

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, October 15, 2017  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## No RSVP needed to God's Eternal Banquet!

The parable of the wedding feast we hear today is a parable of God's desire to call and welcome as many as possible into the kingdom of heaven, bad and good alike. It is like the banquet Isaiah describes in the first reading: "The Lord will provide the feast of rich food and choice of wines for all people. He will destroy the veil that separates people. He will destroy death forever and will wipe away the tears from every face."

In today's parable, Jesus says the kingdom of God can be compared with a king who gave a marriage feast and invited special guests. "The tale begins with what appears to be the happiest of times in the life of any family. A king's son, the crown prince, is to be married with all the panoply and opulence such a moment requires. The date set, the king sends servants to deliver invitations to the nobility and wealthy of the land. The finest wine is identified, the choicest cattle readied for slaughter, the hall adorned for celebration; all is made ready. But one by one the invited guests begin to decline the invitation with lame excuses even to the extent of killing the king's messengers." Frustrated, the king orders a new set of servants to go into the streets and invite common folks, good and bad alike. "In this parable, God is the king, Jesus is the bridegroom, the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets. For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies. So, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom."

In our time, God continues to invite everybody to His banquet: bad and good, the weak and strong, the doubting and convinced, the foolish and the wise, the liberal and the conservative, the liar and the truth teller, the cruel and the kind, the selfish and the generous and so forth. However, at the final banquet, like the groom kicked out the man not dressed in wedding garment, so will God separate the good from the bad at His eternal banquet. Of course, all of us are invited but are you ready and are you dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness? Would you stay or be thrown out on this great banquet and feast with our Lord?

—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.

## Youth Group

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## Knights of Columbus, Council 9920

Terrence O'Connor, Grand Knight

**Mass Intentions for the Week****Saturday, October 14**

JL 4:12-21 / LK 11:27-28

8:30am Intentions of Miranda Mazzola

5:00pm Roger Ervey

**Sunday, October 15**

IS 25:6-10A / PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20 / MT 22:1-14

7:30am John Kirk

9:00am Angelina Falotico

11:00am Alfons Toriello

**Monday, October 16**

ROM 1:1-7 / LK 11:29-32

8:30am Intentions of Christopher Johnson

**Tuesday, October 17-Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**

ROM 1:16-25 / LK 11:37-41

8:30am Sally Oravec

**Wednesday, October 18-Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist**

2 TM 4:10-17B / LK 10:1-9

7:00pm Intentions of Barbara Froetscher

**Thursday, October 19-Memorial of Saints John de Breboud and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs**

ROM 3:21-30 / LK 11:47-54

8:30am Intentions of William Scheidler

**Friday, October 20**

ROM 4:1-8 / LK 12:1-7

8:30am Intentions of William Hiler

**Saturday, October 21**

ROM 4:13, 16-18 / LK 12:8-12

8:30am Intentions of Tony and Rose Grabinski

5:00pm Intentions of Deacon Ed and Mary Lou Muller on their 50th Anniversary

**Sunday, October 22**

IS 45:1, 4-6 / 1 THES 1:1-5B / MT 22:15-21

7:30am Daniel McDonald

9:00am

11:00am Intentions of Bill and Charlene Nagy on their 50th Anniversary

**Please Remember and Pray For the Following**

Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Joseph Colon, Terry Comer, Meghan Corcoran, Michael Corcoran, Fr. Angelus Croce, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, Kimberly Lane, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Brett Mershon, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Mary Parkyn, Jerome Pasternak, Ellie Prakopcyk, Owen Primavera, Connie Pyne, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsoc, 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, Lorraine Virga, Brooke Zaleski

**-Please contact the office if you need to add or remove a name on the prayer list. Thank you!**

**A GOOD STEWARD**Sunday, October 8 **\$3,090.00**Diocesan Assessment **\$ 573.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

\*There will be a special collection on the weekend of October 22nd for World Mission Sunday.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns For the Intentions of Barbara 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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 RAFFLE**

The Knights of Columbus are currently holding a raffle to support our various charities. There will be 3 winners drawn from 50% of the proceeds, 35%, 10% and 5%. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Knights annual Pork and Turkey Roast on October 21st. Winner need not be present, but we would like to see you at the Pork and Turkey Roast. Raffle tickets are \$20.00 each and available at the side door after mass. Advance tickets for the Pork and Turkey Roast are also available at the side door after mass. As always, The Knights appreciate your generosity and support for our efforts to help the less fortunate.

**God Bless You, OLMC Council 9920**

**BAPTISM - NEW PARISHIONERS**

**Congratulations to newly Baptized baby Chiara Veronica Lombardo on Saturday, October 7, 2017.**

Welcome, precious little child. So divine from God above. Christened today in Jesus' name, Held in His arms of love. May angels guide your tiny feet and bring smiles to wear and may our Heavenly Father always keep you in his care.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION****-Reminder-**

\*The next Confirmation gathering will be Sunday, October 15 at 7pm in the Community Center.

\*Our Annual **Truck or Treat** will be held on Friday, October 27th at 7PM in the OLMC church parking lot. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and baked snacks will be provided. Please plan on attending.

**YOUTH GROUP**

All members (and those who are interested in being members) of the Youth Group should join the OLMC Youth Group Remind Group to receive reminders and messages about meetings and events. Simply text the message @oyouth to the number 81010. Reminders and announcements will come to you in the form of a text message.

**SILVER AND GOLD ANNIVERSARY MASS****SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples, were you married in 1967 or 1992? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson.

**Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 4:00pm**-Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Registrations will be accepted through **Tuesday, October 17, 2017**. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

**PARISH LEGACY GIFTS**

Many thanks to some parishioners who have graciously remembered the parish in their will.

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!

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

OLMC Eucharistic ministers are **urgently** needed to assist with bringing Holy Communion to the Catholic residents of the **Homestead Nursing Home**. Currently, we have only **two** active Eucharistic Ministers serving, so, as of now, only **two** Sundays of each month are covered, resulting in the Homestead residents not being able to receive this vital sacrament as often as they should. Ideally, we need **three** additional Eucharistic ministers to volunteer for the Homestead, who will alternate their service weekly, resulting in each minister serving **once every five weeks**. It takes about one hour to complete this service.

As you can imagine, this is a critically important and blessed ministry which is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. If interested in assisting, contact Dan Salvatore at 973-579-1908 or via e-mail at [dan958@embarqmail.com](mailto:dan958@embarqmail.com) for further details.

**RCIA PROGRAM**

We are accepting candidates for the RCIA program. Anybody who is inquiring to know more about the Catholic faith and teachings, and those who were baptized who did not receive Communion or Confirmation, please call the office or e-mail Fr. Abuchi.

**GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE**

The Confirmation Program is now taking orders for Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy and Christmas Wreaths and Grave Blankets. Please help support this fundraiser by ordering through one of our Confirmation Candidates or pick up a candy catalogue and wreath ordering form available in the Parish kitchen. All orders must be submitted by November 5. Thank you for your past support.

**OLMC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**The OLMC Knights of Columbus Council 9920** would like to thank you for your past support and your current interest in helping the Knights various charities. Because of your generous support, we are able to send a \$500.00 contribution to **The Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief** for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma & Maria, as well as areas in our own local community. 100% of our contribution will go directly to help the people of these devastated areas.

Thank you again for your generous support and God Bless you all.

**OLMC Knights of Columbus Council 9920****REMINDER**

Shop-Rite and Weis gift cards can be purchased after each Mass or in the rectory Monday thru Friday from 9 am till 1 pm. Thank you for your support.