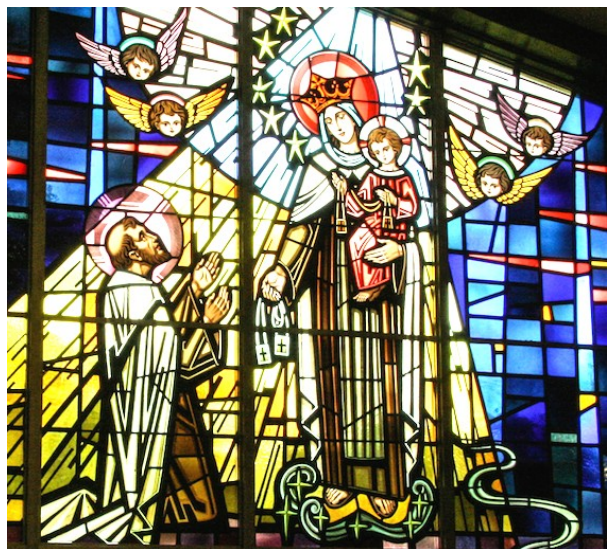


# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord



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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 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

**Monday, April 22**

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

8:30 am Danielle, Louis & Philomena Nazzaro

*by Marie & Ray Nazzaro*

**Tuesday, April 23**

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

8:30 am Intentions of Joanne McDonald *by Carol*

**Wednesday, April 24**

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

7:00 pm William S. Long *by Long Family*

**Thursday, April 25**

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

8:30 am Norman Oravec *by Ron & Ann Johnson*

**Friday, April 26**

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

8:30 am Tyler Rodimer *by Long Family*

**Saturday, April 27**

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

8:30 am Intentions of Mario Inglima *by Carol*

5:00 pm Andrew Eckweiler *by Boettcher Family*

**Sunday, April 28 – Sunday of Divine Mercy**

ACTS 5:12-16 / REV 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19 / JN 20:19-31

7:30 am Intentions of Dominick Inglima *by Carol*

9:00 am Helen McLaughlin *by Marjorie Mucha*

11:00 am Anthony Barile *by Deacon Tony & Beth Barile*

**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, Tyler Rodimer, 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**

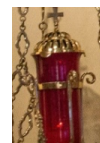
Sunday, April 14  
Online Giving

\$3,466.61  
\$250.00

\*There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend for the Campaign for Human Development

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns 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: 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



### When did Jesus rise from the dead?

#### Was it on Saturday night or Sunday morning?

--By Philip Kosloski

In the Gospel accounts, Jesus is said to have risen from the dead "on the third day" or "after three days." This appears to be a contradiction in terms, and could make it appear that there are multiple possibilities as to when Jesus rose from the dead. Also, the fact that Jesus died on a Friday makes these phrases even more confusing, as a Sunday resurrection could be scrutinized based on this discrepancy.

However, according to biblical scholar Ben Witherington, it should not worry us, as the Gospel writers were not using terms that have the same scientific precision that our modern language possesses.

*The problem with this sort of modern reasoning is that it assumes the Gospel writers intended always to write with precision on this matter. In fact, the phrase "after three days" in the New Testament can simply mean "after a while" or "after a few days" without any clear specificity beyond suggesting several days, in this case parts of three days, would be involved.*

Witherington even showed an example from the Old Testament in which "after three days" means the very same thing as "on the third day." So, while these phrases in modern English appear to be contradictory, "These texts were not written to meet our modern exacting standards when it comes to time." Furthermore, "days" in Jewish reckoning were not the midnight-to-midnight 24 hours that we use today, and typically started at sundown of one day and ended on the following sundown.

#### Getting back to the primary question, when *did* Jesus rise from the dead?

According to the traditional biblical narrative, Jesus died on a Friday afternoon, the "day of preparation" before Sabbath, which for Jews was on Saturday. Apologist Jimmy Akin reconstructs the timeline of Jesus' death and resurrection, based on the Gospels and Jewish traditions as follows:

*If Jesus was crucified and died Friday afternoon, that would be the first day; at sundown on Friday the second day would begin; then at sundown on Saturday the third*

*day would begin. So, Jesus was indeed "raised on the third day" (Matthew 20:19).*

This is consistent with Matthew's account of the women who visited the empty tomb on Sunday morning. "After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb...Then the angel said to the women in reply, 'Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said'" (Matthew 28:5-6).

As a result, Jesus likely rose from the dead between sundown on Saturday and dawn on Sunday, before Mary Magdalene reached the tomb. It's not surprising that the Church has always followed this timeline, with the Easter Vigil service on Saturday night already celebration Jesus' resurrection. This placement of Jesus' death on Saturday night corresponds with the biblical narrative and Jewish practices at the time.

While we don't know the exact time Jesus rose from the dead, the important part is that Jesus *did* rise from the dead and opened for us the gates of Heaven and the promise of a future resurrection at the end of this world.



*Happy Easter*

#### Divine Mercy Sunday

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 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.

2019 Easter Flowers  
In Memory of the Following

Eric Nakonechny  
Helen & Eugene Wyble  
Loved Family & Friends  
Virginia Sullivan  
Richard Fuchs  
Michael Kelly  
Zaleski, Kinney, Corcoran,  
Grabin, Ascione and Martini  
Boettcher Family  
Leo McHale, Jr.  
Kane & Boccuzzo Family  
James & Dorothy Delaney  
Doris & Jonathon Rowe  
William S. Long  
Carmine Curulli  
Greshko & Deacon Family  
Cadmus Family  
Madden Family  
Helen & Dominick Rondinara  
Garza Family  
Valentin Family  
Ryan Family  
Nucum & Allen Families  
Steven Meyer  
Michael McGovern  
Pezzatta & Iannacone Families  
McCheyn Family  
Szustek Family  
Konar & Satter Families

Robert & Jeanne Caffrey  
Alex & Helen Nagy  
Robert J. Caffrey  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lusardi  
Josephine Condit  
Msgr. Louis Biesaida  
Rev. John Quinlan  
Muller Family  
Weisser Family  
Joan Bamrick  
Al & Helen Nesselt  
Barbara & Peter D'Agrosa  
Robert McGonigle  
Jane Kobler  
George Fantone  
Francis, Edwin, Michael  
Dennis McGowan  
Doris Galofaro  
Mom Scarince  
Mom Pasternak  
Paul, Lorraine  
Paul Jr. Turcsik  
Berta Kmetz, T.L.C.  
Dennis Searles  
Rick O'Connell  
Evelyn D'Alberti  
Marion Gross  
Dorothy Boland  
Leo Powell



**Knights of Columbus Announcement**



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who participated in Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt. Children and adults alike enjoyed searching for eggs, making crafts and also played a number of Easter time games.

Also, thank you to all those who helped to make this very well attended event enjoyable for everyone. The Knights are looking forward to making this event even more fun for everyone next year.

**God Bless You,  
Council 9920**



**Family Breakfast Announcement**



We are offering an all you can eat buffet breakfast after all the Masses on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. 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!**

\*If you would like to volunteer or if you want to bring something, please call Patricia (973)534-7733 or Dina (973)670-3520.



**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

**The Office will be closed for Easter Monday, April 22. Also, there will be no Adoration.**



### His resurrection was a victory over falsehood and betrayal -there was a light at the end of the tunnel

The vindication of Truth may be distorted; evil can overwhelm goodness and innocent people may suffer and persecuted for no faults of their own. It may take time for them to be vindicated but there is always light at the end of tunnel. The religious leaders of Jesus' time incited the crowd to condemn Jesus. They succeeded and seemed invincible at a time. But, following the resurrection of Jesus, He was vindicated. He is risen alleluia! Let us step back and reflect on the sequence of events that took place after Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus struggled with fear and anxiety about the cruel death that awaits Him. Following His arrest and trial, He was condemned to death by crucifixion. And on Good Friday, we remember once more the sufferings and death of the most marvelous human being the world has ever known, we came face to face with the dark side of human nature, the darkness that led the enemies of Jesus to torture, humiliate and finally crucifixion on a cross. "On that black day in Jerusalem, the capacity of human beings to hate, hurt and harm one another went completely out of control." "It's no wonder, then, that 'darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon', that 'the sun's light failed', and that 'the curtain of the temple was torn in two' (Lk 23:24). The crucifixion of Jesus reminds us about Mahatma Gandhi, who once said, "When I despair I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but, in the end, they always fall." And this statement is true to the life of Jesus alongside the persecution He endured among the scribes and religious leaders.

However, on Saturday night we hear the power of God's light overshadowed the darkness. In fact, the words (exultet) of the Easter Vigil liturgy expresses this historical event: "The power of this holy [Easter] night,' it proclaims, 'dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.'" The resurrection of Jesus was great news not only for His apostles but for all His followers who were disappointed with His shameful death on a cross. In addition, "Easter celebration reminds us that the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say. For the resurrection of Jesus proclaims the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, both in us and in our world."

As we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Christ, we must recall how the stone was rolled back from the tomb. And may I ask if you have any stone that holds you back from living a fuller or freer life? Probably it could be addiction or sinful habit that have darkened your life. Maybe it is a time to roll away that stone from your life so that you can rise with Christ to newness of life. Like Mary Magdalene who went out to announce the good news of the risen Lord, you and I are called to announce this good news joyfully by being a people of hope, love, peace and light of the risen Lord to others.

–Fr. Abuchi



#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Even on the cross He did not hide Himself from sight; rather, He made all creation witness to the presence of its Maker. Then, having once let it be seen that it was truly dead, He did not allow that temple of His body to linger long, but forthwith on the third raised it up, impassible and incorruptible, the pledge and token of His victory."

–Saint Athanasius of Alexandria