

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, January 22, 2017
Third 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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Answering God's call!

Jesus kicks off His ministry by calling two sets of brothers (Simon and Andrew, James and John) to join His newly found ministry. I would imagine that these four men, like dozens more who lived in Capernaum, had a successful business. These two sets of brothers must be competitors catching and selling fish. "The suddenness with which Jesus calls them and their immediate "Yes" to his invitation seem almost surreal." How many of us would walk out of our office, abandon our career, say "Farewell" to all you had known to follow a stranger whose sermon promised some yet unimagined "kingdom of heaven"? It sounds very strange but these men just did it.

"Why did these men follow Jesus with such unrestrained enthusiasm? What was it about him that caused successful fishermen, with families and responsibilities, to say "Yes" to the carpenter from Nazareth? And, of course, what would it take for us to follow this leader who is our Savior, our Lord, and our Friend?" The lesson is simple — when God calls nobody should say "no" The lesson ends with a summary statement telling us that Jesus, accompanied by these first followers, "went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, curing every disease and every sickness among the people." Those few words are both introduction to and summary of our Lord's ministry. He preached, He healed, He spoke out for the voiceless, He announced and lived the good news of God's presence in our world.

We have to respond to God's call without procrastination. Indeed our Lord comes to us, meets us where we are, witnesses what we are doing, and calls us to continue His mission on earth namely: to walk humbly with Him, to love tenderly, to visit and take care of the sick, to live out the good news by loving and caring for all people regardless of their social status.

— Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 John Doherty

9:00am Peter Falitico

11:00am Theresa Newbauer

Monday, January 23 (Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children)

Heb 9:15, 24-28 / Mk 3:22-30

8:30am In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life

Tuesday, January 24 (Memorial of St. Francis de Sales)

Heb 10:1-10 / Mk 3:31-35

8:30am For the Catholic Church in America

Wednesday, January 25 (Feast of Conversion of St. Paul)

Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18

7:00pm Leo Powell

Thursday, January 26 (Memorial of Sts. Timothy & Titus)

2 Tim 1:1-8 / Mk 4:21-25

8:30am Judy Prang

Friday, January 27

Heb 10:32-39 / Mk 4:26-34

8:30am Thomas Hoey

Saturday, January 28 (Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas)

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 / Mk 4:35-41

8:30am Special Intention

5:00pm Karl Weisser

Sunday, January 29

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 5:1-12A

7:30am All Parishioners of OLMC

9:00am For Peace in our Nation

11:00am Intention of Lorraine Paxton on her 90th Birthday

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 15

\$3,675.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for
An End to Abortion



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

PRO LIFE PRAYER FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.
-Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops

Lord God, Author of Life and Source of Eternal Life,

Move the hearts of all our public officials and especially our President, to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well to all those entrusted to their care.

Help them in their special leadership roles, to extend the mantle of protection to the most vulnerable, especially the defenseless unborn, whose lives are threatened with extermination by an indifferent society.

Guide all public officials by your wisdom and grace to cease supporting any law that fails to protect the fundamental good that is human life itself, which is a gift from God and parents.

You are the Protector and Defender of the lives of the innocent unborn. Change the hearts of those who compromise the call to protect and defend life. Bring our nation to the values that have made us a great nation, a society that upholds the values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Mary, the Mother of the living, help us to bear witness to the Gospel of Life with our lives and our laws, through Christ, Our Lord.

HP LAPTOP RAFFLE

Knights of Columbus will be selling Raffle Tickets at the doors of the Church for an H.P. Laptop. Some of the proceeds will be used to support Birth Haven in Newton.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to the Riva family - Jeff, Maureen, Jake, Luke, Katie & Molly!

The Riva's were honored as the Knights of Columbus Family of the Year 2016 at the 11 am Mass on January 15th.

Their true example of Family is appreciated by everyone and is inspiring to us all.

MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP TO WASHINGTON

We had to cancel our trip to Washington D.C. this year because of the lack of participants. We had only 14 people signed up for the trip, which makes it financially not feasible. We may use some of the funds from the sale of the laptop raffle to donate to Birth Haven in Newton. Thanks to all who have supported us.

FAMILY PROMISE

Thank you to the Lombardo family, Franko, Gloria and Francesco, who cooked a delicious meal for the four women and one child staying at the homeless shelter in Frankford. Thank you also to Larry Condit who handled the over night shift. Our next time to serve will be March 30 and March 31. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please call Mary Anne Condit at 973-219-3352.

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image — as well as theirs — made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

GERTRUDE HAWK EASTER CANDY

The parish Knights of Columbus are selling Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy as a fund raiser for Right to Life programs. Candy catalogues are available in the kitchen and at each of the church doors and there is a box for completed order forms in the kitchen. The Knights thank you for your past and continued support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

The following children's Mass will be **February 19th** at 11 am. Grade 4 will 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!