

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, May 5, 2024  
Sixth 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

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.



**Saturday, May 4**

ACTS 16:1-10 / JN 15:18-21

8:30 am **James Colgan**

*by Joe & Liz Ryan*

5:00 pm **Joseph Durso and Family**

*by Knights of Columbus Council 9920*

**Sunday, May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

7:30 am **Deceased Members of the Muller & Weisser Families**

*by Dcn. Ed & Mary Lou Muller*

**Margaret Mary McMahon**

*by Dan & Dina Salvatore*

9:00 am **Richard Fletcher**

*by Judy Fletcher*

**Kitty Carlin**

*by Pat Rumsey & Andrew Dekmar*

11:00 am **Joseph Durso**

*by Dcn. Ed & Mary Lou Muller*

**Monday, May 6**

ACTS 16:11-15 / JN 15:26—16:4A

8:30am **Ely Sagun**

*by La Pieta Prayer Group*

**Tuesday, May 7**

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

8:30 am **Intentions and Blessings of Eleanor Long on her birthday**

*by Parish Staff*

**Wednesday, May 8**

ACTS 17:15, 22—18:1 / JN 16:12-15

7:00 pm **Valerie Derbyshire**

*by Mazzola Family*

**Thursday, May 9**

ACTS 18:1-8 / JN 16:16-20

8:30 am **Anna Marie Coticelli**

*by Eileen Thomas*

**Friday, May 10**

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

8:30 am **Madeline Swiss**

*by Family*

**Saturday, May 11**

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

8:30 am **Intentions and Blessings for Ann Johnson on her birthday**

*by Parish Staff*

5:00 pm **All OLMC Mother's Living and Deceased**

**Sunday, May 12 – Solemnity of the Ascension**

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

7:30 am **All OLMC Mother's Living and Deceased**

9:00 am **All OLMC Mother's Living and Deceased**

11:00 am **All OLMC Mother's Living and Deceased**

**Please Remember To Pray For The Following:**



Elsie Allen, Colleen Apter, Ellen Burroughs, Fred Burroughs, Diane Butterly, Ted Cassera, Matt Chapkosky, Stephanie Cuomo, John, Heather Drew, Ryan Earley, Baby Erickson, Marion F. Ferrari, Ralph Ferrari, Kerry Fleet, Judy Fletcher, Angelo Furmato, Lucy Furmato, Rebecca Haze Kemp, Denise Holloway, Jason, Robert Jardine, Jere Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Bruce Konar, Michael Lord, Mike Maldonado, Ellen Mathesen, Susanne Martone, Deacon Ed Muller, Yvette Murphy, Fr. Peter Oddo, Madelyn Patton, Zach Polak, Birute Rusinko, George Shammass, Saige, Stephanie, Andrew Sorce, Aleksandr Stolyarov, Charles Sullivan, Nannette Tabak, Thomas Trogani, Constance Van Hoven, James Welden, Virginia Zaleski



***This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Health & Blessings for Father Peter Oddo***

**A GOOD STEWARD**

April 28 ----- \$2,732.00

Online ----- \$535.00

Diocesan Assessment ----- \$589.00

Online ----- \$165.00

**\*\*This week's second collection is for St. Vincent de Paul\*\***

**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.



**Sponsor Certificates/Letter of Eligibility:**

Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active registered members of the parish who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis but also who have completed their Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)

### Thank You!

Fr. Peter Oddo was recently hospitalized. He called to let us know he's home and doing well. He thanks and appreciates all the thoughts and prayers he received from all our parishioners. He also appreciates and values our friendship and loyalty to the church.

### Rosary Rally Saturday May 11 at OLMC 12:00

On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared to three children in Fatima Portugal with a message for the world for: prayer, reparation, and consecration.



She said: “,,if my requests are granted...there will be peace.” The specific prayer repeatedly asked for was the Rosary.

Her apparitions in Fatima occurred on the 13th of the months from May through October. Rallies will be held throughout our country, on May 11, at 12 noon. We'll be praying for peace, conversion, and especially the end of abortion.

### Solemnity of the Ascension

#### The Solemnity of the Ascension, Sunday, May 12.

The bishops of New Jersey have permanently transferred the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. **This is a Holy Day of Observation as all Sunday Masses are.**

Since the Blessed Virgin Mary is the patron of the Americas, many of our holy days of obligation revolve around the life of the Virgin Mary.

#### Holy days of obligation to attend Mass

**All Sundays are obligatory for the faithful to participate in the Mass**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Ascension of Jesus**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Solemnity of All Saints**

**The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Christmas**

**Every Sunday**

Every Sunday is a holy day of obligation to attend Mass. People forget that there's a requirement to go to Mass on the Sabbath. “Thou shall keep the Sabbath holy.”- The Third Commandment

### Stillwater Township's Memorial Day Service May 27, 2024 Veterans Memorial Park Pond Brook Rd. - 10 AM rain or shine



*Please join your neighbors this Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 10:00am to honor and remember all those who have sacrificed and 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 Lou at 862 268 3553.*



### Come and spend some time with me Eucharistic Adoration Every Monday 9am-12pm

This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome Him, but He remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because He is calling us to faith, that we many come to Him in humility.

"The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." (Pope Paul VI, Credo of the People of God)

Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, His love, His peace.

**Parish Membership:** Our Parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register. If you move to another parish, or change your address, please notify us.

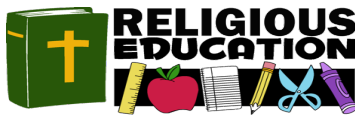


We are the **Knights of Columbus**, the largest men's Catholic Fraternal organization in the world, founded on the principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.



We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month in Biesiada Hall at 7:00pm. We welcome all practical Catholic gentlemen of the parish, over the age of 18, to join us and help in our charitable works.

You may also scan our QR code for more information, or email Bill at [wrnagy@ptd.net](mailto:wrnagy@ptd.net). Specify council 9920 if joining online. God Bless.



**Sunday, June 16 –**

**First Holy Communion Mass 11am**

**Sunday, June 23 –**

**Confirmation 11am Mass.**

**Bishop Sweeney will administer Confirmation to our Grade 8 students and our older OLMC candidates.**

Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 Religious Education Program. Forms are available on our website or contact Dan Salvatore, our Coordinator of Religious Education.

Why should your child/grandchild attend? The office of Education, Evangelization & Catechesis of the Archdiocese of Hartford has summed up CCD classes as follows:

Religious Ed teaches the same concepts and values as Mass but in a fun way that the very young can understand. These classes engage students thru song, books and games all while reinforcing religious truths.

On a social level, attending CCD classes help children make friends in an atmosphere of positivity and love. The classes become mini-communities where students can ask questions and discuss their beliefs with like-minded peers. They'll come to understand that they are a part of a much larger congregation that is equally as loving and supportive.

On a higher level, Religious Education jumpstarts young children's connection with God. Kids are generally more receptive than adults, and if a bond with God is established and a Catholic identity is formed early, they are both likely to last a lifetime. Lastly, Religious Ed classes promote the same feelings of well-being, peace, and hope as well as desire for good behavior that you experience when you attend Mass. **When registering your children for CCD/Confirmation, you must also register your family if you are new to the parish.**

**Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled  
for tomorrow May 6**



### **Camp Auxilium Summer Camp**

(14 Old Swartswood Road Newton, NJ  
07860 (973) 383-2621)

**REGISTER NOW! Summer 2024, June 24 – July 26.** \$257.00 per week (registration and administration fees included). There will be swimming, boating, archery, crafts, low ropes, field games, good news and more!

They are also hiring! Volunteer opportunities for 14-15 year old's. For 16+ full time jobs available.

Please visit

[WWW.CAMPAUXILIUM.ORG](http://WWW.CAMPAUXILIUM.ORG) or scan the QR Code for more information.

**Camp Auxilium - A place where every young person feels loved!**



### **SACRAMENTAL NEEDS**

**Ministry to the Sick:** Please call the parish office for a priest visit to the physically handicapped, aged, hospitalized, sick and shut in.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated individually every Saturday afternoon at 4:15pm or by individual appointment with Fr. Abuchi at any time.

**Baptisms:** Parents may contact the parish before or after their child's birth. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at the 11 am Mass or after. We also accommodate other days. You will be invited to attend a Pre-Baptismal session either before or after the birth of your child.

**Sacramental Marriage** ~ The couple should contact the office several months before the desired date for the marriage to insure proper preparation for this Sacrament. Those who are civilly married may also contact the priest to help them convalidate their marriage in the Church.

### **Food Pantry**

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Personal hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand soap, bath soap, etc.), small bottles of water, individual juice box drinks, cereal, pancake mix and syrup, fruit snacks, snack box of assorted chips, fruit snacks, cookies, crackers, mayonnaise, ketchup, coffee, paper towels, toilet paper, detergent, etc. (We have an abundance of canned tuna). Thank you to all the individuals who support our Food Pantry throughout the year. Your generosity is a blessing and very much appreciated!



**“ Love and the need to be loved is a very basic and primal human instinct but money cannot buy true love. ”**

Love is Christ's great message to His followers - His parting word. And it is profound. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you," Jesus said. Think of that: how deep and how eternal that love must be. But Jesus then followed that statement with a challenge at once bold and unimaginable. "This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you." How can we truly love others? "Psychologists tell us that we cannot genuinely love another person until we first know how much we are loved. One of the lingering tragedies of child abuse is the difficulty abused children have with love. Why? Because the important people in their lives – parents, often relatives – have turned what is supposed to be warmth and affection into pain and heartache." Love and the need to be loved is a very basic and primal human instinct. In fact, many people spend their entire lives on a quest for it. It is the one thing money can't buy and sadly some people never do seem to stumble upon it whereas others manage to locate the true love. But this is not type of love Jesus is talking about here. He rather calls us to love despite the person, their personality, their looks and so forth.

"Love one another as I have loved you." He said. What is this love He has for us? His love, which the Bible calls agape, is a love that knows no limits, no boundaries, no qualifications. It is an unmerited love that cannot be earned. It is the love we see in our Lord's giving of his life for us. "*No one has greater love than this,*" said Jesus, "*to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" It is a love that never fails. A love that is willing to climb Calvary. A love that says to each of us: "Whatever happens, I will be there." "But this radical, generous love rarely penetrates our crusty, self-centered hearts. Our resistance makes this awkward commandment even more, well, uncomfortable. Our wills wiggle, our palms sweat just thinking about loving other people with such self-giving, self-less devotion as Christ commanded us."

Most of us have little trouble loving Jesus probably the way He expects of us. However, we can joyfully sing of our love for Jesus and openly affirm His love for us. In this sense, loving Jesus may not be all that difficult. But translating our love for Jesus into our love for others is where the rub comes. Most of us can say, "I love God but there are annoying, difficult, mean people I can't stand." Unfortunately, the more you think about what another person said or did to hurt you, the disappointment the person caused you, the betrayal you suffered, the more distance you create between you and that person. The list of wrongs grows, the catalogue of hurts in your mind enlarges, and distance is created.

But, Christ insists, telling us this Sunday to, "Love one another," as I have loved you." Despite your differences, love one another. Despite the hurt someone has caused you, love one another. Despite the angers you are nursing or the grudge you can't let go of, love one another. "The great work of Christian love - of literally loving like Christ. It is giving, when we know we'll get nothing back. it is sacrificing, when we know there's nothing to be gained." The greatest love we can give to another person is when it is unmerited, undeserved but we give it any way. God loves us so deeply, devotedly and mercifully without end. He Carries us in His heart. Thus, the great challenge of this Sunday's gospel is to look at the world around us, the people around us - all those we like and those we don't, those we care for and those we don't, those we respect and those we don't - and love them like that too. On this Sunday as we reflect on Christ's command on love, it again offers us a great opportunity on this Mothers' Day to thank mothers for their priceless love and care for us.

– Fr. Abuchi

