

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, June 13, 2021
Eleventh 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, June 12 – Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

2 COR 5:14-21 / LK 2:41-51

8:30 am Rich Sinski *by Parish Staff*

5:00 pm Wayne Macomber *by John & Katrina Prior*

Sunday, June 13

EZ 17:22-24 / 2 COR 5:6-10 / MK 4:26-34

7:30 am Kevin Bent *by Larry & Lizbeth Lockwood*

9:00 am Hugh Sweeney, Jr. *by Parish Staff*

11:00 am Ethel Eckweiler *by Boettcher Family*

Monday, June 14

2 COR 6:1-10 / MT 5:38-42

8:30 am Bob Froetscher *by Barbara Froetscher*

Tuesday, June 15

2 COR 8:1-9 / MT 5:43-48

8:30 am In Memory of William Muller
by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

Wednesday, June 16

2 COR 9:6-11 / MT 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 pm Sharon Johnson *by John & Katrina Prior*

Thursday, June 17

2 COR 11:1-11 / MT 6:7-15

8:30 am Healing & Blessing for Kathy Muchka
by Parish Staff

Friday, June 18

2 COR 11:18, 21-30 / MT 6:19-23

8:30 am Fr. Paul C. Eze *by Parish Staff*

Saturday, June 19

2 COR 12:1-10 / MT 6:24-34

8:30 am John & Theresa Orso *by Parish Staff*

5:00 pm We Pray for all Fathers

Sunday, June 20

JB 38:1, 8-11 / 2 COR 5:14-17 / MK 4:35-41

7:30 am We Pray for all Fathers

9:00 am We Pray for all Fathers

11:00 am We Pray for all Fathers

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:



Richard Baker, Ted Cassera, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Larry Domonkos, Emma Finnegan, Henry Kochanski, John Kucinski, Linda Kucinski, Yvette Murphy, Fr. Peter Oddo, Susanne Martone, Deacon Ed Muller, George Shammass, Stephanie, Charles Sullivan, Constance Van Hoven, Tom Walaszczyk

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Sylvia Arotin



A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday

May 30	\$ 2,075.00
June 6	\$ 2,558.00
Online Giving	\$ 495.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

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: Capt. Jason Gieniewski



Why a key to evangelization rests in Jesus' Heart



St. John Paul II believed that our efforts to spread the Gospel will benefit from a devotion to the Heart of Jesus.

Often we will try to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but be discouraged by our results. This experience may dissuade us and shake our courage to evangelize.

For St. John Paul II, a central key to evangelization that we may be missing is a devotion to the Heart of Jesus.

He writes about this topic in his Letter on the 100th anniversary of the Consecration of the Human Race to the Divine Heart of Jesus.

In facing the challenge of the new evangelization, the Christian who looks upon the Heart of Christ and consecrates himself as well as his brothers and sisters to him, the Lord of time and history, rediscovers that he is the bearer of his light. Motivated by this spirit of service, he cooperates in opening to all human beings the prospect of being raised to their own personal and communal fullness. "From the Heart of Christ, man's heart learns to know the genuine and unique meaning of his life and of his destiny, to understand the value of an authentically Christian life, to keep himself from certain perversions of the human heart, and to unite the filial love of God with love of neighbor."

In particular, he believed this devotion could help humanity understand the **depth of God's love**.

I have often urged the faithful to persevere in the practice of this devotion, which "contains a message which in our day has an extraordinary timeliness," because "an unending spring of life, giving hope to every person, has streamed precisely from the Heart of God's Son, who died on the Cross. From the Heart of Christ crucified is born the new humanity redeemed from sin. [Humanity] needs Christ's Heart to know God and to know himself; he needs it to build the civilization of love."

When we look upon Jesus and his Sacred Heart, we witness the love he has for all of us, a love that should permeate us and urge us to love others.

It is a love of the Good Shepherd that gives us the inspiration we need to be evangelizers of God's love.

Each person needs to be more committed to praying the Lord of the harvest (cf. Mt 9:38) to grant the Church "shepherds after his own heart" (Jer 3:15) who, in love with Christ the Good Shepherd, will pattern their own hearts on his and be ready to go out into the highways of the world to proclaim to all that he is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

If you want to be a more effective evangelist of the Gospel, look to Jesus' Heart and learn from him how to love others.

Don't take Summer vacation from God

Summer is almost here. Of course, it is a great time. There are vacation plans, Sunday brunch, holidays, family reunions, and trips to the lake, beach or mountains. It's summer and everyone gets to play. Kids are off from school and sleep in, you read your summer novel, you meet friends for dinner, and it feels like everyone can breathe a sigh of relief from routine and busy schedules.

It's tempting to schedule weekend getaways and forget about church. But Church doors will always be open and there is daily Masses and Sunday Masses. People will say it doesn't hurt to miss a week or two. And while weekly Mass attendance doesn't make you holy, or earn you points with God, it is our best hope for growth in grace. And it does draw you closer to God. What's the purpose of vacation if not to reconnect with family? What's the purpose of summer activity if not to connect with friends and loved ones? And our relationship with God is no different. Use the blessing of slower schedules, beautiful weather and longer days to nurture your relationship with God too. Summer offers us so many opportunities to grow in our faith. If you take advantage of it, you may just find you have a better summer than you ever imagined you would!

We wouldn't expect our bodies to stay healthy if we binged on sugar or never exercised. We can't expect our souls to stay healthy either when we don't feed our spirits the Word of God and experience Him in Eucharistic celebration. As you enjoy your Summer break, please make some time and join us to pray together at weekday Masses and Sunday Masses.



Saint Romuald, Abbott – June 19th

St. Romuald was born at Ravenna about the year 956. In spite of an infinite desire for virtue and sanctity, his early life was wasted in the service of the world and its pleasures. Then one day, obliged by his father, Sergius, to be present at a duel fought by him, he beheld him slay his adversary. The crime made such an impression upon him that he determined to expiate it for forty days, as though it were entirely his own. For this purpose he retired to a Benedictine monastery of St. Apollinare, near Ravenna, where he became Abbot. After founding several monasteries, he laid the foundations of the austere Order of Camaldoli in Tuscany. Like all the saints, he fought a lifelong battle against the assaults of devils and men. In the beginning of his spiritual life he was strongly assailed by numerous temptations, which he conquered by vigilance and prayer. More than one attempt was made on his life, but Divine Providence enabled him to escape from the danger. Like many servants of God, he also became the victim of calumny, which he bore in patience and silence. In his old age, he increased his austerities instead of diminishing them. After a long life of merit, he died in the monastery of Castro, which he founded in Marquisate of Ancona. His death occurred on June 19, about the year 1027. His feast day is June 19th.

SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

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.

OLMC Outing

HOLY FACE MONASTERY, Clifton – Tuesday, June 29th. Chapel with Face of Jesus, Hall of Saints, Shrines. Picnic lunch. More information on flyers at door, website or Facebook. Or call or text Patricia Cholasta (973)862-7385. Sign-up sheets at door.

Wine and Cheese Social

This is a family event.

Future Wine and Cheese Socials will be moving to 2nd Saturday of each month unless larger church event is planned. Invite relatives and friends. Enjoy a glass of wine or other beverage before going out for a Saturday meal. Save the date! Next Wine and Cheese Social is Saturday, July, 10th after the 5pm Mass.

**Adjunct Teaching Positions Available at Assumption College for Sisters**

**200 A Morris Avenue
Denville, NJ 07834**

Fall Semester

August 24-December 17

AR 101 Art History

3 credits

This one-semester course presents a chronological survey of the history of art from prehistory to the present. While focusing on the painting, sculpture and architecture of Western Europe, it also endeavors to include global cultures as well as the decorative arts, printmaking, and photography. We will look at art in terms of the historical, cultural and societal contexts in which it was made. Students will also learn to formally analyze a work of art by identifying such intrinsic qualities as subject matter, composition, and technique.

ENG 103

Fundamentals of Public

Speaking

3 credits

In this course students learn and practice the listening and speaking skills necessary for success in their college courses. They work and participate in class discussions and deliver oral presentations. They also learn and practice effective public, productive use of voice and diction.

Send resume to president@acs350.org



“ It is the smallest but becomes great with large branches, offering shelter and shade to the birds.”

Usually, our Lord’s parables are the centerpiece of His teaching. He simply uses ordinary things of life very familiar to His audience to communicate His entire message. You may recall the parable of Good Samaritan, the parable of the prodigal son, the parable of the sower and so forth. As you already know, farming was such a vital part of life in Galilee. Jesus infused His parables with common, earthy metaphors to communicate profound, Kingdom truths. We find two of these parables in today’s Gospel from Mark.

The first describes a farmer who sows seeds but doesn’t seem to understand how the seed is transformed into a plant and from the plant, a harvest of grain. The second story is the parable of the mustard seed. "Using exaggeration to make His point, Jesus compares the smallness of a mustard seed with the grandness of a mature, mustard plant. Scholars have spilled much ink debating the precise nature of this mustard plant that had branches which could hold birds’ nests." But this could be interpreted and understood in many different ways. Jesus speaks of the power contained in a seed—an object so small, but so significant. It contains tremendous possibility. It can grow into something huge, giving shelter and shade. It might even transform the world. God’s kingdom, Jesus tells us, is like that.

But what is that insignificant seed that turns into something huge? In fact, it can be anything. Do you know **we are the ones scattering those seeds?** And you never know where or how they will grow. As Christians we can sow a seed of love even to the point of caring and helping our enemies or someone who hurt our feelings. But are we prepared to plant those kinds of seeds into the world? These are the seeds that can change a heart, and stir the soul. They can inspire those who are hungry for hope to turn to us and say: “Tell me more about Christ for I want to follow Him like you." Are we prepared to plant those kinds of seeds into the world? More than a decade ago, an Iraqi Muslim woman went through RCIA and become a Catholic. But how? She saw how American soldiers treated their enemies when captured, even to treat their wounds. Care offered to an enemy made her rethink. With further conversation with a priest Chaplain, she asked, "Please tell me more about Jesus Christ..."

"We sow seed when we love others without expecting to receive any love in return. We sow seed when we choose to live by God’s word rather than vigorously arguing what we believe are the varieties of God’s word. We sow seed when grace triumphs over another’s insensitivity and forgiveness chooses to walk away from revenge. We sow seed when prejudice wilts before acceptance, and the doing of good wins out over trying in vain to be good. This whole Kingdom gardening enterprise requires faithful, consistent, generous sowing." A few small, loving acts of kindness and mercy might bring about a much more abundant harvest than a truckload of words.

This Sunday offers us another opportunity to look into our personal lives and to ask: What kinds of seeds are we sowing? What kind of harvest are we preparing? In fact, this gospel reminds us that God’s work happens in remarkable and unexpected ways. So: Give the world a garden of explosive beauty. Plant what will last. Nurture what will grow. My brothers and sisters, let’s get busy being Kingdom gardeners sowing the seed of grace, the seed of forgiveness, the seed of wonder, the seed of gratitude, the seed of humility, the seed of generosity. Trust and scatter the seeds and do not worry about how it will grow. Christ did that. Can we do any less? This is our call. Now is the time! Every word we speak, every choice we make, every gesture we offer is one more seed, one more way of spreading the gospel. God’s work happens in remarkable and unexpected ways.

– Fr. Abuchi

Quote of the week: “ The patient and humble endurance of the cross – whatever nature it may be – is the highest work we have to do. “ – St. Katherine Drexel