

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, February 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent



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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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Do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil!

The above phrase is from one of the most beautiful prayers of the Church. When we pray "Our Father" not only do we acknowledge there is temptation in the world, but we also acknowledge the existence of the evil one, that is, Satan. Thus, we pray asking our Heavenly Father not to lead us into temptation but to constantly deliver us from evil. Temptation is an unavoidable part of human life and it comes in different forms and at different times. Indeed, every one of us faces temptations of some kind; even Jesus was not immune as He was "tempted in every way, just as we are". (Hebrews 4:15)

The gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is always about the temptation of Jesus. Mark's account of the temptation in today's gospel is the shortest by far. There is no dialogue between Jesus and Satan and the details of the temptations are not spelled out in any way. However, in the gospel of Matthew and Luke: Jesus was tempted to turn stone into bread, the tempter proposed to Jesus to act without discretion relying on divine providence, and in another temptation Jesus was enticed to possess all the material things of the world. By resisting all these temptations, Jesus becomes a model for all of us in the moment of temptation.

Although we pray to God to help us resist temptation, we must also be cautious and vigilant at all times. We need to use our common sense and not to place ourselves in situations where we are vulnerable, in a situation that prey upon, or stimulate our weaknesses. "Daily we are bombarded continuously with images and messages that tantalize our sinful lusts. We don't need to make it more difficult than it already is. Even though Christ's Spirit resides in our hearts, our flesh can be very weak at times." When we know something is or can be sinful, Paul warns us to "flee from it." Remember, the "tempter" is also the master of rationalization, and there is no limit to the arguments the devil can offer us to justify our sinful behavior. Our lives are in constant battle with temptation and evil. In order to resist temptation, we must be aware of our weaknesses and by all means avoid circumstances that will make temptation harder to resist. Most of all, we must guard ourselves with prayers. The night before he was betrayed, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, and advised Peter to pray "so that you will not fall into temptation" (Mark 14:38). May God deliver you from evil and may His words and prayers reinforce your will to resist temptation.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, February 17**

IS 58:9B-14 / LK 5:27-32

8:30am Mary Parkyn

5:00pm Georgene Wyker

Sunday, February 18

GN 9:8-15 / 1 PT 3:18-22 / MK 1:12-15

7:30am Intentions of Joseph Paino

9:00am Helen Bergman

11:00am Edward Joseph Myzyński

Monday, February 19

LV 19:1-2, 11-18 / MT 25:31-46

8:30am Intentions of Lorraine Paxton

Tuesday, February 20

IS 55:10-11 / MT 6:7-15

8:30am Ida Grimes

Wednesday, February 21

JON 3:1-10 / LK 11:29-32

7:00pm For The Sick Parishioners

Thursday, February 22 - Feast of St. Peter, Apostle

1 PT 5:1-4 / MT 16:13-19

8:30am Karl Weisser

Friday, February 23

EZ 18:21-28 / MT 5:20-26

8:30am Intentions of Carmine and Marie Curulli

Saturday, February 24

DT 26:16-19 / MT 5:43-48

8:30am For the Recovery of Addicts

5:00pm Intentions of Julia and Jim Scales

Sunday, February 25

GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18 / ROM 8:31B-34 / MK 9:2-10

7:30am Thomas Scrudato

9:00am Rich Sinski

11:00am Wes Pultz and Shirley Day

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Samantha Brady, 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, Bill Rasmussen, Connie Pyne, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsok, James Scales, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmidty, 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, February 11****\$3,936.50****Diocesan Assessment****\$691.00**

**There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for
European Relief**

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp
Burns for
Anita Cooper*

**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

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RICH SINISKI AND HIS SISTER
BERNADETTE HOFFMAN**

As you are aware, we are planning a Memorial Service for Rich on Saturday, February 24 at 10:30am in our parish. We've just been informed that Rich's sister, Bernadette Hoffman passed away this past Monday, February 12 and the family has requested a Memorial Mass for both of them on the same day.

If you are interested to donate money for the memorial service or for the repast in honor of Rich Sinski, please make the check payable to the parish, and put "Rich memorial" in the memo.

SAINT PETER, APOSTLE***Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter-February 22***

Why a celebration? It's not a celebration about a piece of furniture, but the role and office of Peter within the Church.

This feast commemorates Christ choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole church. We're celebrating his role as Shepard or bishop of the universal Church. It is also a celebration of authority of the universal bishop. It's the authority given by Jesus to Peter to lead and guide the Church in Jesus' place. For Jesus told Peter, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church". (Mt 16:18) This authority and role, we believe as Catholics, is passed down and exercised by the Pope, just as the authority and role of the Apostles is passed down and exercised by the bishops in union with the Pope. We celebrate the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter rejoicing in the guidance and the role of the Holy Spirit, thanking Jesus for the authority He shares with us and we pray for the person God has chosen to occupy the Chair of Saint Peter at the present time.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION****Just A Reminder**

The next **children's Mass** will be **Sunday, March 4th at 11am**. **Grade 6** and **First Year Confirmation** students will be actively participating.

JOY CLUB

There will be a JOY Club meeting on Sunday, February 18 after the 11:00am Mass. Lunch will be served. \$5.00 dues include lunch. Join us for food and fun. Just sign in for food count. Please call Patricia (973)534-7733 if you have any questions.

ONLINE GIVING OPTION**FOR WEEKLY AND ONE TIME GIFTS**

Enrolling in Online Giving 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://olmcswartswood.churchgiving.com>

St. Joseph's Church gift shop, located in the Church basement at 24 Halted St. in Newton is having bag sales on all men's, ladies and children's clothing. The sales will run from February 22 until March 16. The shop hours each week are Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 4pm and Saturdays from 9:30am until 12:30pm.

LENT 2018***Welcome Home to Healing*****Confession**

Every Monday, February 19-March 19 7:00pm-8:30pm and at all Parishes in the Diocese

Lenten Meatless Suppers

Every Friday at 6:00pm during Lent

Stations of the Cross

Begins at 7:00pm following the Meatless Soup Supper



Our annual **Lenten Meatless Soup Suppers** are held each Friday of Lent. Dinner starts at 6pm with **Stations of the Cross** beginning at 7pm. A free donation is suggested-all proceeds will go to the church. Sign up sheets are at the side doors. Set up and cleanup help is needed. Please call Dina (973)579-1908 if you have any questions or would like more information on this Our Lady of Mt.Carmel tradition

FOOD PANTRY

Our **Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, coffee, juice, snack items, saltines, cereal, canned meals and stews, pancake mix and syrup

LIVING WITH GRIEF

An exploration of Grief: the normal, natural, unavoidable reaction to loss

Newton Medical Center will be hosting: *The Living With Grief Lecture Series*. This is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the effects grief has on our lives, our loved ones and our relationships. It is offered to anyone who has experienced a loss, who is helping another cope with loss or who would like to learn more about the grieving process.

Hosted at: Romano Conference and Education Center
175 High Street, Newton Room 100

Tuesday evenings: April 10, 17, 24 and May 1-6:30-8pm
Light refreshments will be served.

For registration/information, contact

Reverend Randy Parks, Spiritual Care
Newton Medical Center-(973)579-8625 or
randolph.parks@atlantichealth.org

Registration is required as seating is limited

CHARITABLE STATEMENT

If you would like to receive a copy of you 2017 contributions, please contact the office

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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