

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, January 15, 2017
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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“The lamb of God who takes away the Sin of the world”

John the Baptist announced the coming of Christ and invited people to repentance. Before this time prophets and zealots came and went, but something about John conveyed a hope that good news was on the horizon. People thought he is finally the expected Messiah. He humbly admitted he isn't the one they were expecting. It is not surprising when John saw our Lord walking toward him, shouted over the heads of those standing there, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” Little did John know in that moment precisely how Jesus would be God's instrument for healing, hope, and salvation, but John knew what most of us forget: God is for us—for all of us—working in ways that turn our heaviest sorrows into hope, our broken past into healing. God has been, is, and will always be an unrelenting advocate.

As a nation, we have been through a very difficult year and one of the most unpopular elections in the U.S. history. Some are still confused, angry and frustrated. “Many are asking what has happened to the soul, the character, the internal strength of the United States of America.” Regardless we are nation of laws and order, and a democratic nation that leads other nations by example. This Friday, we will inaugurate a new President to lead us into the future. “Our lessons today remind us that rulers come and go, but God is the One in whom we are called to place our ultimate trust, even our very lives. He is indeed our hope and future.”

Because God is for us, we must pray for our country, pray for our President whether or not he was your choice. Please pray for our leaders and all in the position of authority, but even more importantly, pray for ourselves, our brothers and sisters and every citizen of this great nation that we place our ultimate, best, and only hope in God who loves us and will never, ever let us go. He is our new hope and our future. With John, I call you today to place your hope in Jesus Christ, “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” – your sin, my sin and indeed all our sin.

— Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Residents of the Homestead

9:00am Concetta Bertucci

11:00am Bob Froetscher

Monday, January 16

Heb 5:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22

8:30am Evelyn DelVecchio

Tuesday, January 17 (Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot)

Heb 6:10-20 / Mk 2:23-28

8:30am David Rogers

Wednesday, January 18

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 / Mk 3:1-6

7:00pm For All Elected Officials

Thursday, January 19

Heb 7:25-8:6 / Mk 3:7-12

8:30am Helen Weisser & Bob Muller

Friday, January 20

Heb 8:6-13 / Mk 3:13-19

8:30am Connie Romano

Saturday, January 21 (Memorial of St. Agnes)

Heb 9:2-3 / Mk 3:20-21

8:30am For an End to Abortion

5:00pm Intentions of Ben Rotile

Sunday, January 22

Is 8:23-9:3 / 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 / Mt 4:12-23

7:30am Right to Life

9:00am Peter Falitico

11:00am Theresa Newbauer

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 8 \$3,047.00

Sunday, January 8 Diocesan Assessment \$ 740.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Every Citizen of this Great Nation



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 973 383 7036..... Heather Falotico 704 433 9201

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)*

SHE HAS ARRIVED



It is with great pleasure we announce that **Sarah Marie Murphy** was born on January 4th, weighing in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. and being 19" long.

Congratulations to our Music Director, Allison and her husband Tom on the new addition to their family. God Bless you all!

PRAYER FOR OUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS

"First of all, then I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:1-4

With the above in mind, let us pray for our government leaders:

God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted and judgement is decreed. Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President and other government leaders of these United States.

May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy. Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our country with honesty and integrity. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Be Rich in Good Works

If you have not yet responded to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2016 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2017. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make on line gift at www.2016appeal.org.

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

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

The next confirmation gathering will be on Sunday, **January 22nd** at 7:00 pm.

The next children's Mass will be **February 5th** at 11 am. Grade 6 will be actively participating.

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!