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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation – January 1
Mass Times: 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 NOON

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

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,

Happy Holy Family Sunday and Happy New Year two days from now. The beauty of these two feasts being timed so close together reminds us of two essential opportunities.

First, let us give thanks to God for the families that have given us life. Let us remember and pray for our ancestors, especially our parents. Then, every single one of you who are parents, do again today what you do every day—hold up to God your children and grandchildren, with gratitude for their successes and petition for their struggles.

Please join me in prayer for our parish family. My prayer is the same as yours for the ones you love the most. I thank God for our many blessings and I beg God to guide us through the issues and concerns that challenge us.

In two days we will greet the New Year. The start of each new year is a chance to shake off the old, and make resolutions to create a holier and happier year. It need not be a flashy and quickly abandoned resolution. I pray that on January 1 we will carry our resolutions forward throughout 2019.

God's blessings to each one of you who are the Holy Families of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Sincerely yours in Christ and Our Lady of Mount Carmel,

fr. Dan

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TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, December 30th

Luke 2:41-52

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers."

"In the Gospel, Jesus is found in the temple, staying in his Father's house, rather than immediately journeying back to his mother and foster father's home in Nazareth … When Jesus told his parents, 'Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' Mary and Joseph did not understand (Luke 2:49). But Mary kept this in her heart. Let us do the same even when we fail to appreciate our children's perspective."

Source: *Pastoral Patterns*, Winter 2018-2019

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

Tuesday Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – "Of all the Marian celebrations of the Church, this day dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, is the greatest…it celebrates Mary's role in the incarnation and in redemption. In this role, her special relationship with her son is emphasized, and she is acknowledged as a model of the Church." (*Living With Christ*, January 2019)

Wednesday 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church (Memorial) – "Born in Asia Minor, these men are two of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church…because of their preaching, teaching, and defense of the faith against the Arians." (*Living With Christ*, January 2019)

Thursday 1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34

Friday 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (Memorial) – "She founded the Sisters of Charity, the first community of active women religious begun in America." (*Living With Christ*, January 2019)

Saturday 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

Saint John Neumann, Bishop (Memorial) – "Born in Bohemia, John Neumann emigrated as a missionary to America. He joined the Redemptorist Order in Pittsburgh and was consecrated bishop of Philadelphia. Devoted to spreading God's word by preaching and building churches, he was a strong advocate of Catholic education." (*Living With Christ*, January 2019)

LITURGICAL

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st
8:30 Mary DelPriore
Requested by The DelPriore Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st
8:00 John L. Williams
Requested by Winnie Etorma
10:00 Lata & Dilip
Requested by Anne Sequeira
12:00 Gloria Maloney
Requested by Jose & Carol Fuentes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd
8:30 Beatrice Bonilla
Requested by Her Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd
8:30 Eugene Loughlin
Requested by Marianne Reilly

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4th
8:30 Sr. Nora Lohan, MFIC
Requested by Chris Connolly

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th
8:30 The Buchanan Family
Requested by Mary Buchanan
5:00 Margaret, Henry & Brian Rossi
Requested by Their Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th
8:00 Lorraine Price
10:00 Mae Perrine
Requested by Peggy Natelli & Family
12:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are in memory of Sr. Nora Lohan, MFIC requested by The Miglietta Family.

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THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Sr. Nora Lohan, MFIC requested by The Russell Family.

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REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers all the military men and women who have died this week.

MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 1st
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8 AM
Lector – Ann Picinic
Eucharistic Ministers – Beverly Rath, Kathleen Wall

10 AM
Lector – Fran Mladjenovic
Eucharistic Ministers – Teresa Mancuso, Maureen York

12 NOON
Lector – Sr. Regina
Eucharistic Ministers – Marta Perez, Toni Essman

MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 5th & 6th

5 PM
Altar Servers – Haedyn Brigati, Eliza Thek, Giselle Cerutti
Lector – Sharon Hajjar
Eucharistic Ministers – John Sullivan, Tana Guan, Maureen York, Della Booker

8 AM
Altar Servers – Luke Figueroa, Sarah Figueroa
Lector – Tracy Scheller-Oaten
Eucharistic Ministers – Diane Bruno, Ann Picinic, Beverly Rath, Marianne Reilly

10 AM
Altar Servers – Chenelle Castor, John Martinez
Lector – Martin Miglietta
Eucharistic Ministers – Michael Bruno, Jennifer Schippert, Steven Schippert, John Barrett

12 NOON
Altar Servers – Sofia Maravillas, Jacob Maravillas, Joshua Maravillas
Lector – Tony Inguaggiato
Eucharistic Ministers – Kathy Inguaggiato, Eileen Mangaser, Joan Kroese, Quennie Cabanilla

Thank you to all
Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
for serving in these ministries!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Class Schedule

This Week:
Sunday, December 30 (**NO CLASS**)
Tuesday, January 1 (**NO CLASS**)

Next Week's Schedule:
Sunday, January 6 (8:45 – 9:55 AM)
Tuesday, January 8 (3:30 – 4:45 PM)

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.

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.

There is no Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday, December 30th. Children are invited when CLOW resumes next Sunday, January 6th.

Children are a gift from the Lord.

Psalm 127:3

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 preparation classes are recessed until March 17th.

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.

Liturgical colors symbolize the meaning of Church seasons. Liturgical colors can be seen on the vestments worn by priests at Mass, and in church décor.

White is the color of joy and victory. It reminds us of Baptism and of the Resurrection.

Red is the color of fire and blood. We find it used on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and martyrs' feast days.

Green symbolizes life and hope.

Violet denotes humility and penance.

Rose symbolizes joy. It is seen on *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent (Third Sunday of Advent) and *Laetare* Sunday in Lent. *Gaudete* and *Laetare* are Latin words that mean 'rejoice'. These Sundays anticipate the joy that is to come at Christmas and Easter.

Source: *Catechist*, November/December 2017

ACADEMY & ATHLETICS

CURRICULUM CORNER
with
Miss Koval

ARTS PROGRAM

At OLMC, we embrace the concept of "a well-rounded person." The Arts are key to "well-roundedness" and at OLMC we have a fantastic Arts Program.

Our students are fortunate to be able to explore Music Theory, Music Creation, and be immersed in Musical Instruction. Opportunities abound for our students to engage in singing, playing, composing, studying, and writing music…opportunities that enable them to dabble in a wide variety of musical endeavors to explore their personal preferences, identify their personal talents, and sharpen their skills as they grow. We are blessed in so many ways…musically blessed being just one of many!

Our Theatre Arts Program is unique at the elementary level and it also prepares our students to explore their personal preferences, identify their personal talents and sharpen their skills…it further enables them to discover hidden treasures in the world of literature and theatrical performance. Another of our special blessings at OLMC!

A Message From The Principal…

Once again we celebrate the goodness of God made manifest in the gift of His Son, Jesus. We at OLMC have much for which to be thankful. I count each of you among my many blessings this Christmas as I grow closer to each student and family. Thank you for being a crucial part of the OLMC family. It is an honor to be part of this amazing, supportive community each day.

As we move forward into a new year, we join hands as we continue to work together to advance the mission of OLMC, knowing that, like Mary, miracles can be accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit. May 2019 hold many blessings for each of you and may OLMC grow and flourish as we continue to work together to provide a nourishing learning environment for our children.

May God bless you today and always.

Miss Kelly Koval

OLMC BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, 1/4
7:30PM OLMC @ St. Joe's, Oradell (Gr. 7/8 Boys American)

Saturday, 1/5
9:30AM OLMC vs. OLMC, Ridgewood (Gr. 7/8 Boys American)
10:45AM OLMC vs. OLMC, Ridgewood (Gr. 5/6 Boys American)
12:00PM OLMC vs. St. Anthony's, Hawthorne (Gr. 3/4 Boys American)
1:15PM OLMC vs. St. Anthony's, Hawthorne (Gr. 3/4 Boys Colonial)
1:45PM OLMC @ Sacred Heart, Lyndhurst (Gr. 5/6 Girls National)
2:30PM OLMC vs. St. Anthony's, Hawthorne (Gr. 7/8 Boys Colonial)

Sunday, 1/6
1:00PM OLMC @ St. Joe's, Oradell (Gr. 5/6 Boys American)
2:30PM OLMC @ St. Therese, Cresskill (Gr. 7/8 Boys Colonial)
4:20PM OLMC @ St. John's, Hillsdale (Gr. 5/6 Boys Colonial)

WELCOME HOME, WARRIORS!

Once a student, always a Warrior!

For over 140 years the Academy of Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been graduating young 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!

Coming up…

School re-registration – January 7th-18th

WEEKLY RUNDOWN

Come Join OLMC's Music Ministry!

Those who sing, pray twice!

Cantor
Our cantors and psalmists lead the assembly at weekend liturgies on a rotating schedule. They receive training both at the parish and from the Archdiocesan Cantor School. A brief audition and training is required.

Adult Choir
Provides music for worship at the Sunday 12 Noon Mass from September–June as well as special liturgies at Christmas and Easter. Rehearsals are held weekly on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the church. No previous musical experience is needed, however, a brief audition is required.

Children's Choir
Open to children in the parish in grades 2–8. Rehearsals are held weekly on Thursdays from 5:30–6:15 PM. They sing for monthly liturgies as well as at Christmas and Easter. A brief audition is required.

Elijah Ensemble
Leads the assembly in music for worship at 10 AM Mass on Sundays from September–June. Weekly rehearsals are held at 9:15 AM on Sundays in the church. No previous musical experience is needed, however, a brief audition is required.

For information or to join any of these ministries, please contact OLMC's Music Director, Andrea Covais at acovais@olmc.us.

faith FAMILY friends

YOU'RE INVITED!

Make New Friends
And Enrich Your Spiritual Journey Today!

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP is recessed until **Thursday, January 10th**. For information or to join, please contact Elena Ugarte at 201-567-6491.

MEN'S CORNERSTONE GROUP will be meeting on **Wednesday, January 2nd** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Closter. Please call Deacon Michael Giuliano at 201-983-1591 or Bill Angresano at 201-370-2698 if you have any questions.

MOUNT CARMEL BOOK CLUB with fr. Dan will meet on **Tuesday, January 8th** at 9:15 AM and 7:30 PM in the Conference Room. The morning group is reading *Who Am I to Judge?* by Edward Sri. The evening group is reading *The Ragged Edge of Night* by Olivia Hawker.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION encourages us to explore a closer relationship with God and is carried out in the context of a one-to-one trusting and confidential relationship with the spiritual director. If you think that Spiritual Direction might be a way for you to discern God's actions in your life, contact Deacon Lex at 201-568-6819 or deaconlex@gmail.com.

SUPPORT GROUP for people dealing with unreasonable loved ones meets in the Titus Room **every Tuesday** from 8-9 PM. Please contact Sarah Ellis for more details at either 202-247-7189 or sarahellis79@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP will be meeting on **Wednesday, January 9th** at 7 PM. Please call Sr. Regina at 201-871-4662 for more information or to join this group.

WEEKLY RUNDOWN

12 Days of Christmas

"The song, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. The 'True Love' one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day."

Day 1: ***A partridge in a pear tree***
The partridge in the pear tree represents Christ because the partridge is willing to sacrifice its life to protect its young.

Day 2: ***Two turtle doves***
Two turtle doves represent the Old Testament and New Testament. The dove is also a symbol of peace.

Day 3: ***Three French hens***
Three French hens symbolize faith, hope, and love.

Day 4: ***Four calling birds***
Four calling birds symbolize the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Day 5: ***Five golden rings***
Five golden rings represent the first five books in the Old Testament.

Day 6: ***Six geese-a-laying***
Six geese-a-laying represent the six days of creation.

Day 7: ***Seven swans-a-swimming***
Seven swans represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Day 8: ***Eight maids-a-milking***
Eight maids-a-milking represent the Beatitudes.

Day 9: ***Nine ladies dancing***
Nine ladies dancing represent the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Day 10: ***Ten lords-a-leaping***
Ten lords-a-leaping represent the Ten Commandments.

Day 11: ***Eleven pipers piping***
Eleven pipers piping symbolize the eleven faithful apostles.

Day 12: ***Twelve drummers drumming***
Twelve drummers drumming represent the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

Source: www.catholicnewsagency.com

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Family New Year's Celebration

Sunday, January 6, 2019
OLMC Parish Auditorium
1:30 – 4:30 PM

Hors d'oeuvres◆Desserts◆Light Refreshments◆BYOB

Celebrate the New Year and the Feast of the Epiphany ("Little Christmas") with friends and fellow parishioners in a family atmosphere.

"Share the warmth. Spread the love."
The Parish Advisory Board is accepting donations of **new** socks, gloves and hats to be distributed to the homeless.

Name _____

Number Attending: _____ (Teens & Children Welcome!)

Please return RSVP to the Church Office by January 2nd.

"The first setting in which faith enlightens the human city is the family."

—Pope Francis

WEEKLY RUNDOWN

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Bernadette Alvarado
Rosanne Ambulo
Janet Bazzini
Leonard Bazzini
Brian Bingman
Ronnie Bruno
Maria Capo
Pat Carrier
Elpine 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
Dottie Murphy
Anthony Passaro
Anthony Salvatore
Suh Il Ran Veronica
Giselle Velez

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, January 4th
after the 8:30 AM Mass
followed by Benediction at 3 PM

WORLD DAY OF PEACE JANUARY 1st

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis
for the Celebration of
the 52nd World Day of Peace
1 January 2019

"In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: 'Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!" And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you' (*Lk* 10:5-6).

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The 'house' of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our 'common home': the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.

So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: 'Peace be to this house!'"

Source: w2.vatican.va

Come and join Fr. Ashley Harrington
as we begin the **second year** of

IN THE NEWS

Let's gather to review and discuss Catholicism as it was presented in the media last month. Our goal is to openly examine how our faith is communicated to the public.

Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30 PM
Carmelite Spiritual Center – St. Cecilia's Church
55 West Demarest Avenue, Englewood

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January:

Evangelization: Young People

"That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the gospel to the world."

"Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace."

– Pope Francis

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DECEMBER COLLECTION

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

Due to early bulletin printing deadlines during the Christmas and New Year holidays, **the Sunday Offertory collection for December 23, 2018 will appear in the January 6, 2019 bulletin**.

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THANK YOU to the big hearts and skillful hands of Belen, Bernice, Cloie, Liz, Ma. del Carmen, Mary, Meddy, Monica, Pat, Silva, Sun, my Tía Lucha, and the support of fr. Dan.

—Elena Ugarte

All items created by the Knit & Crochet Group were donated to the Bowery Mission in New York.

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

For those who know how…and those who want to learn.

The Knit & Crochet Group meets in the **OLMC Conference Room on Thursdays at 7 PM**. **Our next meeting is January 10th.** For more info, please contact Elena Ugarte at 201-567-6491.

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.

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Bed Bath & Beyond • Bath & BodyWorks
Macy's • TJ Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods
Starbucks • Dunkin' Donuts
Barnes & Noble

The Academy receives a percentage of sales at *no extra cost to you*!