

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Saturday 8:30 am (except Wednesday)

Wednesday 7:00 pm

First Friday Mass 2:00 pm

@Homestead Nursing Home

Holy Days 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the office to arrange.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, October 27

EPH 4:7-16 / LK 13:1-9

- 8:30 am** For the Recovery of the Drug & Alcoholic Addicts *by Parish Staff*
- 5:00 pm** Robert Muller *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*

Sunday, October 28

JER 31:7-9 / HEB 5:1-6 / MK 10:46-52

- 7:30 am** Edward Burns *by Ann Briggs*
- 9:00 am** Tina Spatarella *by Suzanne Wallace*
- 11:00 am** Judy Guidetti *by Durso Family*

Monday, October 29

EPH 4:32—5:8 / LK 13:10-17

- 8:30 am** Dr. Ralph Bozza *by Ron & Ann Johnson*

Tuesday, October 30

EPH 5:21-33 / LK 13:18-21

- 8:30 am** For the Intentions of Darlene Scarince *by Parish Staff*

Wednesday, October 31

EPH 6:1-9 / LK 13:22-30

- 7:00 pm** For the Intentions of Mary Kate Sinclair *by Ann Briggs*

Thursday, November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints

RV 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 JN 3:1-3 / MT 5:1-12A

- 8:30 am & 7:00 pm** Deceased Member of our Parish & Their Families *by Parish Staff*

Friday, November 2 – All Souls Day

WIS 3:1-9 / ROM 5:5-11 / JN 6:37-40

- 8:30 am** Deceased Members of Our Parish & Their Families *by Parish Staff*

Saturday, November 3

PHIL 1:18B-26 / LK 14:1, 7-11

- 8:30 am** Andrew Oravec *by Ron & Ann Johnson*
- 5:00 pm** Lester & Helen Zaleski *by Lester Zaleski*
- Deceased Members of 4th Degree Knights of Columbus *by Knights of Columbus*

Sunday, November 4

DT 6:2-6 / HEB 7:23-28 / MK 12:28B-34

Sunday Masses Continued:

- 7:30 am** Anthony Cerbo, Jr. *by Judy McMahon*
- 9:00 am** Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*
- 11:00 am** Renato Zuniga *by Ida Odorizzi*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Jennie Apostola, Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, George Carse, Joseph Colon, Fr. Angelus Croce, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Linda Flynn, Richard Hennings, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Brett Mershon, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Jerome Pasternak, Lorraine Paxton, Clarence Remke, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samscock, James Scales, Greg Schmiditty, Jenna Shammass, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Richard Sorce, Gene Streeter, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, October 14 ----- **\$3,787.00**

Online Giving ----- **\$250.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

***There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for Mission Sunday**

*This Week
the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for
Elizabeth Lacovara*

**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: Major Brandon Bennett, NJ Army National Guard (Federal); Larisa Furs, US Navy; Lt. Jason Gieniewski, US 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



Welcome

NEW PARISHIONERS

Our parish community joyfully welcomes all new parishioners. We invite you to introduce yourself to the Priest or Deacon after Mass if you can. You may also visit us at the office to register. If you have been attending our Church regularly but have not registered we encourage you to do so. Besides, if you would like to have your house blessed please give us a call at 973-383-3566. We look forward to meeting you.

Wine and Cheese Gathering

The next Wine and Cheese Gathering will be Saturday, November 10 after the 5 PM Mass. Good opportunity to meet and get to know more of our parishioners in a relaxed manner with beverages of all types and cheese and fruits.



Homestead Eucharistic Ministries

On the First Friday of every month, a Mass is held at the Homestead nursing home. Volunteers are needed to bring the residents from their room downstairs to where Mass is being celebrated. The time involved would be approximately 1:30-3:00. Every Sunday we try to bring communion to the Catholic residents of the Homestead who were once active members and even daily Mass attendees at their home parish. Now if we do not bring communion, the residents must go a long time before receiving Jesus. If you could with either First Friday or on one Sunday of the month, it would help tremendously. Please call the Parish Office to volunteer or for more details (973)383-3566

Homebound

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

ADVENTURES
WITH
CHRIST
continue...

Come Spend Time with Me 9 am - 12 Noon

Everyone is invited to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We are presently having the adoration in the Church. This gives more opportunity for people who will want a larger space to pray and to meditate. This will continue hopefully till the end of November. Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair the evils of the world and bring about peace on earth. During this time of crisis in the Church, please come and pray for peace and unity for the Church.

Day and night, Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to Him. Remember Christ said, "Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." "Cast all of your anxieties upon the one who cares for you..." My peace is My Gift to you." (MT 11:28; PT 5:7; JN 14:17).

Religious Education Announcement

10/28 - Confirmation Gathering at 7 pm

- November 17 - 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat

12/14 – 12/15 – Confirmation Announcement

The 8th Grade Lock-In Retreat will take place on Friday, December 14th and Saturday, December 15th. The 9th Grade will join them since their 8th Grade Retreat was postponed in May due to the bathroom being renovation. Students are asked to arrive at 4:45 pm on Friday and the Retreat will conclude following the 5 pm Mass on Saturday.

OUT OF TOWN?

**Are you traveling out during the weekend
for a vacation, visit or for business?**

In order to attend Mass while you are away for the weekend, go to **www.Masstimes.org** or get the phone app from Apple Store, "Mass Times for Travel." This will show you the closest Church nearby.

Retreat

Surrender and Accept Jesus' invitation to the Banquet Retreat by Jim Browne, a famed Irish speaker will be in the area to speak about recovering from obsessions and addictions using Scripture based readings. He will bring you along his faith journey through the darkness and into the light of Divine Mercy, Jesus Christ. His deep faith, quick wit and his insightful gifts will keep you wanting more. This retreat is designed for anyone who wants to remove obstacles in your life that keep you from having a deeper relationship with Jesus. Join us and be confident of God's healing mercy on your body, mind and soul.

Monday, November 12 6pm-9pm, Tuesday, November 13 8:30am Holy Mass, 9:45-3:30 Retreat, Wednesday, November 14 8:30am Holy Mass, 9:45am-3pm Retreat. Space is limited. To register, please call: Mary Anne Condit (973)219-3352 or maryannecondit@gmail.com, Rosemarie Veliz (973)903-9456 or rveliz187@gmail.com Louise Crann (973)903-5029. Cost of Retreat is \$65/person includes breakfast and lunch T/W. Location: Sacred Heart Center-20 Old Swartswood Rd., Newton

First Sunday at Sacred Heart Center

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on November 1st, 2018, which is also All Saints Day! Our theme for this year is "Holiness is for Everyone!" Our topic for November is: "Claimed for Christ!" The day begins at 9 AM with 'coffee and,' and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, mass at 12:00 noon and a light lunch. the day concludes at about 1:30 PM. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering.

For further information, kindly visit our website: sacredheartspitualitycenter.org or call (973)383-2620

Online Giving Options

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>

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

Please be reminded that this **Thursday, November 1st** is **All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be at **8:30 am** and **7:00 pm**. **Friday, November 2nd** is **All Souls Day** and **Mass** will be at **8:30 am**. While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, attending Mass this day is a great blessing for our faithful departed. Please bring a picture of your departed loved ones to be placed by the altar for Mass. There will be a candle lighting ceremony after the mass followed by light refreshments in the church hall. All Are Welcome!

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Thursday evening Choir practice at 7:30 PM
Everyone is Welcome to join! Thursday nights are for rehearsal. Try to sing at 1 Mass a week whichever you are able to attend



Memorial Service for Sr. Thomasina Gebhard

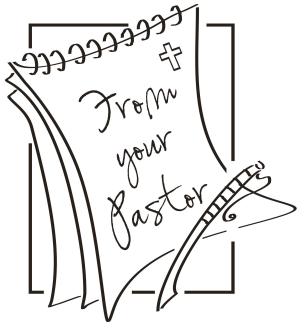
Please join in the celebration of a memorial Mass in honor of Sr. Thomasina. Sister has contributed so much to Sussex County. We have been touched by a very special angel. In her honor, would you please bring a few non-perishable items to donate to our local food pantries. Thank you! For additional information, please contact Liz (973)729-4816

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 7:00 PM at St. Jude R.C. Church-4-24 Beaver Run Road, Hardyston NJ

Large Indoor Garage Sale at Camp Auxilium

School Related Items

Books, puzzles, manipulatives, classroom furniture, rugs and more. Friday, November 2, 2018 (3-6pm), Saturday, November 3, 2018 (10am-2pm). **Cash sales only – All sales final**. 14 Old Swartswood Road, Newton, NJ 07860



Getting my feet back on the ground, and giving me love and hope when I am down!

Our Psalm response today is "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." This seems to be the reflection theme in today's readings. And when we turn to God when we are down, He gives us hope and gets our feet back on the ground. In fact, this was God's promise to Jeremiah for the Israelites in exile. Without freedom and also suffering emotional separation from their families, God offered hope and new beginning for His people. He promised to take care of them, to lead them back including the blind, the lame, the pregnant and so forth.

We see part of this promise made in the first reading fulfilled by the healing of Bartimaeus. According to Dr. Scott Hahn, "The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus, this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst." Bartimaeus who was healed from blindness was "a symbol of his people, the captive Zion which we sing of in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life." In the first century, there were no Braille books, no sound-enhanced crosswalks, no specially trained animals to aid travel for the blind. There was only darkness, and loneliness, and the sense of worthlessness. So, for the blind, the only option for survival was begging, depending on the pity and generosity of the fortunate sighted passersby. "And as most blind beggars learned, the most fertile spot to beg was along the path leading into, or away from, the places of worship." It was at the place like this that Bartimeus encountered Christ. He knew this may be the last chance in his life time to be cured, so he decided not to take chance. He cried out at the top of his lungs, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" He will not let the crowd discourage him to get Jesus' attention. He was desperate, but he was also hopeful. He has strong faith. With that audacity and faith, Jesus cured him.

By curing Bartimeus, Jesus taught the crowd around Him that they too should hear the cry of the poor not to shut them down but to help them. Till present, Bartimaeus walks around in all of us as the parade of our life marches on. We need to recognize the voice of Bartimeus in our midst. These are the voices that cry out for help. They are the voices that are shut down and sometimes they can't say anything because they can't speak. Sometimes the Bartimeus are those unborn babies in the tomb waiting for their mom to give birth to them but the mom like the crowd prevented the baby from seeing others or from enjoying life. Bartimeus are those who still today believe in moral and natural laws but the cultural and political climate of our time have shunned them to speak. Bartimeus are those sick and needy people looking for our love, care and attention. Let's reach out to them to give them life, hope and love when they are down so that like Psalmist they can rejoice and sing with us "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

—Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life."

—St. Jude