

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, April 23, 2017
Divine Mercy Sunday/Second Sunday of Easter



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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.

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Dispensing God's mercy!

Following the death of Jesus on Friday, the apostles scattered to their separate homes or temporary quarters in Jerusalem. At this point, they have to learn how to adjust and to live in a climate of insecurity, conflicts and accusations. But after hearing the good news of Jesus' resurrection from the women, and the mysterious report from the two disciples who raced to the empty tomb, the disciples had found themselves back together. They gathered together probably to support each other, to pray and possibly hearing Jesus' words telling them again, 'Don't let your hearts be troubled for I am with you till the end of time.'

Could the unexpected happen here really? Yes! Unexpectedly, Jesus appeared and after his typical greeting of 'Peace be with you', Jesus performs three significant actions: Jesus commissions them. He sends them out: "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." After this, "He breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Finally, on the same occasion, Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." From this point on, Jesus wants His apostles to be vessels of His mercy and forgiveness. In various places in the gospels, people called upon His mercy. For instance, the blind man Bartimeus and the ten lepers called for His mercy and it was granted. In a little while Jesus will be gone, but in today's gospel, He empowered His apostles to continue His works of mercy.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy, we are thankful for God's mercy in our lives which comes directly from Him and also through the words of priests in the sacrament of reconciliation. St. Faustina writes in her diary, "When you approach the confessional, know this, that I myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, the priest for me is only a screen. Never analyze what sort of priest it is, open yourself as you would to me, and I myself will act in your soul and fill it with my light." Just as it is really Christ who consecrates the bread and wine through the words of the priest, so it is Christ who absolves us of our sins, grant us mercy as well as forgiveness through the words of the priest. May you also brothers and sisters continue to be vessels of God's mercy and forgiveness to all the people you meet.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Divine 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

Monday, April 24

ACTS 4:23-31 / JN 3:1-8
 8:30am Eileen Murphy

Tuesday, April 25 - Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 PT 5:5B-14 / MK 16:15-20
 8:30am Norman Oravec

Wednesday, April 26

ACTS 5:17-26 / JN 3:16-21
 7:00pm Stacey Wenning Moore

Thursday, April 27

ACTS 5:27-33 / JN 3:31-36
 8:30am Special Intention of Sr. Peggy Noone

Friday, April 28

ACTS 5:34-42 / JN 6:1-15
 8:30am Residents of Homestead Nursing Home

Saturday, April 29 - Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena

ACTS 6:1-7 / JN 6:16-21
 8:30am Respect for Life
 5:00pm For The Sick and Their Caregivers

Sunday, April 30

ACTS 2:14, 22-33 / 1 PT 1:17-21 / LK 24:13-35
 7:30am
 9:00am Edward Dagus
 11:00am Salvatore Romano, Sr.

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

Holy Thursday	\$530.00
Good Friday-Holy Land	\$630.00
Easter Sunday, April 16	\$7266.00
Human Development Collection	\$1024.00

This weeks 2nd collection is for the Diocesan Assessment. Please be as generous as you are able.

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP



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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who received their Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

Briana Bell - *Anastasia*
Danielle Blide - *Rosalia*
Christian Calderaro - *Francis*
John Desordi - *Peter*
Tara Douglas - *Helen*
Nicole Hoelderlin - *Anne*
Erin Hurley - *Jane*
Katie Keates - *Elizabeth*
Joseph LaFiura - *Giovanni*
Miranda Mazzola - *Gabriella*
Katherine Riva - *Elizabeth*



Don Bosco Columbiettes

Dinner Murder Mystery Fundraiser

The Don Bosco Columbiettes are sponsoring a dinner murder mystery fundraiser. The Murder Mystery Company will perform "A Dance with Death" on Saturday, April 29, 2017 in the St. Joseph Community Center on Halstead St. in Newton. This is a 1950's sock hop gone sour and attendees are encouraged (but not required) to dress in their finest 1950's attire! Doors open at 6:00pm with dinner at 6:30. Come join us for a family-friendly evening filled with suspense, comedy and surprises. Tickets are only \$32/per person and seating is limited. Contact Miriam Montagne at 201-230-1373 or Maureen Fiore at 973-579-5293 to buy tickets now-don't miss out!

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

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.

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

Don't forget to pick up Shop Rite Gift Cards after all weekend masses and in the office from 9am-1pm. Thank you!

EASTER FLOWERS

Fr. Abuchi would like to say **Thank you** to all who donated **Easter Flowers** to our church. Your donations helped make the church look beautiful for the celebration of Easter.

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!