

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, May 6, 2018
Sixth 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
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 friendship - How sad many seek for friendship and relationship in real life and social media but cannot find it!

The deepest principle in human nature is craving to be accepted, to be friended, to be loved and to be appreciated. As you and I march across the decades of time, we are going to meet a countless number of people and some of them will come into our lives. Some will come, and stay temporarily, and some will also come to stay on a perceived length of time but leaves later for one reason or another. Then, some will stay indefinitely in good and bad times. And of course, they chose us and we also chose them to be friends. Two people choose to be friends with each other because they valued their relationship as special and worthwhile. "Friendship is an opportunity to love, to learn about yourself, to mature as a human being, and to open up to the full experience of life." We all need friends. We are not created to be loners.

Unfortunately, in America, more than one-third of our citizens report feeling lonely. And many are desperate to combat this loneliness by using social media but with no success. "The sad fact is, there are many who spend hours updating their Facebook pages, and keeping up with the posts of their hundreds of social media friends, peering at a continual stream of snapshots of wonderful meals and vacation sunsets and meaningful moments, and paradoxically feel even more lonely, as if they are only watching, but not participating in, the goodness of life through the glass wall of this electronic voyeurism. Yes, there are many people who go to bars or nightclubs every night, or seek relationships through dating websites but are still lonely. And even more so, many people whose marriages have stagnated, share a bed that has grown cold between them, and stare up into a dark ceiling at night feeling desperately alone." Friendship and love is so powerful and very needed.

Today's readings speaks about the power of love and friendship. In the second reading, St. John called his audience to love one another. And in the gospel, Jesus takes it further by asking the disciples to love one another as He loves them. He gathered them on the last evening He spent with them during His earthly ministry, and tells them that from this point forward they will be called His "friends"—not servants, not slaves, not students, not even disciples—but the endearing and intimate title, "friends." Wow! That must have sounded great to the disciples. Jesus knows the value of friendship and wants us to know we His followers are also His friends. Thus, we can always approach Him with our problems and also seek for His guidance and protection. Are you willing to accept this invitation of friendship from Jesus? And are you also willing to extend this invitation of friendship to others by welcoming, accepting and reaching out?

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday, May 5**

ACTS 6:1-10 / JN 15:18-21

8:30am For Peace in the Families

5:00pm John McCarthy

Sunday, May 6

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 JN 4:7-10 / JN 15:9-17

7:30am Salvatore Romano, Sr

9:00am Intentions of Muller and Muller Families

11:00am Richard Sinski

Monday, May 7

ACTS 16:11-15 / JN 15:26—16:4A

8:30am Pavel Cholosta

Tuesday, May 8

ACTS 16:22-34 / JN 16:5-11

8:30am Bernice Sammarco

Wednesday, May 9

ACTS 17:15, 22—18:1 / JN 16:12-15

7:00pm Richard Moran

Thursday, May 10 - The Ascension of the Lord

ACTS 1:1-11 / EPH 1:17-23 / MK 16:15-20

8:30am Theresa Orso

7:00pm Marcel Black

Friday, May 11

ACTS 18:9-18 / JN 16:20-23

8:30am Jack Crivelli

Saturday, May 12

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

8:30am Gaetano Gervasi

5:00pm Pray For All Mothers

Sunday, May 13

ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26 / 1 JN 4:11-16 / JN 17:11B-19

7:30am Pray For All Mothers

9:00am Pray For All Mothers

11:00am Pray For All Mothers

Please Remember and Pray For the Following

Jennie Apostola, Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Samantha Brady, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, George Carse, Joseph Colon, Fr. Angelus Croce, Carmine Curulli, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Linda Flynn, Thomasina Gebhard, Richard Hennings, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, Kimberly Lane, Kden LeoGrande, Elizabeth Lacovara, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Brett Mershon, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Jerome Pasternak, Lorraine Paxton, Clarence Remke, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samscock, James Scales, Diane Scarince, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Carole Sisco, Debbie Smith, Nancy Snook, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Richard Sorge, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, April 29

\$3,190.00

***There will be a 2nd collection for the Diocesan Assessment**

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This Week The Sanctuary Lamp

Burns for

Norma E. Zaleski

**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 Tyler Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman

First Holy Communion

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst."—John 6:35

Please pray for the children making their First Communion on **Sunday, May 13 at the 11 am Mass.**

Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for the sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

***The crowning of Mary will take place after the 11am Mass**

Knights Of Columbus MEMBERSHIP

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic gentlemen in union with the Holy See. All Catholic men, 18 and over, are invited to join.

Visit "WWW.KofC.org/joinus" to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Bill Nagy, at 973-919-8554, or Terry O'Connor, at 201-874-9836.

The ASCENSION of the LORD

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.



Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgement. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended.

The feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later.

We proclaim in the Apostles Creed: **"He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father Almighty."**

***Thursday, May 10, 2018 is The Ascension of the Lord.** This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The mass schedule for this day is 8:30am and 7:00pm.

SICK and HOMEBOUND

Anyone who is homebound or sick and needs a priest, please call the office to make arrangements — (973)383-3566

PARISH LEGACY GIFTS

Many thanks to some parishioners who have graciously remembered the parish in their will.

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 pour 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!

PLEASE JOIN ME TO CELEBRATE MY 10TH ANNIVERSARY!

Time flies! This May 24th will be ten years I was ordained a priest at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Since then, a lot has happened. I'm so grateful to many people God put into my life. Most of all, I am thankful to God who not only called me into the priesthood but has also protected and guarded me all this while. In thanksgiving to God, I ask you to please join me if you can on May 27 at the 11 am Mass. There will be a luncheon at the Church Hall. Sign up sheets will be provided later.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

***Early Registration for Religious Education: CCD and Confirmation, has been extended to May 6.** Early registrants will receive a 10% tuition discount.

*Please prayerfully consider serving as a **Catechist** for the 2018-2019 school year

***Second Grade Sacrament Schedule**

First Reconciliation Service - Tuesday, May 8th at 7 pm

Brown Scapular Service - after Confessions have completed

First Holy Communion Rehearsal - Friday, May 11th at 7 pm at OLMC

First Holy Communion Mass - Sunday, May 13th at 11 am

***May Crowning of Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel** by our First Communicants immediately following the 11 am Mass in the grotto outside of the church

***May 18th and 19th is the 8th grade Lock-In Retreat** which is the 1st step into the Confirmation program. It will be held in the OLMC Community Center.

Knights of Columbus SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council #9920, will once again award a Scholarship in memory of Brother Knight Joseph A. Lacovara. An award for tuition and/or supplies assistance will be presented to a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish for the academic year 2017-2018. Applications are available on the table by the CCD office. Please read the instructions carefully and return the application by noon July 16, 2018. If there are any questions, please ask one of the Knights or email olmckofc9920@gmail.com or wrnagy@ptd.net

Online Giving Options

FOR WEEKLY AND ONE TIME GIFTS

Enrolling in Online Giving is a great way to ensure your gifts to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel are received even when you are away or traveling.

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