Masses
Daily
Monday – Saturday 8:30 AM
Weekends
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON
Holy Days
As announced
Sacraments
The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 PM,
or by appointment; please call the Church Office.
The Sacrament of Baptism
The second Sunday of each month, except during Lent. Please arrange for Baptism at least two months in advance.
The Sacrament of Marriage
Please make an appointment with a priest or deacon at least one year in advance.
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Please call the Church Office to request a visit from fr. Dan.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission Statement
“We are the Roman Catholic Community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel based in Tenafly, New Jersey.
Our mission is the promotion of the holiness of life through the celebration of the Sacraments, the sharing of the Gospel and the promotion of Catholic values.
We offer pastoral care through ministries that provide education, healing, spiritual growth and social outreach in the Carmelite tradition.”

“No matter who you are, no matter what you’ve done, no matter where you’re from, no matter where you’re going, no matter how good or bad things seem, you are always welcome.”

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WELCOME

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,

Happy new liturgical year! Yes, we are now upon that moment in Church life when we start anew. We go back to the beginning of the Christian narrative and repeat our celebration of the birth and life and death of Jesus one more time.

Before we get too far into the new season, I want to thank you again for three highlights of the year that is now drawing to a close.

The Medical Mission was hugely successful and there is lots of enthusiasm to do it again, perhaps even in fall of 2019.

Our parochial response to the invitation to join Temple Sinai in observance of Kristallnacht was so positive that we are already starting to plan our next endeavor together. Ed Imperatore and I are meeting with Temple Sinai leaders this coming Thursday to discuss our next joint venture.

And, the Hall of Fame celebration on Friday night of this past week was a smash. We cannot carry out our Christian mission without the many people who actually do the work. Hall of Fame is one way of saying thank you, both to current honorees and to prior honorees, as well as to the Hall of Fame committee for planning this extravaganza who deserve Hall of Fame nominations themselves for their tireless efforts.

Finally, I especially thank each of you who are reading this in church or online. We are grateful that you care about our Church enough to walk with us in every season and through any difficulty.

Therefore, thanks again to each of you. Blessed New Year of Our Lord 2019.

Sincerely yours in Christ and Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
fr. Dan
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TODAY’S GOSPEL MESSAGE
Sunday, December 2nd

“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

“Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the new liturgical year. Yet the Gospel passage is all about the end of the world. The instruction for both is the same, however: prepare. We are called to be prepared and be ready at all times, whether marking a beginning or anticipating an eventual end.”

Source: Pastoral Patterns, Winter 2018-2019

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday   Isa 2:1-5; Matt 8:5-11
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial) – Canonized in 1602, he is the patron of all foreign missions.

Tuesday  Isa 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday Isa 25:6-10a; Matt 15:29-37

Thursday Isa 26:1-6; Matt 7:21, 24-27

Friday   Isa 29:17-24; Matt 9:27-31
Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial) – He excelled as a preacher, teacher, and pastor and influenced the conversion of St. Augustine.

Saturday  Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) – In 1854 Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith that Mary was born without original sin.
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd
8:30 Anthony Philpott (29th Anniversary)
   Requested by The Roux Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4th
8:30 Eugene Loughlin
   Requested by Louise Fagliarone

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th
8:30 Ella Connolly
   Requested by The Rafferty Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th
8:30 Mary Ann Hellwinkel
   Requested by The Rafferty Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th
8:30 Joseph Barbuto
   Requested by The Dente & Barbuto Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th
8:30 Joan Brooks
   Requested by Her Husband, Michael Brooks
12PM Special Intentions & Thanksgiving
   Requested by The Puccio Family
5:00 Dominick Avitabile
   Requested by Women’s Cornerstone

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th
8:00 Joseph Barbuto
   Requested by The Dente & Barbuto Family
10:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
12:00 Mary Buzzoni

THE BREAD AND WINE
This week the Bread and Wine are in memory of
The Biscaldi and Musso Families requested by Cloie Biscaldi.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP
This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
Sr. Nora Lohan, MFIC requested by Silva.

REST IN PEACE
Please remember in your prayers Leatrice Cellary,
Matilde Crawley, Maria Cecilia “Tita” Figueroa (mother of
Julia Carozza), Judith Marcus, Theresa Turner and all the
military men and women who have died this week.

MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 8th
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM
Lector – Mary Paone
Eucharistic Ministers – Beverly Rath, Pat White

12 NOON
Lector – Margaret Rossi
Eucharistic Ministers – (two EMs needed)

MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 8th & 9th

5 PM
Altar Servers – Haedyn Brigati, Eliza Thek, Laurenne Bai,
   Eliana Melone
Lector – Sr. Regina
Eucharistic Ministers – Ruth Howard, Della Booker,
   Chuck Martini, Tony Martin

8 AM
Altar Servers – Lenny Park, William Reiser, Ondrej Reiser
Lector – Tracy Scheller-Oaten
Eucharistic Ministers – Fran Mladjenovic, Raymond Glover,
   Pat White, Rich White

10 AM
Altar Servers – John Martinez, Chenelle Castor, Gianna Sidoti
Lector – Martin Miglietta
Eucharistic Ministers – Maggie Angresano, Ted Kagy,
   Michael Bruno, Kathy Kagy

12 NOON
Altar Servers – Sofia Ferreira, Isabella Aberde, Isabella Repoli,
   Lorelai Gomez
Lector – Mary Beth Giuliano
Eucharistic Ministers – Janet Doll, Gina Luppino,
   Yvette Tanhehco, Jaga Kokosinski

Interested in becoming an Altar Server?
Please contact Sr. Regina at reled@olmc.us.

Interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister?
Please contact Roxanne at 4roxanneolmc@gmail.com.

For each of these ministries...
Training is provided and scheduling is done based on your
availability and Mass preference.
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for December:**

Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

“That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.”

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**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Worship—Prayer—Reflection**

Designed for children in PreK through Grade 5. CLOW takes place during the 10 AM Mass on Sundays.

Children are dismissed from Mass to listen to the scripture readings at their level. They are separated into three groups: “Promise” (PreK—Gr. K), “Good News” (Grades 1 and 2), and “Venture” (Grades 3, 4 and 5). Activities are used to reinforce the Gospel message. Children return to Mass before the Presentation of the Gifts.

**This Sunday’s CLOW Catechists are:**

- Promise (PreK – Gr. K) – Catherine Cavalerie
- Good News (Gr. 1 & 2) – Patti Flynn
- Venture (Gr. 3, 4 & 5) – Maggie & Bill Angresano

**CLOW CATECHIST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

*Please consider assisting in Children’s Liturgy of the Word ministry!* Volunteers are needed to proclaim the Sunday scripture readings to children. Training and resource materials are provided. Scheduling is done based on your availability. Please contact Mary Ann in the Church Office at 201-568-0545 or rectory@olmc.us.

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**Religious Education Class Schedule**

**This Week:**

- Sunday, December 2 (8:45 – 9:55 AM)
- Tuesday, December 4 (3:30 – 4:45 PM)

**Next Week’s Schedule:**

- Sunday, December 9 (8:45 – 9:55 AM)
- Tuesday, December 11 (3:30 – 4:45 PM)

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**Sacrament Preparation**

Preparing to receive the sacraments is a spiritually fulfilling time in a child’s life and the life of the family. Here at Mount Carmel, teens are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Younger students are preparing for two very special sacraments—the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and the Sacrament of First Eucharist. For information on the preparation of these sacraments, please contact Elliot Guerra (Confirmation) or Sr. Regina (First Reconciliation and First Eucharist).

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**CONFIRMATION**

**Confirmation Class & Mass**

**THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Titus Room**

**Topic**

Jesus: Death and Resurrection

**Mass at 7:45 PM**

Parents and families are invited to attend Mass with their teen.

**This Month’s Remaining Sessions:**

December 9th and 16th

Please contact Elliot Guerra at eguerra@academyolmc.org if you have any questions.

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**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Please contact Sr. Regina at reled@olmc.us if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s preparation for First Reconciliation.
ACADEMY & ATHLETICS

CURRICULUM CORNER
with Miss Koval

RAZ-PLUS: In our Grade K-5 Reading, RAZ-PLUS provides a blended approach to literacy that not only provides teacher-led instruction, but also allows for developmentally appropriate reading practice. Using the formative assessment and data-driven reporting, reading skills of each student can be improved at every level. RAZ-PLUS enables our teachers to:

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- Determine future instruction using formative assessments and online, data-driven reports that

You’re invited!
OLMC Academy students will be performing music of the Christmas season.

Friday, December 14
6 PM – Parish Auditorium

OLMC Scholastic Book Fair!
We hope you will join us!

Monday, December 3rd – Saturday, December 8th
in the Titus Room

Book Fair Hours:
Mon., Dec. 3 – 8:15 AM–12:00 PM & 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Tue., Dec. 4 – 8:15 AM–12:00 PM & 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Wed., Dec. 5 – 8:15 AM–3:30 PM
Thu., Dec. 6 – 8:15 AM–3:30 PM
Fri., Dec. 7 – 8:15 AM–1:00 PM
Sat., Dec. 8 – 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

“If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book.”
—J. K. Rowling

WELCOME HOME, WARRIORS!

For over 140 years the Academy of Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been graduating men and women. Please feel free to contact Elliot Guerra, Director of Mission Development at 201-568-1403 or eguerra@academyolmc.org for a personal tour or to host a reunion for your class or group of friends. Remember, at OLMC, you were once a student but always a Warrior!
Sarah Melone is from central New York and grew up in a large Italian and Irish Catholic family. Sundays were ‘family days’. “I think that is when I started to identify service to others as stemming from how you work together as a family unit. I remember afternoon dinners with extended family, as well as family activities, dinners, and Masses on Sunday evenings with the family church group. Those families in our local church group became our ‘family friends’ and service activities, holidays, and church milestones were celebrated together with them. I still remember them as the core of my community as a child.”

Catholic education was a priority for Sarah’s family. She attended the University of Scranton to achieve a B.S. in Physical Therapy. It was there she met Paul, and easily bonded over similar backgrounds and family upbringing. While at the University of Scranton, Sarah was steeped in the Jesuit traditions. “It was not lost on us how fortunate we were to gain such a strong education, and it was encouraged by the university to involve ourselves in community service activities. I remember providing programs to local neighborhood youth and developmentally disabled adults in the Scranton area through service projects with my Physical Therapy class. It was an outlet from our studies, and a positive experience to see how our small programs made a big impact on their lives.”

Paul and Sarah married in 1995 and moved to Tenafly after Paul finished his residencies in 1997 to join the orthodontics practice of his uncle, Dr. Ralph DelPriore. They were introduced to their community of OLMC, and began to find their way among friends at OLMC and Knickerbocker Country Club. “I think at that time we were searching for a place to belong, and OLMC was that inviting, familiar place for us.” Hoping to meet more people, Sarah volunteered as a catechist and Fr. Ashley introduced them to other young couples in the parish. They attended social events to support the school, long before they would dream of having children attend it.

Their road to parenthood took an interesting journey. Luke, Sophia and Eliana were born at FANA, an orphanage in Colombia. “Our lives are forever blessed by these gifts, and we in turn will continue to serve FANA’s needs as well as we can. It is important for our children to learn by this example and reach out to others so that they may have similar benefits that we do. I think seeing how they are able to give back to the community where they came from, leaves an impact on them to show that same kindness in all communities they are a part of.”

As young parents, they began to meet more families in the parish community and have formed strong bonds over the years. When Sarah saw a need among parents in the special education community where they were involved in their own child’s education, it was natural for her to figure out a way to address the challenging issues. Sarah co-founded MarbleJam Kids, in 2007, to meet the needs of children with autism spectrum disorders and developmental disabilities. With the help of close family, friends and parish community, the program began as a creative arts therapy intervention to address social, emotional and creative needs of the children. Nearly 12 years later, the organization has grown. One of the highly known specialized film camp programs, MarbleJam Kids, is hosted each summer by OLMC. “When I first approached Father Leonard to support the program for those with special needs, he was truly excited as it fit exactly into his mission that ‘All are welcome.’ Years later, Father Dan continues to cheer for the campers each summer and applauds the experience they are having while at OLMC.” She adds, “OLMC is truly the foundation for our faith community, and our children identify with the friends we have here as our family.” Sarah feels that when you are a part of a positive environment, it is easy to give your time and talents.

Many years ago a newsletter arrived from Sarah’s alma mater, which read: “Of those to whom much is given, much is to be expected.” “As I get older, I think back to the root of all my blessings. It comes from family and faith. My good fortune is rooted in the love my parents had for each other, in the support and strength they gave to their children, in the family I have created, and in the friends and community I surround myself with. All of this has been directed and made possible because of God, and because of the strength and love we get from our community of faith.” Sarah will continue to serve the community as well as she is able. “I find that it is easy to do when you are surrounded by a loving family and supportive husband, incredible friends, and individuals in a positive community. I certainly have not accomplished projects on my own. Yes, much has been given to me, and the basis of what was given is in the form of God’s love and our faith. As a recipient of many blessings I am grateful to be in a position to give something back.”
Our parish is collecting gifts to be distributed to individuals of St. Simon Stock Church in Bronx, NY, for AIDS patients at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, for the women and children of Siena House in Bronx, NY, for the Missionary Franciscan Sisters in Tenafly, the Sisters of St. Joseph residing in Teaneck, and the Sisters of Notre Dame residing in Bergenfield. You are invited to take a gift tag and purchase a gift as indicated on the tag. Thank you for helping to make someone’s Christmas special!

All gifts are due back to the Church NEXT weekend, December 8th and 9th. Please be sure gifts are wrapped with the ORIGINAL GIFT TAG affixed to the OUTSIDE of the package.

SERVICE DAY: Sunday, December 9th – Families are invited to the Church at 1 PM to help sort and pack gifts. Enjoy Christmas carols, hot chocolate and sweets! This is an opportunity for families to serve together and for middle school students to accrue service hours.
WEEKLY RUNDOWN

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Bernadette Alvarado
- Rosanne Ambulo
- Assunta Auriana
- Janet Bazzini
- Leonard Bazzini
- Brian Bingman
- Ronnie Bruno
- Maria Capo
- Pat Carrier
- Elphine Castro
- Cho Hyung Joon Stephan
- Remedios De Guzman
- Rachel Durso
- Wanda Ferrauiola
- Peter Gagne
- Adam Kokosinski
- Rumi Kubo
- James Kwok
- Elon Lages Lima
- Rose LoFaro
- Joanne Mitchell
- Vito Moncello
- Aaron Monteagudo
- Robert Mouracade
- Dottie Murphy
- Anthony Passaro
- Anthony Salvatore
- Suh Il Ran Veronica
- Giselle Velez

MOUNT CARMEL BOOK CLUB with fr. Dan meets monthly in the Conference Room. Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 4th at 9:15 AM (Faith by Jimmy Carter) and 7:30 PM (Jaber Crow by Wendell Barry). New members are welcome! Please call the Church Office at 201-568-0545 for info or to join.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, December 7th after the 8:30 AM Mass followed by Benediction at 3 PM

> Parish Advisory Board Meeting

OLMC's Parish Advisory Board will be meeting on Saturday, December 8th at 8 AM in the Rectory Conference Room. Please feel free to contact the Parish Advisory Board with comments or concerns at olmcadvisoryboard@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of flowers that will decorate our church for Christmas, please fill out the form below. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and can be dropped in the collection basket or returned to the Church Office.

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Come and join Fr. Ashley Harrington for the December session of IN THE NEWS on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:30 PM at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, St. Cecilia Church, 55 West Demarest Avenue, Englewood.
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GIVING & GRATITUDE

NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS

Your generous support of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and our various outreach efforts is greatly appreciated.

OLMC’s Budget Goal Each Week is $11,935

The following is a summary of our November collections:

Sunday Offertory—Envelopes
November 25, 2018 $6,400.00
November 18, 2018 $7,412.00
November 11, 2018 $6,937.00
November 4, 2018 $7,926.50

Sunday Offertory—Faith Direct
Monthly Total $13,049.00

Special Collection—Envelopes & Faith Direct
Catholic Relief Services $1,115.00

Archdiocesan Assessment—Envelopes & Faith Direct
November Collection $1,488.00

GIFT CARDS are available for purchase after the 10 AM Mass on Sundays in the Narthex Office and during regular school hours Monday through Friday in the Academy Office. The Academy receives a percentage of sales at no extra cost to you!

Christmas shopping?

Shop www.smile.amazon.com and designate OLMC (listed in Amazon’s directory as “Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church”) as the recipient. The account holder uses the same login and account information.

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