

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, April 29, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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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How do I remain a good branch to the vine tree?

In the Old Testament, God used the name "I am" to identify Himself to Moses at the burning Bush. Even when Moses asked for further identification, God never tried to modify the name but rather sent Moses on a mission. He directed Moses He should tell Pharaoh "I am sent you." In the gospel of John, Jesus used the same identification, "I am" at least seven times. Last Sunday He spoke to His listeners, "I am a Good Shepherd." Today He said, "I am the True vine, and my Father is the vine grower and you are the branches." And what do you think Jesus meant by this phrase? The various examples Jesus used are very explanatory. He is the source of our lives. "We are connected to Him, like branches that are lifeless and useless unless they are connected to the vine." We know that branches draw their life and nutrients from the vine. Unfortunately, the branch cut off or fallen off from a tree is nothing but firewood. Separated from a tree, a branch becomes lifeless and of no more value to the tree.

By using this metaphor, Jesus is inviting His disciples to remain close to Him because He is the true vine and the primary source of their lives. But if they cut off from Him, their lives will be jeopardized or impoverished. By remaining with Him, being faithful to Him, they have nothing to lose because He will constantly protect and nurture them. And Jesus summarized His teaching by saying, "Without me you can do nothing." Jesus also added that His branches are constantly pruned to be more productive. Indeed, God prunes our lives to make them even more fruitful than they presently are. There are some things we may need to shed if we are to become all that God is calling us to be. Some kind of letting go, which can be very painful at the time, can help us to grow in our relationship with God and with others.

Children are constantly advised and disciplined by their parent so that they can become better people. It is a way the parent "prunes" and shapes the child for a better future. Bitter lessons of life that helped us to grow and arrive where we are today could also be God's way of directing and shaping our future to become a better person and probably grow in a closer relationship with Him. God continues to invite you and I to be a good branch that will bear abundant fruits through our good deeds and relationship with people. The question is: Are you willing to accept this invitation to be a good branch that remains with the vine or you do you prefer to be cut off and wither away?

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, April 28**

ACTS 13:44-52 / JN 14:7-14

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm John McCarthy

Sunday, April 29

ACTS 9:26-31 / 1 JN 3:18-24 / JN 15:1-8

7:30am Intentions of Barbara Froetscher

9:00am Anthony Barile, Sr.

11:00am Thomas Quigley

Monday, April 30

ACTS 14:5-18 / JN 14:21-26

8:30am Duncan Fitton

Tuesday, May 1

ACTS 14:19-28 / JN 14:27-31A

8:30am For the Refugees

Wednesday, May 2 - Memorial of Saint Athanasius,**Bishop**

ACTS 15:1-6 / JN 15:1-8

7:00pm Rich Sinski

Thursday, May 3 - Feast of Saints Phillip and James (the Less), Apostles

1 COR 15:1-8 / JN 14:6-14

8:30am For the Diocesan Priests

Friday, May 4

ACTS 15:22-31 / JN 15:12-17

8:30am Jack Marie Smith

Saturday, May 5

ACTS 16:1-10 / JN 15:18-21

8:30am For Peace in the Families

5:00pm John McCarthy

Sunday, May 6

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 JN 4:7-10 / JN 15:9-17

7:30am

9:00am Intentions of Muller and Weisser Families

11:00am Richard Sinski

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Jennie Apostola, Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Samantha Brady, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, George Carse, Joseph Colon, 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, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Jerome Pasternak, Lorraine Paxton, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsok, 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, April 22****\$3,396.50****Diocesan Assessment****\$ 720.00****Thank you for your generosity!****SANCTUARY LAMP***This Week The Sanctuary Lamp**Burns for**Intentions of Tierney Veliz***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. Pazdziernski, 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

FAMILY PROMISE

Thank you to Maureen Logi who cooked and served a meal for the family of five and for one single woman at Family Promise. Also, thanks to Jenn Durso, Heather Falotico, Nicole Vassallo and Sarah Marchioni who prepared and served the meal on Friday for this family and woman. Unfortunately, we do have homeless in Sussex County but there are very appreciative of the volunteers who help get them through this rough time.

Our next time to serve will be September 13 and 14. At that time we will need volunteers for cooking and spending the night. Our regular overnight volunteers will not be around so we could really use the help. Please call Mary Anne Condit for more information (973)219-3352

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>

Memorial Of SAINT ATHANASIUS - May 2

Saint Athanasius' Story

Saint Athanasius was born in either 296 or 298 in Alexandria, Egypt. He was a bishop and doctor of the church. He is called the "Champion of Christ's divinity." Athanasius became one of the most dedicated opponents of the heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. Much of his life was a testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ.

He was well studied in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospel accounts and the Christian texts which would later be recognized by the Church as the canon of the New testament.

Around 323, Arius, a priest of the Alexandrian Church, denied the Divinity of Christ and began spreading word that Jesus Christ was not truly divine but merely created in time by the Eternal Father.

When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. It seemed that the battle would be easily won and that Arianism would be condemned but that was not the case. For unknown reasons, he was exiled by Emperor Constantine. After Constantine's death, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. But that didn't last for he would be exiled again.

Over the course of his life, Athanasius was banished five times and spent seventeen years of his life in exile for the defense of the doctrine of Christ's divinity.

Athanasius suffered many trials while he was bishop of Alexandria. He was given the grace to remain strong against what probably seemed at times to be insurmountable opposition. Athanasius lived his office as bishop completely. He defended the true faith for his flock regardless of the cost to himself.

World Apostolate Of FATIMA

The Blue Army Shrine invites all to Honor Our Lady's plea of December 10, 1925, requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. The first Saturday is May 5th, **"You at Least Try to Console Me."**

Speaker/Celebrant: Fr. James Walling

10:00 am Confessions; **11:30** Rosary w/15 minute mediation; **12:00 pm** Holy Mass; **1:00 pm** Enrollment in Brown Scapular, Confessions; **2:00** Talk on Last Vision of Fatima; Fatima Video; **3:00** Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: **"And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?"**

Our Blue Lady's Army located at 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802-(908)689-1700 ext. 21

WINE And CHEESE SOCIAL!

Our next Wine and Cheese Social

will be on **Saturday, May 5** after the 5 pm Mass. There will be a Latin theme to celebrate **Cinco de Mayo**. Join us for some goodies and getting acquainted. **Non-alcoholic beverages** will also be available. A \$5.00 donation is appreciated. The Wine and Cheese Social will continue the 1st Saturday of every month. **Any questions, please contact Lester at (973)383-5189**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

***Early Registration for Religious Education, CCD and Confirmation**, will take place **Sunday, April 29th**. Early registrants will receive a **10%** tuition discount.

***Please prayerfully consider serving as a Catechist** for the 2018-2019 school year.

***May 6th** - Last day of CCD and the God Bowl which will take place during class - **Parents are invited to attend**

***May 18th and 19th is the 8th grade Lock-In Retreat** which is the 1st step into the Confirmation program. It will be held in the OLMC Community Center.

SICK and HOMEBOUND

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

PARISH LEGACY GIFTS

Many thanks to some parishioners who have graciously remembered the parish in their will.

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!