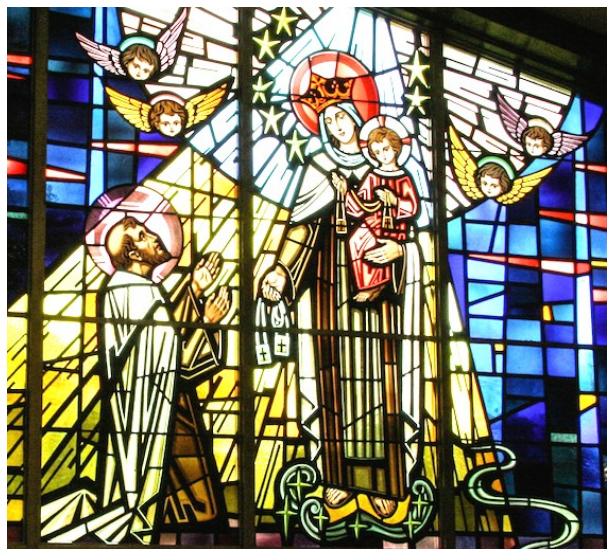


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



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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 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 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

IS 50:4-7 / PHIL 2:6-11 / LK 22:14-23:56

- 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
- Intentions of Francesco Lombardo**
by Lombardo Family

Monday, April 15

IS 42:1-7 / JN 12:1-11

- 8:30 am Tyler Rodimer**
by Ron & Ann Johnson

Tuesday, April 16

IS 49:1-6 / JN 13:21-33, 36-38

- 8:30 am Eileen Murphy**
by Tom & Pauline Schoonover

Wednesday, April 17

IS 50:4-9A / MT 26:14-25

- 7:00 pm Tyler Rodimer**
by Larry & Mary Anne Condit

Thursday, April 18 – Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

EX 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 COR 11:23-26 / JN 13:1-15

- 7:00 pm Grace Oravec**
by Ron & Ann Johnson

Friday, April 19 – Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

IS 52:13-53:12 / HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / JN 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 20 – 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 / ROM 6:3-11 / LK 24:1-12

- 8:00 pm Parishioners of OLMC and their Families**

Sunday, April 21 – Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 / COL 3:1-4 / JN 20:1-9

- 7:30 am Parishioners of OLMC and their Families**
- 9:00 am Parishioners of OLMC and their Families**
- 11:00 am Parishioners of OLMC and their Families**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Jennie Apostola, John Barrett, 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, Diana Salvatore-Hiler, John Samsock, Greg Schmiditty, 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

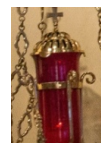
A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, April 7 **\$3,036.00**
Online Giving **\$300.00**

*There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for the Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generosity!

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Recovery of Janine O'Connor



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 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



Knights of Columbus Announcement



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel **Knights of Columbus Council 9920** is sponsoring a drawing Raffle to help support Knights of Columbus charities in our area. There will be 3 prizes drawn for 35%, 10% & 5% of the net proceeds, so your chances of winning are greater. Tickets are available at the side door, or ask any of the Knights. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket. The drawing will take place Tuesday, May 7th at 8:00pm, winner need not be present. Thank you for your continued support of The Knights of Columbus Council 9920. God Bless you.



Family Breakfast Announcement



We are offering an all you can eat buffet breakfast after all the Masses on Sunday, April 28th. Cost will be \$5.00 per person. Children under 12 are free. There will be craft tables for the kids to make greeting cards for the seniors in a local nursing home. Let's make lots of cards to brighten their day! **Please join us!**



**JOY Club Announcement
(Fellowship for Parishioners over 55)**

Our next JOY CLUB meeting will be **Saturday, April 27 at 12pm** in the Church Hall. Lunch will be served. Come join us for good company and some fun. \$5 for lunch and \$2 dues. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Patricia (973)534-7733

Chrism Mass

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



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 17th – 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

Sunday of Divine Mercy – April 28



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. Faustian Kowalski. In 2000, it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by St. John Paul II. Roman Catholics are required to attend worship, go to confession and take Holy Communion.

Divine Mercy prayers will begin Sunday, April 28 at 2:30 pm with Exposition and Confession then ending with Benediction at 3:30 pm.

A short prayer for when you see a crucifix
**To what excess, O my Savior, have you loved me?
O Jesus crucified for my salvation, save me!**

Why do Catholics cover crucifixes and statues during Lent?

Veils over sacred images keep our mind on the promise of Easter. – by Philip Kosloski

It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year, Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their Churches, even crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice.

The rubrics can guide us. In the *Roman Missal*, we find the instruction, "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.

This is the current practice of the Church, but veiling from the Fifth Sunday of Lent onward is miniscule compared to what was once practiced. For example, in Germany, there was a tradition to veil the altar from view throughout all of Lent.

Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent images in their homes. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from going to Mass during the week. Otherwise we only see the veiled images in Church once or twice before Easter and it has a minor effect on us. It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it and it will make this time of year truly special for them. We go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils.

But why go through such great to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds to heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time we are in. When we walk into Church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As part of our Lenten call to almsgiving, I invite Catholics throughout our Diocese to support the collection for the Church in the Holy Land which takes place on Good Friday. Our scriptural home – the places where our Savior taught, died and rose again to new life, deserves our support.

The collection for the Church in the Holy Land supports the work of the Franciscans who are responsible for the care of the Holy Places as well as the Christians living in the area. Their work is vital in securing a Christian presence in the Holy Land. In addition to helping maintain sacred places, the Collection for the Church in the Holy Land also helps fund schools, provides housing for needy families and staffs parishes throughout the area.

Please join with your fellow Catholics during this Lenten season by supporting this special collection and the places that are so dear to our faith.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson



Remembering the last days of our Hero.

Today we begin the most solemn week of the Liturgical year which is called "Holy Week." The Passion narrative will give us a prelude on the events that will follow especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Jesus' earthly ministry winds down. He will be like an actor that bows down on the stage, and tells the spectators it is over. But it is not actually over. His death and rising from death will usher a new beginning and a continuation of His works for ages. On this Passion Sunday, let us reflect on His personal life and public ministry. "He, the Most High God, suffered the hardships of the poor, at times not even having a place to lay his head. He endured hunger and thirst, and after long days surrounded by crowds seeking a cure, He often spent whole nights at prayer in the hills. Despite His compassion for all who came to him, He met with hatred and rejection, in particular from Pharisees and priests, who planned to have him killed. How this rejection and hatred must have grieved him."

Our liturgy this week invites us to follow Jesus every step of the way, beginning with His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There He was welcomed, applauded and acclaimed by a crowd of well-wishers. As we continue reflecting on the last days and moments of Jesus' life, may we accompany Him to the moments of His agony in the garden, His Last Supper on Holy Thursday as well as His death on Good Friday. Like we always remember and treasure the last words spoken to us by our loved ones before their death, St Luke's gospel offered us powerful sayings of Jesus on the last moments of His life. He went through unspeakable torture and merciless beatings. In spite of His excruciating suffering, He prayed for His executioners and even pleaded with His Father not to hold their crime against them: "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." No kidding! Of course, they knew what they were doing! They had plotted this moment for months, carefully laying the trap for Jesus in Jerusalem and asking different questions to trap Him with their 'dragnet'. "Besides, they were specifically trained to know how to carry out this deadly torture, to drive the nails in just the right place to maximize pain and suffering, but also avoid hitting primary organs or arteries so that the suffering and eventual death would be unbearably prolonged." In truth, they had no idea whom they were torturing but Jesus the savior of the world offered the gift of forgiveness.

He also offered forgiveness to the penitent thief hanged by His side when He said to him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." By offering the repentant thief a place in paradise, He manifested there is hope and mercy for sinners who asks for God's grace. And finally, He died praying, "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit." The last moment of His life was marked with hatred and rejection but that end was also marked with His unspeakable mercy, forgiveness, compassion and kindness. In doing this, He encourages you and I to have hope in the midst of rejection or suffering but most of all, to be generous with kindness and forgiveness even when the people do not deserve it.

—Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

—Saint Theresa Avila