surface through social media outlets. Although Christ's birth was first announced to the Shepherds but there was also a big revelation. Indeed, a star (Christ) was born in that lowly Bethlehem manger, but you would never know it just by looking at the baby, or his mother and Joseph. God did not want to slip into human history incognito. So He announced the baby's birth in the most extremely visible way possible, with a new star shining bright over the heads of everyone on earth. "The news of Jesus' birth was not just revealed to a few biblical scholars, or to a small circle of saints, or to the elite and powerful sitting on the thrones of government. God did not even limit the announcement only to the land of Israel. No, God wrote the news across the entire sky, where everyone, absolutely everyone, could see it—if they only would."

Then the story takes a surprising turn because only some astrologers from a foreign country noticed, or bothered to do anything about it. Isn't that a surprise? It is strange that God manifested Himself to the Gentiles. "The great secret and mystery of the epiphany is that God has always been equally in love with all of His creation, and with all of humanity, no matter the race or nationality or gender or status." This will be seen more clearly eventually in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ when He proclaimed the kingdom of God to be inclusive of all people.

The Magi finally arrive before the Holy Family and open their treasures, and give gifts (Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh) completely inappropriate for a new baby. Wouldn't it have been more useful if they had given gifts of diapers, formula, and a stroller? You can tell they hadn't been to many baby showers. And yet, they gave gifts that were valuable to them, and trusted that God would use the gifts in ways they could not imagine. "Our giving is born out of God's first generosity, coming to us even when we were expecting Him." Finally if we give a gift that matters to us, a big gift to us, it will be a big gift for God too, whether that gift is our hard earned money, or the gold of a magi.

— Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, January 7**

1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 2:1-11

8:30am William Jones

5:00pm Deceased Members of Weisser & Muller Families

Sunday, January 8 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3A, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

7:30am Retired Religious

9:00am Peace in the World

11:00am In Honor of 50th Anniversary of Marge & Steve DeAngelis

Monday, January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Mt 3:13-17

8:30am Intentions of Deacon Ed Muller

Tuesday, January 10

Heb 2:5-12 / Mk 1:21-28

8:30am Intentions of Ron Johnson

Wednesday, January 11

Heb 2:14-18 / Mk 1:29-39

7:00pm Peace in the World

Thursday, January 12

Heb 3:7-14 / Mk 1:40-45

8:30am Justina Muller

Friday, January 13

Heb 4:1-5, 11 / Mk 2:1-12

8:30am For the end of Abortion

Saturday, January 14

Heb 4:12-16 / Mk 2:13-17

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm Ethel Tolen

Sunday, January 15

Is 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

7:30am Right to Life

9:00am For All Parishioners of OLMC

11:00am Bob Froetscher

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, Mary Jo Manno, 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, Carol Rock, 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, January 1

\$4,020.00

Sunday, Mary the Mother of God

\$1,082.00

Thank you for your generosity!

This week the second collection is for the Diocesan Assessment.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for
the Souls in Purgatory

**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

2017 RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH**March for Life**

Washington D.C.

This year marks 43 years of the Roe V Wade Supreme Court Decision to permit the abortion of babies.....There is no doubt that Life begins at Conception. Some people for convenience, believe that it begins at other times. We as Catholics believe, as in the Immaculate Conception, that Life begins with God and we as people bring that Life into fruition. This year we will again bring the voice of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Christians to Washington D.C. to share with the world, that it is never right to kill a baby for convenience.....

Please come with us or financially support this trip....We all can do something to save a baby.....We have a 3 day trip planned. The sign up sheet is on the kitchen door. Flyers that detail the facts about the trip are on the bar by the kitchen door.....

Any questions call Deacon Tony 973 362 6453...Steve De Angelis

OLMC YOUTH GROUP CHILI COOK-OFF

The OLMC Youth Group will be hosting their annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, January 14 at 6pm. Enter your chili and receive a free tasting spoon a chance to win great prizes! Not a cook? No problem! Those who wish to just taste and vote can do so for a cost of \$5. Chili can be dropped off between 4:30 - 5:45 that night in the community center and tasting/voting will begin at 6pm. Funds raised will help support the youth group. *(no fee to enter your chili. Each entry receives 1 tasting spoon free of charge. Additional tasters are \$5)*

CHALKING THE DOORS FOR EPIPHANY

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, Theophany, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2017 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C +M+B + 17.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "17" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request that Christ is to bless those homes so marked that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be somewhat less well-known in the United States. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work or visit them there.

PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

HP LAPTOP RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Raffle Tickets at the doors of the Church for an H.P. Laptop to help defray the cost of the Bus that we are taking to Washington DC to the March For Life.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next children's Mass will be **January 8th at 11 am**. Grade 4 will be participating. All CCD and Confirmation students are expected to attend.

For Confirmation Candidates, the ACRE test will be administered on Sunday, **January 8th from 7 till 8 pm**.

On Sunday, **January 15th**, grades 5 and 8 will take the ACRE test during CCD.

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.

HOMESTEAD EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are in dire need of volunteers to take the Eucharist to the residents of the Homestead Rehab & Health Care Center in Newton. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and can help out one Sunday every 5 weeks, please contact Dan Salvatore at 973-579-1908.

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!