

Easter Sunday

of the Resurrection of the Lord

WEEKEND COLLECTION 3/28/2015 & 3/29/2015

Due to the early transmission of this bulletin, collection totals for March 28 and March 29 were not available at the time it was transmitted to the printer. They will be published in the next bulletin.

The Finance Committee has determined that we need to collect \$9,400 each week to meet our current expenses. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann parish.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Many thanks to all who have donated or pledged to the 2015 Partners in Charity Appeal. This annual appeal for the Diocese of Worcester serves 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support, we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship. Our goal again this year is \$50,000. The last two years you as a parish successfully exceeded this goal. We are again asking for your generous and faithful support to this vital diocesan campaign. If you haven't yet pledged or donated, envelopes for this purpose are in the pews. Once completed, they can be dropped into the collection basket, mailed to or dropped off at the parish center. To date we have received 133 gifts of \$30,442. We need everyone's help to make our goal. Again, many thanks!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It's hard to believe that Easter is here. We can all attest that the winter has been exceedingly snowy, cold, long and often dark.

Easter calls us out of the darkness that shrouds our lives into the possibility of healing and new life. In His rising from the dead, Christ enables us to bring into our own lives all that He lived and taught and gave: the love, compassion, generosity, humility and selflessness that ultimately triumphs over hatred, bigotry, despair, greed and death. The empty tomb is the sign of perfect hope: that in Jesus Christ all things are possible, that we can make of our lives what we want them to be, that we can become the people God created us to become.

May we not fear or shrink from Easter morning's first light but embrace that light and the hope it promises in Christ, our Risen Lord, who is forever in our midst, illuminating the darkness and giving peace to all who will accept it. In my name, and in the name of Bishop Rieger, Fr. Martinez, Deacon Montiverdi and the entire parish staff we wish you and all your loved ones a HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER!

Monsignor Pedone

EASTER LETTER FROM BISHOP McMANUS

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts of all who encounter Christ." Pope Francis' words were never more apt than on Easter when the women in the garden, the disciples on the road to Emmaus and the Apostles in the upper room encountered the Risen Christ. With that encounter, the grief, dismay and shock of Good Friday gave way to the joy of Easter. Filled with that joy, the women ran from the garden to tell the Apostles, the disciples returned to Jerusalem to spread the good news, and the Apostles, after being emboldened by the Holy Spirit, went out to the whole world to preach the Gospel.

At the beginning of Lent, Pope Francis warned us that indifference to God and to neighbor is a real danger in the modern world. The Holy Father urged us to use Lent as a time of interior renewal to reject indifference toward others and to shun a dangerous withdrawal into ourselves. Love, he wrote, conquers indifference.

The events of Holy Week and Easter commemorate history's greatest act of love and our unfailing reason for hope. The death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ show us that good triumphs over evil, that redemption overcomes sin and that life and love outlast the shadow of earthly death. Celebrating these events in our liturgies, meditating upon them in our devotions and reflecting upon them in our prayer, we too encounter the Risen Christ and our reason for joy. God's infinite love and mercy for us cannot leave us indifferent. Rather, the event of the Resurrection should compel us, like those who encounter the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday, to bring the joy of Easter and the good news of God's love to those around us.

May God's blessings be with you, your loved ones and all you encounter this Easter Season.

With every prayerful wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 4, 2015—7:30 p.m.

Linda Gallicchio (First Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, April 5, 2015—8:00 a.m.

Theresa Groccia (5th Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, April 5, 2015—10:00 a.m.

Amelia & Joseph Conte by John Conte and Family

Sunday, April 5, 2015—11:30 a.m.

Camilla & Concetta Finocchi by Family

Monday, April 6, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Ellen Biancheria by Cindy Cruz

Tuesday, April 7, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**Deceased of Feola Family, Antoinetta Rossetti,
Rosalba Puca** by D'Andrea Family

Wednesday, April 8, 2015—7:00 a.m.

The Soul of Vincente

Thursday, April 9, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Rene Silva by a Friend

Friday, April 10, 2015—7:00 a.m.

Vincente Te

Saturday, April 11, 2015—4:00 p.m.

Mario Quarta (8th Anniversary) by Tony and Ann
Marie Quarta

Emilio and Congetta DiVirgilio by Family
Raymond Barber (Month's Mind) by Family

Sunday, April 12, 2015—8:00 a.m.

Natale Losapio (First Anniversary) by Sister
Jack Masiello (First Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, April 12, 2015—10:00 a.m.

Rose D'Andrea by Donna Guiliani
Angelo Bello by Daughters

Sunday, April 12, 2015—11:30 a.m.

**Brescia Family: Carlo (26th Anniversary),
Giuseppina (22nd Anniversary) and son
Vincenzo (23rd Anniversary)** by Family

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF MOUNT
CARMEL-ST. ANN PARISH IN YOUR WILLS,
BEQUESTS, YOUR ESTATE PLANNING AND UP-
ON THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE.
MANY THANKS!



Please pray for the sick of our parish: Anna Perro, Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, James Dionne, Donna Grasseschi, Lena Sbrogna, Michael Crossen, Lori Blackwell, Carmella Szklarz, Matteo Fiore, Matthew Hicks, Henry Penny, Patrick Loconto, Eleanor Lupisella, Butch Rano, Mary O'Connor, Christina Rovezzi, Christopher Collazo, Eleanor Gaudenzi, Eileen Biziewski, Patricia Naples, Paula & Arthur Mari, Beverly Sacco, Ava Grace Mackenzie, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Lorraine Mazzola and Mary Ciuffredo. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY LAMPS ARE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF:

Yolanda Lombardi

By Mary Olson

Joseph & Irene Capurso and Ann Ferdella

(Easter Blessings)

By Paul & Kathy Stukowski

NEW HYMNALS

The new Worship IV and Gather III hymnals have arrived and are on display at the entrances of the church. Please consider donating a set as a gift from or in memory of a loved one. We will have a special nameplate printed for this purpose, which will be affixed to the hymnals. The cost is \$40.00 for both hymnals, which must be purchased together.



CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The parish sends out monthly nearly 700 sets of envelopes. In an average week, less than 200 are returned with an individual's or family's contribution. Some chose not to use envelopes and, instead, make their financial contribution to the church through "on-line giving," monthly, semi-annual and annual contributions. The envelope system is very expensive to operate but is a very effective way to help us gauge contributions and budget for the future.

Recently, a letter went out to parishioners who have not used the parish envelope system since October 2013 informing them that their names will be removed from the envelope system but not from the parish census, because it is apparent they are no longer using envelopes. The reason is that we are trying to cut out unnecessary costs and make more effective use of the money you entrust to the parish. However, if you are not currently receiving envelopes and would like to, please call the parish office at 508-797-4546.

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – ST. ANN
GOLDEN YEARS CLUB**

Program for the Month April 2015

April 7, 2015

10:00 A.M. Socializing
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

April 14, 2015

10:00 A.M. Socializing
10:30 A.M. Board Meeting Golden Years Club
11:00 A.M. Business Meeting Golden Years Club
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

April 21, 2015

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. VNA “Keep Well Clinic” –
Blood Pressure Etc.
10:00 A.M. Socializing
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

April 28, 2015

10:00 A.M. Socializing
11:00 A.M. Paper Sale – No broken packages.
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

**REMINDER --- PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING
FOOD FOR THE POOR --- FOOD FOR OUR FOOD
BANK---DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK HAVE
BEEN VERY LOW---IF MEMBERS DONATE ONE ITEM
EVERY TUESDAY FOR THE FOOD BANK IT WILL BE
VERY HELPFUL.**

ON-LINE GIVING

We appreciate your contributions to the church communi-
ty and would especially like to recognize those who are
now using our Online Giving service.

To get started or to learn more about Online Giving,
please click the Online Giving link on our church website
at mtcarmel.ws. If you would like help, please call Lisa at
508-797-4546 or e-mail us at lisaolmc@gmail.com

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation
for Easter flowers in memory of a
loved one and you did not receive an
Easter flower envelope in your packet
of offertory envelopes, additional en-
velopes are available in the church.



EASTER SUNDAY

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things
that are on earth.” (COLOSSIANS 3:2) On this day we
thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for
us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let’s try to keep the
joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the
year! Pray daily and listen for God’s response on how we
should use our gifts to fulfill His plan.

SPONSORSHIP CERTIFICATES

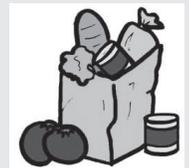
We often receive requests from parishioners who have
been asked to serve as a godparent at a baptism or a
sponsor at confirmation. In order for us to issue these
certificates, certain rules apply: (1) You must be a bap-
tized and confirmed Catholic; (2) You must be a regis-
tered member of this parish, who contributes financially to
the parish and attends Mass here regularly; (3) If married,
you were married before a Catholic priest. If these criteria
are not met, regretfully we cannot issue the certificate.

**ST. THOMAS MORE LAW
SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese
awards a scholarship of not less than \$3000 to a law stu-
dent attending an accredited law school in the fall. Appli-
cants or parents must be registered and active members
of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may
be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be
obtained by visiting the diocesan website,
www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society, by
mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery
Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling
Julie Schroeder at [508-929-4345](tel:508-929-4345). Applications are due on
or before June 30, 2015. Should anyone wish to contrib-
ute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly ap-
preciated and you can make contact at the above address
or phone number.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY

Through your generosity, we are able to
help families in our local area with food.
Please drop off food items in the white cart
near the shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.
Your donations make a big difference to
some one who is hungry. Many thanks!



Looking for Catholic Programming ? **WCCA TV** ,
formerly Ch. 13 but now found on **Ch. 194** in
Worcester airs Diocese Specials every Tuesday at
8pm. Also streaming live online on Tuesdays at
8pm at wccatv.com .

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

The following students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 12th at 3:00 p.m. Please pray for them.

- Julia Christina **Lucia** D'Alessandro
- Sophia Mia **Juliana** DePasquale
- Michael David **John** Fichtner
- Nicholas Alexander **Michael** Keyes
- Alessandro Giuseppe **Anthony** Romeo
- Antonio Wayne **Jerome** Romeo
- Gianluca **Fidelis** Romeo
- Patrick John **Luigi** Travaglio-Romeo
- Gianna Marie **Teresa** Ruggieri
- Gianna Marie **Lucy** Sasso
- Samuel John **Paul** Serafin
- Maggie Lee **Anthony** Terlizzi
- Mario Andrew **John** Terlizzi
- Olivia Rachel **Michael** Terlizzi
- Rose **Katherine** Zamarro Beiter
- Ariella Robin **Anne** Zwicker

CAROLE KING THE MUSICAL

Sunday, September 20

Providence Performing Arts Center
 Tickets: \$88.00 includes show and bus

I will need people to pay in advance, but wanted to secure good seats. So I took a chance and ordered the tickets now. They go on sale to the public next week.

Long before she was **Carole King**, chart-topping music legend, she was Carol Klein, BROOKLYN girl with **Passion** and **Chutzpah**. She fought her way into the record business as a teenager and, by the time she reached her twenties, had the husband of her dreams and a flourishing career writing hits for the biggest acts in rock 'n' roll. But it wasn't until her personal life began to crack that she finally managed to find her true voice. BEAUTIFUL tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she made more than BEAUTIFUL music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation.

**NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE
 DINNER SHOW AND CABARET
 MAY 9, 2015
 CHEATERS**

Allen and Michelle have been living together for eighteen months. It is the first real relationship for both of them. Michelle thinks they should marry; Allen isn't sure. His hesitancy drives her home to her parents for advice. Unknowingly, both sets of parents know each other "very well". The pieces fall uproariously into place when the parents decide to meet the young lovers over dinner to lend their maturity and experience for the benefit of their children's relationship. It's suddenly everyone for himself in this wild, rollicking look at love and romance. We will leave the center at 1:00 p.m. It will be a full day. We should arrive in Newport around 3:30 p.m. You will be given an ocean view tour and then have two hours to shop. Dinner will be at 6:15 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m. followed by a cabaret show. The bus will leave Newport at 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$65.00 that includes coach bus transportation, dinner, show and cabaret. For tickets or more information call Joan at [508-791-6139](tel:508-791-6139) or email joan_dargenis@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE AND SUMMER PROGRAM

Ages 5-10

July 7-30

9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Please contact Joan D'Argenis at joan_dargenis@yahoo.com or 508-797-4546 for more information.



TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

Tell a tale of new life!

If you've ever had the experience of coming face to face with death and have come out alive, if you have ever been given a second chance to undo past mistakes because someone you hurt has forgiven you, if you have been given a new lease on life after a physical, emotional, or spiritual trauma, "Then you have experienced Resurrection," said Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago. Exultant as such a moment is, it is only a taste of Resurrection. Can you share a personal Resurrection story today? How were you "left for dead" but raised up by the hand of God? Then bear witness. Tell someone your own new life story today!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 (42, 41)) or at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46). "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

MONDAY, APRIL 6

EASTER MONDAY

Truth prevails

Everyone knows that one of the ways you determine the truth in a court of law is through the testimony of witnesses. Hopefully, you never have to go through the ordeal of being that kind of witness. But you are called to the joy of being a witness to Christ. The sacraments give you the grace to be a disciple—a word that means "follower," a follower of a way, the way of truth. Jesus is that way and truth and life. Live your testimony. Let it be evidence of God in the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). "God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses."

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

EASTER TUESDAY

Proclaim the word!

Did you know that the 12 apostles aren't the only apostles? In the Catholic tradition, we have honored others with this title because they embody the fundamental spirit of being sent forth on mission. In his teaching on the apostles at a general audience (February 14, 2007), Pope Benedict XVI recalled that as early as Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century, Mary Magdalene was known as the "Apostle to the Apostles" for being "the first to announce to the apostles the words of life." Let us go do likewise and proclaim the words of life!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). "Mary went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord!'"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

EASTER WEDNESDAY

Flesh and blood

Catholics believe in the doctrine of *transubstantiation*—that is, that bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. The conversion is not merely symbolic, but actual, through the power of God. And not just Body and Blood, but the risen Christ as a whole is present in the sacrament. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus." Don't forget that the living Lord is always mysteriously in your midst.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). "... he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread."

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

EASTER THURSDAY

It all begins at Baptism

At an Easter Vigil, the bishop preached a stirring homily on the waters of life, the waters of Baptism. The entire congregation was panting, eager to feel just a drop of that cool, life-giving water after renewing our baptismal vows. Unfortunately, one of the priests (the sprinkling was shared by several priests) was so frail that hardly a drop ever left the sprinkler he was ineffectively waving. A lesson in deferred gratification for some in the assembly, but also a reminder that everything in the life of the Spirit comes to us because we are baptized into the body of Christ. On what date were you baptized? How about celebrating with a corporal act of charity?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264). "Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures."

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 **EASTER FRIDAY**

Mystified? Let it all sink in

So much happens during Lent and Holy Week. The Easter season is a time to let it all sink in. Newly baptized Catholics partake in a process with the imposing name of *mystagogia*, coming from Greek words meaning "to initiate into the sacred rites." The ancient custom was for experienced Catholics to spend the first week of Easter with the newly baptized, helping them absorb the mysteries they had accepted in their Baptism, Confirmation, and first Eucharist. But we "old Catholics" are called to participate in the process right alongside the new ones. Take some time today to marvel at all that you have seen, heard, witnessed, and experienced these past weeks.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). "Let Christians offer praises to the paschal victim . . . The lamb has redeemed the sheep."

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

EASTER SATURDAY

A gem of a sacrament

The sacraments of initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Sometimes at the Easter Vigil, adult candidates receive all three in such a liturgical tsunami that the sacraments seem to happily blend into one another. This is even more striking in the Eastern rites, where Christian initiation for infants begins with Baptism followed immediately by Confirmation and the Eucharist! The Latin rite separates the three by periods of intense preparation, usually from early infancy to adolescence to adulthood. Both Eastern and Latin rites reveal these sacraments as multiple facets of a single precious gem.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). "When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe."

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