

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, February 19, 2017
Seventh 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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Turning the other cheek!

This is a phrase in Christian doctrine that refers to “refraining from retaliation when one has been attacked, or insulted.” To “turn the other cheek,” does not imply pacifism, nor does it mean we place ourselves or others in mortal danger.

As Jesus continued his sermon on the mount, He urges His followers never to give in to retaliation or revenge: **“You have heard it said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.”** Our Lord continued, “If anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.” These are very tough words to hear and practice nowadays. Some of us, of course, would question we presently live in a world broken by the “eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth” behavior. A country is bombed, the bombed bomb back. Someone takes advantage of me, I then find a way to get even or lawsuits...and on it goes . . . forever. Is it right?

Obviously Jesus is aware this is a difficult way to live, regardless, He is admonishing His disciples the importance of good deeds even to loving enemies, praying for those who persecute them as well going the extra mile, doing good for others. This explains the power of forgiveness which can only transform bitterness and anger into healing and peace. “To err is human; to forgive, divine and this readiness to forgive is the unique attribute of our God. Christ Himself remained silent to His false accusers and even more so prayed on the cross for His executioners: “Father forgive them, because they know not what they do.”

Both today’s first reading and gospel teaches us not to take revenge, no insult, no hatred, no vindictiveness or grudge towards others. When others expect the worst from you, overwhelm them with kindness, compassion, forgiveness, acceptance, and ultimately love.

—Fr.Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, February 18**

HEB 11:1-7 / Mk 9:2-13

8:30am Helen Bergman

5:00 Ida Grimes

Sunday, February 19

LV 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Cor3:16-23/ MT 5:38-48

7:30am Maria Teresa Garza

9:00am Msgr. Pat Brown

11:00 Priests of Paterson Diocese

Monday, February 20

SIR 1:1-10 / MK 9:14-29

8:30am Connie Romano

Tuesday, February 21

SIR 2:1-11 / MK 9:30-37

8:30am Carl Weisser

Wednesday, February 22 (Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle)

1 PT 5:1-4 / MT 16:13-19

7:00pm Bob Froetscher and Duncan Fitton

Thursday, February 23 (Memorial of St. Polycarp)

SIR 5:1-8 / MK 9:41-50

8:30am Elaine Crosdale

Friday, February 24

SIR 6:5-17 / MK 10:1-12

8:30am Fr. John Claude

Saturday, February 25

SIR 17:1-15 / MK 10:13-16

8:30am William and Frances Wilks

5:00pm Fr. Bernard Eze

Sunday, February 26

IS 49:14-15/ 1 COR 4:1-5 / MT 6:24-34

7:30am Pray For All Those Suffering From Cancer

9:00am Pray For The Souls in Purgatory

11:00am Intentions of Alan Richwald

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Lindsey Brooke, Joseph Colon, Terry Comex, Fr. Angelus Croce, 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 Samsock, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jerome Pasternak, Connie Pyne, Maryanne Quara, Peter F. Reynolds, Colleen Romano, Sal Romano, Carol Rock, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, James Scales, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmiditty, Rose Marie Sciascia, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, Rosalie Turton, David & Vince Ventresca, Pat Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, February 12

\$2719.00

Diocesan Assessment

\$672.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The second collection this week is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please be a generous as you can.

SANCTUARY LAMP

*This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Bob Froetscher*

**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

Bishops Annual Appeal**2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal****Be Rich In Good Works**

If you received a final request from our Bishop asking for your support of the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal, please respond as your means permit. The appeal is essential to the work of the Church in reaching out to those in great need who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It also supports seminarian education, inner-city area education and our priests' retirement residence. Every gift is important so whatever you can do is a blessing. Please respond today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2016appeal.org. May God bless you for your support!

Night With The NJ Devils

Save The Date

Please Help Support Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel

The NJ Devils are hosting a game on Saturday March 25th. Tickets are \$45 and come with a free gift from the NJ Devils. Each ticket purchased helps directly support Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Tickets will need to be purchased by Sunday March 5th. If you have any question, please e-mail Heather at olmcyg@gmail.com.

Don Bosco Columbiettes

Please come out and help support the Don Bosco Columbiettes

Please join the Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 at the Applebee's in Newton on Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 8am to 10am for a flap jack fundraiser breakfast. The cost is \$10 per person and includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage and a drink. Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event or can be pre-purchased by contacting Kathy Schaffren at 973-713-5979 or at kathys1953@gmail.com. The proceeds of this event help fund the many charities that are part of the columbiettes yearly works.

—Thank You
Kathy Schaffren

AUXILIUM SCHOOL

PART TIME CAREGIVERS NEEDED!

The Auxilium School is looking for part-time caregivers with flexible hours to work in our Infant/Toddler program. We are looking for responsible, nurturing, committed individuals to join our staff. CPR/FA certified preferred. Some additional training may be required. Please fax your resume to us at (973) 383-3214 or email us at Schooloffice@campauxilium.org

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.

Charitable Statements

If you'd like to receive a copy of your charitable statements, please call the office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Just A Reminder

February 19th

In observance of President's Day, there are no CCD classes on February 19th. The scheduled children's mass for the 19th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

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.

Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale

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. Orders can be submitted up to March 19th. The Knights thank you for your past and continued support.

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!