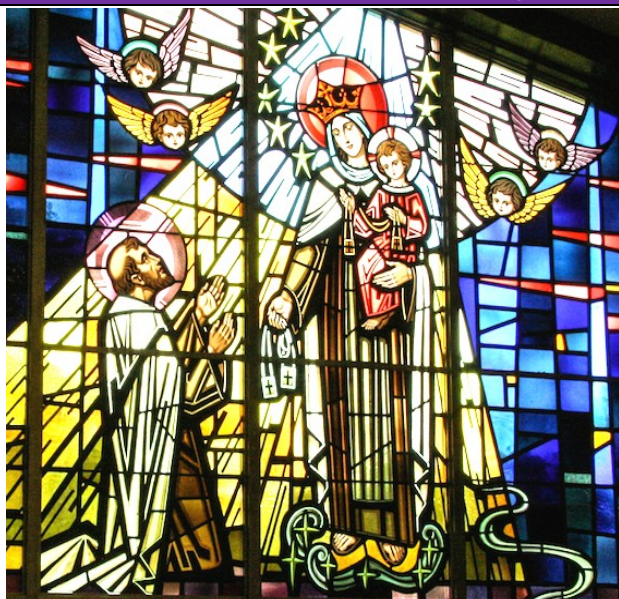


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, May 3, 2020
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.

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

All Mass Intentions will be mentioned during the private Masses

Masses for the Week 

Saturday, May 2 – Memorial of St. Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church

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

8:30 am _____ by _____
5:00 pm **Intentions of Jim & Rosalie Stadelman**
by Ron & Ann Johnson

Sunday, May 3

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41 / 1 PT 2:20B-25 / JN 10:1-10

7:30 am **Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families**
by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller
9:00 am **Sr. Louise Gorka** *by Marty & Mary Ann Chapkosky*
11:00 am **Wayne Francis Rowe** *by Valeich Family*

Monday, May 4

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

8:30 am **Helen Bay** *by Lisa Cangelosi*
For Souls in Purgatory in Need of God's Mercy
by C. Tirado

Tuesday, May 5

ACTS 11:19-26 / JN 10:22-30

8:30 am **For God's Healing in the World**
by Parish Staff

Wednesday, May 6

ACTS 12:24—13:5A / JN 12:44-50

9:00 am **Intentions of Monica Condit & Her Family**
by Parish Staff

Thursday, May 7

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

8:30 am **Intentions of Eleanor Long** *by OLMC Joy Club*

Friday, May 8

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

8:30 am **Ron Zielensky** *by Parish Staff*

Saturday, May 9

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

8:30 am **Rev. Msgr. Charles C. Cassody** *by Parish Staff*
8:00 pm **Pray for All Mothers**

Sunday, May 10

ACTS 6:1-7 / 1 PT 2:4-9 / JN 14:1-12

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

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 Samsock, Greg Schmiditty, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Andrew Sorce, Richie Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Connie VanHoven, David & Vince Ventresca, Fred Worman, Brooke Zaleski

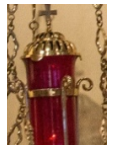
A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday

April 6	\$ 1,380.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,055.00
April 12/Easter	\$ 600.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,070.00
April 19	\$ 879.00
Online Giving	\$ 510.00
April 26	\$ 636.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,025.00

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: \$ 41,295.00
Unpaid pledges: \$ 6,990.00
Total: \$ 48,285.00

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.

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A good shepherd should always care, nurture, protect and not be afraid of anything.

A while ago, Catholic News Service profiled a shepherd in Italy named Fabrizio Innocenzi who oversees about 60 sheep in the hills of Roviano, 40 miles east of Rome. He said that sheep actually need a shepherd, because they have no natural hierarchy, no leader of the flock. The sheep learn to trust the shepherd, as Innocenzi says, as “they hear and understand the voice, the smell, the behavior of the person who is looking after them every day.” He said a shepherd needs to be someone who is “in tune with nature, decisive” and willing to bear the long hours, inclement weather, hard work and sacrifice—and do it out of devotion to his flock. A good shepherd, he said, should “not be afraid of anything.”

Doesn't that describe Christ? But in the gospel we just heard, Jesus takes it even further: "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep." Jesus affirmed that He is not only shepherd but He also protects. “Because the Sheep know the shepherd, the sheep will not follow the voice of the stranger”, Jesus said. During ancient times, Shepherds slept across the door of the sheepfold to protect the flock from predators and thieves, and to make sure the sheep did not wonder off in the night. Shepherding was personal, vocational business. There are shepherds by ‘ownership’ and also ‘hired’ shepherds. Jesus contrasts the shepherd who would risk his life for just one of his sheep, as only a family member would do for the family business, from the hired employee who sees the job as, well, just a job. It's nice to be employed, sure, but very few employees care about a business the way the owner cares about that business, right?

That in a nutshell explains Jesus as not a hired shepherd but a true Shepherd who cares, nurtures, provides and protects the sheep. Today we celebrate Good shepherd Sunday. The Church calls us to reflect the role of those who have answered the call to the priesthood and religious life and also to pray for young men and women to be open to the call to serve God.

When you listen to vocation stories, you will find out it doesn't necessarily begin in the pews. They can come from unlikely places—even in places that don't know God. But for so many it begins at home. Most of the time the parents are instrumental to the vocation. Parents, you are the first teachers of your children. From you, they will learn to pray. To hope. To dream. From you, they will learn how to persevere, how to get up when they fall. They will learn compassion and mercy. From you, they will learn how to love. And that includes how to love God and love our faith—and then put that faith into practice. This is where the conversation needs to happen with your child with the simple question: Do you think you might want to be a priest? A sister? A deacon? What would you like to be?

A good shepherd must be courageous enough to protect the flock from any threat. Jesus was such a Good shepherd, as our gospel message teaches us today. “And those of us who would volunteer or serve vocationally as undershepherds to God's flock, can do no less.” On this Sunday as we reflect on Good shepherd, may we remember if we are to be imitators of Christ, we must be willing to be more than sheep. We must also be shepherds—good shepherds to each other and good shepherds of our faith. We must be unafraid, devoted, steadfast. We need to protect each other from the wolves. We need to support those who are frail...nurture those who are weak...lead back those who are lost...comfort those who are afraid...love those who are covered with dust from the journey. This is what a good shepherd does. And that is what Christ does for us, a Good Shepherd.

–Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“While the world changes, the Cross stands firm.”

--Saint Bruno