

*The Parish Family of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

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Weekends

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am
12:30 pm, 3:00 pm (Spanish) and 6:30 pm

Weekdays

6:30 am, 8:30 am and 12:00 noon

Saturdays: 8:30 am

Holy Days

Eve: 7:30 pm (anticipated)

6:30 am, 8:30 am, and 12:00 noon

Please see our schedule for Holy Week on Page 4.

MARCH 18, 2018

**5th SUNDAY
OF LENT**

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” - Jn 12:24



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Dear Friends,

Through these Lenten readings, we continue on our journey with Jesus on this, the 5th Sunday of Lent. These closing verses of Chapter 12 mark the end of the so-called *Book of Signs*, the twelve chapters in the first part of the Gospel of John in which Jesus performs signs which point to Who He is – the Son of God. In today's excerpted text, the arrival of Greeks is the fulfillment of the prophecy unknowingly uttered by the Pharisees (in verse 19) that the whole world is "going after him." But their arrival gives Jesus the occasion once again to remind his disciples of his, now imminent, suffering and death for the life of the world. At Cana, He had told His mother that his hour had not yet come; now he announces His hour has come.

For Jesus, death is the defining reality of living. It is the ultimate truth about the "world." It motivates our actions far more than we realize. Fear of death underlies every other fear, every kind of clinging, every selfishness. Fear of death leads us to cling to anything we can get our hands on, to seek the immortality of power, fame, fortune or even relationships. Such grasping is what Jesus calls loving the life of this world. If you choose to live your mortal life in this way, you will lose it. If you love the world in this way, it will gain you nothing. This is why Jesus urges His disciples (and us, as well) to hate the life of the world, to abandon this doomed desire for self-preservation. He promises to lead them in a better way, "I am the way and the truth and the life." The purpose of Jesus' life is to show the way beyond this world, to the glory of the Father.

But Jesus makes no pretense that this is easy. It brings Him grief and anguish. Fully human, He cannot but abhor the prospect of His own violent death. In addition, He mourns the plight of those who have committed themselves to love of the world, choosing to cling to what He knows will lead nowhere. But He knows the path which He must follow and the path His disciples must follow as well. Only those who hate their own instinct for self-preservation, those who are willing to face down the enticements and manipulations of instinctual self-defense can be open to what God offers.

As we begin to prepare for Holy Week, reflect on the priorities of your life, not just your sins. Do your priorities witness to "the world" and its path of self-preservation or to "Jesus, "and His path to eternal life.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

PS. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. It is during Holy Week that we celebrate the most sacred days in our faith-life, and I will be writing more about that next week, as I usually do. But there are two things which I want to place before you as you look at your calendars for the next week or so. The first is the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You and I know how fast-paced our lives are. Juggling work, school, the kids' extracurricular activities, cultural and social commitments, gives us very little time to breathe and to look at ourselves and the person we are or have

become. The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us that moment, to stop, examine and change what in our lives needs changing. The parish will offer three opportunities to do that. The first is the regularly scheduled Saturday confessions, next Saturday from 1:00-2:00PM. The second is the parish Penance Service, with the opportunity for individual confessions, one week from Tuesday, on March 27th at 7:30PM. The third and **last opportunity for confession before Easter** will be a week from Wednesday, March 28th, from 7:00-9:00PM. Make this a different Easter, by celebrating this sacrament, allow Jesus to heal you and renew you in His grace.

The second thing is the Palm Sunday Procession. At one Mass on Palm Sunday, the Church urges the faithful to participate in a procession which begins at some place outside the church building and moves to the church, imitating the entrance of Jesus into the Holy City, Jerusalem. This is simply called **THE PROCESSION**. As we have for the past three years, parishioners are invited to gather at Veterans' Field, at the band shell, at 11:30 for the blessing of Palm and the procession through the streets of Ridgewood (on the sidewalk) to the church for the 12:30 Mass. As you can imagine, this will be a great opportunity for us to give witness to Jesus Christ, His place in our hearts and lives, and in our Catholic faith. And it will also give witness to the vibrancy of Mount Carmel as a community of Catholic believers who take their faith seriously. I encourage great participation from the parish community, especially our parish families, parents and children, as we begin the start of the holiest week on the Christian calendar.

Also, next Sunday, Palm Sunday (3/25), **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration** will end at 8:00PM, after the celebration of the 6:30 Mass, and will not resume until Easter Monday, (4/17), at 7:00AM. By church regulation, there should be no adoration from Holy Thursday until after Easter. The extra days allow the chapel to be painted and the floors cleaned.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." Jesus' words in today's Gospel remind us that, as servants, our lives must mirror the life of the One whom we serve. How? By offering ourselves as He did. He offered His life, we offer what we can. The Christian Steward offers his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**, small in comparison to One's life. But we do it for the same reason He did, to build the Kingdom of the Father.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last weekend was \$20,313. The tithe this week for **Sharing Our Gifts** will be sent to *Family Promise of Bergen County*, providing shelter for working families that are temporarily homeless. God bless all who generously follow the Master's example in offering their gifts for the Gospel.

MORNING PRAYER FOR LENT—MON-FRI—6AM

Join us in the lower level of the school building.
Please enter through the back door.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1736 ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018—7:00PM

OLMC SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
*Celebrate the life of Saint Patrick!
Gather with friends & family!*

Enjoy a fine meal! Dance to great music!

The annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance has been a Knights tradition for many years. Guests are greeted by bagpipers. The Best of Everything will cater a full-course of traditional Irish fare including corned beef and cabbage. The Celtic Cross Band will be playing Irish classics and great dance music, along with a special appearance by Irish Step Dancers. There will also be a grand prize raffle drawing for a trip to Ireland, with the proceeds benefiting many local and worthy charities. Tickets are \$55 per person.

**For reservations or more information contact Jeff Voigt:
meddevconsultant@aol.com or 201.790.1521**

**Payments can be mailed to Jeff Voigt:
99 Glenwood Road, Ridgewood, NJ 07450**

RELIGIOUS ARTICLE SALE EASTER, COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

WHEN: Wed., March 21st through Sun., March 25th

WHERE: YOUTH CENTER
(Lower level of school building)

HOURS: Wednesday (21st): 10am to 5pm
Thursday (22nd): 10am to 5pm & 7pm to 9pm
Saturday (24th): 9am to 1pm
Sunday (25th): 8:30am to 2pm

A wide variety of items for all. Great gifts for Easter, Communion, Confirmation, Baptism and more!

We even have... *Featured Items:*

Rosary Beads & Sets; Easter Items Jewelry; Crosses & Crucifixes; Sponsor "Thank You" Gifts; Books for all ages; Godparent items; Sterling Silver Jewelry; Bibles for all ages; Saint Statues; Saint & Sports Medals; Picture Frames; Wall Plaques Outdoor Garden Statuary; Irish Themed Items; Communion Invitations; Children's Books; Auto Visor clips; Communion Veils & Purses; Tiny Saints; Miraculous Medals AND MUCH MORE!!!!!!

SPECIAL ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN
FOR ITEMS NOT IN STOCK

PAYMENT BY CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD!
Proceeds to benefit our Youth Ministry Program!

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Prayed each Friday during Lent,
immediately following the 12:00 noon Mass.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2018-2019 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SUMMER PROGRAM DATES

Monday, June 25th through Tuesday, July 3rd

2:00 PM-5:30 PM each day

This is a 7 day program with 4 required retreats during the school year. **Registration for this program will take place in the Parish Center at one of the following meetings:**

Wednesday, March 21st @ 9:30AM & 7:30PM

You must attend one of the above registration meetings, to participate in this program, and you must arrive on time.

All families must be registered with the parish for 6 months in order to participate in this program.

WHEN FAMILIES GATHER

This program meets once per month in addition to the parents teaching the curriculum at home and completing online homework: The options are Sunday: 10:30AM-12 noon or Monday: 6:30PM-8PM

WEEKLY SCHOOL MODEL PROGRAM

This program meets once per week during the school year and classes are held on the following days:

Sunday: 10:45AM-12:15PM; Tuesday: 4PM-5:30PM;

Wednesday: 4PM-5:30PM

Registration for this program will take place at the school on the following days:

Sunday, March 25th—10:30AM-12:30PM

Tuesday, April 3rd—4PM-6PM

Wednesday, April 4th—4PM-6PM

Sunday, May 6th—10:30AM-12:30PM

HOME GROUPS

Home groups meet in family homes and there must be at least 5 students of the same grade in each home group. All parents that teach any class are required to attend all catechist meetings. Please contact Michael Cesario in the Religious Ed office by April 1st if you want to establish a new home group.

Open Registration will take place in the Religious Education office for the Weekly School Model, When Families Gather and Home Groups **ONLY March 26th through May 7th, Monday-Thursday, 9:30AM-3:30PM or by appointment**

MOMs MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY MARCH 21ST | 9:15AM | PARISH CENTER

Please join us for our monthly meeting Wednesday March 21st at 9:15am in the Parish Center (**rescheduled from 3/7 due to weather*) as we reflect on the Stations of the Cross this Lenten season using the powerful words of J. Katherine Reilly, "A Way of the Cross for Mothers" as our guide. The reflections will help us to focus on the dying and rising moments of motherhood as we walk each Station and reflect on our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. Refreshments and child care are provided. Questions please contact Christine Gorman at chgorman@optonline.net.

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND AT OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL Academy of Our Lady's Class of 2018 invites all parishioners to pray the Living Stations of the Cross on Thursday, March 22nd immediately following Noon Mass.

SAVE THE DATE! LADIES NIGHT OUT!

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 | 7:00PM-11:00PM

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH CENTER

OVER 100 BASKETS, DOOR PRIZES, 50/50, MUSIC & MORE!

All proceeds support the Academy of Our Lady Tuition Assistance Program which began in 2003 and was designed to assist parish families with the cost of a Catholic education. For more information, contact Erin O'Halloran at erinohalloran@rocketmail.com

Attention 7th and 8th grade students!

The final Lenten Reconciliation Service is Thursday, March 22 at 7 PM in the Main Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions, Saturday, March 24: 1:00 - 2:00pm

Parish Penance Service, Tuesday, March 27: 7:30pm

Confessions, Wednesday, March 28: 7:00-9:00pm

PALM SUNDAY - March 25

Saturday Eve: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

12:30, 3:00 (Spanish), 6:30pm

11:30am Blessing of Palm & Procession from Veterans Field to the Church for the 12:30 Mass

HOLY THURSDAY - March 29

Morning Prayer - 8:30am

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY - March 30

Morning Prayer - 8:30am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00pm

Living Stations of the Cross - 7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY - March 31

Morning Prayer - 8:30am

Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY - April 1

8:00am

9:30am

9:30am (Auditorium)

11:00am

11:00am (Auditorium)

12:30pm

12:30pm (Auditorium)

3:00pm (Spanish)

NO 6:30 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Eucharistic



Adoration

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

Chapel is open 24/7

Children are welcome!

Let us embrace the whole world with prayer.

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the chapel or better yet, sign-up for a regular one hour once a week to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God. PEA brings abundant blessings to the faithful, to his loved ones, to the church and to the community.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED:

TUESDAY: 2-3AM, 7-8AM; WEDNESDAY: 6-7AM

THURSDAY: 8-9AM; FRIDAY: 9-10AM

SATURDAY: 5-6PM, 6-7PM; SUNDAY: 1-2AM

For information in English, call/text/email

Cynthia at 551.574.1063 or cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

For information in Spanish, call/text/email

Patricia Engel at 201.410.5159 or Camuscat2@yahoo.com

Please Note: The PEA Chapel will close at 8:00PM on Palm Sunday, March 25th and will reopen at 7:00AM on Monday, April 2, 2018.

NATIONAL SINGLE PARENT DAY

The Archdiocese of Newark's Family Life Office sponsors:

SINGLE PARENT SUCCESS

Wednesday, March 21st - 6:45—8:30pm

Notre Dame Church, 359 Central Avenue, N. Caldwell

If single parenting leaves you feeling overwhelmed or inadequate some days, or overlooked in terms of your needs, join Loyla Louvis from Mothers in Training, LLC for an insightful look at five strategies every single parent should know. Loyla Louvis is a parenting coach, mentor and public speaker. If you are a single parent, were raised by a single parent, a grandparent raising children or have ever been a single parent, you are welcome!! Babysitting and refreshments are provided. This event is free of charge but please RSVP to:

<https://www.smores.com/dnqb9> or email lauren.egan@rcan.org

SPRING CRAFT SHOW/SALE

SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL—MONTVALE, NJ

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 | 10:00AM—4:00PM

Annual Spring Craft Show/Sale showcasing the talents of 100 crafts people and fine artists including many new crafters. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free.

NO STROLLERS PERMITTED. www.sjrni.org

CHURCH OF ST. MARY—CLOSTER, NJ

HOSTS FR. JIM MCKENNA MEMORIAL FUND—APRIL 21ST

ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK DINNER & REVERSE RAFFLE

FOR INFORMATION: WWW.FATHERJIMMCKENNA.ORG

**DEADLINE FOR PALM SUNDAY BULLETIN
TOMORROW—MONDAY, MARCH 19TH**

**DEADLINE FOR EASTER SUNDAY BULLETIN
THIS FRIDAY—MARCH 23RD**

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. Mar.18:** 10:45AM Religious Ed SM (School, REC)
11:00AM RCIA (SLLA)
1:00PM Career Resources Meeting (PCA)
2:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA)
5:00PM Jr High 8B (MR)
7:30PM Jr High 8C (PCA/B, MR, SMR)
- Mon. Mar. 19:** 9:30AM Spiritual Yoga (MR)
11:00AM WCST Core Team (Library)
5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
7:00PM WFG Reconciliation (Church)
- Tues. Mar. 20:** 3:45PM Jr High 7D (PCA/B, MR, SMR, Lib)
4:00PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
4:00PM Religious Ed SM (School, REC)
5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
7:00PM WCST CoP Team Mtg (Library)
7:30PM Separated & Divorced Mtg (SLL-B)
8:00PM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms)
- Wed. Mar 21:** 9:00AM Neo-Catechumenal (REC 3FI)
9:00AM MOMs Core Team Mtg (Library)
4:00PM Religious Ed SM (School, REC)
5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
7:30PM Rel Ed Summer Program Reg (PCB)
7:30PM Bible Study (MR)
8:00PM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms)
- Thur. Mar. 22:** 4:00PM Ms. Liz's Religious Ed (REC 1FI)
5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
7:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer (PCA/B)
7:00PM Jr High Reconciliation (Church)
- Fri. Mar. 23:** 9:30AM Neo-Catechumenal (REC 3FI)
- Sat. Mar. 24:** 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym)
9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym)
9:15AM First Eucharist Retreat (PCA/B, MR)
6:30PM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW-All)
7:00PM KofC St. Patrick's Dinner (Gym)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Luke Abbadessa, Joey Arcilla, Kevin Bombace, Francis Cabrera, Josefa Calero, Peter Colgan, Maria De la Rosa, Maria Angelica Delgado, Maria Garate, Lauren Harpster Hines, James E. Hough, Carl King, Anna Lobascio, Beverly Magner, Joel McCabe, Tristan Morris, Joseph Pasculli, Troy Pelfrey, III, Kerri Prettitore, Adele Rivas, Christopher Roddy, Rose Marie Rutz, Francis Savage, Luke Schwendeman, Tommy Shea, Kenny Sheehan, Joseph Sidote, Mark Steppe, Susan Sullivan, Mary Thomann, Tim Tileston, Patricia Uzzalino, Antonina Turdo Volpé, Christina Volpé.

Please call the Rectory with the name of any family member who is sick, so we can include them in our prayer list.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED MINISTRY

HOSTS JACK KAKOLEWSKI THIS WEEK

Jack Kakolewski will facilitate a discussion at the Mt. Carmel Separated & Divorced Ministry meeting this **TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH, 7:30PM**. Jack will specifically focus on the issues we face as we move forth from our marriages. Anyone in the community is welcome to join us. **The ministry meets Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00PM** through the end of April. RSVP (optional) for inclement weather notices, by emailing olmc.sd.ministry@gmail.com.



Monday, March 19th *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 + **6:30AM Martha Buchsbaum**
 req The Liggett Family
 + **8:30AM Joseph Pasckiewicz**
 req The Tomas & Lamendola Families
 +**12:00NN Daniel, Phylis & Mary Catherine Heagney**
 req The Family

Tuesday, March 20th
 + **6:30AM Grace West**
 req Norma & Rich Van Zile
 + **8:30AM Dick Thomas**
 req The Mulvey Family
 +**12:00NN Antoinette & Phil Nucci**
 req The Judge Family

Wednesday, Mar. 21st
 + **6:30AM Augustine T. Toomey, Jr.**
 req The Blau Family
 + **8:30AM Helen Canavan**
 req Janice Willett
 +**12:00NN Thomas Gorman**
 req Lynne San Phillip

Thursday, March 22nd
 + **6:30AM Eugenio Garrido**
 req The McClure Family
 + **8:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory**
 req Liliana Silebi
 +**12:00NN Mary Fearon**
 req Kathleen Fearon

Friday, March 23rd *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*
 + **6:30AM For the Protection of the Unborn & Their Families**
 req OLMC Respect Life Ministry
 + **8:30AM Todd DeLucca**
 req Armand Rosamilia & Trish Spiegel
 +**12:00NN John Gerard Redl**
 req His Family

Saturday, March 24th *Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr*
 + **8:30AM Barbara Cassidy**
 req Keli Dougherty
 + **5:30PM Elizabeth Sweeney Lodewick**
 req The Lodewick Family

Sunday, Mar. 25th *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*
8:00AM For the People of the Parish
 + **9:30AM Bill & Vera Wiseman**
 req Monica & Ed McCabe
 +**11:00AM James Riggi**
 req His Sister
 +**12:30PM Vincenzo & Rosa Cino**
 req The Cino Family
3:00PM Special Int. of Fresia & Enrique Aros
 req Ana Maria Aros
 + **6:30PM Deceased Members of the Hobbs-Bergen Family**
 req Kathleen Leach

TODAY'S READINGS

- Jeremiah 31: 31-34**
 For most of his prophetic ministry, Jeremiah was an object to scorn. This prophet of the closing years of the kingdom witnessed the disloyalty of the people and prophesied the destruction of the kingdom. At the same time, he offers his contemporaries the hope of eventual restoration. While the old covenant, which marked the beginning of a special bond between God and His people, was inscribed in stone, the new covenant will be inscribed directly on the hearts of the people. How? By God's own initiative, who will extend His forgiveness, a forgiveness which will motivate His people to absolute loyalty to His saving word.
- Hebrews 5: 7-9**
 According to ancient rabbis, there were three kinds of prayer, (1) prayer, (2) crying out; and (3) tears, each one loftier than the preceding one. The author of *Hebrews* tells us that Jesus prayed with "loud cries and tears." Jesus' tears were the loftiest form of prayer, holy, honest venting before God. And this prayer was heard because of "His reverence." This being so, even with the tears and the reverence, Jesus nevertheless went on to suffer. The obedience of Jesus, with which He accepted the suffering, was a listening to God with respectful surrender and the perfection thus achieved is the accomplishment of His mission – a mission given by the Father.
- John 12: 20-33**
 The arrival of gentiles seeking Jesus serves as the moment for Jesus' announcement that His hour, referred to in previous passages as not yet come, has now arrived. And it is this eschatological moment pointing to Jesus' death that will allow the gentiles into the saving revelation first offered to Abraham. Jesus then goes on to explain the urgency of the hour and the meaning of His death. His death, like the grain of wheat, will produce fruit, the fruit being union between the believing community and the Father in love, a love which must imitate His, a love which embraces the cross and leads to exaltation.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- When do I love my life too much to loose it?
- When was the last time I did an action without counting the cost to myself?
- Christ "learned obedience through suffering." In what ways do I learn the same? What "obedience" have I learned?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 3/24	5:30PM	Fr. Kevin
Sun. 3/25	8:00AM	Fr. Tony
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Robert
	12:30PM	Fr. Ron
	3:00PM	Fr. Kevin
	6:30PM	Fr. Kevin

Late changes appear on the website after 12:00 noon on the Saturday of that weekend.