



CONGRATULATIONS

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 Marcela Henriques
 \$295.00



Our Annual
CHRISTMAS AUCTION

Will be on Sunday
December 3, 2023
 1:00pm

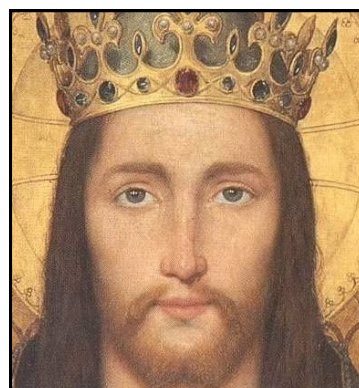
**TICKETS ARE NOW
 AVAILABLE**

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF
 GIFTS, NEW AND MONETARY**

Please contact: the Rectory
 during office hours.

SCHEDULE EVENTS NOVEMBER 2023

- 1ST All Saints Day Mass schedule 8:30am ,7:00pm
 2nd All Souls Day Mass schedule 8:30am, 7:00pm
- 23rd Rectory Closed Thanksgiving
 24th Rectory Closed
- 24th 40 Hours Devotion
 Exposition following 8:30am mass
 6:30pm Benediction
 7:00 pm Mass in honor of Blessed Sacrament
- 25th 40 Hours Devotion
 Exposition following 8:30am mass
 4:30pm Benediction
- 26th 40 Hours Devotion
 Exposition following 12:00 noon mass
 5:00pm Benediction and Vespers



**Feast of Christ the King
 Sunday November 26, 2023**

**40 Hours Devotion begins
 Friday November 24, 2023**

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From time to time I get asked why at Mount Carmel we do things this way or that way liturgically. I usually respond by saying that in part we are continuing the liturgical legacy that my predecessor established at the parish but also because in the end it should help the spiritual life of the parish: her parishioners and pastor. This is done, hopefully, by a Holy Mass that is celebrated devoutly and in a direction that focuses the attention of all on the person of Jesus and not the priest, by dignified music from our Catholic Tradition, devotional items, like statues and candles, to help encourage a love of the saints and the supernatural, and so on. The whole point of why we do what we do and how we do it is because we are Catholic's who love our Faith and the Traditions that have been handed down over the generations and who are on a journey to grow in holiness.

I bring this up because right in the beginning of this month we will celebrate a liturgy that is done in every Catholic church but looks a little different at Mount Carmel, this is the Mass of All Souls Day. Here you will see the priest with black vestments, the main altar draped with a black altar frontal and the catafalque (pretend casket) with six candles. This is something that will not be seen in most parishes. So, the question would naturally come up, why then do we do it? The very simple one-word answer is "Tradition," but let's go a little deeper on why.

First, the liturgical color black has been part of our liturgical tradition for centuries. It is a color that was always used for funerals, masses for the dead and on All Souls Day. This is a color that was not forbidden after the liturgical reforms of the 1960's but has fallen out of use, however it is beginning to make a comeback. The color black, like the use of the color purple, is a penitential color. Purple is used during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, as well as for the celebration of the sacrament of confession and is associated with the living. However, black is the penitential color for those who have died, and why would we use a penitential color for those who have died? Because, unless a person has been officially declared a saint by the Church, and so we know he or she in heaven, everyone else we do not know. Part of the reason why the color black fell into disuse, and we began to use white for funerals, is because people in general like to think that their loved ones are all in heaven, we do not like to imagine that our grandparents or parents are in purgatory awaiting to enter heaven. And so, the shepherds of the Church over the last decades felt it was easier to go along with the sentiment that "my loved one is in heaven," and so abandoned the use of black. The unfortunate result of this "pastoral practice" has led to the majority of Catholics today thinking that everyone goes straight to heaven and that we no longer need to prayer for the souls of our departed loved ones, much less have masses said for them.

Second, the use of the catafalque is to help reenforce the reality of our own mortality but also, it represents all our loved ones for who we have come together to pray for. At the end of the Mass, the priest goes to the catafalque and does the absolution prayers for the dead, these prayers help those souls that are still in purgatory. We can all imagine our loved ones represented there as we pray for them. This holy day and our Traditions helps to remind us of the importance of praying for those who have died and the importance of having masses said for the repose of their souls. This also helps to remind ourselves of our own mortality and look at our lives and the state of our souls and ask ourselves, "If the Lord would call me back to himself today, would my soul be ready for my personal judgment?"

Let us pray for one another and never forget to pray for those who have died.

PERPETUAL CANDLES

Beginning the First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

At Mount Carmel we offer three different types of candles: 7-day, 5-day, 10-hour votive. By selecting which Perpetual Candle Enrollment you would like to do, it will guarantee that a flickering light is burning at Mount Carmel for you and your intentions.

A gold label will be made and affixed to the candle weekly. All candles will be lit on Sunday morning and will be placed where you most prefer, i.e. in front of a Saint, Blessed Mother, etc.

In addition, all of those intentions will be enrolled in the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Perpetual Prayer Intentions and will have a monthly mass, the first Saturday of each month at 5:00pm.

(Note: the individuals names will not be listed on mass, all intentions will be listed under Our Lady of Mt Carmel Perpetual Prayer Intentions)

7-Day Yearly Enrollment- \$375.00 6 Month- \$190.00

5-Day Yearly Enrollment - \$275.00 6 Month- \$140.00

10-Hour Yearly Enrollment- \$100.00 6 Month- \$50.00

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN FORM TO
RECTORY BY DECEMBER 3RD**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

7 Day Yearly _____ 6 month _____ **5 day** Yearly _____
6 month _____ **10 Hour** Yearly _____ 6 month _____

Please mark the candle and how many you would like.

In Memory of: _____

Total amount enclosed _____
Cash ____ Check ____ Venmo ____

Where would you like candle placed in church? Example: Padre Pio, Blessed Mother, Sacred Heart etc.



November 11, 2023

Schedule for the day:

- Pickup 9:30am at St. Mary's Church, 17 Monsignor Owens Pl., Nutley NJ 07110
- Drop off at Mother Cabrini Shrine 701 Fort Washington Ave, New York NY
- Pickup 12:30pm from Mother Cabrini Shrine
- Drop off at Arthur Ave, Bronx's Little Italy, Free time to shop, eat & explore
- Pickup from Belmont Ave 3:30pm to return to St. Mary's Church

\$30 per person

Make all payments to: Danielle Gherardi
Phone: 201-725-9501

Or contact Eric Lavin.

Venmo: @daniellegherardi

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November 13, 2023

Wreath Laying Ceremony
Mother Cabrini Park at Penn Station
Raymond Plaza & Market St., Newark NJ
5:00pm

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