

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Twenty-seventh 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, October 1 - Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / LK 10:17-24

8:30 am Healing and Blessing for Frances Wolfe

by Mark Boettcher

Raymond Bloom

by Lisa Cangelosi

5:00 pm Fr. Angelus Croce

by Kate Cadmus

James Williams, Sr.

by Knights of Columbus 9920

Sunday, October 2

HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14 / LK 17:5-10

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Muller & Weisser Families
Intentions of Marines of Stillwater*by Dcn. Ed & Mary Lou Muller**by Anonymous*

9:00 am Birthday Intentions for Bridget Rose O'Keefe

by JoAnn Lacovara-Friel

11:00 am Nancy Brenner

*by Knas Family*Stephen DeAngelis *by Knights of Columbus 9920*

Monday, October 3

GAL 1:6-12 / LK 10:25-37

8:30 am Betty Hume

by Tommy & Pauline Schoonover

Tuesday, October 4 – Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

GAL 1:13-24 / LK 10:38-42

8:30 am Cornelia Shea-Sheppard

by Parish Staff

Wednesday, October 5

GAL 2:1-2, 7-14 / LK 11:1-4

7:00 pm Alfred W. Kucinski

by Tom & Darlene Scarince

Healing and Blessings of Stephen Orloski

by Anonymous

Thursday, October 6

GAL 3:1-5 / LK 11:5-13

8:30 am Christine Woznicki

by Joan Froehlich

Friday, October 7 – Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

GAL 3:7-14 / LK 11:15-26

8:30 am For the Blessings and Intentions of Francesco and Chiara Lombardo

by Family

Saturday, October 8

GAL 3:22-29 / LK 11:27-28

8:30 am Theodore and Mary Piekarski

by Family

5:00 pm Intentions of Marina Veliz

by Veliz Family

Walter R. Falleni, Jr.

by George & Peggy Shammass

Sunday, October 9

2 KGS 5:14-17 / 2 TM 2:8-13 / LK 17:11-19

7:30 am Alfred W. Kucinski

by Lisa Cangelosi

Stephen and Madeline Swiss

by Family

9:00 am Ninetta "Nancy" Kornmeyer

by Rene & Tony Wilpert

11:00 am Tina Spatarella

by Suzanne Wallace

Mary Petrocelli

by Joan Froehlich

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 Shammass, Stephanie, Charles Sullivan, Dannielle Tompson, Thomas Trogani, Constance Van Hoven, James Welden

*This Week the
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for
Healing and Blessing for
Judy and Ed Bergeron*



A GOOD STEWARD

September 25 ----- \$2,359 .00

Online Giving ----- \$ 470 .00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Next week's second collection is for Diocesan
Assessment*

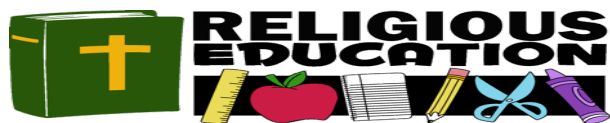
WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

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.



Scripture Message October 2, 2022

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.



It's never too late!

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.**

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. Text (973) 862-7385 Patricia. We look forward to seeing you!



Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2022 "One Body In Christ"

In addition to considering a one-time gift or a pledge payable over five months to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, parishioners have the option of making a continuous monthly gift where your donation will repeat each month and continue from year-to-year. This is a wonderful way to continue your support year-round. You can easily adjust or discontinue this monthly gift option any time you choose. For more information, please call the diocesan Development Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. 263. However you choose to make your gift to the 2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, know that your contribution is a true blessing to the people we serve. May God bless you for your support!

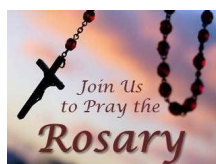
You can support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal now by making an online gift. Simply go to www.2022appeal.org and follow the user-friendly instructions.

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.

Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals this Sunday, October 2th at 1 pm in the church parking lot. All are welcome.

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

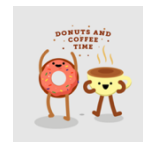
public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary and His most Holy Mother and ours. Also pray for your intentions, Love and unity of families and of course Peace. Just an hour of your day!

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. 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. Date and time **TBD**.

Coffee, Bagels and Donuts Have Returned

Proceeds from sales will go to OLMC FEED THE HUNGRY. If anyone is interested in assisting with sales on Sundays or if you would like to pre-order bread please contact Dina Salvatore at 973-670-3520. Orders go in before Friday.



Quote of the week: "Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received only what you have given: a heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage."
– St. Francis of Assisi

Building a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World

The Supreme Court's reversal of *Roe v. Wade* is, without question, an answer to prayer. In its opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the Justices ended the Court's nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand; a regime that was based on the indefensible view that the U.S. Constitution implicitly forbids government from protecting the preborn child in the womb from the violence of abortion. The Supreme Court in *Dobbs* concluded that there is nothing in the Constitution's text, history, American legal tradition, or the Court's precedents that justified the extreme holding of *Roe*. Therefore, it returned the issue of abortion to be decided by the people's elected representatives, who had exercised such authority from our nation's founding until the *Roe* decision in 1973. In so doing, the Supreme Court in *Dobbs* cleared the way for a paradigm shift in American law, allowing it to enlarge its boundaries to again welcome a segment of the human family that had been outside of its protections for close to half a century.

Dobbs, then, is a victory for justice, the rule of law, and self-governance. But for those of us who have prayed for this moment to arrive, it is the time for a renewal and rededication of our efforts to build a culture of life and civilization of love. Justice is, of course, essential to this end. But it is not sufficient. To build a world in which all are welcome requires not only justice, but compassion, healing, and above all, unconditional love.

Shifting the Paradigm to "Radical Solidarity"

The logic of the culture of life recognizes that the pregnant woman and her child are not alone—they are fellow members of our larger human family whose interwoven vulnerability is a summons to all of us, but especially Catholics because of the teaching of Jesus and his proclamation of the Gospel of Life. Indeed, Catholics see in the life of the Holy Family a lesson for all society: Mary, who not only said "yes" to life but who accompanied and cared for her child throughout his life; Joseph, who met the unexpected challenges and threats to the child with fortitude and compassion; and Jesus himself, who came into the world not with power and majesty but with the vulnerability, dependence, and humility of a child. In a post-*Roe* world, then, we must shift the paradigm to what Saint Pope John Paul II described as "radical solidarity," making the

good of others our own good, including especially mothers, babies (born and preborn), and families throughout the entire human lifespan. It is a call to friendship and compassion rooted in the truth that we are made to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Speaking and Living the Truth with Compassion

By speaking the truth that abortion not only unjustly kills a preborn child, but also gravely wounds women, men, families, and the nation as a whole. It degrades the practice of medicine and corrupts the law. We must *speak* these truths with compassion, and we must *live* these truths with compassion. We must extend the hand of compassion to all who suffer or are in need in the aftermath of abortion, including those who do not yet see the truth in its fullness. Moreover, the call to love compels us to practice civility and charity when we speak to and about those with whom we disagree.

We are not atomized individuals seeking to impose our wills in a world of strife. To the contrary, we belong to each other, and each of us was made for love and friendship. Accordingly, we must live and act in radical solidarity with mothers, children, and families in need. That means doing whatever we can through law, policy, politics, and culture to provide them with the care and support necessary for their flourishing throughout the entire arc of life's journey. Through our collective and individual actions, we can build a culture of life and civilization of love in America. Let us begin.

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)



Putting faith into action: A call to live our faith in ways that show our love for God and our love for others.

All three readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time speak a lot about “Faith” and how it works in our lives. They give us three dimensions of Faith. The theological virtue of Faith enables us to believe something to be true and therefore worthy of trust simply because it has been revealed to us by God. In his instructions to Timothy, Paul, who elsewhere defined Faith as “the assurance of the things hoped for,” shows Faith operating as a believing, trusting, loving relationship with Christ. “Finally, Christian Faith is that trusting Faith in God in action, expressed by steadfast loyalty, fidelity and total commitment to Him, resulting in our offering ourselves to Him in those we encounter through our humble, loving service.”

In the first reading today, Habakkuk needed some faith to hang on. We can feel his frustration: “How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen?” (Hab 1:2). Why do you let me see ruin and why must I look misery? Destruction and violence are before me.” During this difficult period for Habakkuk, for 17 years the Babylonians harassed Israel until they eventually destroyed the Temple and all of Jerusalem. Habakkuk was depressed. So, he questions God’s presence in the midst of problems and violence. He asked for relief. God assured him it will come if the people just put their trust in God.

Faith is an elusive concept that’s dealt with in many ways throughout scripture and even throughout the gospels. In Luke, we often see unlikely people being lifted as examples of people of faith. When a woman poured ointment and kissed Jesus’ feet, he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” And when Jesus’ actions were questioned, he turned again to the woman and said, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” He said essentially the same thing to a blind beggar who received his sight, to a Samaritan leper who came back to thank him, and to a woman healed of hemorrhages when she touched the hem of his garment. When he healed, from a distance, a trusted servant of a Roman centurion, Jesus said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” Thus, we should not be surprised that the apostles in the Gospel asked Jesus, “Increase our faith.” (Luke 17:5). Probably they recognized that the jobs that Jesus was giving them required more faith than they had. Jesus seems to have recognized that too, for He told them if they had as much faith as a grain of mustard seed, one of the tiniest of all seeds, they would have more than enough faith to do whatever they needed to do. Did Jesus increase his apostles’ faith? No! When they asked for faith, Jesus didn’t just reach into His pocket and pull out a neatly wrapped package of faith for each one of them. Faith is not something one can buy in a store or order over the internet. In fact, for Jesus, the apostles already have enough faith. All that is needed is to put that faith to action and extraordinary things will happen.

With that Jesus then seems to change the subject of what he’s talking about. He moves from “faith” to “what a slave would do.” “Faith, as Jesus describes it, is just doing your duty. How do we put our faith to work? In other words, putting our faith to work is often, maybe even *most* often, looking around and doing what needs to be done, not for reward, praise or recognition, but because God has placed that need in front of us. If we don’t do it, who will? If we don’t do it, and it doesn’t get done, will someone suffer? If we don’t do it, are we taking a step away from a life of faith?

“Think about everything you’ve done in the last month. Think about your motives in doing those things. As you do this, realize how many of those things grew out of your faith. Did you visit your sick neighbor? Did you reach out to someone who is hurting or grieving? Were you scrupulously honest in filling out your expense report at work? Did you apologize to someone even though they probably would never know it was you who needed to apologize?”

When you’ve thought about your list, multiply it by however many Christians you know. Now think how much poorer the world would be if we all stopped putting our faith to work! The millions of things done every day in the name of Christ, or because of the faith of his followers around the world, make the world a better place. Some of those things might be huge tasks, but most are simple acts, done by faithful people, because they need to be done. That’s why our charge to live as faithful disciples is not spelled out in great detail. We are called to live our faith in ways that show our love for God and our love for others.

– Fr. Abuchi