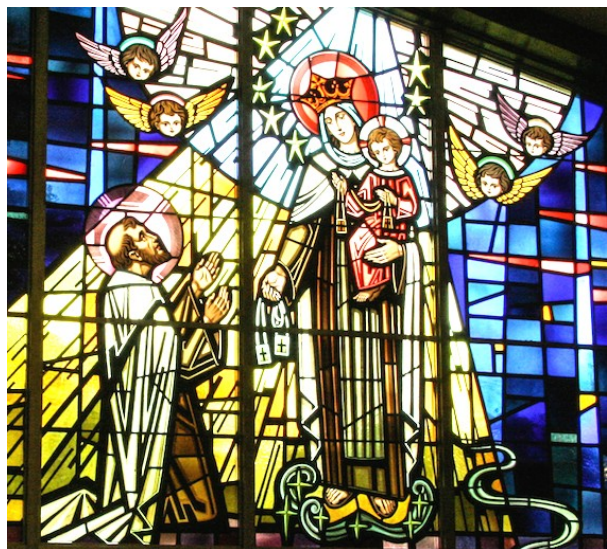


# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, May 26, 2019  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



## PARISH STAFF

Father Abuchi F. Nwosu ..... Pastor  
fatherabuchi@aol.com

Father Peter Oddo ..... Weekend Assistant

Deacon Anthony Barile

Deacon Al Kucinski

Deacon Edward Muller

Dan Salvatore ..... Coordinator of Religious Education

Caroline Mazzola ..... Secretary

Ann Johnson ..... Secretary

## PARISH OFFICE

203 Newton-Swartswood Road • Swartswood, NJ 07860

Hours ..... 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Phone ..... 973-383-3566

Fax ..... 973-383-3831

Email ..... mtcarmelswartswood@gmail.com

Web ..... www.olmcswartswood.org

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Hours ..... 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Phone ..... 973-579-2355

## OLMC JOY CLUB (Just Older Youth)

Patricia Cholasta ..... 973-534-7733

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Council 9920

William R. Nagy ..... Grand Knight  
olmckofc9920@gmail.com

## 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 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 **Eleanor Ann Sylvester** *by Parish Staff*  
 9:00 am **Gutowski Family** *by Knas Family*  
 11:00 am **Richard Fuchs** *by Richard & Elsie Allen*

**Monday, May 27**

ACTS 16:11-15 / JN 15:26—16:4A

8:30 am **In Memory of all Veterans** *by Parish Staff*

**Tuesday, May 28**

ACTS 16:22-34 / JN 16:5-11

8:30 am **For All the Sick Parishioners** *by Parish Staff*

**Wednesday, May 29**

ACTS 17:15, 22—18:1 / JN16:12-15

7:00 pm **Intentions of Barbara Froetscher**  
*by Barbara Froetscher*

**Thursday, May 30 – The Ascension of the Lord**

ACTS 1:1-11 / EPH 1:17-23 / LK 24:46-53

8:30 am **Robert H. Schoonover**  
*by Tom and Pauline Schoonover*  
 7:00 pm **For the Persecuted Christians** *by Parish Staff*

**Friday, May 31 – Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

ZEP 3:14-18A / LK 1:39-56

8:30 am **Eugene Streeter** *by Parish Staff*

**Saturday, June 1 – Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr**

ACTS 18:23-28 / JN 16:23B-28

8:30 am **Ed Burns** *by Parish Staff*  
 5:00 pm **Marty Snover** *by Boettcher Family*

**Sunday, June 2**

ACTS 7:55-60 / REV 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 / JN 17:20-26

7:30 am **Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families**  
*by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*  
 9:00 am **Paul Turcsik** *by Vinny Kornmeyer & Sharon Searles*  
 11:00 am **David Weir** *by Parish Staff*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING**  
 Jennie Apostola, John and 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, 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

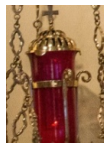
**A GOOD STEWARD**

<b>Sunday, May 19</b>	<b>\$3,170.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**\*There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next weekend for the Holy Land**

*This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Intentions of Douglas Ernst*



**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



**Sacrament of Confirmation**



***Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, May 26, 2019 at the 11:00 AM Mass***

- David Michael Bell***
- Kierran Joseph DeAngelis***
- Madison Mary Gely***
- Cole Peter Gray***
- Nathaniel Patrick Grigal***
- Kayla Julia Saraiva***
- Alexis Clare Toriello***
- Corrine Mary Wilm***
- Jessica Francis Wilm***

**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.

**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.

**Brochures are available in the Office.**

For further information, call the parish office or the travel agency: Great Experience, Inc. (201)825-3725.

**OLMC Clothing Donation Weekend**

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

**Confirmation for 8th Graders**

Some of our parishioners have left to St. Jude's Church in Blairstown so that their children can make their confirmation in the eighth grade. Some of the parishes in our diocese have also experienced the same departure from their parishioners looking for a shorter religious education program. Statistics also revealed that children in eight grade are more receptive to learning about their faith than the children in their Sophomore year of High school.

Before bishop approved for eight graders in our parish to make confirmation beginning in 2020, he insisted they must be strong members of our youth group. Thus, joining youth group is highly recommended from 7th grade up. In the coming weeks, we will provide you more details about accommodating those presently in 7th & 8th grade to be able to do confirmation next year. However, we would be likely having all the confirmation classes on Sunday mornings.

**Holy Land Collection – June 2**

Next weekend we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection if anyone wants to give money for The Holy Land. I am sorry but I forgot to do the collection on Good Friday which was when the it should have been done. For those who have already given please don't worry about giving again.

**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](mailto:olmckofc9920@gmail.com), or [wrnagy@ptd.net](mailto:wrnagy@ptd.net).*

**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.”**

**Wine and Cheese Gathering**

The next Wine and Cheese Gathering will be Saturday, June 8 after the 5 PM Mass. Good opportunity to meet and get to know more of our parishioners in a relaxed manner with beverages of all types and cheese and fruits.



**Secular Franciscans – Information Night**

The Order of Franciscans Secular are lay people who strive to follow the Gospel more intensely and develop a deeper relationship with Christ in the spirit of St. Francis Assisi. We are women and men of all ages and walks of life that engage in the same struggles as everyone else. We attempt to focus on daily conversion. We rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us and our local community of Franciscans to pray for us as we support each other. The Secular Franciscan vocation is a challenge, but the grace, love and joy that we experience and share is beyond awesome. We'd love to share that with you too, but most especially provide an opportunity for you to grow closer to Christ – even if you're not called to join the Franciscan family. if you'd like to learn more, please join us at an Information Night.

When: Wednesday, June 12 from 7:30-9:00 pm

Where: Sacred Heart Center, Newton, NJ

Contact: Hugo Bader (973)579-1430 or JoAnn Jenson

[jjoejen@aol.com](mailto:jjoejen@aol.com).



### “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you to you.”

Today's gospel is a continuation of our Lord's extended last conversation with His beloved disciples. It is mostly known in John's Gospel as the “farewell discourses.” Several memorable and beautiful sentences flow out of these conversations as Jesus speaks tenderly to His dearest friends. These beautiful sentences are some of the most comforting words our Lord spoke: “Do not your hearts be troubled or afraid,” “The advocate my father will send in my name will teach you everything,” “I am going away but I will come back to you,” “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give it to you” and so forth. It was at the Last Supper that Jesus alerted His disciples about His imminent departure but He also prepared them for His future absence.

Although the disciples were afraid of being left behind, however, Jesus, for His part, insisted that He will never let them feel His absence. Up to five times He repeated that they can count on “the Holy Spirit”. This Holy Spirit will defend them and keep them faithful to Jesus' message and to His project. That Spirit is called “the Spirit of the truth.” And according to Jesus, the primary job of the Spirit is not only to defend the truth but will also teach everything and reminds the apostles all His messages. He then went further not just wishing them peace but offering them peace. It's not just any peace but His peace which the world cannot give: “I don't give you a peace that the world gives.” We get the powerful work of the Holy Spirit and peace of Christ in the first reading of today from the Acts of the Apostles. This of course, guided the apostles to resolve some of the problems they encountered in the early ministry of their apostolate. In fact, the requirement of circumcision made it very difficult for the total acceptance of the newly converted Gentiles into the community of new believers. And then there was tension! There was bigotry! But championed by the efforts of Paul and Barnabas at the Council of Jerusalem, some lenient conditions were provided for the assimilation of the Gentiles which consequently restored peace in the fragile community. It is an evidence of the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: “It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us.”

At Mass, we reiterate those words of peace from Christ, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you." These words remind us we continuously need the peace of Christ in our family and our parish community. There are times, gossip, misunderstandings, unkind words, a thoughtless expression, a dismissive gesture can wound and shake the unity of human family. In those moments, may we remember that we should be an instrument of God's love and peace. May that peace of Christ which the world cannot give be with you today and always.

–Fr. Abuchi



#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“Oh, my soul, how much longer do you wish to be so stingy with Jesus? Why so negligent towards Jesus who made you? Why so lazy towards Jesus who redeemed you? Who do you want to love, if you do not want to love Jesus.”*

–St. Gemma Galgani