

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, January 14, 2018
Second 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.

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Opening doors to the right direction for others!

We meet a countless number of people in our lives. Some of them have a supportive influence in our lives and even helping and pointing us to the right direction. Some of them also helps us to understand more about God and to grow in close relationship with Him. While others offer good advice or direction that will help us to reach a certain milestone.

In today's readings, we have three main characters: Eli, John the Baptist and Andrew, each of whom, in different ways, pointed others in the right direction, and consequently led them to the one who is the source of life. For instance, John the Baptist recognized Jesus as a Lamb of God who have come to save the world. Instead of keeping that recognition to himself, he shared it with his own disciples, even if that meant losing them to Jesus. "By pointing them in the direction of Jesus, he opened a door for them, not trying to keep them for himself. A little later, one of John's disciples, Andrew, did for his brother Simon what the Baptist had done for him. He led his brother to Jesus. In the first reading, Eli did something similar for Samuel, helping him to hear God's call." We could probably all identify a John the Baptist or an Andrew or an Eli in our own lives, people who, in some way pointed us to the Lord, or helped us to recognize and receive the grace of God.

Talk about pointing to the right direction! Our own parents are the first people. They brought us to the baptismal font as infants. As early as possible into our lives they helped us to grow in our relationship with Christ into whom we had been baptized, bringing us to church, praying with us, reading stories from the gospels to us, taking us to places and putting an image of the Lord or of a biblical scene in our bedroom, helping us to prepare for the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. However, later on, in our lives, if we were fortunate, we may also have had an inspirational or motivational teacher or coach either at school or any place who took us a step further in our relationship with the Lord, or take us further to realize potential in us. The Lord never ceases to call us through others into a deeper relationship with himself. And He never ceases to call us in many different ways to open doors for others or be a vessel pointing to others the right direction to follow. Indeed, today's readings not only call us to be open to God's call but also to be open to the many ways the Lord can draw us to Himself, and to the ways that He may be calling us to help Him in drawing others to Himself.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 13

1 SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / MK 2:13-17

8:30am Protection of the Unborn

5:00pm Intentions of Maureen Foley

Sunday, January 14

IS SM 3:3B-10, 19 / 1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20 / JN 1:35-42

7:30am For the Sick Parishioners

9:00am Mary Ochner

11:00am Rich Sinski

Monday, January 15

1 SM 15:16-23 / MK 2:18-22

8:30am Family Intentions

Tuesday, January 16

1 SM 16:1-13 / MK 2:23-28

8:30am Evelyn DelVecchio

Wednesday, January 17 - Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot

1 SM 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / MK 3:1-6

7:00pm Intentions of Barbara Froetscher

Thursday, January 18

1 SM 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / MK 3:7-12

8:30am Robert Muller and Helen Weisser

Friday, January 19

1 SM 24:3-21 / MK 3:13-19

8:30am Intentions of Maureen Foley

Saturday, January 20

2 SM 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 / MK 3:20-21

8:30am Bob Froetscher

5:00pm End to Abortion

Sunday, January 21

JON 3:1-5, 10 / 1 COR 7:29-31 / MK 1:14-20

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am Rich Sinski

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr, Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, 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 Samsock, 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, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, January 7

\$3,444.00

***There will be a second collection the weekend of January 13 & 14 for the Diocesan Assessment.**

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Rich Sinski



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next Confirmation gathering will be Sunday, January 21 at 7pm

NEW SONG BOOK

It's not too late to purchase a book to donate to the Church in Memory of a Loved One. The dedication will be placed inside the cover. The cost is \$18.90 or \$30.00 for the Choir book.

ONLINE GIVING OPTION

FOR WEEKLY AND ONE TIME GIFTS

Enrolling in Online Giving today is a great way to ensure your gifts to Our Lady of Mt Carmel are received even when you are away or traveling.

Please visit: <https://olmcswartwood.churchgiving.com>

JOY CLUB

Meeting of OLMC JOY (just older youth) Club will meet on Thursday, January 18 at 12pm. Dues \$5, includes lunch. Sign up sheets at door for food head count or contact Patricia (973) 534-7733.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Anyone who is homebound or sick and needs a priest, please call the office to make arrangements — (973) 383-3566.

BLESSING OF THE HOME

In Christianity, blessing a home is an ancient tradition. Many Christians like to offer their house to God and ask for a blessing on those who live within it or might visit. If anyone would like to have their home blessed, whether you just moved in or have been in your home, please call the office to make arrangements.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

It's January - time we often make New Year's Resolutions! Why not consider making a few resolutions that may help you to become a better Catholic in 2018. Below are some ideas.

Have a smartphone? Consider an app to help you become a better Catholic. Simply type "Catholic" in your phone's app store search index.

Find a patron Saint - There are bags on the side doors of the church which contact Saint's names, why not pick one and learn more about these powerful intercessors.

Consider going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation more frequently. While it's tough to face our sins, this sacrament gives us the grace to fight these sins and perhaps defeat them.

Consider reading the Bible - if only a small amount - on a regular basis

Consider getting more involved in our parish - Volunteer as a lector, choir member, usher or Eucharistic Minister

Consider Praying the Rosary - It has been hailed by saints as a powerful weapon to defeat evil

Consider spending some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic Adoration

Consider reading Catholic Magazines or Books to help inspire you in your daily living.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The 45th annual March for Life rally protesting abortion in Washington, D.C. is held every year around the anniversary of the US Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion, Roe V. Wade, January 22, 1973.

The mission of The Pro-Life March is to "provide all Americans with a place to testify to the beauty of life and the dignity of each human person." This years theme is "Love Saves Lives".

Please consider joining the march with Our Lady Queen of Peace on Friday, January 19. The bus will be departing from there for Washington, D.C. after the 5:30am Mass. If you are unable to attend, please say a prayer for all those attending, for pregnant mother's struggling with the decision to keep their baby and for all aborted babies.

Prayer to God the Father of all Life

Eternal god,
You have revealed Yourself as the father of all Life. We praise You for the Fatherly care which You extend to all creation and especially to us, made in Your image and likeness.

Father, extend Your hand of protection to those threatened by abortion and save them from its destructive power. Give Your strength to all fathers, that they may never give in to the fears that may tempt them to facilitate abortions.

Bless our families and bless our land, that we may have the joy of welcoming and nurturing the life of which You are the source and the Eternal Father. Amen

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

This year, the Annual March for Life will be held on Friday, January 19th. Our Lady Queen of Peace will be sponsoring a bus to Washington. Bus will depart at 6 am and the cost is \$25 per person. For more information or to sign up, please call 973-948-3185.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Giving, We Receive

If you have not yet responded to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2017 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2018. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2017appeal.org