



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 29 ~ Vigil/Fourth Sunday of Easter
5:30 PM Peggy Kennedy, Judy Jackman, Virginia Steinback

Sunday, April 30 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Chris Stanton

Monday, May 1
9:00 AM

Wednesday, May 3
9:00 AM

Friday, May 5
9:00 AM The People of the Parish

Saturday, May 6 ~ Vigil/Fifth Sunday of Easter
5:30 PM Dave Barbuti

Sunday, May 7 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Pashko Luke Shkreli, Janet Murphy

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, May 6 ~ Vigil/Fifth Sunday of Easter
5:30 PM Joe Herschel

Sunday, May 7 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Frank Schmaus

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, May 6 ~ Vigil/Fifth Sunday of Easter
5:30 PM Kathy Fayol (a), Barb Cinque (c)

Sunday, May 7 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Lisa Dyer (a), Ann Clouse (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (*Navy*) Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*)
Sarah Bowen (*Navy*) Juan Gonzalez (*Navy*)
Kaila McGowan (*Marines*) Anthony Pagano (*Navy*)
Joseph Ruize (*Navy*) Pashko Shkreli (*Army*)
Carissa Tironi (*Army*) Nicholas Turner (*Army*)
Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Gina Lempka, Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marion Andersen, Pat Arlotta, Bridget Auer,
Joanne Bach, Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke,
Barbara Ceriale, Brad Ceriale, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson,
Anna DiMare, Marie DiMare, Maria Elena DiMare,
Tina DiMare, Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo,
Lenore Giansante, Margaret Hale, Brandon Hriniaak, Mike
Hurd, Rosemary Osborn, Julie Oparski, Marianna Oparski,
Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Chris Strobl, Terry Waterson

BULLETIN SPONSOR of the WEEK

Quickway Diner & Restaurant

68 Route 17K, Bloomingburg

845-733-1012

Voted Best Diner, Coffee, Soup & Breakfast!

Please support the businesses who advertise here and thank them for supporting our Church!

To advertise, call 1-800-333-3166 (John Patrick Publishing)

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday by Appointment (9 AM start)

Tuesday, May 2
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 3
Program Begins at OLMC ~ 7:00-8:30 PM

Friday, May 5
Holy Hour & Rosary for Life ~ 7:00 PM
Hosted by the Third Order of Lay Carmelites & Mamakating Knights of Columbus

Sunday, May 7
1st Holy Communion during 9:30 AM Mass

Sunday, May 7
Finance Committee Meeting ~ 10:45 AM

Tuesday, May 9
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Sunday, May 14 ~ Mothers' Day
Youth Mass at 9:30 AM
Crowning of Mary after 9:30 AM Mass
Mothers' Day Breakfast
Follows in the Parish Center
Presented by OLA & Mamakating Knights of Columbus

Thursday, May 18
The Ascension of the Lord ~ Mass at 7:00 PM
(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Sunday, May 21
Baptism (during Mass) ~ Anastasia Cromwell

THE WORD

Today's Scripture
4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14s, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Contemplative Prayer

Having looked at Vocal Prayer and Meditative Prayer, the next topic to consider is Contemplative Prayer. In Contemplation, one stands in a wordless exchange with God. However, being wordless means that it is harder to describe using words.

Contemplation can be called: spiritual awareness, wordless adoration, prayer of the heart, mystical prayer, the prayer of quiet, and even simply mental prayer. All these terms point to spending time before God without saying anything, simply being present to God. Some say that this prayer is a gift that only God can give us. Yet, we can prepare our hearts and minds for this prayer.

The Carmelite Saint John of the Cross taught that one should let go of all attachments so that the heart, empty of all wearisome desires, can focus only on loving God. In some ways, this emptying is somewhat similar to what we read last week about the Eastern form of Meditation which is an emptying of all desires, illusions, and ego. Yet, while the aim of Eastern meditation is the complete quieting of the soul, the aim of Christian contemplation is to be totally open to the presence of a loving God before us. In the warmth of this love, we are called to leave sinful desires and inclinations behind and seek instead to follow the will of God.

Congratulations & God's Blessings!

The following Level 8 Religious Education Students were confirmed by The Most Reverend Bishop Gerardo Colaccio at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown. The Mass and Confirmation took place on Friday, April 28 at 5:00 PM.

Kaylee Durocher
Moonandre Hippolyte
Peter Kura
Jasmine Romer

The parishioners at OLA are proud of these fine young people and congratulate them on reaching this milestone in their journey within their Catholic faith.

Mass Attendance/Collection

at Mass on April 22 & 23: **101**
Weekend's Collection: **\$1,354.00**

Holy Hour & Rosary for Life

This Friday, May 5, the Carmelite Third Order and Mamakating Knights of Columbus will together present the First Friday Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Rosary for Life. You are invited to come participate in this special time to be with Jesus in quiet contemplation, and pray for the lives of the unborn. It will be held in the Church beginning at 7:00 PM.



The Eucharist in Scripture

You are invited to discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass, during this 6-week program offered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel by the Adult Faith Formation Group.

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 PM
6-Weeks starting May 3rd
Reserve your spot by contacting:
Jacqueline Bennett
845-728-5505 capjax61@yahoo.com
Workbooks are \$20.00 Meets in the Parish Center
Flyers are available in the Gathering Area.

Is God CALLING YOU?

In the weeks ahead, we will highlight each of our liturgical ministries. All are invited to our **Liturgical Ministry Fair** after the Masses the weekend of **June 3rd and June 4th**. We hope that you begin to consider if you feel God may be calling you to serve in one of these ministries.

This week we're highlighting

USHER Ministry

OLA's ushers are the primary ministers of hospitality, and are responsible for making certain that the Mass will flow smoothly. They make sure that everything is in readiness for the celebration of the Eucharist, as well as attending to the needs of the parishioners. Some of their duties include making sure church doors are unlocked, lights are on and altar candles lit; seating parishioners as necessary; and handling the collection.