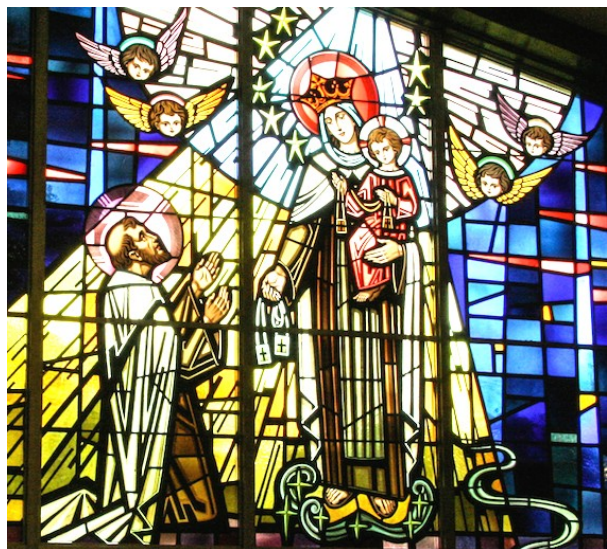


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, May 12, 2019
Fourth 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 11

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

8:30 am John Crivelli *by Mary & 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

Monday, May 13

ACTS 11:1-18 / JN 10:1-10

8:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Condit Family
by Larry & May Anne Condit

Tuesday, May 14 – Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26 / JN 15:9-17

8:30 am Eugene Streeter *by Tom & Pauline Schoonover*

Wednesday, May 15

ACTS 12:24—13:5A / JN 12:44-50

7:00 pm Intentions of Mary Fagan
by Carol

Thursday, May 16

ACTS 13:13-25 / JN 13:16-20

8:30 am Most Reverend Joseph Adamec *by Parish Staff*

Friday, May 17

ACTS 13:26-33 / JN 14:1-6

8:30 am Mary Bentler *by Parish Staff*

Saturday, May 18

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

8:30 am Marcel Black *by Parish Staff*
 5:00 pm Carl Weisser *by Parish Staff*

Sunday, May 19

ACTS 14:21-27 / REV 21:1-5A / JN 13:31-33A, 34-35

7:30 am Stephanie Mastrogiovanni *by Carol*
 9:00 am Robert Mucha *by Michael Mucha Family*
 11:00 am Elenita Nucum Obligacion *by Parish Staff*

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 Samsoc, 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

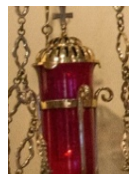
A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, May 5	\$2,634.00
Online Giving	\$425.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

*This Week the Sanctuary Lamp
 Burns for the
 John Baptista Nunes*



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



First Communion



Congratulations to our 2nd Grade Religious Education students who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Tuesday, May 7 and First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 12:

<i>Nicholas Amella</i>	<i>Margaret Kays</i>
<i>Laina Bradley</i>	<i>Jonathon Kern</i>
<i>Luke Broderick</i>	<i>Kelsey Konar</i>
<i>Philip Gely</i>	<i>Wyatt Kornmeyer</i>
<i>Enzo Goedeke</i>	<i>Jaiden La Flamme/</i>
<i>Giovanni Goedeke</i>	<i>Vnencak</i>
<i>Piper Hennings</i>	<i>Meghan Pappa</i>
<i>Rachel Lynn Rivara</i>	

May, Mother's Day and Mary

It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother's Day during the Marian month. As we honor the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, we also honor our earthly mothers.

On Mother's Day, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only through material gifts, flowers or cards but also and more importantly, by our prayers for them. We thank God for the gift of our mothers who cared for us, protected us, taught us, and loved us. Many passed on the precious gift of faith to us. We remember all our mothers living and deceased. We thank them for their generosity and self-giving love.



Mary is a model for all of us. She is our model of faith and hope who stood firm at the foot of the cross. Her maternal love for her Son extends to us. She is our sure guide to Gospel perfection.

On Mother's Day, let us pray for all mothers. And let us remember that we have a Mother in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.



Our annual blessing of the bikes will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 12:15 PM. All are welcome to this blessing whether you have a motorcycle or a bicycle.

Don Bosco Columbiettes

Come join the Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 at the Applebees in Newton on **Saturday, May 18** from 8:00-10:00am for a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast. Breakfast is \$10.00 per person and includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage and a drink. Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event, or they can be pre-purchased by contacting Kathy Barbieri by phone on 973-713-5979 or by email at kathys1953@gmail.com.



The last Confirmation Gathering will be on Sunday, May 19th 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 principal celebrant followed by dinner in the parish Hall. We will have a sign-up sheet to help us know those who can attend.



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.

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

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

Visits includes Rome, Vatican City, Assisi and Florence. Some of the highlights of the trip will be attending an audience with Holy Father (Pope) and celebrating Mass each day in Basilicas such as St. Peter's in Rome and Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi.

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.

Detailed brochures are being published. All are invited to join us for additional information during a meeting with the travel agent which will take place after the 11 AM Mass on May 19th in the parish hall. For further information, call the parish office or the travel agency: Great Experience, Inc. (201)825-3725.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."



Who is the shepherd? Teilhard de Chardin, the French Jesuit, scientist and philosopher once said, "It was in my family that I became who I am. Most of my opinions, of my likes and dislikes, of my values and judgments, my behavior, my tastes, were molded by the family I came from." Parents remain the first and most important teachers of the faith, and of ideals. In the family, the parents are the shepherd. Therefore, on this Mother's Day, we honor mothers for providing a loving, warm and caring home. We are thankful for their vital role in child's life and upbringing.

In fact, the mothers act as a true shepherd that provide loving care and support needed by growing children. Not only do they know the voice of their children but they also know everything about them, their birth place, their early beginnings and so forth. Many parents exercise their duties very well as a shepherd who nurture and care for the material needs of their children. In addition, they care also for their spiritual needs. However, in fulfilling this role they should try to make daily prayer a natural part of life within the home. By so doing, they may sow the seeds of those vocations which will serve the spiritual needs of the next generation.

Today's gospel speaks about Jesus who is indeed a Good Shepherd. Jesus described His sheep with great tenderness. "He knows them, lays down His life for them, keeps them together, and does not allow anyone to snatch them away, and no one can stand up against the Father." This speaks about God's undeniable love for us. The sheep also know the shepherd's voice. And guided by the trust and guardian of their shepherd they are protected. Generally, sheep are a gentle and lovable creature. They are free, uncomplicated and trusting. But they are also vulnerable, helpless and sometimes very foolish. In fact, they are not the smartest animals on the planet. Their safety lies on the trust of their shepherd. Dealing with them requires a great deal of patience, love and care. Those in the position of leadership like parents, priests, government officials, bosses, employers and so forth are like the Shepherd. Thus, they should guide and take good care of those in their care.

We are God's sheep and He is our Shepherd. Just like a parent knows when the life of their children is in danger or compromised, so does God knows about our lives. Parents will always watch out for their vulnerable children. Just like a child's stubbornness and disobedience prevents the parents from exercising their duty as shepherds, so do our stubbornness and disobedience prevent God from completing His work in us. Although God allows human beings freedom to make moral choices, He demonstrates often that He is still sovereign and in control of His universe. He does whatever He wills with His creation. He owes us nothing yet chooses to extend to us the utmost patience, kindness, and compassion. Just as the clay finds its highest purpose when it remains pliable in the hands of the potter, so our lives fulfill their highest purpose when we let God our Potter, our Shepherd, have His way with us. The question is: Will you continue to resist His will, causing pain and heartache to yourself? Or will you surrender your will to His desires so that He can lead and guide you like a shepherd guides and leads his sheep? **–Fr. Abuchi**



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you ate only one meal a week, would you survive? It is the same for your soul. Nourish it with the Blessed Sacrament."

–St. Andre Bessette