

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, March 25, 2018  
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



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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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## Knights of Columbus, Council 9920

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## Royal procession into Jerusalem ends with a tragedy of the Calvary.

The three years public life and ministry of Jesus comes to an end with a triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. An entry, which is one of its kind, drew attention of Jesus' opponents. But it was also an entry parked with Jubilant crowd with songs carefully worded, "Hosanna son of David, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest." Unfortunately, the excitement of the crowd in this busy city of Jerusalem will be only momentarily. Obviously, Jesus is not the political king being highly expected after all. What a disappointment to the crowd! However, Jesus the Humble King of Kings will suffer, betrayed, spat upon, reviled, made a laughing stock; nails will be driven through His flesh, bones and tendons and then, He will hang on the cross. His death on the cross will win salvation for all people.

People on their death bed make unforgettable remarks to their family or friends. While hanging on the cross, although scourged and humiliated, Jesus' powerful words has not been forgotten for ages. How can Jesus love His tormentors in this manner? For His executioners, Jesus looked past their rage; past their foolishness and folly; past their cruelty, brutality, and depravity; past all their ugliness, and sees a humanness worthy of love, humanness worthy of forgiveness. And He said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." This is a shocking surprise! Who will ever look at His tormentors wickedness and say that? Jesus' love conquers everything. By Jesus' side was a notorious but penitent thief also awaiting his death on the cross, was assured by Jesus, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." And later on, He said, "It is finished," bowed His head and died. It is finished means, His earthly work is completed. He has paid the price for human sins. He has completed the work His Father has entrusted upon Him. He must depart the sinful earthly world but His great work will continue for ages.

This Holy Week is a time to reflect on the passions of Jesus and join our sufferings with Him on the cross. To every human life comes a cross. This Holy Week, Jesus invites you again to take up your cross and journey with Him. He wants you to forgive as He forgave his tormentors. As He assured the penitent thief entry into paradise, He also wants you to pray for the conversion of sinners. Mostly He died for our sins and reminds you and I that despite our repeated failures we are always forgiven when we are sincerely sorry.

—Fr. Abuchi

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, March 24**

EZ 37:21-28 / JN 11:45-56  
 8:30am Fr. Brian Tomlinson  
 5:00pm John McCarthy

**Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

MK 11:1-10 or JN 12:12-16 / IS 50:4-7 / PHIL 2:6-11 / MK 14:1-15:47  
 7:30am Msgr. Martin Rauscher  
 9:00am Anita Tomchuk  
 11:00am Rich Sinski

**Monday, March 26**

IS 42:1-7 / JN 12:1-11  
 8:30am Daniel Sandford

**Tuesday, March 27**

IS 49:1-6 / JN 13:21-33, 36-38  
 8:30am Dr. Joseph Rota

**Wednesday, March 28**

IS 50:4-9A / MT 26:14-25  
 7:00pm Ed Chamming

**Thursday, March 29 - Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

EX 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 COR 11:23-26 / JN 13:1-15  
 7:00pm Deborah Ann Snook

**Friday, March 30 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

IS 52:13-53:12 / HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / JN 18:1-19:42

**Saturday, March 31 - At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter**

GN 1:1-2:2 / GN 22:1-18 / EX 14:15-15:1 / IS 54:5-14 / IS 55:1-11 / BAR 3:9-15, 32C 4:4 / EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28 / MT 28:1-10  
 8:00pm Parishioners of OLMC and their Families

**Sunday, April 1 - The Resurrection of the Lord - The Mass of Easter Day**

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 / COL 3:1-4 or 1 COR 5:6B-8 / JN 20:1-9 or MT 28:1-10 or LK 24:13-35  
 7:30am Parishioners of OLMC and their Families  
 9:00am Parishioners of OLMC and their Families  
 11:00am Parishioners of OLMC and their Families

**Please Remember and Pray For the Following**

Ann Bott, Ralph Bozza, Samantha Brady, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Dominic Bongiorno, George Carse, Joseph Colon, Terry Comer, 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, Sister Peggy Noone, Stephen Osborn, Margie Palazzo, Jason Parker, Sr., Jerome Pasternak, Lorraine Paxton, Ellie Prakopcyk, Owen Primavera, Bill Rasmussen, Connie Pyne, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, 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, Michael Sugar, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

**A GOOD STEWARD**

**Sunday, March 18 \$4,538.50**

**\*There will be a special collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Edward Graczyk*



**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



**PARISH ELECT**

On February 18th, our catechumens met with other catechumens in the diocese at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson for the Rite of Election which was presided by the bishop. From this point on, they become "Elect". From 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday to 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of lent, they received "Scrutiny" respectively.

At the Easter vigil, they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).

We pray for Scott Begraft, Holly Rogers and Bob Schofield as they continue their spiritual journey to becoming full members of our Catholic faith family.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**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](http://www.KofC.org/joinus)" to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please contact Bill Nagy at (973) 919-8554 or Terry O'Connor at (201)874-9836.

**PALM SUNDAY**

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem as Savior and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem, a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Are we that much different from our Lord's tormenters? Often, don't we deny that He is King, refusing to obey His only commands that we love Him and one another? Don't we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip service with our half-hearted devotions?

On the heels of Palm Sunday, as we begin this Holy Week, may we constantly be reminded of its significance and value for our lives today. That very important day in history, when Jesus began His journey towards the cross.

**Almighty God,**

*On this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along the way. Let those branches be for us signs of His victory and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hail him as our Lord and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life.*

*In His name we pray. Amen*

**A MUSICAL AFTERNOON WITH OUR SISTERS**

Join us for a very special concert on **Sunday, April 8, 2018, at 3 pm at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson for *Our Sisters in Concert***. Several religious communities will be represented as they perform hymns and song. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents and gifts of our Sisters who have dedicated their lives for the mission of the Diocese of Paterson. Also, free garage parking is available!

**ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS**

200 A Morris Ave.  
Denville, NJ 07834

Summer Session 2018 May 29\* - July 6

Th 201 - The Church: Its Nature and History - 3 credits

Sister Carol Schuyler, SCC  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 am - 11:45 am

\*Tuesday, May 29 due to Memorial Day Holiday

July 4: Independence Day—No classes

Th 203 - Fundamental Moral Theology

Sister Alice Swartz, RSM  
Tuesdays, May 29 to July 5 (In Class)  
10:00 am - 12:00 noon  
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Thursdays, May 29 to July 5 (2.5 Hours Online)

Cost - Three Credit Course: \$510

Cost - Audited Course: \$255

For more information: (973)957-0188 Ext. 106 or e-mail [academicdean@acs350.org](mailto:academicdean@acs350.org)

**HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE**



**Holy Thursday:** March 29

7:00pm

**Good Friday:** March 30

3:00pm

**Easter Vigil:** Saturday, March 31

8:00pm

**Easter Sunday:** April 1

7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am

**Penance Service**

There will be parish penance service on Wednesday, March 28th

7:30pm

**THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 30 through to April 7. You can pick up copies of the Novena at the doors of the church

**CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND**

On each Good Friday, our Diocese takes up a special collection for the Church in the Holy Land. This collection helps support the work of the Franciscans who are responsible for promoting the faith in an area where Christians are a minority. The funds raised help support and maintain the Holy Places so that all who pilgrimage experience a deeper connection to their faith. It also helps to operate schools, provide housing for needy families and staffs parishes in the area.

**CHRISM MASS**

As a reminder, we will be celebrating the Chrism Mass on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist in Paterson. The procession starts promptly at 6:45 pm. this year's celebration will be of special significance as it will mark the first Chrism Mass in our newly renovated Cathedral. All parishioners in the diocese are encouraged to attend.

**ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS**

**FOR WEEKLY AND ONE TIME GIFTS**

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