

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, August 2, 2020
Eighteenth 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, August 1 – Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

JER 26:11-16, 24 / MT 14:1-12

8:30 am Intentions of Felicia Nwosu *by Parish Staff*5:00 pm Cathy M. Birk *by Jo Ann Lacovara-Friel*

Sunday, August 2

IS 55:1-3 / ROM 8:35, 37-39 / MT 14:13-21

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Muller & Weisser Families *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*9:00 am James & Annie Colgan *by Liz Ryan*11:00 am Marcelino Gomez *by Adriana*

Monday, August 3

JER 28:1-17 / MT 14:22-36

8:30 am Intentions of Bishop Kevin Sweeney *by Dan Salvatore*

Tuesday, August 4 – Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / MT 14:22-36

8:30 am Richard Derbyshire *by Parish Staff*

Wednesday, August 5

JER 31:1-7 / MT 15:21-28

7:00 pm Scholastica Ndeche *by Barbara Froetscher*

Thursday, August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

DN 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 PT 1:16-19 / MT 17:1-9

8:30 am Duncan Fitton *by Barbara Froetscher*

Friday, August 7

NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 / MT 16:24-28

8:30 am Intentions of C. Tirado *by Parish Staff*

Saturday, August 8 – Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest

HAB 1:12—2:4 / MT 17:14-20

8:30 am Intentions of Tierney Veliz *by Parish Staff*5:00 pm Brian Ochrym *by Parish Staff*

Sunday, August 9

1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A / ROM 9:1-5 / MT 14:22-33

7:30 am _____ *by _____*9:00 am Sonny & Betty Mastrelli *by Patricia Cholasta*11:00 am Samantha Leogrande *by Leogrande Family*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Ellen Burroughs, Ted Cassera, Joseph Colon, Olivia Compton, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Ingrid Diaz, Steve DeAngelis, Kara Deserto, Ray Doyle, Barbara Ingallinera, Eva Kieger, Ava Kljajic, Michael Kochanski, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Greyson Christopher Mueller, Deacon Ed Muller, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Jason Parker, Harry Pasternak Sr., Lorraine Paxton, Laura Pierce, Peter F. Reynolds, Tammy Rivers, Charles Schult, William Schult, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsok, Greg Schmiditty, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Andrew Sorce, Richie Sorce, Kenneth Spellman, Dale Swoboda, Connie VanHoven, David & Vince Ventresca, Fred Worman, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday

July 26 \$ 2,154.00

Online Giving \$ 440.00

Catholic University \$ 180.00

Online Giving \$ 85.00

Thank you for your generosity!

*Next weekend's 2nd collection is for Diocesan Assessment

*This Week the Sanctuary Lamp
Burns for the Intentions of
Charles Sullivan*



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; Capt. 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; Pvt. Chance Phillips, Army; Captain Cheryl Ryan, US Army; Seaman Recruit Tyler Joseph Salonia; Ethan Swartz; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Kyle Titus, US Army; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman



Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

If he hadn't taken a trip with his bishop, Dominic would probably have remained within the structure of contemplative life; after the trip, he spent the rest of his life being a contemplative in active apostolic work.

Born in old Castile, Spain, Dominic was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma, where there was an attempt to revive the apostolic common life described in Acts of the Apostles.

On a journey through France with his bishop, Dominic came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy at Languedoc. The Albigensians—or Cathari, “the pure ones”—held to two principles—one good, one evil—in the world. All matter is evil—hence they denied the Incarnation and the sacraments. On the same principle, they abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink. The inner circle led what some people regarded as a heroic life of purity and asceticism not shared by ordinary followers.

Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching crusade was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigenses. Understandably, they were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who traveled with horse and retinues, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, with three Cistercians, began itinerant preaching according to the gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years, being successful with the ordinary people but not with the leaders.

His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 Dominic founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans.

Dominic's ideal, and that of his Order, was to organically link a life with God, study, and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God. His ideal: *contemplata tradere*: “to pass on the fruits of contemplation” or “to speak only of God or with God.”

The Dominican ideal, like that of all religious communities, is for the imitation, not merely the admiration, of the rest of the Church. The effective combining of contemplation and activity is the vocation of truck driver Smith as well as theologian Aquinas. Acquired contemplation is the tranquil abiding in the presence of God, and is an integral part of any full human life. It must be the wellspring of all Christian activity. **Saint Dominic is the Patron Saint of Astronomers and Dominicans.**



PARISH PARKING LOT & SECURITY CAMERAS

My dear parishioners, your contribution and generosity made the parking lot project a reality. We are still raising funds for the parking lot and security cameras for our safety. The camera installation will cost over \$2,500.00. With another twenty seven thousand we would reach the goal to the cost of the newly paved parking lot.

Honestly, I have *NO* idea how much to ask you for, but a gift of \$_____ is something you'd be able to consider? You can also make a pledge to be paid in installments. Envelopes are provided for your convenience at all doors of the church. Please fill out the amount of your contribution or if you want to make monthly installments over a 12 month period. Together we can build our parish and I thank you for your tremendous support all this while.

Total received to date:	\$ 59,410.00
Unpaid pledges:	\$ 1,450.00
Total:	\$ 60,860.00

SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

Sacrament of Anointing: Please call the parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

Ministry to the Sick: Please call the parish office for a priest visit to the physically handicapped, aged, hospitalized, sick and shut in.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated individually every Saturday afternoon at 4:15pm or by individual appointment with Fr. Abuchi at any time.

Baptisms: Parents may contact the parish before or after their child's birth. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at the 11 am Mass or after. We also accommodate other days. You will be invited to attend a Pre-Baptismal session either before or after the birth of your child.

Sacramental Marriage ~ The couple should contact the office several months before the desired date for the marriage to insure proper preparation for this Sacrament. Those who are civilly married may also contact the priest to help them convalidate their marriage in the Church.

Sponsor Certificates: Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active registered members of the parish who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis.

URGENT!

PEACE IS IN JEOPARDY



To stave off violence and impending civil unrest, join the nation-wide

54-DAY ROSARY MIRACLE NOVENA

for God's peace and blessing
surrounding the coming election.

Say **ONE ROSARY** each day from
August 15 through October 7, 2020.

Pray the Joyful, Sorrowful, then
Glorious mysteries, and repeat.

Optionally, on Thursdays, you
may also pray the Luminous
Mysteries of the Rosary for a
personal intention.

From **August 15 - September 10**,
beg the Lord for the intention of
peace and blessings around the
November election. From
September 11 - October 7, thank
the Lord in faith, believing the favor
was already granted. **Go to:**

WWW.QUEENOFPEACEMEDIA.COM

"Whoever desires to obtain
favours from me should make
three novenas of the prayers
of the Rosary in petition, and
three novenas in
thanksgiving."

—Queen of the Holy Rosary
to Fortuna Agrelli
October 13, 1884

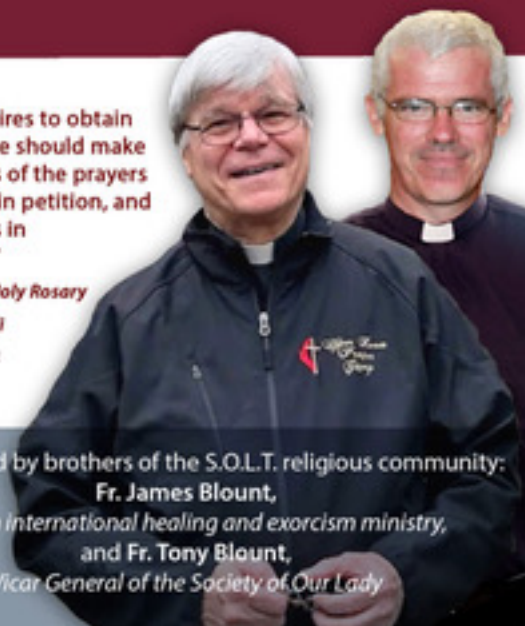
Spearheaded by brothers of the S.O.L.T. religious community:

Fr. James Blount,

with an international healing and exorcism ministry,

and Fr. Tony Blount,

Vicar General of the Society of Our Lady



“We have only five loaves and two fish” – the first century equivalent to two burgers and an order of fries



“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.” With these words Isaiah spoke to his people near the end of the exile. “He spoke to the people that God is ready to comfort them and He has set up table to provide for humanitarian facing near-starved refugees.” In addition, God is offering to renew the promise of everlasting relationship by providing once more free food without any payment. The first reading shows God as provider, caring and very generous. More than two thousand years ago, Christ’s invitation still stands, that is, calling people to come to His table of plenty and get nourished. The first reading sets a tone for today’s gospel where Jesus cared and fed thousands of people. I don’t imagine any one of those thousands of people gathered on that hillside, sitting on the ground and looking expectantly at Jesus, that they realized they were about to take part in one of the most famous meals in history. Not like a restaurant, no reservation needed. They didn’t call in favors. They didn’t even need to leave a big tip. All they needed was to be present—to be present before God, before a moment of possibility and grace. And the rest, literally, is history. **It is, in fact, a miracle.** It is a sign of Christ’s power; it’s a testament to God’s extravagant love and generosity

“I wonder: What miracle would happen today – perhaps in more than a few of our lives – if we would slow down, sit down, shut down for these few moments of worship and wonder and let our Lord feed us some slow food that no money can buy?” The apostles asked our Lord to send people home so that they can buy food in nearby villages. No fast food chains during that time. Imagine more than five thousand people gathered before God in wonder – and in hunger...You see God’s heart was moved out of love and compassion to the people who have listened to Him for a long while. And you see Him feed their hunger. He answers their yearning. He gives them what they need. And He doesn’t do it alone. The disciples help. They distribute what they find to all those they see. And all those people eat until they are satisfied. Five thousand and more. From just a few scraps of bread and fish, leftovers, there is enough to feed a multitude. In fact, today we are that multitude. Two thousand years later, we continue to gather together, in hunger, and in yearning. And we continue to receive bread that is blessed, broken and shared – the bread that is Christ Himself. He hasn’t forgotten us. He cannot neglect us. He continues to see that we are fed.

What started on that hill in Galilee goes on today, in our food pantry, in Manner House. Where some of our parishioners serve and provide food to the poor. It goes on in soup kitchens, and homeless shelters, and other food pantries. It goes on whenever someone calls and donates goods. It goes on when the needy call and want to come to our parish food pantry to get food. It also goes on wherever those hungry for God find their hunger satisfied in the sacraments. Wherever someone can step into a church, light a candle, say a rosary, or receive some moment of grace. It is going on. The miracle of the multitude continues.

“It is in giving that we receive.” When we give, we discover that we are not at a loss. Christianity is much more than just saying prayers. It is also a call to action. It is a call to do as Jesus would do. I cannot read today’s gospel and remain indifferent or detached. It is worth remembering His compassion to the poor and the needy. But He also challenges us to do the same, remembering His words “Whatever you do for the least of these, I will take as being done for me.” --Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent.” --Saint John of the Cross