

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, January 21, 2018
Third 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
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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Our enemies are not God's enemy!

As you and I march across the decades of time, we are going to meet a lot of pleasant and unpleasant situations as well as good and bad people alike. But how do we deal with bad people and unpleasant situations? Our enemy is not God's enemy and His ways are not our ways! He is not even the enemy of His enemies. On His Sermon on the Mount, Christ offers us to be kind and compassionate to our enemies, "Pray for your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." In the first reading today, we read about Jonah who's supposed to be mindful of God's abundant mercy and compassion but he only seems to want the complete destruction of Nineveh and its inhabitants.

Jonah was from the Northern Kingdom of Israel, which had been utterly destroyed by the Babylonians, whose capital city was Nineveh. Nineveh is very well known in the ancient world for its brutality. So, when God's call came to Jonah to preach to Nineveh, you can almost hear him protest, "No way, Yahweh! Send me anywhere but Babylon." Jonah detests Nineveh for killing and torturing his people. He was very reluctant to preach to Nineveh. Thus, instead of journeying east to Babylon, Jonah boarded a ship at the port of Joppa, sailing as far west as the ancient maps allowed. We of course, know the story, how God sent a turbulent storm to rock the boat, and then a great fish to swallow up Jonah as he fell into the turbulent ocean. It took three long days and nights in the belly of that fish before Jonah finally decided that there were some places one could end up even worse than Nineveh.

When Jonah was rescued from the belly of fish, he obediently accepted God's order to preach to the Ninevites. "He preached for three days, walking across the city with a blazing sermon of doom and hell-fire judgment. There was no hope, no invitation to repent, no mention of God's love or desire for relationship. It was the most sweeping revival in human history." Jonah expected fire and brimstone to descend on the people but it never happened. Surprisingly, all the people of Nineveh repented and believed in God. The unforgiving Jonah was greatly displeased with God's extraordinary mercy and forgiveness to the people he once considered to be very brutal and her city very dangerous. "The story of Jonah shows us the power of God's word; the universal call to repentance; and God's abundant compassion and mercy to all His people." If He forgives us and gives us a second chance to improve, so we too have to do that for others. We must also pray for the conversion of all people and our enemies.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Eleanor Ann Sylvester

9:00am Peter Falotico

11:00am Rich Sinski

Monday, January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal

Protection of Unborn Children

2 SM 5:1-7, 10 / MK 3:22-30

8:30am Rich Sinski

Tuesday, January 23

2 SM 6:12B-15, 17-19 / MK 3:31-35

8:30am Barbara Abler

Wednesday, January 24 - Memorial of Saint Frances de

Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 SM 7:4-17 / MK 4:1-20

7:00pm Mary Bentler

Thursday, January 25 - Feast of the Conversion of Saint

Paul, Apostle

ACTS 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 / MK 16:15-18

8:30am Leo Powell

Friday, January 26 - Memorial of Saints Timothy and

Titus, Bishops

2 TM 1:1-8 or 1:1-5 / MK 4:26-34

8:30am Recovery of Addicts

Saturday, January 27

2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17 / MK 4:35-41

8:30am Intentions of Frank Roehrig

5:00pm Intentions of Francesca Ferrari

Sunday, January 28

DT 18:15-20 / 1 COR 7:32-35 / MK 1:21-28

7:30am Private Intention

9:00am Karl Weisser

11:00am Intentions of Elizabeth Johnson

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 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, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, January 14 **\$3,887.50**
Diocesan Assessment **\$778.00**

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



CHARITABLE STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a copy of your charitable statement for 2017, please call the office

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>

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The **Knights of Columbus** are hosting a raffle for a custom Handcrafted shadow box commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church by Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, Bishop of Paterson, on July 2, 1967. Handcrafted by the Knights from solid oak church pews obtained during the OLMC garage clean-out in the fall of 2016. Featuring votive candles and music box, this well-built shadow box is a true representation of the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church community, and will be enjoyed by your family for generations to come. Tickets are \$10.00 each and available at the side door of the church after mass.

AUXILIUM SCHOOL/CAMP AUXILIUM OPEN HOUSE

The Auxilium School is now registering students for the 2018/2019 school year. Come to their Open House January 31, 2018, from 9:30am-11:00am. ***50% off NEW Registrations-1/31/2018 ONLY** for our Catholic Schools Week Open House. Their State Licensed Programs include: Juniors, Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Year To Grow

Sunday, March 4, 2018 - 1:00pm-3:00pm (School and Summer Camp)

Sunday, April 29, 2018 - 1:00pm-3:00pm (School and Summer Camp)

Sunday, May 20, 2018 - 1:00pm-3:00pm (Summer Camp)

Visitors always welcome Monday - Friday from 9:30am - 11:00am

Call for more information (973)383-2621 Opt. 1 or visit them at: <https://www.facebook.com/CampAuxiliumTheAuxiliumSchool/> or www.campauxilium.org

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

January 25, 2018

Saint Paul's life can be explained in terms of one experience — his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. Prior to their meeting, Paul hated everything Jesus stood for. He persecuted Christians, dragging men and women like criminals, from their homes handing them over for imprisonment. It was one sentence that changed Paul, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." An immediate transformation happened and he was suddenly converted to the Christian faith. He was baptized, changed his name from Saul to Paul and began traveling and preaching the faith. From then on, his only work was to "Present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me." Paul spent his life proclaiming and living out the message of the cross. He was martyred as an Apostle in Rome around 65 AD.

O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray, nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today, and so make us witness to your truth in the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. Amen

**HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

Finding healing after an abortion is possible. Many who are suffering alone experience great peace as they are able to share their burdens with another. The Sisters of Life walk in solidarity with those suffering after abortion. They are available to meet with women individually in person or over the phone as they walk through the journey of healing. They offer individual meetings and retreats. All retreats are lead by the Sisters of Life and women who have experienced both the suffering of abortion and the joy of healing in Christ. They include witnesses of mercy, Scripture sharing, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. To speak to a Sister or learn more about their monthly Days of Prayer and Healing, contact the Sisters of Life: (866)575-0075 or e-mail them at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

To register for men: (866)586-4621
lumina@postabortionhelp.org