

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, September 5, 2021
Twenty-third 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

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, September 4

COL 1:21-23 / LK 6:1-5

8:30 am Intentions of James Johnson

by Ron & Ann Johnson

5:00 pm Phyllis J. Peragino

by Parish Staff

Sunday, September 5

IS 35:4-7A / JAS 2:1-5 / MK 7:31-37

7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser

Families

by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

9:00 am Duncan Fitton

by Barbara Froetscher

11:00 am Agnes Silbernagel

by Deacon Tony & Beth Barile

Monday, September 6

COL 1:24—2:3 / LK 6:6-11

9:00 am Theodore Piekarski

by Cindy Rome

Tuesday, September 7

COL 2:6-15 / LK 6:12-19

8:30 am Pete Edwards

by Boettcher Family

Wednesday, September 8 – Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MI 5:1-4A / MT 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

7:00 pm Deceased Members of Chapkosky Family

by Marty & Mary Ann Chapkosky

Thursday, September 9 – Memorial of Saint Peter

Claver, Priest

COL 3:12-17 / LK 6:27-38

8:30 am Intentions of David Johnson

by Ron & Ann Johnson

Friday, September 10

1 TM 1:1-2, 12-14 / LK 6:39-42

8:30 am Intentions of Robert Ho *by Ron & Ann Johnson*

Saturday, September 11

1 TM 1:15-17 / LK 6:43-49

8:30 am In Memory of All the Lives Lost on

September 11th

by Mazzola Family

5:00 pm Richie Joseph

by Richard A. Joseph

Sunday, September 12

1 TM 1:15-17

7:30 am Sal Romano Jr

by Monahan Family

9:00 am Intentions of Harry Meade *by Mary Rondinara*

11:00 am Norman Zaleski

by Zaleski Family

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:



Colleen Apter, Ted Cassera, Matt Chapkosky, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Larry Domonkos, Emma Finnegan, Jason, Henry Kochanski, Bruce Konar, John Kucinski, Linda Kucinski, Susanne Martone, Deacon Ed Muller, Yvette Murphy, Fr. Peter Oddo, Madelyn Patton, George Shammass, Stephanie, Charles Sullivan, Constance Van Hoven, Tom Walaszczyk

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for all Children Returning to School



A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday

August 22	\$ 2,081.00
Online Giving	\$ 445.00
Missionary Coop Plan	\$ 1,254.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Next weekend's 2nd collection is for Saint Vincent de Paul*

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:





We wish to give a very special “Thank you” to Patricia Cholasta and Dina Salvatore for their hard work last Sunday in preparing our OLMC luncheon.

This type of Fellowship helps to foster and fortify the parish community by providing opportunities for social interaction. It cannot be accomplished without a lot of work and planning, and we are grateful for their efforts.



This Monday, September 6th, our nation celebrates Labor Day. In honor of this, Mass will be at 9:00 am, the church office will be closed and adoration will be cancelled.

Please consider joining us at Mass as a way of thanking God for the gifts he has given us!

*Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, September 8, 2021*

We know that everyone has a birthday. The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's parents—we call them Joachim and Ann—probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special.

When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others—and maybe even you—don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did—to bring Jesus into the world.

When we celebrate his mother's birth, we honor Jesus.

Reflections on Labor Day

On this Labor Day weekend most of us take a break from what we refer to as our "jobs" in order to rest and re-create. We are invited to honor human work and all human workers. It is a unique secular holiday with profound Christian potential. Many will gather for late summer cookouts and celebrations. We may sleep in a bit later than usual and relax from what is so often a frenzied pace in our contemporary pattern of life. For many parents, Labor Day weekend marks a transition from the hectic pace of the summer to the new hectic pace of the school year. For students and teachers, it is also a portal into the new school year when we begin the work of education, a word whose Latin root means to "draw out" of the student what is good. Through authentically Christian education we are all invited to be drawn out into a fuller way of life. For Christians, Labor Day invites us to examine how we view our own labor in the light of what the Scriptures and the teaching Church proclaims about the dignity of all human work, no matter what kind, precisely because it is done by human persons who are created in the Image and Likeness of God.

Quote of the week:

“If I had to advise parents, I should tell them to take great care about the people with whom their children associate. Much harm may result from bad company, and we are included by nature to follow what is worse than what is better.”

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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.



As School Begins, Let us Pray*For Students*

Dear Heavenly Father,
 For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.
 Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.
 Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Holy Spirit fill their hearts.
 We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning they are yours to keep. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Teachers

Dear God, Thank you for the gift of teachers. Please watch over them as they teach the children this year. Keep them safe every day. Help them to remember that you are right there with them in the halls and classrooms. Help them teach the children in a Godly way...Help them treat the children with kindness and respect, and the guard their hearts and minds with the armor of Your word. Give them joy and peace as they put their trust in you...Help them to say the right words and be firm, fair and consistent. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For parents

As you pack your child's lunch bag, PRAY! Pray he will hunger for God's Word daily.

As your child gets on the bus and you wave good bye, PRAY! Ask God to keep their feet on the path of righteousness always.

As the day goes on and you wonder what their doing, PRAY! Ask your Heavenly Father to protect them.

As you look over the papers they bring home each day, PRAY! Pray that their minds will grow in the knowledge of the Lord.

As you empty the backpack and find scrapes of paper & broken pencils, PRAY! Pray that God will take any broken pieces from the day and bring healing.

FOR EUCHARIST***What are appropriate signs of reverence with respect to the Body and Blood of Christ?***

The Body and Blood of Christ present under the appearances of bread and wine are treated with the greatest reverence both during and after the celebration of the Eucharist (cf. *Mysterium Fidei*, nos. 56-61). For example, the tabernacle in which the consecrated bread is reserved is placed "in some part of the church or oratory which is distinguished, conspicuous, beautifully decorated, and suitable for prayer" (*Code of Canon Law*, Can. 938, §2). According to the tradition of the Latin Church, one should genuflect in the presence of the tabernacle containing the reserved sacrament. In the Eastern Catholic Churches, the traditional practice is to make the sign of the cross and to bow profoundly. The liturgical gestures from both traditions reflect reverence, respect, and adoration. It is appropriate for the members of the assembly to greet each other in the gathering space of the church (that is, the vestibule or narthex), but it is not appropriate to speak in loud or boisterous tones in the body of the church (that is, the nave) because of the presence of Christ in the tabernacle. Also, the Church requires everyone to fast before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ as a sign of reverence and recollection (unless illness prevents one from doing so). In the Latin Church, one must generally fast for at least one hour; members of Eastern Catholic Churches must follow the practice established by their own Church.

Does one receive the whole Christ if one receives Holy Communion under a single form?

Yes. Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist. Furthermore, Christ is wholly present in any fragment of the consecrated Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood. Nevertheless, it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a banquet that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the Kingdom of God is established in its fullness (cf. *Eucharisticum Mysterium*, no. 32).



How do we guard against favoritism's poison that can divide and wound our fellowship in the Church and our society?

Wouldn't it be wonderful if there was a place where everyone was treated the same and everyone received the same favors and benefits. Talk about favoritism. Parents who have more than one child may be tempted to favor one child over the other. The Bible has its horror stories to prove the point: Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers to name a few. In business, employees who have a favored reputation with management often don't fare well with their colleagues. Playing favorites may work for someone handicapping a horse race, but in general, it doesn't work out so well in relationships with others. Thus, favoritism can be divisive and dangerous. Favoritism creates exclusiveness among the people and those who are favored receive exclusive benefits. This further divides the people. In fact, human society is organized by rank and class. And you do not have to be homebound to find it. Just try to park at the choice parking spot closest to the door at the office, and there is the sign reserving that privileged spot which reads "CEO," or "Reserved for Sales Leader of the Quarter." Or try to board the airplane ahead of that airline's first class and frequent fliers, and see how far you get before a smiling but firm employee asks you to go back to the end of the line and board "when your group number is called" (translation: "when we board the others in the second class, no-clout, cabin").

Certainly we live in a world arranged according to levels of privilege. "The most persistent divisions of society occur around distinctions of economics, achievement or race." When you visit certain places like exclusive resorts, airports and so forth you may see the sign that says "Members only." Sadly, just a few decades ago you could find signs in this country that declared, "Whites Only." Wouldn't it be wonderful if there is a place where everyone is treated the same? A place where people can always feel welcome and receive equal favors and treatment. "Well, there is just such a place. Or at least there is supposed to be such a place. And you are sitting right in the middle of it. It is called the Church." I know what you are thinking. The Church, at least as we have experienced it, can still be a place of racial division, a place where exclusivity and elitism prevail, a place where some people feel they are in charge, they run things and are in control. And that is true. But that is not the way the Church is designed to be.

In the second reading today James does not condone such favoritism or making the church a place of rank and class. It is worth remembering the Church was created by God to be the visible presence of Christ on earth, carrying out His mission and spreading His message. Spreading His message means total acceptance that we are brothers and sisters. Therefore, we must love and care for each other. So St. James in his letter cautioned his church community. In this church—this community of Christian brothers and sisters—a dangerous favoritism had apparently reared its ugly head. From research, it seems that most community members were poor: housekeepers, day laborers, sun up to sun down workers. But every once in a while, a wealthy person would visit their worship service who experienced a level of deference not accorded to other members. "Suppose," he writes, "a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there,' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?" St. James instructed this type of preferential treatment or favoritism should not take place in the Church.

Favoritism is not only a virus that can infect the church, left unchecked, it can become toxic, diffusive, even lethal in our larger society. James encourages his church community to be more inclusive. They should respect and accept everybody equally and with no special treatment based on economic or social achievement. During Jesus' earthly ministry he gave us good examples and became our role model. He accepts and welcomes all people, even the one that has been cast out or labelled as tax collectors or sinners. Although James is speaking in the reading about the important recognition accorded to the rich, we must be careful in the way we treat the poor and the needy among us. God wants us to accept and embrace all His creatures equally. God wants the Church to treat all people kindly but not looking on the face, or examining the jewelry, or assessing the fashion. There is enough of that surface judgment going on the world today. As children of God we should not relate to people that way in the Church. At the Eucharistic table all of us are invited to experience and receive Christ, and there is no special eucharist or pews here for the rich or poor. Everyone receives the same Eucharist and share the same pew.

– Fr. Abuchi