

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, April 22, 2018
Fourth 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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Jesus is The Good Shepard to us. And what are you to others?

Liturgical calendar always places the Fourth Sunday of Easter as "The Good Shepherd Sunday." During this time, the readings also gives a beautiful description of Christ as a shepherd who has a tender, merciful love for his sheep. In using the words, "I am a good Shepherd," Jesus portrayed Himself as a genuine shepherd who not only loves His sheep so dearly but also willing to make profound sacrifices for the ultimate protection of His sheep. Therefore, He cares, nurtures and protects the sheep. "To illustrate His point to His audience, Jesus contrasted the difference between the shepherd who owns the flock, to the hired hand who merely worked for the shepherd. The difference between the shepherd and the hired hand might not be obvious when there was no danger or stress. But if a crisis arose, if real danger presented itself—such as an attack by a wolf or a band of robbers—if the flock was so threatened that the shepherd might risk life and limb protecting the sheep, then the difference between shepherd and the hired hand would become obvious. The good shepherd would stand and fight, even risk his very life, while the hired hand would run to protect his own life, and abandon the sheep to the enemy."

When Jesus says that, as the good shepherd, "I lay down my life for my sheep," He is saying that He lays down His life for each one of us individually. Who would make such a sacrifice, except one whose love was utterly profound and passionate? It is hard! However, sometimes, the men and women in uniform incredibly risk their lives and end up making that profound sacrifice for the freedom and protection of their fellow citizens.

Today is also considered as a vocation Sunday. And Christ invites those in the position of leadership to be willing to make a sacrifice, to care and protect those entrusted under their care. Besides, The Lord has a life-vocation for each of us. Indeed, He calls us from the time of our baptism, to be His disciples, to follow the good Shepherd. However, the way we do that will be unique to each one of us. Each one of us has a unique contribution to make to the work of the Lord in the world, to the life of the church, and that contribution is just as important as anyone else's contribution. We each have a unique vocation and each vocation is equally significant. "When each of us respond to our unique vocation, we give a lift to everyone else. When any one of us fails to respond to that vocation, we are all a little bit impoverished." Whenever you are mindful that Christ is the good shepherd, you will not worry, stress or fear but only trust that He will guide and lead you according to His ways.

—Fr. Abuchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 21

ACTS 9:31-42 / JN 6:60-69
 8:30am Richard Orefice
 5:00pm John McCarthy

Sunday, April 22

ACTS 4:8-12 / 1 JN 3:1-2 / JN 10:11-18
 7:30am Martin Murray
 9:00am Ellen and Russell Moffett
 11:00am William S. Long

Monday, April 23

ACTS 11:1-18 / JN 10:1-10
 8:30am Joseph Paino

Tuesday, April 24

ACTS 11:19-26 / JN 10:22-30
 8:30am Intentions of Meredith Cushman

Wednesday, April 25 - Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist

ACTS 8:1B-8 / JN 6:35-40
 7:00pm Intentions of Marina Veliz

Thursday, April 26

ACTS 13:13-25 / JN 13:16-20
 8:30am Norman Oravec

Friday, April 27

ACTS 13:26-33 / JN 14:1-6
 8:30am Intentions of Andrew Johnson

Saturday, April 28

ACTS 13:44-52 / JN 14:7-14
 8:30am Souls in Purgatory
 5:00pm John McCarthy

Sunday, April 29

ACTS 9:26-31 / 1 JN 3:18-24 / JN 15:1-8
 7:30am
 9:00am Anthony Barile, Sr.
 11:00am Thomas Quigley

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, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Joan Royer, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsock, 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, April 15 \$3,394.00
Human Development \$ 618.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP

*This Week The Sanctuary Lamp
 Burns for
 Anthony Barile, Sr.*



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

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS

I was recently given a report on the results of the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The parish goal was \$19,000.00 but our parish pledged \$22,440.00. These numbers reflect stewardship of so many of our parishioners. This means that fifty percent of the extra pledge will return to the parish. Overall in the whole diocese more than \$4.6 million has been pledged. This record means the diocese will be able to provide ongoing critical support vital to ministries, especially to those that serve our brothers and sisters in profound need.

Your generous response to 2017 Bishop's Annual appeal is a true blessing. Many come to our Church in need of critical services and leave with much more. They take with them the love and compassion of the parishioners of the Paterson Diocese. I thank all those who made this possible by participating in the 2017 Appeal. Bishop Serratelli also sent his letter of gratitude to the parish. He wanted me to make sure I let you know how he appreciated your participation to our Annual Appeal.

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.
 Please visit: <https://olmcswartwood.churchgiving.com>

Why Should I CONFESS My Sins To A Priest?

Continued from last week...—Fr. Ian Bozant—Archdiocese of New Orleans

The Scriptures themselves illustrate that our Blessed Lord gave to His Apostles the power to forgive sins: "When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained'" (Jn 20:20-23).

Few would deny that the command found in Matthew 28 to baptize all nations would be restricted only to the Apostles, even though they are the ones being spoken to in the passage. Likewise, this power to forgive or retain sins is a part of the apostolic office and is an instrument of the Church to remit or retain sins committed after baptism. Thus, the priest shares in the mission of Christ's own redemptive work without replacing Him as the one mediator between God and man. Here, one might ask why the person of the priest is necessary or what our Blessed Lord's motivation was when He instituted the sacrament of penance.

In Pope John Paul II's post-synodal apostolic exhortation, "Reconciliatio et Paenitentia," he elaborates on the notion of sin and its effects. First and foremost, sin has a profound effect upon the sinner: "As a personal act, sin has its first and important consequences in the sinner himself: that is, in his relationship with God, who is the very foundation of human life; and also in his spirit, weakening his will and clouding his intellect". However, this personal aspect of sin is not its only effect.

Throughout the writings of St. Paul, the truth that each baptized person is a member of the Body of Christ is repeated over and over again (Corinthians 12:12-31; Colossians 1:18; 2:18-20; Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:19; 4:13). Members of one Body, the graces and victories won by one member redound to the glory of all the members; however, the converse is also true. When one member of the Body sins, the other members are affected. The most obvious way sin affects others is when that sin is clearly directed toward another: slander, murder, theft, etc.

Pope John Paul II also points out that sin has a social effect in more ways than these, though: "To speak of social sin means in the first place to recognize that, by virtue of human solidarity which is a mysterious and intangible as it is real and concrete, each individual's sin in some ways affects others...In other words, there is no sin, not even the most intimate and secret one, the most strictly individual one, that exclusively concerns the person committing it. With greater or lesser violence, with greater or lesser harm, every sin has repercussions on the entire ecclesial body and the whole human family. Thus, each and every sin in some way affects the whole Body of Christ.

Often, many object to the notion of confessing one's sins to another person. People feel uncomfortable and ashamed telling others of the wrongs they have committed, but, in some sense, this is appropriate. Each person guilty of sin should be ashamed, at least in some way, of his or her transgression and feel some sorrow for the sins he or she has committed. This helps to prepare the penitent's soul for the forgiveness of Almighty God and is in itself a grace leading the soul back to right the relationship with our Blessed Lord, which should be a source of great consolation!

COME and JOIN US!

-Reminder-

Our next **JOY Club** meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 25** at **12:00 pm**. \$5.00 dues and lunch will be served. Please kindly contact Patricia for a head count. **Thank you!**

WINE And CHEESE SOCIAL!

Our next **Wine and Cheese Social** will be on **Saturday, May 5** after the 5 pm Mass. Join us for some goodies and getting acquainted. **Non-alcoholic beverages** will also be available. A \$5.00 donation is appreciated. The Wine and Cheese Social will continue the 1st Saturday of every month. **Any questions, please contact Lester at (973)383-5189**



World Apostolate Of FATIMA

The Blue Army Shrine invites all to Honor Our Lady's plea of December 10, 1925, requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. The first Saturday is May 5th, **"You at Least Try to Console Me."**

Speaker/Celebrant: Fr. James Walling

10:00 am Confessions; **11:30** Rosary w/15 minute mediation; **12:00 pm** Holy Mass; **1:00 pm** Enrollment in Brown Scapular; Confessions; **2:00** Talk on Last Vision of Fatima; Fatima Video; **3:00** Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: **"And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?"**

Our Blue Lady's Army located at 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802-(908)689-1700 ext. 210

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!