

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday



Served by:

Father Abuchi F. Nwosu, *Pastor*
fatherabuchi@aol.com
Father Peter Oddo, *Weekend Assistant*
Deacon Anthony Barile
Deacon Edward Muller
Dan Salvatore, *Coordinator of Religious Education*
Caroline Mazzola, *Secretary*
Ann Johnson, *Secretary*

Parish Office

203 Newton-Swartzwood Road
Newton, NJ 07860
Hours: 9:00am-1:00pm
Phone: 973-383-3566
Fax: 973-383-3831
mtcarmelswartzwood@gmail.com
www.olmcswartzwood.org

Religious Education Office

Hours: 9:00am-1:00pm
Phone: 973-579-2355
olmcccd@gmail.com

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 9:00am-12:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15pm-4:45pm

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, & Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the office to arrange.

Youth Group

Heather Falotico
olmcyg@gmail.com

Golden Angels Senior Ministry

Margie Palazzo
973-948-6104

Knights of Columbus, Council 9920

Terrence O'Connor, Grand Knight

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad”

Christ is indeed risen from the dead today. Thus, the Psalmist tells us today is the day the Lord has made we should rejoice and be glad. Why should we rejoice? Because by rising from the dead, Christ ultimately conquered death and gave us a meaning to a new life. The story of the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday is the story of the triumph of falsity over truth, of injustice over justice, of evil over goodness. If that were the end of the story, it would be a bad story and a tragedy. Thankfully at the end, He was vindicated. Jesus regains His eternal glory with the Father.

Before His death, Jesus converted many sinners, preached the good news to the poor, liberated the captives, offered freedom to the oppressed and restored the outcasts back into the community. By the end of His earthly ministry, He suffered persecution, betrayal, denial, rejection and death on the cross. Three days later He rose from the dead leaving behind in the tomb the dishonesty, false accusation, the violence and unjust condemnation that led to His death. With this in mind, rising with Christ from the tomb also means leaving behind a painful chapter in our lives that has brought us into darkness and caused us a lot of pain.

“In a life-changing, life-affirming way, having “died with Christ” empowers us to stare death itself in the face and say, You have no power over me because Jesus Christ died and rose again and I belong to him! Look back at the wreckage sin created in your past. Choices that left more pain than joy, relationships or marriage that robbed you of self-respect, bouts with illness and other health challenges that played havoc with your dreams, hurtful words spoken or bitterness tasted that kept you from being the person God created you to be. Look at them all and know that because you and I have died with Christ, everything that looks and smells and acts like death is behind us.” We are freed from death’s bonds. So on this Easter, we can embrace the equally powerful truth that we are “raised with Christ” to new life. Therefore, on this Easter, let us joyfully sing with Psalmist: “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.”

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 15 - At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

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, 32C4:4 / EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28 / MT 28:1-10

8:00pm For All The Parishioners

**Sunday, April 16 - The Resurrection of the Lord
The Mass of Easter Day**

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 / COL 3:1-4 or 1 COR 5:6B-8 / JN 20:1-9 or MT 28:1-10 Or LK 24:13-35

7:30am For All The Parishioners

9:00am For All The Parishioners

11:00am For All The Parishioners

Monday, April 17

ACTS 2:14, 22-33 / MT 28:8-15

8:30am Danielle Nazzaro

Philomena and Louis Nazzaro

Tuesday, April 18

ACTS 2:36-41 / JN 20:11-18

8:30am Pray for all Confirmation Candidates

Wednesday, April 19

ACTS 3:1-10 / LK 24:13-35

7:00pm Frances and William Wilkes

Thursday, April 20

ACTS 3:11-26 / LK 24:35-48

8:30am Connie Romano

Friday, April 21

ACTS 4:1-12 / JN 21:1-14

8:30am Salvatore Romano, Sr.

Saturday, April 22

ACTS 4:13-21 / MK 16:9-15

8:30am Intentions of Carmine

5:00pm Salvatore Romano, Sr.

Sunday, April 23-Sunday of Devine Mercy

ACTS 2:42-47 / 1 PT 1:3-9 / JN 20:19-31

7:30am Intentions of Teresa Mier

9:00am William Long

11:00am Laura Pasternak

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Joseph Colon, Terry Comer, Meghan Corcoran, Fr. Angelus Croce, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst, Sr., Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Kden LeoGrande, Charles Longo, Pete Mahler, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, James B. Nienstedt, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Sister Peggy Noone, John Samsock, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jerome Pasternak, Ellie Prakopcyk, Connie Pyne, Maryanne Quara, Peter F. Reynolds, Colleen Romano, Carol Rock, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, James Scales, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Ronald Wild, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, April 9

\$4923.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Frances and William Wilkes



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; Lt. Jason Gieniewski, U.S. 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 Tylor Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Robert Williams, Airman



Divine Mercy Sunday

Eternal Father,

I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord **Jesus Christ**, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful **Passion**, have mercy on us and the whole world.

The **Divine Mercy** image is a depiction of Jesus based on the devotion initiated by St. Faustina Kowalska. "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish," Jesus told Faustina.

Divine Mercy prayers will begin Sunday, April 23rd at 2:45pm with Exposition and Confession then ending with Benediction at 3:30pm.



Pilgrimage to Fatima

Bishop Serratelli will be the *Spiritual Director* of a trip this summer to **Fatima and Southern Spain**. The Pilgrimage will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima and then continue on to Spain. The Pilgrimage will be from July 16th to the 24th.

For more information or to make reservations, please contact Great Experiences at 201-825-3725 or email them at greatexinc@verizon.net.

Knights of Columbus 50-50 Raffle

The Knights will be selling 50-50 Raffle tickets after all masses. The tickets are \$20.00 each and there will be three winners. The drawing will be on May 2, 2017. Profits from this raffle will benefit our charities. **Thanks for your support!**

Shop Rite Gift Cards

We are continuing to sell Shop Rite Gift Cards after all the weekend Masses. You can also purchase these cards in the office Monday thru Friday from 9am-1pm.

Thank you for your support!

Manna House Turkey Dinner Fundraiser

Manna House will be having its annual **Turkey Dinner Fundraiser** on **Thursday, April 27th from 5pm - 6:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church Cafeteria** on High St. (Rte. 94) in Newton. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 years can attend for free. You can have a delicious meal and support the Manna House mission to feed the needy by attending this annual fundraiser. Contact Dan Salvatore at 973-579-1908 for tickets and for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our **2nd Year Confirmation Candidates** have completed their preparation for **Confirmation** and will be Confirmed Saturday, April 22nd at 11:00am in the Community Center at St. Joseph's Church in Newton.

Just a reminder

No CCD classes on Sunday, April 23rd.

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

Are You Looking To Get Married?

Fr. Abuchi is very open to guiding those who are marrying for the first time, convalidating the marriage of those who are civilly married, as well as helping with annulment process. Please e-mail or call Fr. Abuchi for guidance.

LEGACY GIFTS

Lord reminds us of the abundant blessings that come from a generous heart. "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

When you give your time, talent and financial resources to our parish, it strengthens our faith community in so many wonderful ways!

Did you know that there are also opportunities to make a legacy gift to Our Lady of Mount Carmel that will touch the lives of parishioners for generations to come? Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish in your will and estate plans. For more information, call our parish at 973-383-3566 or contact our diocesan development office at 973-777-8818, ext 215 for further assistance and to discuss options that might work for you. Thank you so much for all you do for Our Lady of Mount Carmel — now and in the future!