

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, April 5, 2020  
Palm Sunday of the Passion 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.

**\*\*ALL MASSES ARE PRIVATE MASSES  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE\*\***

All Mass Intentions will be mentioned during the private Masses

*Masses for the Week* 

**Saturday, April 4**

EZ 37:21-28

8:30 am \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

5:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion**

MT 21:1-11 / IS 50:4-7 / PHIL 2:6-11 / MT 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

7:30 am **Deceased Members of the Muller and**

**Weisser Families** by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

9:00 am **Intentions of Rosalie Stadelman**

by Ron & Ann Johnson

11:00 am **Erasmus (Eddie) Milazzo** by Parish Staff

**Monday, April 6**

IS 42:1-7 / JN 12:1-11

8:30 am **Intentions of Craig & Liz Johnson & Family**

by Ron & Ann Johnson

**Tuesday, April 7**

IS 49:1-6 / JN 13:21-33, 36-38

8:30 am **Barbara Lombardo** by Ray & Marie Nazzaro

**Wednesday, April 8**

IS 50:4-9A / MT 26:14-25

7:00 pm **Intentions of Brian & Tina Johnson & Sons**

by Ron & Ann Johnson

**Thursday, April 9 – Holy Thursday**

EX 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 COR 11:23-26 / JN 13:1-15

8:30 am **All OLMC Parishioners**

**Friday, April 10 – Good Friday**

IS 52:13—53:12 / HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / JN 18:1—19:42

8:30 am **NO MASS**

**Saturday, April 11 – Holy Saturday**

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, 21—4:4 / EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28 / MT 28:1-10

8:30 am **NO MASS**

8:00 pm **All OLMC Parishioners**

**Sunday, April 12 – The Resurrection of the Lord**

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 / COL 3:1-4 / JN 20:1-9

7:30 am **All OLMC Parishioners**

9:00 am **All OLMC Parishioners**

11:00 am **All OLMC Parishioners**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING**

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Ellen Burroughs, Ted Cassera, Joseph Colon, Olivia Compton, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Ingrid Diaz, Steve DeAngelis, Kara Deserto, Ray Doyle, Barbara Ingallinera, Eva Kieger, Ava Kljajic, Michael Kochanski, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Greyson Christopher Mueller, Deacon Ed Muller, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Jason Parker, Harry Pasternak Sr., Lorraine Paxton, Laura Pierce, Peter F. Reynolds, Tammy Rivers, Charles Schult, William Schult, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samssock, Greg Schmiditty, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Andrew Sorce, Richie Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Connie VanHoven, David & Vince Ventresca, Fred Worman, Brooke Zaleski

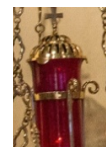
**A GOOD STEWARD**

**Sunday**

<b>March 15</b>	<b>\$ 1,624.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 260.00</b>
<b>March 22</b>	<b>\$ 783.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 355.00</b>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>\$ 2,345.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

***This Week the Sanctuary Lamp  
Burns for the Intentions of  
Steve DeAngelis***



**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; Capt. 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; Pvt. Chance Phillips, Army; Captain Cheryl Ryan, US Army; Seaman Recruit Tyler Joseph Salonia; Ethan Swartz; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Kyle Titus, US Army; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman



**PARISH PARKING LOT & SECURITY  
CAMERAS**

My dear parishioners, we are raising funds for our parking lot and security cameras for our safety. The camera installation will cost over \$2,500.00 and the parking lot will cost over \$92,000.00. It will be great when it's finished.

Honestly, I have *NO* idea how much to ask you for, but a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is something you'd be able to consider? You can also make a pledge to be paid in installments. Envelopes are provided for your convenience at all doors of the church. Please fill out the amount of your contribution or if you want to make monthly installments over a 12 month period.

Together we can build our parish and I thank you for your tremendous support all this while.

**Total received to date: \$ 34,410.00**

**Unpaid pledges: \$ 7,295.00**

**Total: \$ 41,705.00**

**SACRAMENTAL NEEDS**

**Sacrament of Anointing:** Please call the parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

**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.

**Sponsor Certificates:** Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active registered members of the parish who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis.



**Holy Week Mass Schedule**

**Palm Sunday:** April 5 - Private Mass – 11:00 am

Monday: Private Mass – 8:30 am

Tuesday: Private Mass – 8:30 am

Wednesday: Private Mass – 9 am

**Holy Thursday:** April 9 – Private Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

**Good Friday:** Private Celebration - 3:00 pm

**Saturday Easter Vigil:** Private Mass - 8:00 pm

**Sunday: Easter Sunday:** private Mass - 11:00 am

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**On that day they cheered “Hosanna in the highest!” but the following Friday, they called, take him away, crucify him.**

Because many parts of the world face an unprecedented pandemic, the Catholic Church all over the world will not be able to gather to celebrate the Palm Sunday in great numbers. They will not be able to celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. "It was one of the great moments in the life and ministry of Jesus, to be sure—a day of hosannas, of palm fronds waving, of children singing praises. For the disciples this day must have seemed like the grand finale of a long journey from anonymity to fame, from small towns in Galilee to the heart of the grandest stage in Israel, the Temple at Jerusalem. But Jesus knew that Palm Sunday was not the finale, it was only the beginning of the end. Jesus knew that this week would end at a cross, and that this same city would be able to host a parade in His honor and a crucifixion for His dishonor—all in the same week. Humans are fickle that way. Cheers for heroes can become jeers in such a short time!"

The jubilant crowd welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem. On that day they cheered “Hosanna!” On the following Friday, they called “Take Him away, crucify Him!” On a Sunday, He was showered with palms. It was a victories entry. On a Friday, He was crowned with thorns. Those who loved Him betrayed Him. Those who followed Him denied Him. Those who praised Him pierced Him. At this time in the life of Jesus, He has already learnt how live under the climate of hatred and rejection. He never backed down with His teachings or change anything to please the religious leaders of His time. Several times during Jesus’ earthly ministry, He was not only confronted but was also threatened. Finally, the road to Calvary was teary, sweaty and most of all bloody. He accepted all that and did it anyway. "He did it out of love, a transcendent and redeeming love, that would change the world." He hangs there, stripped, beaten, betrayed. He hangs among thieves. He did it for us. For you and me. He loves us enough to die for us. He loves us enough to forgive us.

And so, this day, we remember to honor Him. We remember God who lived among us. We remember Christ’s journey to the cross, which kicked off with entrance to Jerusalem. We remember His suffering, His denial, His betrayal and finally His rejection culminating to His death on the Cross. In fact, the present pandemic in the world today seems to be our cross. People are locked down at home, many have lost their job. The stock market has crashed. It is very frustrating, very overwhelming and we are afraid and confused. During this Holy Week, may we unite our sufferings to Christ on the cross. Like the penitent thief who asked Jesus to remember him in His paradise, may we do the same, asking our Lord especially in this difficult time not to abandon us but to remember us in His paradise.

–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 day raise it up, impassible and incorruptible, the pledge and token of His victory.” -- Saint Athanasius of Alexandria***