Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, September 18, 2022
Twenty-fifth 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

EUCHARISTIC 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 17
1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49 / LK 8:4-15
8:30 am **Deacon Ellis Schweitzer** *by Anonymous*
5:00 pm **For the Intentions of Tierney Veliz** *by Veliz Family*

Sunday, September 18
AM 8:4-7 / 1 TM 2:1-8 / LK 16:1-13
7:30 am **Alfred W. Kucinski** *by J. Erickson*
Joan Lenington *by Pat Rumsey*
9:00 am **Henry Kochanski** *by St. Joseph's Food Pantry Volunteers*
Health & Blessings for Tommy & Pauline Schoonover *by Lisa Cangelosi*
11:00 am **Barbara Froetscher** *by Froetscher Family*

Monday, September 19
PRV 3:27-34 / LK 8:16-18
8:30 am **Ninetta Kornmeyer** *by Stevans Family*
Health & Blessings for Wendy Witherow *by Lisa Cangelosi*

Tuesday, September 20 – Memorial of Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Hs-sang, Martyrs
PRV 21:1-6, 10-13 / LK 8:19-21
8:30 am **Jim Condon** *by John & Katrina Prior*
Paul Madden *by Kate Cadmus*

Wednesday, September 21 – Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle
EPH 4:1-7, 11-13 / MT 9:9-13
7:00 pm **August Silbernagel** *by Dcn. Tony & Beth Barile*
Thomas Vetrano & Daniel Vetrano *by Vetrano Family*

Thursday, September 22
ECCL 1:2-11 / LK 9:7-9
8:30 am **Alfred W. Kucinski** *by Dcn. Ed & Mary Lou Muller*

Friday, September 23 – Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
ECCL 3:1-11 / LK 9:18-22
8:30 am **Miguel Angel Caicedo** *by Adrian Martinez-Gomez*

Saturday, September 24
ECCL 11:9—12:8 / LK 9:43B-45
8:30 am **Alfred W. Kucinski** *by Dcn. Al & Cathy Kucinski*
5:00 pm **Peggy Streeter** *by Kate Cadmus*
Rev. Father Matthew Twiggs *by Marty & Mary Ann Chapkosky*

Sunday, September 25
AM 6:1A, 4-7 / 1 TM 6:11-16 / LK 16:19-31
7:30 am **Alfred W. Kucinski** *by Ron & Ann Johnson*
Health & Blessings for Mary Burns *by Lisa Cangelosi*
9:00 am **Conchita M. Owens** *by Parish Staff*
11:00 am **Fr. Angelus Croce** *by Eleanor Long*

Please Remember To Pray For The Following:

Colleen Apter, Ted Cassera, Matt Chapkosky, Stephanie Cuomo, John, Emma Finnegan, Jason, Patricia Johnson, Bruce Konar, Susanne Martone, Mike Maldonado, Deacon Ed Muller, Yvette Murphy, Fr. Peter Oddo, Madelyn Patton, Don Poling, Rosemary Sciascia, George Shammas, Stephanie, Charles Sullivan, Dannielle Tompson, Thomas Trogani, Constance Van Hoven, James Welden

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Alfred W. Kucinski and Henry Kochanski

A GOOD STEWARD

September 11 ----------$ 2,519.00
Online Giving ---------- $ 420.00
Diocesan Assessment ----------$ 521.00
Online Giving ---------- $ 130.00

Thank you for your generosity!

WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

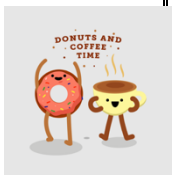
We ask God the Father, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces. May they be brought back safely to those whom they love.

Scripture Message September 18, 2022

In today's readings, the first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper order by handling our life here on earth with an eye toward eternal life. Second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. And finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

Coffee, Bagels and Donuts Have Returned

Sunday Coffee, Donuts and Bagels will be returning **today, September 18th** when CCD classes begin. Proceeds from sales will go to OLMC FEED THE HUNGRY. If anyone is interested in assisting with sales on Sundays, please contact Dina Salvatore at 973-670-3520.



-Reminder-

Sunday, October 2nd is the 1st Children's Mass at 9:00 am. Mass attendance is required for all children.

It's not too late! Registration is open for the 2022-2023 Religious Education Program. Forms are available on our website or contact Dan Salvatore, our Coordinator of Religious Education (973) 579-2355.

***Kindly register your child as soon as possible for planning purposes.**

HELP WANTED! CCD SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Share your faith with our children

CCD Substitutes are still needed for the 2022/2023 CCD year. This is a wonderful way to help our children understand their faith. Any Confirmed and practicing Catholic is eligible and training will be provided. All the work is outlined in the teacher's manual. It is a worthwhile endeavor and the children appreciate it.

Please contact Dan Salvatore at the CCD office 973-579-2355.

Assumption College for Sisters – 200 A Morris Ave. Denville, NJ

Spring Semester (January 5-May 3, 2023) Adjunct Positions Available for SC 102 **Introduction to Biology** (4 credits) and **TH 205 Mystery of God** (3 credits). Master's degree required for instructors. Please send resume to Sister Joseph to president@asc350.org.

THANK YOU

We are off to a great start with the pancake breakfast realizing a profit of $432! Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the breakfast. And a big thanks to Dina Salvatore the best pancake flipper ever and our volunteers: Mary Lou Muller, Steve, Ed & Ann, Kathy and Dan.

OLMC HALL RENOVATION PROJECT

As most of you are aware, our Biesiada Hall is badly in need of renovation. One major goal is to replace the ceiling tiles. We will have a campaign to raise the money needed to do just that. A meeting is planned for **Thursday September 22 6:30pm** in the hall. First to discuss the actual renovation and how best to go about it second to discuss fundraising ideas. We welcome your ideas and thoughts on this project. An updated hall will benefit all our parishioners and their families. **Please join us.** Any questions, call Patricia 973-534-7733.

OLMC Fundraising Event

Saturday Sept. 24th is Stillwater Township Clean-Up Day beginning at 9:00AM (Rain or Shine). OLMC has an opportunity to raise up to $300 of NJ state grant funding money for our church. We need at least 8 volunteers to participate. Adults and youth are invited to join our group. This is a great opportunity for our Grade 7 & 8 Confirmation candidates to earn service hours which are required for them to be eligible to be Confirmed. Please contact Dina Salvatore at 973-670-3520 if interested.

AUTUMN PRAYER WALK

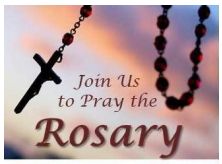
Come join us for a walk at Swartswood State Park starting Thursday October 6th at 10:30am. We will meet every Thursday weather permitting in October & November for an easy 20–30-minute walk. Volunteers needed to lead the prayers. Any questions, please call Patricia at 973-534-7733.

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.

Eucharistic Congress – September 22-23, 2022 Registration Now Open

A Eucharistic Congress is a privileged moment of grace in the local church. Guiding our Congress will be Archbishop Rino Fisichella. On February 11, 2022, Pope Francis wrote these words to Archbishop Rino Fisichella regarding the Jubilee 2025. "To you, dear Brother, I entrust responsibility for finding suitable ways for the Holy Year 2025 to be planned and celebrated with deep faith, lively hope and active charity. The Dicastery charged with promoting the new evangelization can help make this season of grace a significant stimulus to the pastoral outreach of the particular Churches which are called in these years to intensify their commitment to synodality." Led by the power of the Holy Spirit and strengthened by our Eucharistic Lord we celebrate our unity as the Body of Christ. Join Bishop Sweeney in welcoming Archbishop Fisichella who will guide us in the pastoral plan of our Holy Father toward living the Evangelii Gaudium – in the joy of the Gospel. Please take this opportunity to register at https://rcdop.org/year-of-the-eucharist

Rosary Rally: October 15 – 12 noon - OLMC



Sponsored by America Needs Fatima Nationwide
Please join us at OLMC for the Public Square Rosary Crusade, Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary and His most Holy Mother and ours. Also pray for your intentions, Love and unity of families and of course Peace. Just an hour of your day!

Serve the Lord with gladness ♪♪

Like to sing? Play an instrument? We need you! Join our choir and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."
St. Paul advises us to address one another "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts." (Ephesians 5:19)
Weekly choir rehearsals resume Thursday, Sept. 15, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come and learn new songs with us.
Questions? Call/text Eileen, 973-670-3898, or see Carol (organist) after Mass.
"Serve the Lord with gladness, come before him with joyful song." (Psalm 100:1)

Morris Catholic High School Open House

Morris Catholic High School is accepting applications for the Class of 2027 and for transfer students for this upcoming academic year. Learn more about Morris Catholic through our Admissions events!

Our Open House date is:
Wednesday, October 5th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Sunday, October 23rd from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

You can sign up for these events at
www.morriscatholic.org/openhouse/

We are also offering shadow days and in-person campus tours. Contact *admissions@morriscatholic.org* to schedule one of these visits or for more information about our application process!

You can also visit *www.morriscatholic.org* to learn more about all of our athletic, academic, and extracurricular programs.

Character is who you are in the dark, when you think no one else is watching

"A man in Florida had survived Hurricane Andrew. One day one of his neighbors asked him, "So, what claims are you putting in?" The man had not suffered any damage to his house or car from the storm, so he answered, "None." The neighbor couldn't believe it. "Hey, here's your opportunity to collect a few bucks," the neighbor said. "The insurance companies are practically writing checks on the spot. How could anyone pass up putting in a claim for $5,000 for wet carpeting or a damaged car? After all, you've been paying premiums all these years. Why not get a little back?" — Does that sound familiar? The neighbor's willingness to give in to the temptation to falsify a claim is not that unusual. One-third of those sampled by the University of Florida's Insurance Research Center believe it's okay to falsify an insurance application. One-half of them feel it's all right to shade the truth in order to save on out-of-pocket deductibles. This is the state of ethics in our society today. That's sad. For one thing, we all pay for such chicanery." Let us look at another story

A homemaker hires a woman to clean her house on Fridays, but as they negotiate the price of her service, the two women agree on a wage per hour that is slightly lower than the going rate, as long as the payment is in the form of cash. No checks. No record to report to the IRS. No forms to fill out. No taxes to be withheld or paid to the government. It seems like a win-win situation. Of course, it is also illegal, but both women shrug their shoulders as they consider this fact, and say to themselves, "It's no big deal. Everyone does it. And besides, who is going to know anyway?"

Indeed, character is who you are in the dark, when you think no one else is watching. And on Sundays, the man who received hurricane compensation along with the homemaker and the cleaning woman, get up and go to church to sing, pray, and receive communion. To see them there you could never guess that they were participating in a form of secret injustice. Perhaps they do not feel all that guilty, to tell the truth. Their financial misdeeds seem so insignificant compared to the violence of the mafia or drug dealers or bank robbers. And these are respectable, church-going people. They are not criminals; they are just doing business. And besides, as long as no one finds out, no one gets hurt. Right? What do you think? Or better yet, what do you think God thinks about all of this? "First, a good public face does not erase deeds done in private, and does not fool God, even if it fools everyone else."

The first reading from prophet Amos, makes this point in the strongest possible terms. In the days of Amos, twenty-eight centuries ago, people tried to cheat others in business, either by clever deceit or by brute force. There have always been ways to increase profits by cooking the books, altering the trade balances, or monopolizing the market. So, today's scandals are just old news, repeated again and again. Of course, there is nothing wrong with honest hard work, or honest profit in business. But when the line of ethics is crossed, when injustice to the poor or the naïve is the method of expanding profits, then God gets involved. And make no mistake about it; just showing up in worship does not appease God for the actions of business done between Sundays. Amos drives home the sobering truth to all those who hide from the law, or who hide from the auditors, "you cannot hide from God." Not even in church. A person can mistreat their family, cheat in their business dealings, and oppress the poor, but still volunteer for community service, volunteer in the church, and give money in the church collection plate. The rest of society may be fooled, but God is not fooled. No one else may have been watching when the secret deal was made, the item was shoplifted from the grocery store, but God was watching.

In the gospel, Jesus grudgingly admires the manager's shrewdness, and his boldness in betting everything on one roll of the dice. He never does endorse the man's thieving ways: but he doesn't exactly go out of his way to condemn that behavior, either. Jesus looks out on the world as it is and sees so many people who are like that unscrupulous manager. They're smart, daring, bold and absolutely committed to achieving their purpose. Jesus is saying here "If only people could have the passion, the boldness of the dishonest managers of this world to do good for others and advance God's purposes.

The message today is a warning that everyone will ultimately stand before God to be audited. What does this mean to you? Do not cheat or take advantage of anybody. So do business as if you were doing business with God, because in fact, you are. Make decisions as if every word and every action would be broadcast in public, every whisper would be shouted from the rooftops, every piece of fine print would be written across the sky. What a difference that might make! The more we can find ways to use what wealth God has given us — our time, our talents, our treasure — to serve the Lord by serving others, the more we'll be blessed with joy, in this life and the next. **– Fr. Abuchi**