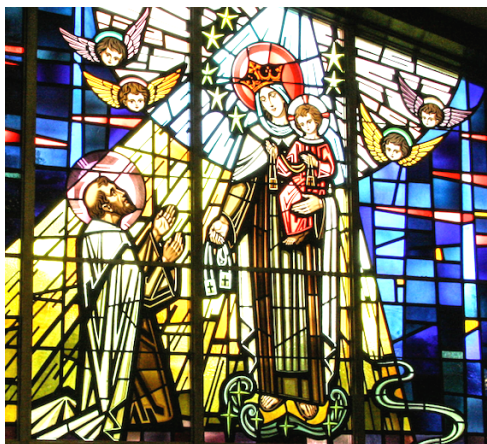


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, August 6, 2017
18th 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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"This is my Son my beloved, with Him I am well pleased. Listen to him."

Nobody is allowed to drive a vehicle without evidence of learning to drive and being licensed. In marriage, dating sets the stage for this learning and partners build trust and get to know each other very well. In friendship, hang outs, visiting places and dinner set the stage for this learning process. For the apostles to learn and know more about Jesus, they must go out with Him, visit places and experience His incredible miracles.

So, in today's gospel, prior to the final week of Jesus in Jerusalem, He invited three of the apostles: Peter, James and John to accompany Him on the top of the Mountain. On this mountain, He transfigures: "His countenance shone like the sun. Jesus' clothes became "dazzlingly white." Saint Gregory Nazianzen tells us that this whiteness was the Divinity, manifested to the disciples." Through the transfiguration, Jesus gives the three men the glimpse of His inner life and His glory. The presence of Moses and Elijah at the transfiguration symbolizes that the law and prophets are fulfilled in Jesus. The climax of the event was when Peter's master plan of electing three tents for the trio was interrupted by God's voice: "This is my Son my beloved, with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him."

The apostles continued listening to Jesus till the end of His earthly ministry. At the Last Supper, He instituted the Sacrament of Eucharist and commanded them, "Do this in memory of me." After His resurrection, He appeared to them: "Peace be with you. Then He breathed on them and said, receive the Holy, whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, whose sins you retain, they are retained." That power of celebrating Eucharist and offering forgiveness has come to us through the apostolic succession. This is because the apostles listened to Jesus and continued His work of offering love and forgiveness to the people. However, listening to Jesus or God doesn't always come easy. For instance, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus took with Him again the same three apostles. But, at this point, it was a little challenging for Jesus to listen to the voice of the Father. "He was in such a state of terror and distress at the prospect of crucifixion that He was tempted, as never before, to give up on His messianic mission and get out from under the cross." "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death," He continues, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." With this, He gave us an example to follow: to listen to God always, and when it is difficult to listen or to follow the will of God to pray as He did, "Father let your will be done."

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**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

Monday, August 7

NM 11:4B-15 / MT 14:13-21

8:30am Intentions of Thomas Schoonover

Tuesday, August 8-Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest

NM 12:1-13 / MT 14:22-36

8:30am Edna and Dominick Maniaci

Wednesday, August 9

NM 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26A-29A, 34-35 / MT 15:21-28

7:00pm Bob Froetscher

Thursday, August 10-Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 COR 9:6-10 / JN 12:24-26

8:30am Felicia N.

Friday, August 11-Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin

DT 4:32-40 / MT 16:24-28

8:30am William and Frances Wilks

Saturday, August 12

DT 6:4-13 / MT 17:14-20

8:30am Gaetano Gervasi

5:00pm James D. Nienstedt

Sunday, August 13

1KGS 19:9A, 11-13A / ROM 9:1-5 / MT 14:22-33

7:30am John McCarthy

9:00am

11:00am Bob Froetscher

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, 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, 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 30

\$4464.50

*There will be a second collection next week for the Diocesan Assessment

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Liobe and Visotsky Families

**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!

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI 1194-1253

St. Clare was born in Assisi, Italy in 1193 to wealthy parents. She was taught to read and write as well as spin yarn and do needle work. But she had little interest in her luxurious surroundings. Because Clare was influenced by her mother's religious devotion, she decided to dedicate her life to God at an early age. Her calling would involve helping the poor and would set aside food from her family table to give to the needy on the streets.

When Clare was 18, she met Francis of Assisi when he came to preach in the church of San Giorgio at Assisi. Clare asked Francis to help her in dedicating her life to God and he vowed to do so.

The following year (1211), Clare's parents chose a wealthy young man for her to marry but she refused and fled soon after to Porziuncola Chapel where Francis received her. She took her vows dedicating her life to God on March 20, 1212, marking the beginning of the Second Order of St. Francis. (Clare was one of the first followers of St. Francis.) Soon after, her sister Agnes joined her and they moved to the Church of San Damiano which had recently been rebuilt by Francis. Other women joined them and they became known as the "Poor Ladies" also known as the Order of San Damiano. The Order became known for its life of abject poverty and committed life of prayer. Clare became the abbess of San Damiano in 1216.

On two occasions Clare is credited with saving Assisi. The first involved Clare raising the Host up in a window causing Frederick II's invading troops to fall back. The second attack on Assisi, Clare and her nuns prayed for the safety of their town and a storm swept in and scattered the attackers.

Clare cared for Francis toward the end of his life until he died in 1226. Despite being ill, Clare continued to promote her Order until her death in 1253.

In August 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare and today the Order of St. Clare has more than 20,000 sisters worldwide in more than 70 countries.

CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS DRIVE

Thank you to Jenn Durso and Heather Falotico for volunteering their time collecting donated household items for our fundraiser. Thank you also to everyone that donated their items. OLMC made \$255.75 from it.

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

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!

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!