

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

November 5, 2023 † Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.”
- Mt 23:8-11

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:15 AM - 10 AM - 12 Noon

Weekdays & Saturdays - 9 AM

Holy Day Eve - 7:00 PM **Holy Day** - 9 AM - 7:00 PM

(Call Office to verify Mass times)

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday,
from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15--4PM

Parish Mission Statement

We are the Church, alive with Christ, a diverse community rooted in faith, celebrating a liturgy of life. We are prayerfully responsive to the Spirit of the living Gospel, freely and fully ministering to all.

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From the Pastor



November 5, 2023

We have been inundated with funerals over the last year. Since I started here last July, I have personally presided at 58 funerals. That does not include the very large number that Fr. Greg did and now Fr. Rob has had his first funeral here. Also, the deacons have done many chapel services at local funeral homes. Altogether, OLMC has had over 100 funerals in the last 15 months. That is a staggering number and gives us all pause to reflect on the brevity of life and the pain that comes from losing a loved one. The month of November is a time for us to reflect and remember all those who have gone before us. We just celebrated the All Saints Day, which is when we remember the saints of our church who have gone before and continue to serve as a good example and intercessors for us. We also celebrated All Souls Day on November 2 with a beautiful candlelight liturgy. It was on that day that

we remembered all the dead, all those people who had been part of our story and life and had left lasting marks on us. I remember the lessons learned, both good and bad, from my parents and grandparents and other family members. Those memories shape the person I am today. We are who we are because of the people who went before us. As a community, we are who we are because of those 100 plus funerals and the lives of those people who were in some way part of this community. As we journey through the month of November, let us spend some time reflecting on those individuals who have shaped us personally and communally. We give thanks to God for the good and the bad that makes us who we are. Please hold all our beloved deceased in your prayers this month.

The Gospel this weekend tells us “The greatest among you must be your servant.” This is a lesson that we need to continually try to incorporate in our own hearts. Too often, we can get self-obsessed with power and thinking that we are the most important person. Jesus reminds us that true power and greatness is in our ability to serve and make the lives of others better. How are we being people of service to others?

Our Lady of Mount Carmel ... Pray for us!

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15



We will be holding our Holiday Food Drive for Thanksgiving on Sunday November 19th. We will only be accepting monetary donations that we then will pass on to people in need to supplement their food needs. You could give cash, checks or gift cards. Please put any donations in an envelope & mark the outside with "Holiday Food Drive Donation", your name & address then place it in the collection basket. You will get credit for any donation you make. If you pay by check please put "Holiday Food Drive" in the memo. There will be envelopes for you to use at the back of church if needed. Please make your donations by Sunday, November 12th.

Thank You,
Paul Gangi - *Holiday Food Drive Chairperson*



Are you tired of the secularization of Christmas?

Come celebrate the Advent season with the Catholic Grandparents Association as we bring you "**The Legend of St. Nicholas**". A live presentation, by actor Terry Lynch from HFK Presents, on the beloved bishop of Myra, St. Nicholas the protector of children throughout the ages.

The young and the old will learn about holiday traditions from various countries, hear the stories of St. Nicholas, find a new understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and realize that to celebrate the birth of Christ is to truly live his life.

So, you better watch out!! And save the date...

St. Nick is coming to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on.... **December 6 at 6:30 p.m.**

Families of *all* ages are welcome!!

(In the spirit of Christmas, families are encouraged to bring donations for OLMC's Food Pantry.)



Sunday Collections as of 10/29/23:		
YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
\$284,735	\$282,352	\$2,382



Our Lady of Peace with
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 invite you to be *Nourished* in
your caregiving ministry

**Caring for a loved one is rewarding,
 BUT it is not always easy.**

**Let us provide you with Christ-
 centered **information**, **strength** and
connection during the caregiver
 journey.**

**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 11
 8:30 am to 10:00 am
 at Our Lady of Peace
 ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Cathy Lentz at 630-852-3303 ext 5 or [cath-
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Cathy's Corner—The Souls That Are in the Hands of God

November in the natural world brings us reminders of the inevitability of death, death of the leaves that once covered our trees, death of the daylight that used to bring us warmth, death of the flowers that brought us such vibrant color. November in our liturgical world reminds us that this death we see, in our own lives as well as in the world around us, is not a real death, not a punishment, not an affliction. This perceived death is the door to eternal life, offered by God to all.

Because All Souls means just what it says – all souls. All souls that belonged to all the people that have gone before us in the death that our faith teaches us leads to everlasting life. Even those souls that believe in a different sort of afterlife. Buddhist souls and Hindu souls. Or those souls that really do not know what to believe. Agnostic souls. Or those souls that believe there is no afterlife. Ancient Sadducee souls. Or those souls that do not have any faith. Atheist souls. This is a day for all who have died and all who will die, which of course is everyone now and once living.

Because only our God knows who is one of the faithful departed. When that God became human to show us how to become divine, our God said that no one who comes to God will be rejected. Indeed, that same God became human died not just for good people but for sinners, for the ungodly. For all souls. Because there is only one God, no matter what name a soul uses to call out in supplication. And the souls of the just are in that God's hands, no matter what they looked like in life, what language they spoke, what prayers they offered.

Those are souls in peace, free of torment, shining with the blessing of eternal life that some day we ourselves will know, if only we trust. Scripture denies the desperation of death, heralding instead the hope of immortality. And that hope does not disappoint. The Word of God is the promise that the trees will again bud, the sun will still warm us, a rainbow of flowers will once more bloom. It is the promise that we will be raised with Christ Jesus, that we will shine like gold and dart about like sparks, resting with the holy ones in everlasting peace. Life as we know it is not ended but rather changed. Temporary life becomes eternal life. Only the foolish would call that death.

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40

RE News

Trunk or Treat with the Saints

Thanks to everyone who participated, created a door, donated candy, and helped with our fall event!



Upcoming Dates

Thanksgiving Baskets:

Your child's class will be putting together a food basket to help "Feed the Hungry" on Thanksgiving. Monday's classes are asked to bring in NON_PERISHABLE items by Monday, November 13th. Sunday families can bring perishable items, but not before the 19th. Those who will receive a Thanksgiving Food Basket will receive them on Sunday, November 19th. Please call the RE office with any questions.

Family Faith: Trinity & Advent-

Tuesday, November 14th 7:00-8:15

Family Mass:

Sunday, November 19 will be our next Family Mass at 10:00. We will have Reader practice on Monday, November 13th at 6:30 PM and/or Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 PM.

We are also looking for a few families to help usher and bring up the gifts. If your family would like to help in any way, please contact Sherry ASAP so we can get you the readings or other info right away.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass:

Can you believe it's time to look at Christmas schedules already? We are so busy this time of year, so I wanted to put out a reminder to save the dates for practice. We will have our first info meeting on Monday, November 27 at 5:00-6:00. Watch your child's folder for more info.

Catechist Info

Thank you all for stepping up to share your faith with our younger parishioners! This program can not happen without your help. We can still use a few more saints to help us along the way. Right now, we can use a few seasonal helpers, and a few extra catechists on Monday evenings. Contact the RE office for more info.

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: How can you make the light of Christ shine through your life?

Question for Youth: What does it mean to humble yourself?

Question for Adults: Do you practice what you preach?

Activities of the Week

Discuss some Catholics who are being considered for sainthood. Have they exalted themselves, or humbled themselves? Sainthood is for all time, and not temporary glory. How does this equation work? Discuss how Jesus gave us teachings to help us be the best we can be for all time.

Trunk or Treat with the Saints



Handbell Choir

Can you read music, and would love to play in our handbell choir? We are looking for musicians of high school age and older to join us for rehearsals after the Sunday noon Mass, beginning November 5. We are currently rehearsing for the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass. Call Karen Krueger, 630-759-6290, or Val Kazich, 630-207-4897, if interested.



Sgt. Ryan Thomas Lavine, Army
SPC Jonathan Poynton
Joe Barker
Sgt. J. Bartlett Pvt.
Cpl. Joseph Belgis, USMC
Wayne R. Zefeldt, Army
S. Sgt. Michael Mullahy
Ryan Pertile, Army
Major Thomas Bessler
Mike Noonan
Adam Kowalski, Army
Capt. James Lucas US Army
Sgt. Greg Burnett
Sgt. Meghan Callham, USMC
Ron Caruso Jr.
Specialist Drew Stocks
Christine Christensen, USAF
Lt. Joseph A Vacek, USMC
Colin Cusack
Michael Sklodowski, Army
Nick Radziwon, US Navy
Gwen Zemaitis Baker
James Lucas US Army
Capt. Melissa Sprague
Capt. Mark Sprague
Zach Wallace
James Chipman
Keith Thomas
L.C. David Treadwell
Timothy Vaughn, USAF
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Christopher Johnson USCG
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CPO Michael Early, USMC
Elliot Broccardo, USMC
Lindsey Johnson
Diahann Bavan
Ronan Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy
Derek McCarthy
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Steve Baker, Lt
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Vincent Napoli, USMC
Nikolas Horskey, Army
Lt. Col Jason O'Neil, USMC
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Rachael Smith
Kevin Pope
Dave Rawlings
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Robert DeMatio
Frank Andrew McKenna, Navy
Captain Jackson Panice
Ryan Snyder
Capt. James Lienau
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Pat Gill Petty Officer
Brian Sheenhan, Army
Joseph Higgins
Gary Hogan
Kevin Hornett
Dan Eugene Bavan
Dan Welters
Alex Erkiens
Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC
1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army
Ted Cook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 4, 2023

4:30PM Ellen Nowak (Family)
Patricia Heery (Family)
Eleonora & Wladyslaw Niziolek (Family)
Sandra Cavelli (Niece)

Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:15AM Jim Susic Sr. (Germaine Moore)
Eileen Kenny-7th anniv (Husband)
10:00AM Max Zostautas (Denise Guardino)
Thomas Ochs Sr. & LeEtta Perry (Ochs Family)
Heinrich Villanueva (Family)
Wes Wade (Friends)

NOON Sue Sinopoli (Sheri)

Monday, November 6, 2023

9:00AM Cindy Kurcz (Donatello Family)

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

9:00AM Michael Sislow Jr. (Mom & Jerry)

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

9:00AM Savio Viglielmo-4th anniv (Family)
Kathleen Carey & Rita Piotrowski (Pat Monahan)
Maria (Family)
Andrea Mersch (Mike & Margaret Wagner)
Demetrio & Aniceta Drago (Ampy)

Thursday, November 9, 2023

9:00AM Living intentions of Confirmation
Candidates (Families)

Friday, November 10, 2023

9:00AM Joan Stauder (Family)
Wladyslawa (Lottie) Siuzdak (Family)
Damasa Deago (Ampy)
Yvonne—living intent (Parents)

Saturday, November 11, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

