

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, April 7, 2019  
Fifth Sunday of Lent



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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday .....5:00 pm

Sunday..... 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

## DAILY MASSES

Monday-Saturday.....8:30 am (except Wednesday)

Wednesday .....7:00 pm

First Friday Mass .....2:00 pm  
@Homestead Nursing Home

Holy Days..... 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday .....9:00 am - 12:00 pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday .....4:15 - 4:45 pm

## SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the office to arrange.

*Masses for the Week* 

**Saturday, April 6**

JER 11:18-20 / JN 7:40-53

**8:30 am Tyler Rodimer** *by Youth Group*  
**5:00 pm Robert Miller** *by Boettcher Family*

**Sunday, April 7**

IS 43:16-21 / PHIL 3:8-14 / JN 8:1-11

**7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller and Weisser Families** *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*  
**9:00 am Robert Mucha** *by Marjorie Mucha*  
**11:00 am Intentions of Rosalie Stadelman** *by Ron & Ann Johnson*

**Monday, April 8**

DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / JN 8:12-20

**8:30 am George Condit** *by Larry & Mary Anne Condit*

**Tuesday, April 9**

NM 21:4-9 / JN 8:21-30

**8:30 am Barbaro Lombardo** *by Marie & Lou Nazzaro*

**Wednesday, April 10**

DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / JN 8:31-42

**7:00 pm Earl Worman, Jr.** *by Worman Family*

**Thursday, April 11**

GN 17:3-9 / JN 8:51-59

**8:30 am Tyler Rodimer** *by Parish Staff*

**Friday, April 12**

JER 20:10-13 / JN 10:31-42

**8:30 am Intentions of Bill Nagy** *by Parish Staff*

**Saturday, April 13**

EZ 37:21-28 / JN 11:45-56

**8:30 am Intentions of Barbara Froestcher** *by Barbara Froestcher*  
**5:00 pm Patsy Miller** *by Boettcher Family*

**Sunday, April 14**

IS 43:16-21 / PHIL 3:8-14 / JN 8:1-11

**7:30 am Intentions of Peg & Gene Streeter** *by Long Family*  
**9:00 am Judy Heery** *by Marjorie Mucha*  
**11:00 am Richard Fuchs** *by Tom & Darlene Scarince*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING**

Jennie Apostola, John & Lucy Barrett, Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, Joseph Colon, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Linda Flynn, Donna Gatto, Richard Hennings, Eva Kieger, Ava Kljajic, Ziggy Knop, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Brett Mershon, Bob Metroke, Deacon Ed Muller, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Jerome Pasternak, Lorraine Paxton, Clarence Remke, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsock, Greg Schmidty, Gloria Shope, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Gene Streeter, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

**A GOOD STEWARD**

**Sunday, March 31** **\$2,998.00**  
**Online Giving** **\$250.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*This Week the Sanctuary  
 Lamp Burns for the  
 Intentions of Msgr. Robert Mazur*



**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: Major Brandon Bennett, NJ Army National Guard (Federal); Larisa Furs, US Navy; Lt. Jason Gieniewski, US Army; Pvt. Daniel Michael Mobilio, Army; Captain Richie 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



**PASSION SUNDAY**

**“The joy of Easter is almost here, but before that, we must accompany Jesus in His Passion.”** -Philip Kosloski

Traditionally, the final two weeks of Lent in the Roman Rite are used as an immediate preparation for the sorrowful events of the Easter drama. It is a period of time to focus more and more on the Passion and death of Jesus and so accompany Him on His way to Calvary.

For several centuries, the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as “Passion Sunday” and marks the beginning of a special sub-season called Passiontide, which extended up until Holy Saturday. During this time the Church’s liturgy became more somber and a sorrowful mood was reflected in the various practices that occurred in the liturgy.

The most obvious example of a more somber mood was the veiling of statues and images, which remains an optional practice in the current *Roman Missal*: “In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the Fifth Sunday of Lent may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

Palm Sunday was seen as the “Second Sunday in Passiontide,” and is currently listed in the liturgical calendar as “Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion.” It is on this day that the Passion narrative is read, the longest Sunday Gospel reading of the entire year. The Church beckons us on Palm Sunday to look toward the cross and see Christ’s immense love for us, sacrificing Himself for our sins. it is a preview of what is to come on Good Friday.

After Palm Sunday, Passion Week gives way to Holy Week and the Church follows Jesus during His final days in Jerusalem. The Passion narrative was traditionally proclaimed during Mass on each day of Holy Week leading up to Holy Thursday.

Wednesday during this week is known as “Spy Wednesday” and signified the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus and informed the Sanhedrin of his plan.

Various other practices occurred during these final two weeks of Lent, such as Stations of the Cross and the Tenebrae services. On the end, Passiontide is meant to be

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a special penitential period where we focus on Jesus’ bitter passion and foster within ourselves sorrow for our sins. The good news is that Passiontide does not have the last say, and this somber period of preparation ends quickly so that our hearts can rejoice in the beauty of Christ’s resurrection.

**Lent 2019**

**Confession**

Every Monday, March 11 – April 8  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM and at all Parishes in the Diocese.



**Lenten Meatless Soup Suppers**

Every Friday at 6:00 PM during lent.

**Stations of the Cross**

Begins at 7:00 PM following the Meatless Soup Supper.

\*Our annual **Lenten Meatless Soup Suppers** are held each Friday during lent. Dinner starts at 6PM with **Stations of the Cross** beginning at 7PM. A free donation is suggested – all proceeds will go to the Church. Sign-up sheets are at the side doors. Set-up and clean-up help is needed. Please call Dina (973)579-1908 if you have any questions or would like more information on this Our Lady of Mount Carmel tradition.

**Chrism Mass**

We will be celebrating the Chrism Mass on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. John the Baptist in Paterson. The procession starts promptly at 6:45 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**Knights of Columbus Announcement**



The Knights of Columbus will be having an Easter egg hunt, crafts and games for the children of our parish immediately following the April 7<sup>th</sup> 11 am Children’s Mass. The event will be free

of charge and all are welcome, children and adults alike! A light refreshment will be served. Please come for the Children’s Mass and stay for the fun!



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Family Breakfast**

**On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Family Breakfast after all the Masses. More information to come!**



**Is the Church a Dumping Ground?**

Some parishioners tend to be very generous with what they have in their homes or closets but sometimes they do not know how to go about it. So, they bring them and dump them in the church. We ask you to call the parish office if you have anything you want to donate like books, utensils, cookie jars, clothing and so forth. If we are doing a garage sale or clothing drive, we may ask you to bring them but until then, please refrain from leaving these items in the Church with the expectation that somebody else will use them. It makes it very difficult for us to clean and get rid of them.

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Pilgrimage to Canada**

**Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

The bus will be leaving Monday morning from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Branchville and arrive in Three Rivers, Canada. We will be staying at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape for 4 nights. The Pilgrimage will include a day trip to Montreal and St. Joseph's Oratory along with a stop in Quebec City and The Basilica of St. Anne de Beupre.

\$590.00 per person (double occupancy)

\$725.00 per person (single occupancy)

Breakfast and dinner meals in Canada, hotel room and transportation is included.

Pilgrimage Chaplain: Father Ed Rama

Come join us this summer for a Pilgrimage to Canada. (You will need a passport). Visit our website:

[www.OLQPBranchville.org](http://www.OLQPBranchville.org) to register

**Registration deadline: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**



**Palm Sunday:** April 14

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Penance Service:** April 17

There will be Parish Penance Service on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm

**Holy Thursday:** April 18

7:00 pm

**Good Friday:** April 19

3:00 pm

**Blessing of the Food:** Saturday, April 20

1:00 pm in the Church

**Easter Vigil:** Saturday, April 20

8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday:** April 21

7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Newly Baptized**

**Congratulations to Zachary Owen Grieve who was baptized on Sunday, March 31, 2019.**

*Welcome, precious little child. So divine from God above. Christened today in Jesus' name, Held in His arms of love. May angels guide your tiny feet and bring you smiles to wear and may our heavenly Father always keep you in His care."*

**PARISH SURVEY**

From next week, we will be conducting a parish survey. The survey will be some collective questions about the activities in the parish. The goal of the survey is to help the staff and volunteers to know some areas of parish life and activities that may need some change or more improvement. When the survey materials are available, we will notify you and ask you to participate.



### “Those who live in glass houses shouldn’t throw stones.”

In St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, he gave a beautiful description of Christian love: “...Love is kind and patient...it does not rejoice in wrong doing...” Yes, love moves us to take care of others in spite of their mistakes. However, there are people who notoriously spend time in gossiping or exposing and confessing everyone else's sin. Gossip or exposition of human failures and mistakes is not new in our culture. In fact, human mistakes make headlines in gossip magazines, TV, local newspapers, and whether it is failures in moral, financial or personal issues. Sometimes, people's private lives are violated and dragged before all to see.

In today's gospel, a woman is caught in the very act of adultery by the religious enemies of Jesus, dragged from the bed to the Temple and thrust in front of Jesus. Three terms express their sense of dominance: “They caught her.” “They brought her.” “They made her stand before them all.” In fact, their action is apparently a trap to see whether or not this “friend of sinners” will uphold the clear teachings in the laws of Moses calling for her capital punishment by stoning.” In their eyes, her fate is sealed: and the ultimate plan is death penalty by stoning, according to the law. But no one talks about the adulterous man involved. As an added extra, they of course, wanted to use the occasion to discredit Jesus in the eyes of his followers. “What have you to say? they demand of him.” If his response was simply, “Leave the woman alone; let her go free,” they could accuse Him of condoning adultery. But if He agreed with their sentence, He would be seen as lacking in mercy. Pay attention to the odd gesture of Jesus in response to the captors hurling the disheveled woman before Him. Jesus saw through their plotting and asked a question that made them withdraw in confusion: “If you have never sinned be the first to throw stone against her.”

The accusers went away shamefaced. They know that they are guilty of many things themselves. Then Jesus speaks with tender respect to the woman who has just escaped execution: “Neither do I condemn you”. He encourages her to make her gift of forgiveness the starting point for a new life: “Go away, and from this moment on, sin no more.” “Although Jesus did not condemn the woman, neither did He excuse what she had done. “Don’t sin anymore,” was both a pardon and a warning to her.”

As the old saying goes, “Those who live in glass houses shouldn’t throw stones.” That is, we must not be so quick to hurl judgment and criticism against our neighbors since our own lives are not perfect either. If the entire world knew about our most secret sins of thought or deed, if our most intimate failures were dragged out on display before the entire world, would any of us be able to stand? If Jesus Christ, the only person in human history who really did stand the test of being without sin, did not hurl stones, how dare we throw stones to others? **--Fr. Abuchi**



#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Pray, hope and don’t worry. Anxiety doesn’t help at all. Our merciful Lord will listen to your prayer”

**–Saint Padre Pio**