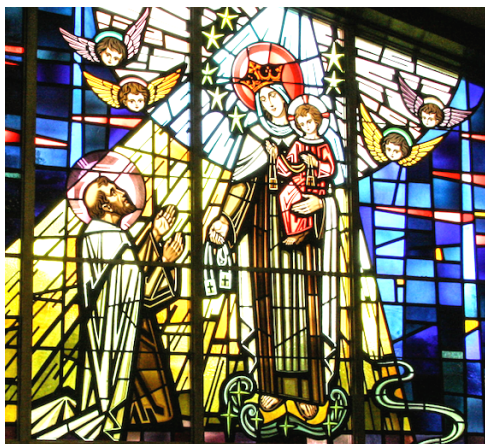


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, July 30, 2017
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Are you also Looking for a Pearl of Great Price?

A college professor writing a book on “Human wants and needs” started his research by consulting and asking questions to different kinds of people and age groups about their needs. At the end of his research and meetings, he was amazed on the vast responses from the people. He then summarized: people want to be happy, to be healthy and live longer, and to be able to see the progress of their children and grandchildren. Some groups want to have a professional job, to have enough to pay for their bills and all their needs. They also want more than sufficient for their vacations to exotic places as well as sufficient for retirement, and still a lot more left for the family after they are gone. Nobody ever said they want to do something to help them make a difference in the life of others, or ask for fidelity to God’s words and teachings, or even wanting to live a devout life, to make it to heaven. Sometimes, we forget that even if we accomplish our greatest goal or achieve the highest material success, we are never promised comfort, convenience, or a pain-free life.

Solomon understands these needs better in today’s first reading. As a young king, Solomon had many legitimate needs. He needed wealth, military might, fame, security, prosperity, long life and happiness. He never asked God for any of these basic needs, but he instead, asked for “an understanding heart to judge people and to distinguish right from wrong.” God was very pleased with his request. Hence, He granted wisdom and understanding to Solomon far surpassing anybody or king of his time. For Solomon, the wisdom is “a pearl of great price.” And not easy to buy but can only be granted from the above.

Today’s readings invite us to look beyond our earthly temporary needs, and rather to reflect on this important question: “Among all the things I desire in life, what is the one desire of my life that once found will bring all my other legitimate desires in its train?” The gospel calls this need, “A pearl of great price which a merchant found and sold everything he has in order to buy it.” In a very clear term, “A pearl of great price” is the kingdom of God. Thus, it is not surprising that Jesus said, “**Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you**” (Matthew 6:33). Brothers and sisters, while your temporal needs here on earth are essential, you must also work hard for your eternal happiness with God in heaven.

—Fr. Abuchi

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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Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, July 29-Memorial of Saint Martha**

EX 24:3-8 / JN 11:19-27

8:30am Intentions of Kara Deserto

5:00pm Josephine Grabowski

Sunday, July 30

1 KGS 3:5, 7-12 / ROM 8:28-30 / MT 13:44-52

7:30am Robert Malinosky

9:00am Peter Viasi

11:00am Corcoran and Zaleski Families

Monday, July 31-Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

EX 32:15-24 / 30-34 / MT 13:31-35

8:30am For All The Priests In The Diocese

Tuesday, August 1-Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori,**Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

EX 33:7-11; 34:5B-9, 28 / MT 13:36-43

8:30am Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday, August 2

EX 34:29-35 / MT 13:44-46

7:00pm Peace in the World

Thursday, August 3

EX 40:16-21, 34-38 / MT 13:47-53

8:30am Intentions of Rosalie Turton

Friday, August 4-Memorial of St John Vianney, Priest

LV 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34B-37 / MT 13:54-58

8:30am Blessings on 3 Salesian Sisters: Melissa, Quynh and Kelly On The Occasion of Their First Profession Which Is On Saturday, August 5th

Saturday, August 5

LV 25:1, 8-17 / MT 14:1-12

8:30am Our Lady's Intentions

5:00pm Deceased Members of Weisser-Muller Families

Sunday, August 6-Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

DN 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 PT 1:16-19 / MT 17:1-9

7:30am Father John Quinlan

9:00am William Muller

11:00am Intentions of Craig Johnson and Elizabeth Oskierko

Please Remember and Pray for the Following

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Joseph Colon, Terry Comer, Meghan Corcoran, Michael Corcoran, Fr. Angelus Croce, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, James Dykstra, Doug Ernst, Sr., Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Les Hummienny Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Betty Lacovara, Kden LeoGrande, Charles Longo, Pete Mahler, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, James B. Nienstedt, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, John Samssock, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jerome Pasternak, Ellie Prakopcyk, Connie Pyne, Maryanne Quara, Peter F. Reynolds, Bishop Frank Rodimer Colleen Romano, Carol Rock, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, James Scales, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Ronald Wild, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, July 23

\$2912.00

Catholic Communications Collection

\$717.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp
Burns for the Intentions of Bishop
Frank Rodimer*

**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

**PRAYER GARDEN DEDICATION**

The Prayer Garden will be dedicated in Memory to our former Pastor Fr. John Quinlan on August 6 after the 11:00am Mass. We encourage you if you can to participate in the prayers for the dedication. **Many Thanks** to Dina Salvatore who works every year to keep the garden clean.



OLMC TRICKY TRAY**SAVE THE DATE!**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will be holding its annual **Tricky Tray** on **Friday, September 1st 2017**. As you might know this is our biggest fundraiser of the year, which benefits the entire church a great deal. The proceeds of the event go directly back to the church for expenses and repairs. We will need volunteers to assist the Tricky Tray team. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: Kelly Kays: (201)317-7881 or kellymariekays@yahoo.com or Kaitlin Voris: (973)903-2176 or ksheehyk@gmail.com. We will have more information for you in the coming weeks. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Catechists are needed for the 2017-2018 school year. Religious Education is a wonderful way to help our children understand their faith. Our goal is to have two teachers in each classroom so that the students have continuity throughout the year should one teacher be unavailable. It is an easy, rewarding, and faith-filled undertaking! Training will be provided to everyone; all the work is outlined in the teacher's manual-even what to write on the board! And I will guide you as you go. It is a worthwhile endeavor and the children appreciate it. Substitutes are needed when teachers are unavailable as well! Please contact the **Religious Education office at 973-579-2355** if you would like to share your faith with our children. Also, Catechists do not pay tuition for their own children to be enrolled in our program. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

Thank you and God bless, Dan Salvatore, CRE

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 your 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!

ST. JEAN-MARIE VIANNEY 1786-1859**The Life of Saint Jean-Marie Vianney**

St. Vianney was born on May 8, 1786, to a poor but devout Catholic family in the French town of Dardilly, France (near Lyon) and was baptized the same day.

His childhood was marked by the tragic events of the French Revolution. While the Jacobins, supported by the Freemasons, were organizing the hunt for priests and sending them and their faithful to the guillotine, Jean-Marie was studying catechism in secret. It was during a Mass celebrated secretly behind barred doors that Jean-Marie received his First Communion.

"I will be a priest", he affirmed.

Overcoming enormous difficulties, he was ordained (in a tiny French town, Ars), to the priesthood on August 13, 1815, in the chapel of the Seminary at Grenoble. The day after his arrival, he was almost alone as he made his way toward the altar to celebrate Mass. A few days later, when some came to see this new priest, the faithful found him on his knees in prayer before the Tabernacle. Father Vianney celebrated Mass early in the morning and it was apparent to everyone that he was fulfilling the Sacrifice of the Son of God on the Cross.

The first treasure to open is God's forgiveness: from the moment he arrived in Ars, Fr. Jean-Marie had become the man consumed by the confessional. His parishioners flocked to him for confession and felt the joy of God's forgiveness and of conversion. Ars became the European capital of reconciliation with God. The faithful from across Europe and around the world would set out for the French village.

The poor boy from Dardilly who became a teacher and model for priests, even Popes who sit on the Chair of Peter who are inspired by him and hold him up for emulation to the entire church.

Sadly, Fr. Jean-Marie Vianney died on August 4, 1859. May 31, 1925, Pope Pius XI enrolled him among the saints and on April 23, 1928, declared him Patron of the world's parish priests.

DON BOSCO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please come visit the Don Bosco Knights of Columbus Food Booth at the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show August 4th thru August 13th. Thank you and May God Bless you and your family!