

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, July 11, 2021
Fifteenth 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, July 10

GN 49:29-32; 50:15-26A / MT 10:24-33

8:30 am Joseph Hurley, Sr.

by Parish Staff

5:00 pm Eddie Carlin

by Pat Rumsey

Sunday, July 11

AM 7:12-15 / EPH 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 / MK 6:7-13

7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families

by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

9:00 am Intentions of Jere & Joann Johnson

by Ron & Ann Johnson

11:00 am Marty Snover

by Boettcher Family

Monday, July 12

EX 1:8-14, 22 / MT 10:34—11:1

8:30 am Health & Blessings of Renata Haila and Peggy Pak

by Lisa Cangelosi

Tuesday, July 13

EX 2:1-15A / MT 11:20-24

8:30 am Lee Michael Cretella

by Ron & Ann Johnson

Wednesday, July 14 – Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

EX 3:1-6, 9-12 / MT 11:25-27

7:00 pm Intentions of Louise & Geoffrey Crann

by Parish Staff

Thursday, July 15 – Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

EX 3:13-20 / MT 11:28-30

8:30 am Mary Agnes McCheyne

by Tommy & Pauline Schoonover

Anna Perun

by Margaret Calascibetta

Friday, July 16

EX 11:10—12:14 / MT 12:1-8

8:30 am For the Intentions of Terry & Joseph Cretella

by Parish Staff

Saturday, July 17

EX 12:37-42 / MT 12:14-21

8:30 am Healing of Andy Payla

by Ron & Ann Johnson

5:00 pm Eddie Carlin

by Pat Rumsey

Sunday, July 18

JER 23:1-6 / EPH 2:13-18 / MK 6:30-34

7:30 am Tom Schroll

by Tom & Cindi Rivara

9:00 am Norman Oravec

by Ron & Ann Johnson

11:00 am Elizabeth "Betty" Alpaugh

by Rose Sanford

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:



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

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Agnes Silbernagel



A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday

July 4	\$ 3,298.50
Online Giving	\$ 645.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 936.00
Online Giving	\$ 100.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**This weekend's 2nd collection is 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



Come to Our Parish Feast Day – July 18

July 16 is the Memorial of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. It is the feast day of our parish. In honor of our Lady, our feast will be celebrated on Sunday, July 18th and the brown scapular of our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be vested for interested parishioners. **All Are Invited!** There will be a BBQ/Chicken lunch after the 11am Mass. **Come celebrate with us!**

Rosary Rally here at OLMC on Saturday July 31

Purpose: To pray that we Americans be a believing people and that we love one another as Jesus loves us.

Plan: Outdoor five decades of the Rosary prayed in a group.

Note: Leader will explain the plan and initiate and close the two quiet time periods.

Outdoors a parishioner will lead the Apostles Creed, Our Father, three Hail Mary's and introduce each mystery of the Rosary. A parishioner will lead the Hail, Holy Queen and concluding prayers. There will be 15 minutes quiet time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Time: 12PM

Wear something light blue in honor of Our Lady.

Led by Rev. Msgr. Robert Carroll

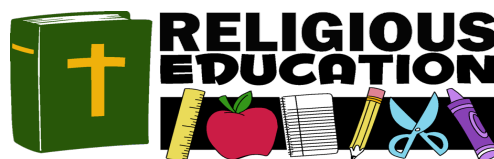
**Knights of Columbus Announcements**

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council #9920 will once again be awarding a tuition and/or supplies assistance memorial award Scholarship to a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish for the academic year 2020-2021, in memory of Brother Knight Joseph A. Locavara. Applications are available on the table by the front doors of the church. Please read the instructions carefully and return the application by July 25, 2021. If there are any questions, please ask one of the Knights or e-mail: olmckofc9920@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel – July 16, Feast of the Brown Scapular

The feast of the Scapular; tradition says that Our Lady gave it, herself, about the year 1251, to the blessed Simon Stock, an Englishman; this devotion has since spread all over the world. The popes John XXII, Gregory XIII, Sixtus V, Gregory XIV and Clement VIII, have granted indulgences to those who are of this confraternity.

Nine centuries before Christ, the great prophet Elias went to the heights of Carmel to beg God to send rain after three years of drought. In answer to his prayers, Elias saw a small cloud rise out of the sea, a promise of the immaculate Virgin mother whose Son would save mankind from the scourge of sin.



Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 Religious Education Program. Forms are available on our website or contact Dan Salvatore, our Coordinator of Religious Education.

Why should your child/grandchild attend? The office of Education, Evangelization & Catechesis of the Archdiocese of Hartford has summed up CCD classes as follows:

Religious Ed teaches the same concepts and values as Mass but in a fun way that the very young can understand. These classes engage students thru song, books and games all while reinforcing religious truths.

On a social level, attending CCD classes help children make friends in an atmosphere of positivity and love. The classes become mini-communities where students can ask questions and discuss their beliefs with like-minded peers. They'll come to understand that they are a part of a much larger congregation that is equally as loving and supportive.

On a higher level, Religious Education jumpstarts young children's connection with God. Kids are generally more receptive than adults, and if a bond with God is established and a Catholic identity is formed early, they are both likely to last a lifetime.

Lastly, Religious Ed classes promote the same feelings of well-being, peace, and hope as well as desire for good behavior that you experience when you attend Mass.



Come and spend some time with me
Adoration Every Monday 9am-12pm

This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome Him, but He remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because He is calling us to faith, that we many come to Him in humility.

"The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." (Pope Paul VI, Credo of the People of God)

Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, His love, His peace.

Caring and Anointing the Sick

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

Through the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church carries out Jesus' mission of compassion and healing for the sick. The one who is ill can also be a minister to others. By uniting their suffering to Christ, those who are sick can be signs of faith and witnesses of Christ's Resurrection to the entire community.

Solidarity with All Who Suffer

We care for the sick because we see them as children of God and part of our human family. When one part of the Body of Christ suffers, we all suffer (1 Cor 12:26). The suffering of one impacts everyone. Thus, we are called to solidarity, which is responsibility on the part of everyone with regard to everyone (Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* [On Social Concern], no. 38; Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* [Charity in Truth], no. 38).

By our compassion, we remind those who are sick that "[the Church] shares your suffering. She takes it to the Lord, who in turn associates you with his redeeming Passion." We are called to comfort, pray for and with, and be in solidarity with all who are sick or suffering.

Caring for those who suffer is not a burden, but a gift. Those who care for the sick do holy and important work; they walk with Christ's suffering people and in doing so, serve Christ himself (Mt 25:31-46). Those who minister to the sick and who work to secure decent health care for all become "the living sign of Jesus Christ and his Church in showing love towards the sick and suffering"

Diocese of Paterson Announcement

Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage

All people are welcome and encouraged to partake in the Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage hosted by the Diocese of Paterson to celebrate the year of St. Joseph. To participate, visit insidethewalls.org/go2stjoe and print the pilgrimage passport. You then have until December 8th to visit 7 of the 11 locations listed on the passport. Full details can be found on the website.



The Joy of Love & Family Conference

The Diocese of Paterson, in collaboration with the other four Roman Catholic Arch/Dioceses in New Jersey, will sponsor "The Joy of Love & Family," a conference series in celebration of the Year of the Family as declared by Pope Francis. Beginning on June 24, the series of free talks will premiere over six months, covering topics for every stage of family life. More information, including the full speaker line up and talk titles, is available on www.lightingheartsonfire.org, where you can also sign up to receive notifications. Stay tuned to diocesan social media pages @dioceseofpaterson for continued updates!



Travelling simple and carrying the barest minimum. Is that all you need?

Last week, we just read how Jesus homecoming to His hometown turned to rejection. Jesus, having walked away from being rejected at Nazareth, now makes his way to other villages teaching the Good News. The enormity of the work must have been overwhelming. So much so that, in Mark's words, "He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits." If that weren't enough, "He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics."

In what was a re-play of his own rejection at Nazareth, he tells the disciples, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you," he said, "as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." Mark records the disciples did exactly as they were told; they cast out demons, "and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them".

Let's look at those instructions a bit closer. Jesus tells the apostles to take nothing for the journey. He asks them to carry only the barest of essentials. But what, exactly, is essential? He tells them to take just two things. Sandals. And a walking stick. But how are they going to survive with taking the barest minimum? It is simply to trust in God who will provide and supply other needs at the appropriate time. What is this telling us? I think, when you consider all this, we can glean two lessons from this gospel. And they are both profound and simple. "First: the gospel is to be shared with another. Don't go alone. Go out two by two. And second: it's got to have legs. The gospel is meant to be lived on its feet — taken to others, one foot in front of the other, one step at a time. It is to be taken beyond places that are flat, and safe and comfortable, to deserts and mountains and plains, to places where you may find yourself tired, trudging, where the terrain may be rough and the hills steep. The trip won't necessarily be easy. But it is one we all are asked to take. It is the great adventure of living the Catholic Christian faith, and taking it into the world. All you need are sandals. And a walking stick. And someone else to share the journey. Take nothing else. It is the journey itself, and the willingness to make that journey, that matters."

Obviously, Jesus' instruction to travel with barest minimum or to **travel light**, have literally embraced by many. For instance, Saint Francis standing before his father, renouncing his entitled life and rich inheritance to follow Jesus of Nazareth. This gave birth to the Franciscan order whose devotion to Christ and commitment to spreading the Christian message are well known among all those who have followed Jesus through the ages. "To travel light is an instruction to live in such a way that the things of this world do not get in the way of God's claims upon our lives. To travel light is to remember that the things we own can quickly own us; that trinkets and treasures, property and possessions can never define who we are. Traveling light means that the message is far more important than the trappings of the messenger. To travel light is to live unencumbered by what we possess or the circumstances of life that can too often possess us."

Besides travelling light, Jesus also commanded the twelve to be gracious recipients of hospitality. One of the highest compliments any of us can receive is that we are hospitable. We also love it when people are hospitable to us when we travel. Showing hospitality means to generously and graciously providing food and drink for others, of creating a welcoming and warm place for friends to gather, of being able to create that "at home" feeling in some common space is the gift of hospitality. As we give to others, we are also called to receive from others the good gifts they offer to us.

Our Lord calls us today to take the gospel, the good message and bring it to others. Of course, he warned the disciples about rejection that accompanies spread of the gospel. In the first reading Amos prophecy was resisted by the king. But Amos refused the king's insult to prevent him from the prophecy. Jesus not to be despaired when their message is not accepted, they should shake off the dust on their feet and move to the next town. Thus, we need to continue spread the good news to others even in the face of opposition or rejection. Don't ever give up to live out your Christian life, to share it with others and to defend it always

– Fr. Abuchi