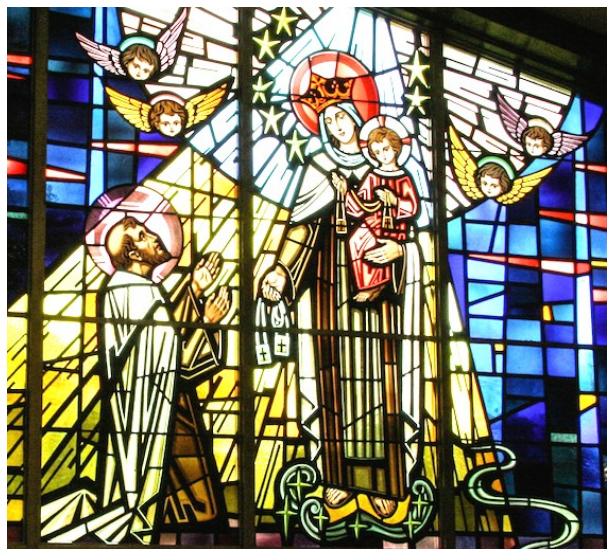


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, May 19, 2019
Fifth 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 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 Obligation** *by Parish Staff*

Monday, May 20

ACTS 14:5-18 / JN 14:21-26

8:30 am **James Hamilton McCheyne**
by Tommy & Pauline Schoonover

Tuesday, May 21

ACTS 14:19-28 / JN 14:27-31A

8:30 am **Tyler Rodimer** *by Tom & Pauline Schoonover*

Wednesday, May 22

ACTS 15:1-6 / JN 15:1-8

7:00 pm **Intentions of Kyle Ruetsch** *by Parish Staff*

Thursday, May 23

ACTS 15:7-21 / JN 15:9-11

8:30 am **Andrew Louis Stevans**
by Daniel & Veronica Stevans

Friday, May 24

ACTS 15:22-31 / JN 15:12-17

8:30 am **Private Intention**

Saturday, May 25

ACTS 16:1-10 / JN 15:18-21

8:30 am **Bob Froetscher** *by Barbara Froetscher*
 5:00 pm **Carl Stolz** *by Boettcher Family*

Sunday, May 26

ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29 / REV 21:10-14, 22-23 / JN 14:23-29

7:30 am
 9:00 am **Gutowski Family** *by Knas Family*
 11:00 am **Richard Fuchs** *by Richard & Elsie Allen*

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, Bill Nagy, 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, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

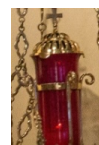
A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, May 12	\$2,836.97
Online Giving	\$250.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$650.00
Online Diocesan Giving	\$95.00

Thank you for your generosity!

***There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for Peter's Pence**

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Andrew Louis Stevans



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



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 sign-up sheets 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.

OLMC Clothing Donation Weekend

We will be having our Clothing Donation on the weekend of Saturday, June 8th – (drop off all day) and Sunday, June 9th - (drop off after the 11 AM Mass) in the Church Hall.

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 (12:10pm) this Sunday, May 19th in the parish hall. For further information, call the parish office or the travel agency: Great Experience, Inc. (201)825-3725.

Knights of Columbus Announcements



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.

The winners of the Knights of Columbus Super Easter Bunny Buster Raffle are:

- 1st place**, Tom Jerger \$679.00,
 - 2nd place**, Ray Kochanski \$194.00
 - 3rd place**, Mike Leyden \$97.00
- Congratulations to the winners.**

The Knights of Columbus appreciate your support in helping us to help the less fortunate.

The Ascension of the Lord – May 30



***Thursday, May 30, 2019 is The Ascension of the Lord. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for this day is 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.**

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

The feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later. We proclaim in the Apostles Creed: **“He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.”**

Thank You from Fr. Peter Oddo

Fr. Peter is very thankful and grateful for all the parishioners who stayed after the 9 AM Mass to celebrate his birthday with him and for all the cards he received.

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

Our next JOY CLUB meeting will be **Tuesday, May 21 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

Peter’s Pence Collection – May 26

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month our parishes are asked to take up the Peter’s Pence Collection. This collection is a unique opportunity for Catholics in our Diocese and worldwide to come together to help alleviate the plight of those who suffer and are marginalized. For example, the Peter’s Pence collection helped our brothers and sisters in Haiti as they faced difficult challenges from the 2010 earthquake and the destruction caused by Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Pope Francis calls each of us to see each person as an individual “infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ” (Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate, no. 98). By supporting the Peter’s Pence collection, you help our Church respond to the Gospel imperative to show mercy and grace to those in need.

Please be as generous as possible when this collection is taken up in your parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L.,
 D.D. Bishop of Paterson



“Love is the flame that warms our soul, energizes our spirit and supplies passion to our lives”

Love is one of the vital aspects of human life. “Love is the feeling of showing warmth, caring, helping and allowing for you to feel connected with someone.” Love is not always about relationship or romance. People have also been disappointed and heartbroken searching for love. Lack of love leads to hatred. It is so hurtful in our society today when bad words or violence are unleashed because of people's background or religious beliefs and practices. If we all showed and had love for another, the world would be a better place. A doctor, who has shared some of the deepest moments in the lives of many patients, says that people facing death don't think about the degrees they've earned, the positions they've held, or how much wealth they've amassed. What really matters at the end is whom you have loved and who has loved you and who stood by you at difficult time.

In today's gospel, Jesus spoke to the apostles, "Love one another as I loved you." In a matter of hours, long after working people have gone to sleep, soldiers will find Him, one of His own will betray Him, the Rock from Galilee, Peter the fisherman will betray Him. This is not a night of laughter. In fact, it was a crucifixion eve. He knew His earthly mission is speedily winding down. So, in His farewell speech, He spoke tenderly to His loved ones-the apostles: "Little children, I shall be with you only a little longer." The apostle college is small and fragile. It's just been born. The apostles are like little children. What will become of them if they are left without the Teacher? Just like a father or mother on death bed will tell their children to love and support each other, so did Christ offered His encouraging words to His dearest apostles to love each other. If they love each other with the love Jesus has loved them with, they won't stop feeling Him alive in their midst. The love they have received from Jesus will keep spreading among them: “It is by your love for one another that everyone will recognize you as my disciples,” Jesus said.

A true love calls for a sacrifice. Without this sacrificial love husbands and wives will not be celebrating decades of their marriage. “Love one another as I loved you” is indeed Christian commandment. When the Pharisee asked Jesus the definition of who is my neighbor, whom I should love? In the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus seems to be telling him everyone is your neighbor – even those of different nationality or religion. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, famous for her work on the stages of dying, has written: "Love is the flame that warms our soul, energizes our spirit and supplies passion to our lives. It's our connection to God and to one another." To love is to heal, both those who receive it and those who give it. Besides, when you choose to be loving, caring, healing, helping, and forgiving one another, you experience well-being, contentment and happiness.

–Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If you wish to strengthen your confidence in God still more, often recall the loving way in which He has acted toward you, and how merciful He has tried to bring you out of your sinful life, to break your attachment to the things of earth and draw you to His love.”

–St. Alphonsus Ligouri