

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Saturday 8:30 am (except Wednesday)
Wednesday 7:00 pm
First Friday Mass 2:00 pm
@Homestead Nursing Home
Holy Days 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the office to arrange.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, April 17

ACTS 6:1-7 / JN 6:16-21

- 8:30 am Elsie Raquel Giorello Castro *by Reinhart Family*
- 5:00 pm Intentions of Barbara Froetscher *by Barbara Froetscher*

Sunday, April 18

ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 JN 2:1-5A / LK 24:35-48

- 7:30 am Intentions of Jennifer & Steve Cicardi *by Patricia Cholasta*
- 9:00 am Leonarda Abruzzo *by Carol & Phil Becker*
- 11:00 am Steve DeAngelis *by Kate Cadmus*

Monday, April 19

ACTS 6:8-15 / JN 6:22-29

- 8:30 am Fred Bergman *by Mazzola Family*

Tuesday, April 20

ACTS 7:51—8:1A / JN 6:30-35

- 8:30 am Intentions of Michael Mazzola *by Mazzola Family*

Wednesday, April 21

ACTS 8:1B-8 / JN 6:35-40

- 7:00 pm Anna Boettcher *by Boettcher Family*

Thursday, April 22

ACTS 8:26-40 / JN 6:44-51

- 8:30 am Tony & Leda Carraturo *by Valerie Derbyshire*

Friday, April 23

ACTS 9:1-20 / JN 6:52-59

- 8:30 am Sr. Jeanette Szyzputowski *by Lisa Cangelosi*

Saturday, April 24

ACTS 9:31-42 / JN 6:60-69

- 8:30 am William Long *by Eleanor Long*
- 5:00 pm Intentions and Healing of Donna Allison *by Parish Staff*

Sunday, April 25

ACTS 4:8-12 / 1 JN 3:1-2 / JN 10:11-18

- 7:30 am Bill Galgano *by Patricia Cholasta*
- 9:00 am Norman Oravec *by Ron & Ann Johnson*
- 11:00 am Steve DeAngelis *by Marty & Mary Ann Chapkosky*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:



Ted Cassera, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Emma Finnegan, Henry Kochanski, John Kucinski, Linda Kucinski, Fr. Peter Oddo, Larry Domonkos, Susanne Martone, Deacon Ed Muller, George Shammas, Stephanie, Charles Sullivan, Constance VanHoven, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday

April 11	\$ 2,367.00
Online Giving	\$ 455.00
Easter	\$ 480.00
Holy Land	\$ 10.00

Thank you for your generosity!

***Next weekend's 2nd collection is for Diocesan Assessment**

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the Healing of Murray Family

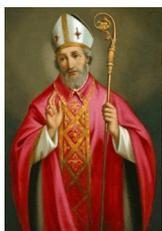


WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

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: Capt. Jason Gieniewski,



St. Anselm,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church



St. Anselm was born of noble parentage in Piedmont about the year 1033. At the age of twenty-seven, St. Anselm adopted the monastic state in the monastery of Bec, Studied under Lanfranc, and was made Prior in 1063 and Abbot in 1078.

Various voyages to England in the interest of his Abbey made St. Anselm known in that country, and in 1093 he succeeded his old master, Lanfranc, as Archbishop of Canterbury. His resistance to the unjust measures of King William Rufus drew upon him the anger of that monarch. In 1097-98, he made a voyage to Rome, and spend some time in a monastery of Calabria, where he composed a work on the Incarnation. In the same year he assisted at the Council of Bari, and by his prayers prevented the Pope from excommunicating the King of England.

During his travels the Saint composed several of his metaphysical works, and did not return to his See until after the death of King William Rufus in 1100. Differences with the new King caused him to undertake a second journey to Rome in 1103, and Pascal II upheld the authority of the Archbishop as his predecessor, Urban II, had done. He returned to England in 1106 and died in 1109.

St. Anselm was characterized by his spirit of recollection, which he preserved even in the most distracting occupations and by the metaphysical bent of his mind. His written works have deeply influenced Catholic Philosophy and Theology. In this field he is best known for his “Ontological Argument” for the existence of God. He was also a strenuous defender of the rights of the Church against the usurpation of kings.

PRAYER: *God, You called St. Anselm, Your Bishop, to study and teach the sublime truths of Your Wisdom. Let Your gift of Faith come to the aid of our understanding and open our hearts to Your truth. Amen.*

Dear Parish Family,

This year my message to you is in the form of a simple prayer. It is my hope that you will use it during prayer before meals or in the mornings or evenings throughout the Easter season. I pray that the extra time spent in prayer will bring grace and joy to your home, and also will strengthen us as a parish family.

Resurrection Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Lord of life and death, when Christ our Paschal Lamb was sacrificed, He overcame death by His own dying and restored us to life by His own rising. In virtue of His life-giving Passover, pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts, fill us with awe and reverence for you, and with love and compassion for our neighbor. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Christ,

Fr. Abuchi

Change of Address

Moving out of the area and will no longer be parishioners here at OLMC? Please call the parish office to let us know so we can update our records. Our envelope company will continue to send out your envelopes unless we tell them otherwise. Thank you!

Food Drive for Hampton Township this weekend
only– April 17th and 18th

The Hampton Township Committee is holding a food drive this weekend to help our neighbors and local families. Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s food pantry will be one of the locations benefitting from this food drive. Some of the needed items are ‘meals in a can’, e.g. ravioli, soups, chili, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, beans, canned vegetables, juice boxes, dry milk, pasta, pasta sauces, peanut butter, jelly. Hygiene products, new children’s clothing, socks all ages/sizes, diapers, etc. Thank you as always for your continued support and generosity to the needy families of our local community.

(Please drop off all donations here at the parish not at the Hampton Township Municipal Complex.)

Third Sunday of Easter Readings**First Reading – Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

Peter said to the people:

“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

Responsorial Psalm – 4:2, 4, 7-8,9

R. (7a) Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God,
you who relieve me when I am in distress;
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Know that the LORD does wonders for his
faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call
upon him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine
upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my
dwelling.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading – 1 Jn 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Lk 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?”

Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones

as you can see I have.”

And as he said this,

he showed them his hands and his feet.

While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed,

he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

They gave him a piece of baked fish;

he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them,

“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,

that everything written about me in the law of Moses

and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

And he said to them,

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”





“ In our day the risen Lord continues to reveal Himself through people and different circumstances. ”

God does not create us to live alone. We are made to live in the human community to care and support each other. The encounters with the resurrected Jesus all happened in groups: the two women at the tomb; the many disciples gathered in the upper room; and now, two disciples traveling on the road to Emmaus. And today the risen Lord appeared again to His disciples. Although His appearance startled them they realized it is Jesus. In order to waive fear and doubt that He is not a ghost, the risen Lord said, showing the physical evidence of His resurrection: “Look at my hands and feet.” “Touch me and see,” and “believe,” He said.

In fact, during these encounters, He often greeted them with a message of peace, "Peace be with you." And again, following these encounters, the disciples gained a deeper understanding of His message, His mission, and the scriptures. In the end, those He met were somehow changed. Most of all, "these encounters with Christ foreshadowed what we are doing here and now, in our own celebration – one that is communal, that is a meal, that breaks open God’s word and that leaves us, somehow, changed. Make no mistake: what happened 2,000 years ago is happening again here. Christ is with us." The disciples had His presence made real, in flesh and blood. Here we have His Real Presence, under the appearance of bread and wine. At the last supper He gave them bread as His body and cup filled with wine as His blood. He commanded to always do the same in His memory. And that is exactly what we have continued doing at Eucharistic celebration.

"When you think about what is happening— what is unfolding here before us and among us— we should be, like the disciples, full of joy. We should be “incredulous.” And we should be profoundly humbled. Christ invites us at every Eucharist to encounter Him. To share a meal with Him. To touch Him. To receive Him. To make Him a part of us, and to then take Him out into the wider world. Which means that the Resurrection that we celebrate this Easter season wasn’t just a moment in history, something in the past tense. It is in the present tense. It goes on. And like those disciples He encountered after His resurrection and got transformed afterwards, so, if we choose, it can continue to leave us transformed.”

He reveals Himself today. And not just through the scripture we hear or the Eucharist we are about to receive. He does it through us. All of us. In every walk of life. And how does He reveal himself? In our own day, Jesus reveals Himself through volunteers giving and caring for other people. He reveals Himself through our parish volunteers working in Manna House and other countless volunteers in the world feeding the helpless or the hopeless with bread and with the Word of God.

He continues to reveals Himself through a boss who treats his workers with dignity and compassion. He reveals Himself through other workers working to make a difference in the lives of others. Yes, wherever the Gospel is lived, wherever love is proclaimed, wherever justice is defended, wherever religious freedom is upheld and allowed, wherever sanctity of human life is affirmed and mercy is offered, Jesus is revealed. The question is would you be open to Jesus to use you as His vessel to reveal His presence to the world? We need to live in a way that sheds light on those in darkness, that gives joy to those in sorrow, that gives hope to those in despair. -- **Fr. Abuchi**

Quote of the week: “Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen .”
–**St. Thomas Aquinas**