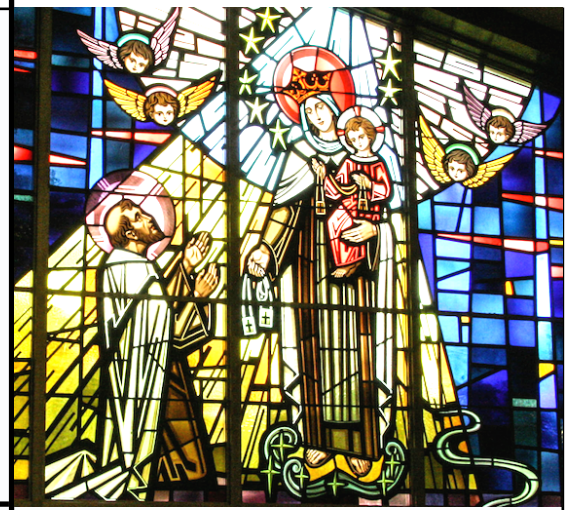


# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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**Sunday, April 17, 2016**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**



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## Parish Office

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## Religious Education Office

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## RCIA

For adults who wish to become Catholic & Catholics who wish to be Confirmed. Please contact Fr. Abuchi.

## Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am / 9:00am / 11:00am

## Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday: 8:30am (except Wed.)  
Wednesday: 7:00pm

First Friday Mass: 2:00pm  
@Homestead Nursing Home  
Civic Holidays: 9:00am  
Holy Days: 8:30am / 7:00pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15pm-4:45pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 9:00am-12:00pm

## Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment

## Sacrament of Marriage

Please arrange 1 year in advance.

## Anointing of the Sick

Please call the office to arrange.

## Youth Group

Heather Falotico  
olmcyg@gmail.com

## Golden Angels Senior Ministry

Margie Palazzo  
973-948-6104

## Knights of Columbus

Joe Falotico

## Food Pantry

Available by appointment

## New to the Parish

Please contact the office & register!

## Why do we have to go to Mass on Sunday?

Times and again we hear some people saying "Mass is boring." "I don't get anything out of Mass, why should I go?" "Why can't I just relax and pray at home or may be watch it on EWTN rather than coming to the Church?" These are common feelings, especially among young people but even more so among many adults. Once we are baptized we become Christians and members of the Church. If we truly understand the meaning and value of Eucharistic celebration, the Mass will become the center of our spiritual life.

The great Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, when conducting a retreat for teenagers, once gave a talk on the meaning of the Mass. He said, "If you don't get anything out of Mass, it's because you don't bring the right expectations to it." The Mass is not entertainment, he said. It is worship of the God who made us and saves us. "Sunday Eucharist celebration is a great opportunity to praise God, through song, prayer, proclamation of scripture, and to receive the body and blood of Christ with the whole community."

At Mass we thank Him for all that He has done for us. Besides, we pray for the living and the dead, we pray for forgiveness of our sins and we also pray for other needs and petition God for future favors in our life. Other reasons why we should go for Mass is because it is a command of God. The Third of the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God is, "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day" (Exodus 20:8). It is also a command of Christ. Why should we keep the Sabbath holy by going to Mass? The Mass was instituted at the Last Supper by Jesus before his Crucifixion. The Last Supper was the first Mass. (to be continued)

-Fr. Abuchi

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, April 16

Acts 9:31-42 / Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 / Jn 6:60-69

8:30am Eileen Murphy

5:00pm Rosaura Jimenez

### Sunday, April 17

Acts 13:14, 43-52 / Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 / Rev 7:9, 14B-17 / Jn 10:27-30

7:30am Josephine Lusardi

9:00am Deceased Members of the Muller & Weisser Families

11:00am Deceased Members of the Zaleski Family

### Monday, April 18

Acts 11:1-18 / Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 / Jn 10:1-10

8:30am Intentions of our First Communion students

### Tuesday, April 19

Acts 11:19-26 / Ps 87:1B-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Jn 10:22-30

8:30am Intentions of Kenny Modrow

### Wednesday, April 20

Acts 12:24-13:5A / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8 / Jn 12:44-50

7:00pm Connie Romano

### Thursday, April 21

Acts 13:13-25 / Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27 / Jn 13:16-20

8:30am Intentions of Kevin Bent

### Friday, April 22

Acts 13:26-33 / Ps 2:6-7, 8-9,10-11AB / Jn 14:1-6

8:30am For the Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, April 23

Acts 13:44-52 / Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 / Jn 14:7-14

8:30am Bob Froetscher

5:00pm Betty Kinney

### Sunday, April 24

Acts 14:21-27 / Ps 145:8-9,10-11,12-13 / Rev 21:1-5A / Jn 13:31-33A,34-35

7:30am Arthur P. Petracco, Jr.

9:00am Wilmer Sipple

11:00am William S. Long

### Please Remember and Pray For:

Joan Bamrick, Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Robert J. Caffrey, Joseph Colon, Carmine Curulli, Luca Dewey, Ingrid Diaz, Linda Flynn, Suzanne Hammond, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Pete Mahler, Susanne Martone, James B. Nienstedt, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, John Samsok, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Laura Pasternak, Connie Pyne, Peter F. Reynolds, Colleen Romano, Sal Romano, Joan Royer, Carole Salvatore, Greg Schmiditty, Rose Marie Sciascia, Gloria Shope, Debbie Smith, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Carol Strand, Dale Swododa, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Arthur John Whelan, Laura Whelan, Pat Zaleski

## A Good Steward

April 10th, Sunday Collection: \$3,960.92

This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Next weekend's second collection will be for the Diocesan Assessment. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you.

**Attention:** Please have all bulletin announcements submitted at least 12 days in advance (or Tuesday a week and a half in advance) to guarantee that it will appear in the bulletin. Thank you!

**Visitation of the Sick & Homebound:** If you would like a visit from a priest, please contact the office. Also, please let us know when someone is admitted to the hospital.

**Lectors Needed:** Directly assisting at Mass is a source of tremendous additional graces. Lectors are needed to assist at weekend & Holy Day Masses. Training will be provided. Please contact Fr. Abuchi or Dina Salvatore @973-579-1908 for more information.

April 23rd is our **First Communion Eucharist Retreat** for 2nd grade Religious Education students at Camp Auxilium from 9:30am - 12:00 noon.

Our annual **God Bowl** will be held Sunday, **May 1st at 12:00 noon**. Religious Education students in grades 5-8 are expected to participate. Parents are encouraged to attend and support their students!

**Early registration for Religious Education** will take place April 10th and 17th. Early registrants will receive a 10% tuition discount. Please prayerfully consider serving as a **Catechist** for for the 2016-2017 school year.

### 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:

Larisa Furs, US Navy; Lieutenant Jason Gieniewski, U.S. Army; Pvt. Daniel Michael Mobilio, Army; Captain Richi M. Pazdziarski, US Army; Captain Jane Petrick, Army; Lieutenant Daniel T. Pevarnik Jr., National Guard; Corporal Garrett Michael Reynolds USMC; Captain Cheryl Ryan; US Army, Seaman Recruit Tylor Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Robert Williams, Airman



Our **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** will be Saturday, April 30th at 6pm, after the 5pm Mass. We invite everyone who has volunteered to help our parish throughout the year. Please RSVP at the doors of the church by April 23rd, as we need a head count for the caterer. Thank you!

Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

-Pope Francis  
@Pontifex

Our annual **Bike Blessing** will be Sunday, May 15th at noon.

**Attention Youth Group** and all Church members: Please see the youth group bulletin board for all up coming youth group events. The board is located in the entry way to the hall. For more information on the youth group and up coming events, please email olmcyg@gmail.com.

**Music Ministry** rehearsals will resume the first Thursday of April and will run through April and May before we stop for the summer months. Please consider joining us this Easter Season. Vocalists and instrumentalists, professionals and those with no prior experience are all welcome!

*"God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song. God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises."*

*-Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*

**The Debbie Ann 5K** will be Sunday, April 24th at Swartwood State Park. The race is held annually in memory of Debbie Modrow-Snook. Go to [ThankYouMomFoundation.org](http://ThankYouMomFoundation.org) to register or mail a check to TYM Foundation, 915 So. Shore Terrace, Newton, NJ 07860. Donation: \$26/adults and \$16/students. Thank You Mom is a registered 501C3 charitable organization promoting our foundation of helping others, and this was an integral part of Debbie's life.



"The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and all creation is shouting for joy.

Come, dance in the forest,  
come, play in the field,  
and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord."

-Canticle of the Sun

**Friday, April 22nd is Earth Day**

O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth:  
send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest,  
and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness;  
so that Your word may spread and be glorified,  
and all nations may know You, the only God,  
and Him Whom You have sent,  
Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

**Sunday, April 17th is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

**Are you an active or a retired Registered Nurse?** Would you like to become more involved in the parish by joining the **Parish Nurse Ministry?** I am trying to revive this ministry. Please call me, Cassie Liobe, at 973 383-3337, so we can schedule a date to meet and discuss some future plans.

**Bible Study** meets in Biesiada Hall every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. We are studying Acts of the Apostles. New members welcome! Please contact Phil Sweeney for more information 973-202-7205.

**The Golden Angels Senior Group** meeting for April 21st has been **cancelled!** The next meeting is May 19th.

**Religious Education Catechists** are needed for the 2016-2017 school year. Religious Education is a wonderful way to help our children understand their faith. Our goal is to have two teachers in each classroom so that the students have continuity throughout the year should one teacher be unavailable. It is an easy, rewarding, and faith-filled undertaking! Training will be provided to everyone; all the work is outlined in the teacher's manual - even what to write on the board! And I will guide you as you go. It is a worthwhile endeavor and the children appreciate it. Substitutes are needed when teachers are unavailable as well! Please contact the Religious Education office at 973-579-2355 if you would like to share your faith with our children. Also, Catechists do not pay tuition for their own children to be enrolled in our program. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

Thank you and God bless,  
Dan Salvatore, CRE