



# Veterans Day

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## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BASILICA



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**Sat., Nov. 7:** *First Saturday*  
 12:00 noon Bertha LaRocca (B) by LaRocca Family  
 5:00 p.m. Geno Gentile (A) by Mother Philomena Gentile

**Sun., Nov. 8:** *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 9:00 a.m. Anthony Fiore (A) by Norma & Mike  
 11:00 a.m. George & Jennie Kanos, by Nieces, Karen, Kathy & Sandy

**Mon. Nov. 9:** *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*  
 12:00 noon Filomena Pellegrini (B) by Cleto

**Tues. Nov. 10:** *St. Leo the Great*  
 12:00 noon Joseph Caruso, Sr. by Jude & Rebecca Nohra

**Weds., Nov. 11:** *St. Martin of Tours*  
 12:00 noon Joshua Botak (Living) by Grandma

**Thurs., Nov. 12:** *St. Josaphat*  
 12:00 noon Mary Nicolli (B) by Family

**Fri., Nov. 13:** *St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*  
 12:00 noon Mary Frances Steele (B) Daughter, Karen Banic

**Sat., Nov. 14:**  
 12:00 noon Mr. & Mrs. Charles Spagnola, Sr. by Anita Spagnola  
 2:00 p.m. Wedding of Christopher Berardi & Michele Schacken  
 5:00 p.m. Deacon S. Norha (B) by Dr. Timothy & Annie Wagner

**Sun., Nov. 15:** *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 9:00 a.m. Michael & Concetta Laricca by Daughter, Dolores Good & Family  
 11:00 a.m. Jay Napoli (B) by A.J. & Marge



*Parish Support*

Sunday, November 1 (225 envelopes) \$9,231.00  
 St. Anthony Shrine/Novena \$ 395.00

**A Prayer For Our New Bishop**

Almighty God, eternal shepherd and guide,  
 In your love for us,  
 Grant to the Diocese of Youngstown, a shepherd who will  
 lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and  
 hands of justice.  
 Help him to fill our minds and hearts  
 With the truth of the Gospel,  
 The power of the Sacraments, and the desire to build up your  
 holy Church.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

**WEEKEND ASSIGNMENTS—Nov. 14/15**

**Ordinary-Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**  
 5:00 p.m. Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr., Emily Capone  
 9:00 a.m. Deacon Mark Izzo, Patty Dawson  
 11:00 a.m. Deacon Mark Izzo, Joseph Nohra, Jr.

**LECTORS**

5:00 p.m. Laura Capone  
 9:00 a.m. Scott Schulick  
 11:00 a.m. Atianna Caggiano

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 p.m. Anthony Micco, Alex Micco  
 9:00 a.m. Francisco Rivera-Ocasio, Santino Rivera-Ocasio  
 11:00 a.m. Luke Pipala, Zachary Pipala, John Paul Pipala



**Apostolate of Perpetual Adoration**

**Being in the SONLIGHT at Eucharistic Adoration helps reveal to us our sins!**

Eucharistic Adoration helps you to examine your conscience. The longer you remain in the presence of God, the more you will reflect upon your failings--your sins. Sin is a "virus" that corrodes and damages your soul. Without the proper medicine, the "virus of sin" attacks you and cripples you spiritually.

Remember, being in the SONLIGHT, it is Jesus himself who will make your sins more recognizable. Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful precursor to confession. St. Clare of Assisi said, "Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him." It will always prepare you for the worthy reception of the healing Sacrament of Confession. Call to schedule an hour of absorbing true SONLIGHT Maria Panozzo @ 330-372-5141

**REMEMBER US LAST:** When you are preparing your Will and Estate Plan, remember those closest to you, spouse, family members, and loved ones. Then remember Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica with a residual gift that defines your Legacy of Faith as a member of our parish community. Please call 330-743-4144.



## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Earl Ducay, Martha Aliberti, Regina Altiero, Melinda Amon, Peter Angelides, Karen Banic, Sandy Battaglia, Madelyn Brudis, Tina Bury, Zayne Bryce, Eugene Calcagni, Isabelle Corradi, Jeanni Pesa, Kim Bowser, Marko Calko, Dominic Calko, Lori Capone, Michael (Cal) Calipare, Carl J. Carbon, Roseann Cencia, Joseph Cencia, Anthony, Cathy Chimento, Joseph Chimento, Stephanie Chimento, Christopher Centofanti, Damian Chordas, Joseph R. Cioffi, Mary Rose Colucci, Johnny D., Ed Derek, Anna DeLuco, Michelina DiVito, Greg Diorio, Grace Ducay, Angela Elmo, JoAnn Elmo, Roberta Elmo, Dolores Elston, Deacon Anthony Falasca, Gina Fecko, Jason, Monroe, Mara Frease, Ilona Gerson, Sebastian Green, Margie, Joseph Haus, John, Reese, Lisa, Joshua, David, Carl Jr., Kaylee, JoAnn George, Emily Gerome, Rose Giampetro, Donald "Duke" Girardi, Dante Greco, Dominic Greco, Josie Greco, Jennifer Greco, Michael & Carol Gromada, Claudia Hernandez, Sean Holden, Gail Hubbert, George Iati, Loretta Julian, Mark Julian, Peter Julian, Kerri, Glory & Family, Jeff Knorr, Dennis Kopnisky, Jackie Golden, Gerard Kopnisky, Hillary, William & Melinda Kopnisky, Agnes Kowis, Rocco Kovacs, Leann P., Lenny & Cheryl, Lavonne, Lucille, Linda Maiorana, Baby Dominic Malachi, Bill Marcavish, Missy Marrie, John Mascardine, Jennifer McCon, Paul and Greg Medina, Jean Medina, Livia Marinelli, Ellen Monroe, George Panno, Beverly Poidmore Pariza, Kristen Peppemey, Mary Pesa, Ronald Pesa, Phil Pillin, Sr. Brielle, Vincent, Paul III, Giovanna Pace, Isabel Pupino, Joseph Pizzola, Nicholas Poccia, Barbara Poghen, Charles Richards, Joseph Richards, Joseph Ridel, Chris Ritter, Marti Runyan, Mark Roberts, Bob Rushwin, Ben Russo, Chuck Saulino, Mark Stilson, Carmel Socca, Ellie Sullenberger, Chris Sultan, Betty & Dennis VanSuch, Greg VanSuch, Paula VanNest, Rita Varacali, Jodi Walters, Kathleen Wienand, Anna Mae Williams, Lilah Dovie, Todd Zamary, Skevos Zimbillas, **Mary, Help of the sick, pray for us! Please let us know when the person is well. Thanks be to God.**

### DAILY MORNING OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, though the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

**THE LAITY'S MISSION IN THE CHURCH.** We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

### ONE TIME SACRAFICAL OFFERING

By mail registered members received a letter concerning a request for a one-time sacrificial offering to assist in this time of need. Due to the fact that major fundraisers had to be cancelled because of Covid 19. The parish council and financial council both unanimously recommended this appeal to you in time of significant necessity. I am most grateful as pastor for what you can do. To date 253 Households have generously responded. May God bless you. Msgr. Cariglio.

### St. Anthony Shrine and Novena

#### **\$50.00 GIFT**

In memory of THOMAS, VIRGINIA & ANTHONY PALLANTE by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bury

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In memory of my precious dad, PAUL KOPNISKY, SR. & godfather, Kenny Zentko by Sandra Kopnisky

Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Sarno

### St. Anthony Heals the Sick

Holy Saint Anthony, gentle and powerful in your help, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were always ready to request for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of miracles. Gentle and loving Saint Anthony, whose heart is ever full of human sympathy, take my petition to the Infant Savior for whom you have such a great love, and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.



**IN YOUR CHARITY,** please pray for repose of souls, CATHERINE COLLA, age 93, FRANK DICICCO, age 91, RAMONA CONSIGLIA DICENZO D'ERAMO, age 92, FRANCIS A. BELLINO, age 98, JAMES W. DEL-LICK, age 83, JAMES W. KINNICK, age 83. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, AMEN.



**Birthdays for the week of November 8-14**

Julia Modarelli, Richard Jones, Brynn McCormick, MarenEmilia Hann, Angeline Cercone, Joanne Diana, Giovaninna Mediati, Louis DeToro, Mary Hanuschak, Lance Ferkula, Jason Marsco, Samantha Farinelli, Ashley Farinelli, Theresa Izzo, Gregory Hann, Brenda Antonini, Michael Homsey, Judy Stipetich, Mary Pillin, Maria Leone, Marc DiGregorio, Randall Rivello, Emilio Sebastiani, Carol McCoy, John Johnston, Kathryn, Robert Rivello, Joseph DeNiro, Marc DiGregorio, Danielle Shaw, Dante Mediati, Jeanette Trel, Theresa Aaron, Michael Cannone, JoAnn Scavotto, Madeline Pagano, Sarah Floor, Anthony Grande, Melina Orr, Melissa Cox, Leo Schiraldi.



**CRAIG'S CORNER**  
*A note from our music director*

I often write about the importance of the Psalms in my weekly reflections as our way of praying the same texts Jesus himself prayed. These ancient yet timeless texts not only provide a connection to Christ but are chosen each weekend to be our window into the rest of the scriptures we have opened up before us at Mass.

At my other job, while I strive to put together a perfect forecast every time I broadcast on WKBN or WYTV, education (as it is referred to in school, atmospheric physics), technology and science can only do so much. As perfect as it would be, I can't forecast that a tornado is going to come and wipe out your home at 5:18PM in one week. If I did, you would obviously be able to know exactly when to be in a safe place and you would prepare your home and take your valuable belongings to safety and so on.

I'm reminded of the film *The Bucket List* where the characters do so much stuff they want to do on earth after getting a grim diagnosis. But the point of why I'm bringing this up ties into our Gospel this weekend. Jesus tells the disciples the parable of the virgins and their lamps to teach that we do not know when God's kingdom will come to reign. We don't know when we will be called to our eternal home or when Christ's second coming will be, and so we must be like the wise virgins who had their lamps prepared to greet the bridegroom in Jesus' parable. He tells us to stay awake, for "we do not know the day nor the hour."

The readings of the end of Ordinary Time often focus on the second coming of Christ and the end times. But how are we to stay alert for this kingdom? That's where this weekend's psalm comes in. The psalm states, "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord; thirsting for you, my God." We, as the psalmist states, must pine for the Lord like a parched earth needs water. By focusing our thoughts, our actions, and our lives upon Christ, we will always be prepared for Him, we won't be caught off guard. This is what he asks of us. If we thirst for Him, and follow His ways, we will have all we need to weather the storm and be prepared when He comes again. This is why our singing of the psalm, not just this weekend, but always, offers a commentary and insight into the theme of the readings of the Mass. This is why also, as I have stated in the past, that I take extra care to prepare the psalms with our cantors to sing them with you.

Let us pray and sing these texts with full hearts, not just another part of the Mass but as an insight to what we are hearing proclaimed each weekend. If we thirst for God and our focus is on Him rather than earthly endeavors, we will be prepared just as we would be if I could pinpoint the exact moment of the tornado strike. This is why Jesus reminds us to stay awake! We do not know the day nor the hour, we must always be focused on Him above all else.

**Instrumental Music: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Prelude: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Sleepers Wake, A Voice is Calling) BWV 645 – Johann Sebastian Bach

Postlude: Introduction Choral from "Suite Gothique" – Léon Boëllmann

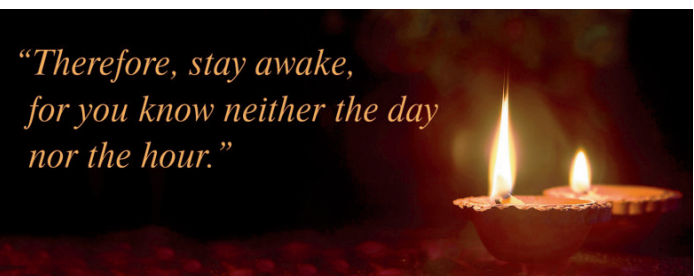


**Need a Christmas Gift?** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Traditions Cookbook are in the rectory for \$18.00. These make nice Christmas gifts!

**REGISTRATION:** Members of the parish should be formally registered. If you are not receiving Our Lady of Mt. Carmel envelopes, please call the rectory Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. For a change of address or telephone number, please call the rectory at 330-743-4144.

**Dispensation From The Obligation To Attend Sunday Mass**

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season 2020.



## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

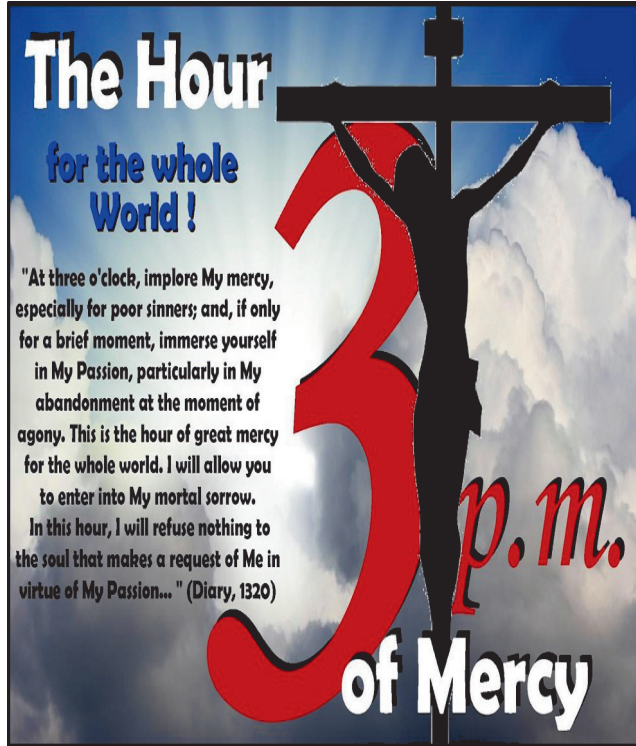
### Friday The Day Christ died for us

**Every Friday the Basilica will broadcast for the home-bound the following spiritual exercises on Face Book:**

Stations of the Cross  
12 noon Daily Mass

3:00 p.m.. The Hour of Divine Mercy with  
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction of the Most  
Blessed Sacrament.

Basilica is open for in person worship during the above times.  
Welcome!



EVERY SUNDAY Mass at 11am on Facebook for the home-bound and persons in nursing home and assistant living.

To access to Face Book: Our Lady of Mount  
Carmel Basilica -Youngstown

### Ursuline High School to give placement and scholarship test on November 21, 2020

Ursuline High School will administer its placement and scholarship test on Saturday, November 21st from 8:45 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. There is no charge for the test. Students should bring two #2 pencils, calculator and a bottle of water. To register for the test, call Ursuline High School @330-744-4563. Placement in honors courses is based upon successful completion of this entrance exam. The awarding of certain academic scholarships is based on this test as well.

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### PRAYER TO ST. ROCCO

O Great St. Rocco, deliver us,  
We beseech thee, from the  
Scourges of God; through thy  
Intercession, preserve our  
Bodies from contagious  
Diseases, and our souls from  
The contagion of sin.

Obtain for us salubrious air;  
But, above all, purity of heart.

Assist us to make good use  
of health, to bear sufferings  
with patience; and, after thy  
example, to live in the practice  
of penance and charity, charity, that  
we may one day enjoy the  
happiness which thou has  
merited by thy virtues.  
St. Rocco, pray for us—3 times

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father Almighty,  
As a part of your divine plan  
You have created us for some definite purpose.  
Bestow your grace upon us to know the path  
You have designed for us in this life  
And help us to respond with an unconditional "Yes"

Make our diocese, parishes, homes and hearts  
Fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.  
May we your faithful, especially our young people,  
Respond to Your call with courage and zeal.

Inspire among our men a desire and the strength to be  
Good and holy priests.  
Bless us with an abundance of consecrated religious,  
Permanent deacons, lay ecclesial ministers, and those  
Called to a chaste single life.  
Sanctify the union of man and woman as one in marriage  
So that they may be a sign of Christ's love for His Church.

Through the intercession of Mary our Blessed Mother,  
We offer our prayer for vocations to You, Father,  
In union with the Holy spirit,  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen



3rd Banns Michael Rich & Ashley Saadey



**Confirmation Preparation Session Nov 8th**

**4:00pm—6:00pm St. Joseph Hall (lower Church Hall)**

**\*Due: Interviewing your Confirmation Sponsor Activity**  
 (Follow instructions given in your red folder and turn in page 4 of the activity packet)



*Prayer for Our Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors*

Pray for the young men and women of our parish who began their final immediate preparation to be Confirmed in the Spring. Also pray for their Sponsors, who were asked to share in their journey as living examples of their own faith.

*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, pray for them.  
 St. Anthony of Padua, pray for them.  
 May their hearts and minds be filled with the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.  
 Amen.*

**Baptisms**

Expecting or adopting a child? Now is the time to call and schedule their Baptism.

The most asked question is, "Who can be a Godparent?"

\*Godparents need to be a fully Initiated member that is active and in good standing with the Catholic Church. Meaning he or she has been Baptized, Confirmed and received the Eucharist in the Catholic Church.



\*Must have 2 Godparents or 1 Godparent and 1 Christian Witness.  
 A Christian Witness must be Baptized in a Christian Faith and active in their faith.

Contact Information for Faith Formation

(Out of the office on Monday and Friday)  
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**Preparing and Receiving Reconciliation and Communion**

\*Your child should be at least 7years of age or older and Baptized. They should have completed 1 year and currently involved in their 2nd year of The Light of Faith & Family Formation Program or attending an accredited Catholic School prior to receiving the Sacraments.

Families must be registered with Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ~ St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Youngstown, Ohio. A copy of their Baptism certificate is required if the child was not Baptized at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ~ St. Anthony of Padua Parish.

If your child missed receiving Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation for one reason or another, call the Religious Education office. It is never too late to receive a sacrament.

Throughout the month of November Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ~ St. Anthony of Padua Parish Will be selling 'olmcsta.com' face masks to help support the local Right to Life Committee.

Price is (1) for \$7.00 or (2) for \$12.00



The masks are made of a soft fabric with the lettering of our parish website, [olmcsta.com](http://olmcsta.com). They will be available after each Mass or you may order. Remember, for the month of November the proceeds will be given to the Right to Life. Thank you for your support.

If you would like to place an order, contact 330-743-3508 ex 121 or [olmcTherese@gmail.com](mailto:olmcTherese@gmail.com) or send the following information: name, quantity, contact information attention: Religious Ed. Payment: cash or check (memo: facemask) to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16

Ps 63:2-8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

**Monday November 9**

**Feast of Lateran Basilica**

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9, 12

Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

John 2:13-22

**Tuesday November 10**

**St. Pope Leo the Great**

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29

Luke 17:7-10

**Wednesday November 11**

**St. Martin of Tours**

Titus 3:1-7

Ps 23:1b-6

Luke 17:11-19

**Thursday November 12**

**St. Josaphat**

Philemon 7-20

Ps 146:7-10

Luke 17:20-25

**Friday November 13**

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

2 John 4-9

Ps 119:1,2,10,11,17,18

Luke 17:26-37

**Saturday November 14**

3 John 5-8

Ps 112:1-6

Luke 18:1-8

This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us what it means to be truly foolish. We believe in Christ – good! We pray – good! We put time into our faith growth and we value opportunities for more faith formation – very wise! And we say that we trust God – wonderful!

But what happens when God doesn't answer our prayers fast enough? What if we need Christ's loving embrace or his protection from evil and yet we're suffering with no end in sight? Where is Jesus then?

Usually, God's timing is not ours. We think we have the right idea about how soon God should intervene when we ask for his help. Right now is a good time for it, right? Of course! But perhaps not from God's perspective. (Why do we want to leave God in charge anyway, if he doesn't see things our way, huh?)

When we despair over unanswered prayer, the reality behind it is that we're emotionally unprepared for any timing that's different from what we think it should be.

The foolish bridesmaids thought the groom would arrive before their lamps burned out. They thought they understood the situation. Do we? Furthermore, if God's plans are illogical – if they don't make sense to us – we distrust them. And then we get ourselves into the mess of trying to handle things apart from God.



We cannot trust our logic. We cannot trust our perception or our understanding of the situations we're in. The sooner we decide to enjoy the absurdity of being a Christian, the sooner we will find out that God's ways are awesomely much, much better than anything we can imagine!

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What have you resisted doing because it doesn't make sense?
2. What can you do, where can you turn, to whom can you go for help in discerning whether or not it's God's plan for you?
3. How do you know when an illogical plan is really what God wants you to do?
4. What's happened in your life that has taught you to trust the Holy Spirit's surprises?
5. Share a lesson you learned when you weren't ready for God's plan because you didn't believe it.



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