

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, May 28, 2017
Seventh 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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The power of Prayer!

Countless number of people I have met in my life have gradually received the strength, and the grace, to begin rebuilding their life through prayer. There is indeed power in prayer. In the moment of darkness and confusion, it is only by returning to God in prayer that we can enjoy peace and comfort. Even Christ in the gospel encourages us to "Ask, and it will be given to you, seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Matt 7:7) In addition, He encourages us to trust in Him when we draw to Him in prayers: "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." (Matt 21:22).

In conclusion of His farewell speech in today's gospel, Jesus offered prayers to the Father for His apostles. He prays for God's guidance and protection of them. Following his ascension as recorded in the first reading, the apostles are now utterly alone. He has told them to stay in Jerusalem, where they will be "baptized with the Holy Spirit." They have no idea what this means, what it will entail, how it will change them. They don't know what will happen next, or how they will even begin to carry out the great mission. Yet, at the moment of greatest uncertainty, the disciples turned to the one thing they knew could help them, and that is prayer.

Prayer drives fear away. In prayer, we come humbly to God as His children. We don't need a formal appointment or any formal invitation to come to His presence. We have the right to come any time without any legal obligation or legal fees. God is never too busy or on vacation to listen to us. Prayer helps us to resist and defeat Satan. Prayer always offers us protection and even more so God asks us, "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me" ([Psalm 50:15](#)) When God's people pray, God dispatches His angels to accomplish His plan. That means our prayers really do matter, so pray persistently and never give up hope.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, May 27**

ACTS 18:23-28 / JN 16:23B-28

8:30am For All Those Suffering From Cancer

5:00pm Norma Ascione Zaleski

Sunday, May 28

ACTS 1:12-14 / 1 PT 4:13-16 / JN 17:1-11A

7:30am Stanley C. Barron, Sr.

9:00am Intentions of Terry O'Connor

11:00am For All OLMC Eucharistic Ministers

Monday, May 29-Memorial Day

ACTS 19:1-8 / JN 16:29-33

8:30am For All Past and Present Servicemen and Women

Tuesday, May 30

ACTS 20:17-27 / JN 17:1-11A

8:30am Robert Schoonover

Wednesday, May 31-Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ZEP 3:14-18A or ROM 12:9-16 / LK 1:39-56

7:00pm For The Unemployed and Homeless

Thursday, June 1-Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11 / JN 17:20-26

8:30am For The Priests of Our Diocese

Friday, June 2

ACTS 25:13B-21 / JN 21:15-19

8:30am For All OLMC Volunteers

Saturday, June 3-Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31 / JN 21:20-25

8:30am For the Sick and Their Caretakers

5:00pm Deceased Members of Weisser and Muller Families

Sunday, June 4-Pentecost Sunday

GN 11:1-9 or EX 19:3-8A, 16-20B / ROM 8:22-27 / JN 7:37-39

7:30am Margaret Swank

9:00am Michael N. Orlando

11:00am Margaret Panfili

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, Les Hummienny 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, May 21****\$3718.50*****This weekends 2nd collection is for Peter's Pence.****Thank you for your generosity!****SANCTUARY LAMP**

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week
For The Intentions of Frank
Lombardo and His Family*

**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

**PETER'S PENCE**

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month, parishes throughout our Diocese will take up the annual Peter's Pence Collection. Our participation in this special collection assists in the charitable work of our Holy Father as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and struggling around the globe. By supporting this collection, the Church is able to support victims of war, natural disasters, and other difficult situation.

Let us join with our Catholic brothers and sisters in the Paterson Diocese and be a beacon of hope to those suffering in the world. I ask you to please be as generous as possible when this collection is taken up in your parish.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli
Bishop of Paterson

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council #9920 will once again be awarding a tuition and/or supplies assistance memorial award **Scholarship** to a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish for the academic year 2016-2017, in memory of Brother Knight, Joseph A. Lacovara. Applications are available on the table by the CCD office. Please read the instructions carefully and return the application by July 15, 2017. If there are any questions, please ask one of the Knights, or email olmckofc9920@gmail.com

APPARITION HILL

Two atheists, two terminally ill patients, an addict, a police officer, and a widower all journey to **Medjugorje**, a little-known village nestled between two mountains along the Croatian and Bosnia-Herzegovinan borders of Eastern Europe...What they discover may surprise you! Learn how a veteran filmmaker documented in 2015 an unlikely group of pilgrims as they investigated the world's greatest spiritual mystery. **Coming to The Milford Theater, Milford, Pa.** for one day only on June 25th at 2pm. For tickets (\$10.00), please contact Mary Anne Condit 973-219-3352 or Patrice Kealy 973-534-1722.

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 your 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!

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day Mass Schedule

The office will be closed Monday, May 29th for **Memorial Day**. Mass will be at 9:00am and there will be no Adoration that morning.

Stillwater Township Memorial Day Observance

Please join your neighbors this **Memorial Day** on **Monday, May 29, 2017** at **10:00am** to honor and remember all those who have served our country to ensure our rights and liberties as Americans. The Memorial Day ceremony will be at **Veterans Memorial Park** on Pond Brook Road. All Veterans are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, please call 579-6402.



OLMC BLOOD DRIVE

The **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017 from 8:00am to 1:00pm in Biesiada Hall. You can sign up to make an appointment online at redcrossblood.org. All walk-ins are also welcome. For more information, please call 1-800-Red Cross.

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

SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS

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