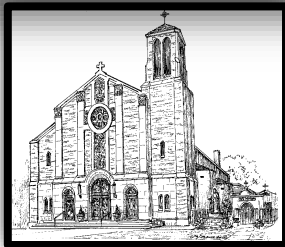


Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Chiesa della Madonna del Carmine

First Sunday of LENT
February 26, 2023



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays 8:30am

Wednesdays 7:00pm (Misa en Espanol)

Saturday 8:30 am, 5:00PM, (Anticipatory)

7:15 pm (Misa en Espanol)

Sundays 8:30am, 10:00am, (Messa in Italiano),

12:00 Noon,

DAILY RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Immediately following the 8:30am Daily Mass.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AND FEAST DAYS

8:30 am, 7:00 pm

MASS IN SPANISH / MISA EN ESPANOL

Every Saturday evening at 7:15pm / Todos los Sabados en la noche a las 7:15pm

Every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm / Todos los miercoles en la noche a las 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm—4:45pm; Other times upon request.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Every First Friday of the month 9am– 6:00pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

English—3rd Sunday of the month 1:00pm

Español—primer y tercer Sabado del mes durante de la Misa de las 7:15pm. Please contact the rectory to register your child at least 3 months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least 1 year in advance and before your wedding venue is booked.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9:00am—2:00pm

Thursday & Friday

English, Italian & Spanish 9:00am - 2:00pm

Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey by Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount the episode of the Transfiguration of Jesus. There we see the Lord's response to the failure of his disciples to understand him. Shortly before, there had been a real clash between the Master and Simon Peter, who, after professing his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, rejected his prediction of the passion and the cross. Jesus had firmly rebuked him: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a scandal to me, because you do not think according to God, but according to men!" (Mt 16:23). Following this, "six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John his brother and led them away to a high mountain" (Mt 17:1).

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – *ascēsis* – as God's holy people.

Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. These requisites are also important for the synodal journey to which, as a Church, we are committed to making. We can benefit greatly from reflecting on the relationship between Lenten penance and the synodal experience.

In his "retreat" on Mount Tabor, Jesus takes with him three disciples, chosen to be witnesses of a unique event. He wants that experience of grace to be shared, not solitary, just as our whole life of faith is an experience that is shared. For it is in togetherness that we follow Jesus. Together too, as a pilgrim Church in time, we experience the liturgical year and Lent within it, walking alongside those whom the Lord has placed among us as fellow travellers. Like the ascent of Jesus and the disciples to Mount Tabor, we can say that our Lenten journey is "synodal", since we make it together along the same path, as disciples of the one Master. For we know that Jesus is himself the Way, and therefore, both in the liturgical journey and in the journey of the Synod, the Church does nothing other than enter ever more deeply and fully into the mystery of Christ the Saviour.

And so we come to its culmination. The Gospel relates that Jesus "was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light" (Mt 17:2). This is the "summit", the goal of the journey. At the end of their ascent, as they stand on the mountain heights with Jesus, the three disciples are given the grace of seeing him in his glory, resplendent in supernatural light. That light did not come from without, but radiated from the Lord himself. The divine beauty of this vision was incomparably greater than all the efforts the disciples had made in the ascent of Tabor. During any strenuous mountain trek, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on the path; yet the panorama that opens up at the end amazes us and rewards us by its grandeur. So too, the synodal process may often seem arduous, and at times we may become discouraged. Yet what awaits us at the end is undoubtedly something wondrous and amazing, which will help us to understand better God's will and our mission in the service of his kingdom.

The disciples' experience on Mount Tabor was further enriched when, alongside the transfigured Jesus, Moses and Elijah appeared, signifying respectively the Law and the Prophets (cf. Mt 17:3). The newness of Christ is at the same time the fulfilment of the ancient covenant and promises; it is inseparable from God's history with his people and discloses its deeper meaning. In a similar way, the synodal journey is rooted in the Church's tradition and at the same time open to newness. Tradition is a source of inspiration for seeking new paths and for avoiding the opposed temptations of immobility and improvised experimentation.

The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two "paths" to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal.

The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: "Listen to him" (Mt 17:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church.

On hearing the Father's voice, the disciples "fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and do not be afraid.' And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone" (Mt 17:6-8). Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow "him alone". Lent leads to Easter: the "retreat" is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection. Also on the synodal journey, when God gives us the grace of certain powerful experiences of communion, we should not imagine that we have arrived – for there too, the Lord repeats to us: "Rise, and do not be afraid". Let us go down, then, to the plain, and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be "artisans of synodality" in the ordinary life of our communities.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 January, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul



Every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in church

Lenten Fish Fry

Every Friday during Lent, the Holy Name Society sponsors it's Annual Fish Fry.

Beginning Friday February 24, 2023
4:00pm—7:00pm
In the Parish Center

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\$15.00 per person



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Madonna della Fontana Statue

\$35.00 per person /BYOB

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Dessert included



Saturday April 29, 2023

6:00pm—10:00pm

In the parish Center of

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church
259 Oliver Street
Newark NJ 07105

Tickets can be purchased through the Rectory

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



"SUNDAY SAUCE" CONTEST

SUNDAY MARCH 19, 2023

1:00 pm

HOLY TRINITY— EPIHANY HALL
207 ADAMS ST. NEWARK NJ

COME CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITE CONTESTANTS!!!!
TICKETS \$25.00 PER PERSON

* Children up to 10 years—FREE

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OR Email us at: Mtcarmelnewark259@gmail.com
OR Contact **Maria D'Agostino Capik** at 908-451-4076

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Entertainment D.J. MOMMO

APPETIZERS—PASTA—ST JOSEPH ZEPPOLE—
WATER—SODA—CASH BAR

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT
The Continued Restoration of our Parish Church

DEADLINE TO BUY TICKETS:
NO LATER THAN MARCH 10TH.

***Please join us at our 12:00 noon Mass at
Our Lady of Mt Carmel which will be in honor of St. Joseph

Now available!

SUPER 50/50 TICKETS FOR THE
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
JULY 16, 2023

Please contact the Rectory for yours.
Lets beat last years' total of \$4916.00

133RD ANNUAL FEAST OF
OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL



On the following dates we will have a
3rd collection after Communion to help us reach our
AAA goal this year.

Our Goal this year is:
\$8,185.00

March 25/26
April 29/30
May 27/28
June 24/25



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023

5:00 +Michael & Marie Cialella r/b Frances Campbell
 +Loretta Policastro r/b Anthony Policastro
 +Perpetual Candle Society
 +Frank Nasto Jr. r/b Victoria
 +Loretta Fallone r/b Abin Family
 +Joseph McGuire r/b Isabelle & Alana
 7:15 Mass in Spanish

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2023

8:30 +Frank Nasto Jr. r/b Elizabeth Pellino
 10:00 +Rocco A. DiLeo r/b Mayor Pasquale Menna
 +Emilia Catizone r/b Elisabetta Calello
 +Charles Varano r/b M/M Serafino Dotro
 12:00 +Francisco, Rosalia, Helena, Natividade Anceriz r/b Joe Anceriz

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2023

8:30 People of the Parish

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2023

8:30 +Marguerite D'Esposito r/b Frances Cicalese

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, 2023

8:30 +Barbara C. Perez r/b Olinda Dos Santos
 7:00 Mass in Spanish

THURSDAY MARCH 2, 2023

8:30 For an increase in Vocations

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2023

8:30 +Bartolomeo Jesus Valle r/b Mirna Zamuz
 7:00 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023

8:30 +Pasquale Pontoriero r/b Daughter Elisabeth
 5:00 +Jose & Pedro Rodrigues r/b Wife
 +Donald Campbell r/b Wife Frances
 +Francesco, Rosalia, Helena, Natividade Anceriz r/b Joe Anceriz
 +Joseph & Carmine Tanzola & Deceased Family r/b Arlene & Terry
 7:15 Living Intention for Maria & Antonio Malhado

SUNDAY MARCH 5, 2023

8:30 +Lena, Achille, Robert Pagliuca r/b Family
 10:00 +Francesco & Caterina Pontoriero r/b Joan & Frank Pontoriero
 +Angela Mamo (Anniv), Fr. Elias Vella r/b Manny & Charmaine Fidalgo
 +Nelida Ralat r/b Pasquale Calo
 12:00 +John Da Silva r/b Wife, Maria

In Loving Memory

BREAD AND WINE FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023

In Memory of: **Joseph Valentino**
 Gift of: Joan & Frank Pontoriero

TABERNACLE CANDLES MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023

In Memory of: **Carmine Deo**
 Gift of: Family
 In Memory of: **Josephine Dino**
 Gift of: Family
 In Memory of: **Josephine Dino**
 Gift of: Family
 In Memory of: **Ann Pagano**
 Gift of: Family
 In Memory of: **Connie Albano**
 Gift of: Family
 In Memory of: **Jose Perez**
 Gift of: Family

ALTAR LAMPS MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023

In Memory of: Clarita Carenio
 Gift of: Oliveira Family



Reading I: Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

The first man is created "out of the clay of the ground." So our human story begins. Soon after, the woman (her origin not mentioned in this account) eats the forbidden fruit and gives some to her mate. "Their eyes were opened" and so the human struggle with slavery to sin begins as well.

Reading II: Romans 5: 12-19, or 5: 12, 17-19

St. Paul alludes to Genesis here, but he focuses on the theological truth that sin and death entered into the human story and brought on the terrible enslavement of sin.

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

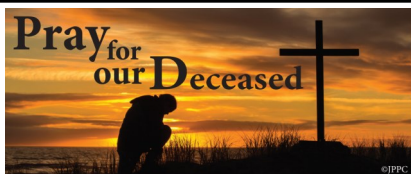
Jesus' desert experience closely parallels that of Israel, but where Israel fell into sin and alienation from Yahweh at times, the "New Moses," Jesus Our Lord, triumphs over satan's temptations. In doing so, Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy and declares His own obedience to God's First Commandment.

Lenten Reflection Prayer



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Joseph Pasaro Jr., Blasi Martin De La Cruz, Michael Lamera, Soledad DeLa Cruz, Martin Della Cruz, Olinda Lemos, Louise Stulec, Jorge Cubillos, Martha Catul, Michelle Bernardo, Larry Santos, Mary Ann Trabucco, Gina Fardin, Rosa La Torre, Charles Knight, Joseph McGuire, Vania Morea, Carmella Fiasche, Lois Arias, Alex Alvarez, Debbie Sulewski, Darrin Marasco, Ann Ponzio, Dawn Provenzano, Marie Perriello, Mary Wharton, Diane Fox, Anna Lemos, G.C., Toni Ward, Lidia Rossi, Kristin Deo, Mario Oliveira



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Let us pray for Family, Friends and Parishioners who have gone home to God.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

CANDLES BY MAIL

If you cannot make it to church and would like to have candles lit for loved ones, please fill out the form below and return to the rectory and we will light the candles for you.

Name: _____

5 day candle \$3 each _____ (total number)

7 day candle \$5 each _____ (total number)

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks to: Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES For sale

In the back of church you will see beautiful religious articles that you can have for a donation. If you wish to purchase some, please see Tony or Eric and they will happily help you.



BAPTISMS—are celebrated on the third Sunday of each month in English and the first and third Saturday of the month in Spanish. We ask that you please contact the rectory to register your child at least 1 month in advance. Godparents will need to show proof of Confirmation and be active in practicing their faith in their parishes. Only 3 children will be registered each date. Children 7 years of age and older, must first attend Religious Education classes before Baptism.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Urgent calls will be attended at any time of day or night. In other cases of illnesses, prolonged or extended, please notify the Parish Office.

The Sacrament of Marriage



"Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh." Genesis 2:24

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY—Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance and before you book your venue. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocese marriage prep sessions.

PARISH REGISTRATION—Every Catholic should be registered in a parish. To become a registered member of our Parish Family stop by or call the parish office. Forms can be found in the vestibule of church. Letters for suitability for Godparents and sponsors are given only to those who are registered, attend mass regularly and contribute to the good of the parish.



On the First Friday of every month, Fr. Danny visits with our Parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend mass. If you have a loved one that lives in the Iron-bound and would like to have communion, please contact the Rectory during business hours 973-589-22090.

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