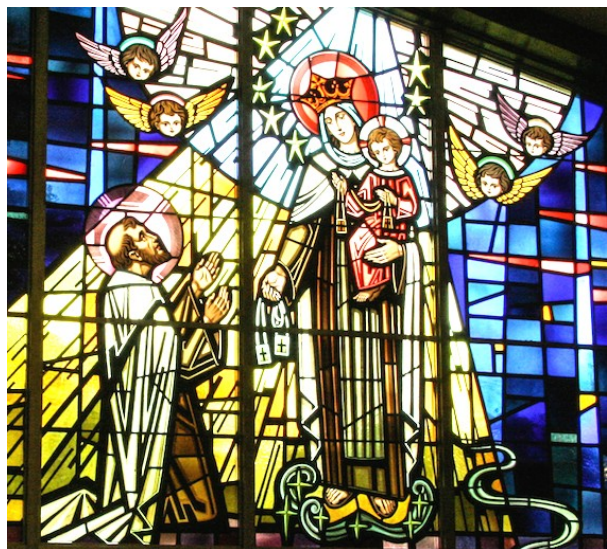


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, May 5, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter



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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, May 4

ACTS 6:1-7 / JN 6:16-21

8:30 am Private Intentions *by Anonymous*
 5:00 pm Ethel Eckweiler *by Boettcher Family*

Sunday, May 5

ACTS 5:27-32, 40B-41 / REV 5:11-14 / JN 21:1-19

7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller and Weisser Families
by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller
 9:00 am Robert Mucha *by Parish Staff*
 11:00 am Michael Sugar *by Larry & Mary Anne Condit*

Monday, May 6

ACTS 4:23-31 / JN 3:1-8

8:30 am Salvatore Inglima, Sr. *by Carol*

Tuesday, May 7

ACTS 7:51-8:1A / JN 6:30-35

8:30 am John Rogalo, Jr. *by Ron & Ann Johnson*

Wednesday, May 8

ACTS 8:1B-8 / JN 6:35-40

7:00 pm Intentions of Barbara Froestcher
by Barbara Froestcher

Thursday, May 9

ACTS 8:26-40 / JN 6:44-51

8:30 am Eugene Streeter *by Long Family*

Friday, May 10

ACTS 9:1-20 / JN 6:52-59

8:30 am Violet Rena *by Marchese Family*

Saturday, May 11

ACTS 9:31-42 / JN 6:60-69

8:30 am John Crivelli *by Marie & Lou Nazzaro*
 5:00 pm Pray for All Mothers

Sunday, May 12

ACTS 13:14, 43-52 / REV 7:9, 14B-17 / JN 10:27-30

7:30 am Pray for All Mothers
 9:00 am Pray for All Mothers
 11:00 am Pray for All Mothers

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Jennie Apostola, 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 Samssock, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

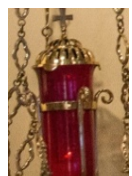
A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, April 28	\$2,577.50
Online Giving	\$250.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$587.00

Thank you for your generosity!

*There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for the Diocesan Assessment

*This Week the Sanctuary Lamp
 Burns for the
 Intentions of Deacon Ed Muller*

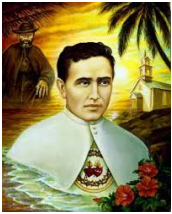


WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

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



St. Damien de Veuster



St. Damien of Molokai, also called Father Damien, (January 3, 1840-April 15 1889; canonized October 11, 2009; feast day May 10), Belgian priest who devoted his life to missionary work among the Hawaiian lepers and became a saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

Joseph de Veuster was born in rural Belgium, the youngest of seven children. He was educated at the college of Braine-le-Comte and in 1858 he joined the Society of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Picpus Fathers) at Leuven, Belgian. In place of his brother, Father Pamphile, who had been stricken by illness, he went as a missionary to the Sandwich (Hawaiian) Islands in 1863. He reached Honolulu in 1864 and was ordained a priest the same year. Moved by the miserable conditions of lepers whom the Hawaiian government had deported to Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai, he volunteered to take charge of the settlement.

Damien, known for his compassion, provided spiritual, physical and emotional comfort to those suffering from the debilitating and incurable disease. He served as both pastor and physician to the colony and undertook many projects to better the conditions there. He improved water and food supplies and housing and founded two orphanages, receiving help from other priests for only 6 of his 16 years on Molokai. A few years later, he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope, to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa. In 1884, he contracted leprosy and refused to leave for treatment. As requested, he was buried in Kalaupapa but in 1936, the Belgian government succeeded in having his body moved to Belgium. Part of Damien's body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters after his beatification in 1995.

When Hawaii became a state in 1959, it selected Damien as one of its two representatives in the Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

Ministry to the Sick: Please call the parish office for a priest visit to the physically handicapped, aged, hospitalized, sick and shut in.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated individually every Saturday afternoon at 4:15pm or by individual appointment with Fr. Abuchi at any time.

Baptisms: Parents may contact the parish before or after their child's birth. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at the 11 am Mass or after. We also accommodate other days. You will be invited to attend a Pre-Baptismal session either before or after the birth of your child.

Sacramental Marriage ~ The couple should contact the office several months before the desired date for the marriage to insure proper preparation for this Sacrament. Those who are civilly married may also contact the priest to help them convalidate their marriage in the Church.

Parish Membership: Our Parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register. If you move to another parish, or change your address, please notify us.

Stillwater Township Memorial Day Observance



Please join your neighbors this Memorial Day on May 27, 2019 at 10:00am to honor and remember all those who have served our country to ensure our rights and

liberties as Americans. This Memorial Day ceremony will be at Veterans Memorial Park on Pond Brook Road. All veterans are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, please call Lou at (862)268-3553.

Religious Education Announcement

The last two Confirmation Gatherings will be on Sunday May 5 and Sunday, May 19 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

Thanking God for 58 years

In thanksgiving to God, on behalf of our parish community, I invite you to join us to thank God for the life of our beloved priest, Fr. Peter Oddo, who will celebrate his 58 years' anniversary to the priesthood on **Saturday June 1, 2019 at 5pm Mass**. Fr. Oddo will be the principal celebrant followed by dinner in the Parish Hall. We will have a sign-up sheet to help us know those who can attend.



Knights of Columbus Announcement



The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council # 9920 will once again award a tuition and/or supplies assistance Memorial Scholarship Award to a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish for the academic year 2018-2019, in memory of Brother Knight, Joseph A.

Lacovara. Applications are available on the table by the CCD office. Please read the instructions carefully and return the application by noon July 15, 2019. If there are any questions, please ask one of the Knights, or email olmckofc9920@gmail.com, or wrnagy@ptd.net.

SIX FLAG GREAT ADVENTURE TRIP
SUNDAY, MAY 19

Youth Group trip to Six Flags Great Adventure



- Fee is \$50.00 per person
- Bus leaves at 6:45 am – returns approximately 9:30 pm
- Trip includes park entrance, lunch and a free ticket to return later in the year.

For more information, please call the Parish Office: (973)383-3566.

PARISH TRIP TO ROME: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10 –
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019

Cost per person: \$2,500 – Two in a room
\$3,200 - Single Occupancy

The tour includes Rome, Vatican City, Assisi and Florence

COST INCLUDES:

- Round-trip motorcoach transportation – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish/Newark Internal Airport
- Professional check - in service at Newark International Airport
- Round-trip economy airfare – Newark/Rome-Florence/Newark
- Transportation in Italy by private motorcoach with the services of a professional tour manager
- 5 nights' hotel accommodations in centrally located First Class Hotels, twin bedded room with private bath
- Full breakfast and dinner daily
- Entrance fees
- Hotel baggage handling
- Taxes and service charges on all included features
- Tips to tour manager, guides, motorcoach drivers, dining servers.

For further information, please call the Parish Office: (973)383-3566 or the Travel Agency: Great Experience Inc. (201)825-3725

OLMC Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is running low on the following items: Pasta sauce, pancake mix, cereal, canned meat, canned meals (stew, chunky soups, etc.), coffee, paper towels, peanut butter, snacks (granola bars, pudding cups, packs of crackers & cheese or crackers and peanut butter. etc.), juice (large containers and individual containers), Progresso or Campbell's soups, Saltine Crackers, Graham Crackers, canned vegetables (corn, beets, peas, mixed vegetables, etc.), box or packets of Potatoes, side pasta or rice packets, frozen lasagna, hams, turkey breasts, hot dogs, etc. Please leave any items you can donate in the box by the kitchen door. Thank You!

“Rejection for speaking on His name”



During Jesus’ arrest, Peter was afraid to admit he knew Jesus. Thus, he denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted. At a time when our Lord needed His closest follower, the one who would become “the rock” of the Church to stand with and for Him, Peter, in an act of cowardice recorded for the ages, denied his master and watched from a distance his Lord crucified.

Jesus’ third appearance on His apostles becomes the scene of Peter’s repentance. In a focused, very uncomfortable conversation with Peter, Jesus forgave him for denying his Lord three times. In that conversation, the risen Christ restored the relationship, showing the big fisherman that reconciliation and forgiveness is basic to being Christian. In restoring this relationship, three times Jesus asked him to make a profession of love. That is, “Do you love me enough to sacrifice for me.” Peter admitted his love for Jesus. In fact, Jesus’ thrice repeated command, “Feed My sheep,” shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord’s entire flock, the head of His Church. According to Dr. Scott Hahn, Jesus’ question, “Do you love me more than these?” “is a pointed reminder of Peter’s pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken. Jesus then explains just what Peter’s love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter’s death by crucifixion. Besides, before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered.”

Today's First Reading captures the moments and the beginnings of that hatred and persecution. St. Peter and the apostles have been sharing the Good News openly. By God’s Spirit, many sick people were healed and many were converted. This led to the arrest of Peter and those with him. They were brought before a council of religious leaders and they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus. During the arrest of Jesus, Peter was not bold to speak on the name of Jesus and consequently he denied Him. Speaking on the name of Jesus led to so many arrests of the apostles and early Christians. "The Book of Acts tells stories of stoning, threats, imprisonment, intimidation, power plays and murder – all to silence many people bearing witness or telling the Good News that Christ is risen."

What does it mean to suffer or to be Christian "for the sake of His name"? For Peter and the apostles, it was flogging, ridicule, prison, and ultimately death. But what would we be willing to take up, to believe, to practice as followers of the One crucified and risen? How would our lives change if we took up the Christian story “for the sake of the name” of Jesus Christ? To embrace a lifestyle “for the sake of His name” is to place the risen Lord first and primary in our lives, not to deny Him and never to be afraid to practice our true Christian core beliefs even when it is unacceptable by today's culture.

–Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The Eucharist is the bread that gives strength... It is at once the most eloquent proof of His love and the most powerful means of fostering His love in us. He gives Himself every day so that our hearts as burning coals may set afire the hearts of the faithful.”

–St. Damien de Veuster