

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, November 12, 2017
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.

OLMC Joy Club (Just Older Youth)

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Terrence O'Connor, Grand Knight

Are you prepared and ready while waiting for that day?

Waiting is part of our lives. We wait for things to happen or come through. At the airport, while some people wait for the flight departure others wait for the flight arrival. On the road, we wait at the traffic light. Teenagers wait to get drivers' license and to graduate from high school. Adults wait to get married and settle down.

In today's gospel, Jesus told a story about a wedding and the ten bridesmaids who were charged with the job of waiting for the groom. In the day of Jesus, a wedding was more than a day, and can last as long as the groom wants. "According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together." According to the parable, each of the ten bridesmaids (virgins) were to hold a small lamp in the palm of her hand to light the groom's way once night descended. Then, as you know, street lights weren't invented yet. Five of the women not only lit their lamps, but brought extra oil; the other five were not so prepared and thus, have no extra oil. Because the arrival of the groom was delayed, the five prepared "wise virgins" added extra oil but the unprepared "foolish virgins" ran out of oil before the groom finally arrived. By the time they purchased oil and returned, the party was in full swing, and not only that the doors to the house were closed but they were turned away from the entrance. At the end of the story, Jesus warned His audience to be prepared always.

The lesson of the parable is preparation for the last Judgment Day. "In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom. In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join Himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride. The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church." But let me ask: How are you waiting for this day? Have you made the necessary preparation like the "wise virgins?" Our eternal destiny is to have eternal happiness with God. But, never forget the last four things: Final judgement, heaven, hell and purgatory.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, November 11 - Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**

ROM 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / LK 16:9-15

8:30am Norman Oravec

5:00pm Intentions of Larry and Mary Ann Condit

Sunday, November 12

WIS 6:12-16 / 1 THES 4:13-18 / MT 25:1-13

7:30am Intentions of Tom Rivera

9:00am Peter Biasi

11:00am Ann Mary Scangarello

Monday, November 13 - Memorial of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

WIS 1:1-7 / LK 17:1-6

8:30am Edward and Ceil Johnson

Tuesday, November 14

WIS 2:23-3:9 / LK 17:7-10

8:30am Sam Sorce

Wednesday, November 15

WIS 6:1-11 / LK 17:11-19

8:30am Intentions of Marina Veliz

Thursday, November 16

WIS 7:22B-8:1 / LK 17:20-25

8:30am Intentions of Edmundo Veliz

Friday, November 17 - Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

WIS 13:1-9 / LK 17:26-37

8:30am Joseph and Violet Oravec

Saturday, November 18

WIS 18:14-16; 19:6-9 / LK 18:1-8

8:30am Dan and Justine Cherney

5:00pm Mary Parkyn

Sunday, November 19

PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 THES 5:1-6 / MT 25:14-30

7:30am

9:00am Mary Parkyn

11:00am Joseph Savage

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Joseph Colon, Terry Comer, Fr. Angelus Croce, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Linda Flynn, Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, Kimberly Lane, Kden LeoGrande, Elizabeth Lacovara, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Brett Mershon, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Jerome Pasternak, Lorraine Paxton, 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 Samscock, 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

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, November 5	\$3747.00
All Saints Day, November 1st	\$562.00
All Souls Day, November 2nd	\$403.00

Thank you for your generosity!

*There will be a 2nd collection the weekend of November 11th and 12th for the Diocesan Assessment

SANCTUARY LAMP

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
for the Intentions of
Lorraine Paxton*

**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

Tyler Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman

**NEW SONG BOOK**

New church books are being ordered. If you'd like to donate a book either to the **Church** or **In Memory of a Loved One**, printed on a label that will be placed inside the cover of the book, the cost is \$18.90 each. It is more cost effective printing it on a label for inside the book cover than having it printed on the front cover which would cost \$56.90. You also have the option of donating a book for the choir. The cost for the choir book is \$30.00 each. There are sign up forms at all the doors of the church. Please mail the form with your payment to OLMC, drop off at the rectory or place it in the collection basket. Absolute deadline for submission is the weekend of November 25th/26th.

PRAYER OF SAINT GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Dictated by our Lord to release 1,000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said:

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, for those in my own home and within my family." Amen

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING 7 COVERED DISH

This year our annual tree lighting and covered dish dinner will be on Saturday, **December 2nd** immediately after the **5 pm Mass**. Please plan on attending. For further information, call the office between 9 am and 1 pm. If you can volunteer to bring a dish or help with setup/cleanup, please sign up at the doors of the church. Thank you.



SHOULD WE FAST BEFORE WE RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Canon 919 of the *Code of Canon Law* states, "One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion."

This rule also has two exceptions: First a priest who celebrates more than one Mass on the same day, as oftentimes happens on Sunday, can take something before the second or third celebration even if there is less than one hour between them.

Second, those who are elderly or sick as well as their caretakers can receive Communion even if a full hour fast has not been fulfilled. For example, people in the hospital are not in control of their own schedule and may be eating or have just finished eating when visited by the Priest or Eucharistic Minister. Because they are unable to conveniently observe the fast, they can receive Eucharist even if they have eaten something within preceding hour.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Giving, We Receive

After decades of service to our parishes, our diocesan priests have the opportunity to live at Nazareth Village in Chester. A number of our priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support Nazareth Village. Your pledge is a great way to recognize the generous gift of their priestly vocation. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

If you or if you know of someone or of some family who could benefit from receiving a food basket for Thanksgiving, please call the office. All names will be kept confidential.

***Donations** for the **Thanksgiving Food Baskets** will be the weekend of **November 18th and 19th at all masses**. All helping hands are welcome and needed to put these baskets together. If you can volunteer your time on **Sunday, November 19th from 5:00pm — 7pm**, please call Caroline (973)383-3566. There will be pizza for the volunteers. **Thank you!**



***Thanksgiving Food Baskets will be available for pick-up on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st from 9am-12pm.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

-Reminder -

*There is no **CCD** classes on Sunday, November 26th because of the Thanksgiving holiday

*The next **Confirmation** gathering will be Sunday, November 19th from 7pm-8:30pm

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 for further details.