

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord



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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am / 9:00am / 11:00am

Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday: 8:30am (except Wed.)
Wednesday: 7:00pm

First Friday Mass: 2:00pm
@Homestead Nursing Home
Holy Days: 8:30am / 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 9:00am-12:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15pm-4:45pm

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, & Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the office to arrange.

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There is light at the end of the Tunnel!

Jesus' royal procession into the city of Jerusalem ended with an unexpected arrest and tragedy of the Calvary. For Jesus' opponents, His death is the end of His life, the end of His miracle and the end of His mission with His followers. For Jesus' faithful followers, the tragedy of the Calvary is unexpected. The crucifixion left them stunned, disappointed and embarrassed. His disciples all deserted Him and fled; Judas betrayed Him and Peter denied him publicly. Yet, there were a few people who responded to Jesus in that dark hour faithfully and nobly. There was the anonymous woman who in an extravagant gesture of love and respect, anointed the head of Jesus. Then there was the Roman centurion, who looked on as Jesus died and exclaimed, 'this man was son of God.' Joseph of Arimathea took the bold step of going to Pilate to ensure Jesus had a dignified and decent burial. Later on, one of the women disciples who looked on from a distance, noted where Jesus was buried and went away to prepare spices to anoint His body at the earliest opportunity. The love they have for Jesus did not end with His death. That love led to the discovery of the empty tomb. That love is what finally reassured Jesus' faithful followers — there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Mark's gospel reports, "They looked up and saw the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away, and a man presumably an angel of God, dressed in a white robe, announced the good news of Jesus' resurrection." On this day, it's imperative to reflect not only on Jesus' resurrection but also His public life. His earthly ministry drew a lot of people to Him. In fact, to those He met and ministered, He helped them to see the light at the end of the tunnel. He restored order in some dysfunctional communities. He cured many who were sick as well, restoring them back to their family and community. He raised the dead and spoke out for the widows, the needy and the voiceless.

The risen Lord assured His disciples and all of us, He is with us till the end of time. "We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too." Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." At the Eucharist, we will approach the risen Lord and receive Him. May Christ you receive transform your life. May you bring the risen Christ to all people, make a difference in the lives of the people you meet so that all who worship with us or who encounter us, will feel the presence of the risen God, and regardless of their problems, they will believe there is light at the end of the tunnel for He is indeed risen Alleluia, Alleluia.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 31 - At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

GN 1:1-2:2 / GN 22:1-18 / EX 14:15-15:1 / IS 54:5-14 / IS 55:1-11 / BAR 3:9-15, 32C 4:4 / EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28 / MT 28:1-10

8:00pm Parishioners of OLMC and their Family

Sunday, April 1 - The Resurrection of the Lord - The Mass of Easter Day

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 / COL 3:1-4 or 1 COR 5:6B-8 / JN 20:1-9 or MT 28:1-10 or LK 24:13-35

7:30am Parishioners of OLMC and their Family

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11:00am Parishioners if OLMC and their Family

Monday, April 2

ACTS 2:14, 22-33 / MT 28:8-15

8:30am Danielle, Louis and Philomena Nazzaro

Tuesday, April 3

ACTS 2:36-41 / JN 20:11-18

8:30am John Murphy

Wednesday, April 4

ACTS 3:1-10 / LK 24:13-35

7:00pm Rich Sinski

Thursday, April 5

ACTS 3:11-26 / LK 24:35-48

8:30am Margaret Sagner

Friday, April 6

ACTS 4:1-12 / JN 21:1-14

8:30am Intentions of Trinity Santiago

Saturday, April 7

ACTS 4:13-21 / MK 16:9-15

8:30am Family Needs and Intentions

5:00pm John McCarthy

Sunday, April 8 - Sunday of Divine Mercy

ACTS 4:32-35 / 1 JN 5:1-6 / JN 20:19-31

7:30am George Condit

9:00am Deceased Members of Muller and Weisser

Families

11:00am Barbara Lombardo

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Samantha Brady, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, George Carse, Joseph Colon, Terry Comer, Fr. Angelus Croce, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Linda Flynn, Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, Kimberly Lane, Kden LeoGrande, Elizabeth Lacovara, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Brett Mershon, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Jerome Pasternak, Lorraine Paxton, Ellie Prakopcyk, Owen Primavera, Bill Rasmussen, Connie Pyne, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samssock, James Scales, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, March 25

\$4,203.00

The Holy Land collection did not make it into this weekends Bulletin-It will be included next week

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp
Burns for
For All Deceased Parishioners*

**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: Larisa Furs, US Navy; Lt. Jason Gieniewski, U.S. Army; Pvt. Daniel Michael Mobilio, Army; Captain Richi M. Pazdzierski, US Army; Captain Jane Petrick, Army; Lt. Daniel T. Pevarnik, Jr., National Guard; Captain Cheryl Ryan, US Army; Seaman Recruit Tyler Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman

**RCIA Participation Nears The End With The Reception Of The Sacraments of Initiation**

For the past months our parish Elects, Scott Begraft, Holly Rogers and Bob Schofield has been joyously attending RCIA program in order to know more about our beautiful Catholic heritage and faith. On March 31, Easter vigil, they will receive the Sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. From this point on, they will become full members of our Catholic family. And as they unite with Christ and bond with the Church, may the Holy Spirit strengthen them to proclaim the good news of Christ and make a difference in the world. We pray for them to be good soldiers of Christ.

SICK and HOMEBOUND

Anyone who is homebound or sick and needs a priest, please call the office to make arrangements — (973)383-3566

Online Giving Options**FOR WEEKLY AND ONE TIME GIFTS**

Enrolling in Online Giving is a great way to ensure your gifts to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel are received even when you are away or traveling.

Please visit: <https://olmcswartswood.churchgiving.com>

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Divine Mercy Sunday is an Observance in the Roman Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation to all. It is based on visions recorded from St. Faustina Kowalski. In 2000, it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by Pope St. Paul II. Roman Catholics are required

to attend worship, go to confession, and take Holy Communion

Come And Join The OLMC JOY CLUB

All are welcome! To come watch "*Is Genesis History?*"

Two competing views — one compelling truth.

A fascinating new look at the biblical, historical and scientific evidence for Creation and Flood, Sunday, April 8 after the 11am Mass. The movie will start at 12:30pm. Because of Divine Mercy Sunday, brunch will **not be served**. However, light food will be available during the movie. \$5.00 donation and sign up sheets will be at the doors of the church. Presented by **OLMC JOY CLUB**

SACRED HEART Spirituality Center

Come and join the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center for the first Thursday Retreat on April 5th at the Sacred Heart Center, Newton. Fr. Tim Dowling, pastor at Good Shepard Parish in Andover, will give a talk on "Abundant Living" at 9:30 am. It will beautifully connect with the Easter season and help us be aware of the lavishness of God's love for us as well as our heartfelt gratitude for Him. Fr. Tim will also hear confessions during Adoration and celebrate Mass at noon. Afterwards, all are invited to share a light lunch and fellowship. To help defray costs, kindly donate \$15.00 or make a free will offering.

God Bless you and fill you with the joy of His love!

PATHWAYS To PROSPERITY

Want to make changes in your life?—Norwescap's Pathways 2 Prosperity can help!

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WHAT IF THERE IS NO EASTER?

Sacraments emerged from Jesus' earthly ministry. The fact, He chose twelve apostles to accompany Him in His ministry, He instituted the sacrament of Holy Order. The apostles continued the celebration of Holy Orders by praying and imposing hands to their successors. In addition, Jesus accepted Baptism from John the Baptist. Later on, He told His disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you, and surely, I am with you always till the end of time" (Matt 28:19-20).

At the Last Supper, He instituted the Holy Eucharist and commanded the apostles, "This is my body, this is my blood given for you; **do this in remembrance of me.**" Jesus died on the cross and resurrected on Easter. "Easter means that this life on earth is not the end. Jesus went to prepare a place for us in His Father's heavenly mansions for all eternity. Jesus died for our sins, paying our penalty, so that we could be forgiven. He was resurrected, to prove that death has no hold on those who repent and accept Him as Savior. This life on earth is a prelude to eternal joy with our Lord. Easter is a celebration of our eternal destiny."

After His resurrection, He appeared to His apostles in the upper room and instituted the Sacrament of reconciliation, "**If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.**" (John 20:22-23). Therefore, if Jesus did not rise from the dead, there would be no Church, there would be no priest and there would be no Mass. None of the sacraments will be administered. Hence, "Without Easter, there would be no hope of heaven. Without the hope of heaven, there would be no repentance, no personal transformation, no attempt to follow biblical principles. Without Easter, the world would be in chaos and darkness. Jesus' death and resurrection means we can be reborn, to live better, to do better, to shine light into the shadows."

Alleluia the Lord is Risen.

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones!

Parish Legacy Gifts

Many thanks to some parishioners. Lord reminds us of the abundant blessings that come from a generous heart. "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will pour into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

When you give your time, talent and financial resources to your parish, it strengthens our faith community in so many wonderful ways!

Did you know that there are also opportunities to make a legacy gift to Our Lady of Mount Carmel that will touch the lives of parishioners for generations to come? Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish in your will and estate plans. For more information, call our parish at (973)383-3566 or contact our Diocesan Development Office at (973)777-8818 ext. 215 for further assistance and to discuss options that might work for you. Thank you so much for all you do for Our Lady Of Mount Carmel—now and in the future!