

the catholic community of  
**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**



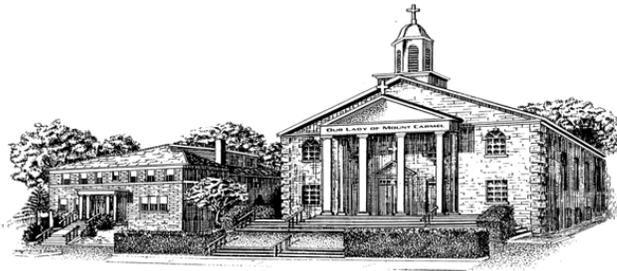
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Third Sunday of Lent



**“REPENT,” SAYS THE LORD.  
“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.”**

## Staff Directory

**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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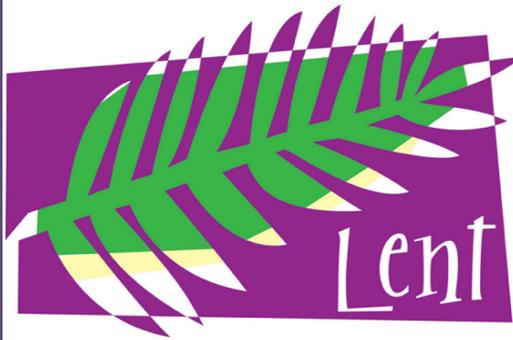
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# LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK



**Sunday | March 24**

**First Scrutiny – RCIA Program  
12 NOON Mass**

The First Scrutiny on the Third Sunday of Lent is a ritual for the elect to be given a sense of sin and a spirit of repentance as they prepare to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

**Tuesday | March 26**

**Lenten Spirituality Sharing Group – 1 PM to 2:30 PM  
“The Mystery of God”**

—School Conference Room—

Join with Deacon Lex as we reflect on the Mystery of God.

Who is God? Why Does God Matter? How Am I Experiencing God’s Presence In My Life?



**Thursday | March 28**

**A Lenten Prayer Service for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse  
and for the People of the Church – 7:30 PM**

—Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark—

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., will lead the Archdiocese of Newark in prayer for healing, reconciliation, and justice; for solidarity with the victims; for solidarity in the Church.

All are encouraged to gather as one.



**Friday | March 29**

**Stations of the Cross – 7 PM**

—OLMC Church—

Join us for guided Stations of the Cross, including meditation and music, on Fridays of Lent. Anyone who wishes to pray the Stations of the Cross may do so anytime the Church is open.

Prayer guides are available in the Church.

“A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.”

Psalm 51: 12-13



# LENT



Adapted from “The Way Of The Cross”  
by Christine Ondrla.

## Stations of the Cross

### **The First Station – Jesus Is Condemned**

In his silence Jesus challenges the power of the powerful. *Jesus, in a world that seeks power and control, help me to realize that true power always enhances life, never destroys it.*

### **The Second Station – Jesus Accepts His Cross**

In his acceptance of his cross Jesus challenges us to be mindful of the burdens we lay on others. *Jesus, help me to always be aware that my actions can result in creating burdens for others.*

### **The Third Station – Jesus Falls The First Time**

In his fall Jesus challenges our apathy. *Jesus, help me to notice those who fall around me because of weariness, pain, weakness or sorrow. May I offer assistance to those in need.*

### **The Fourth Station – Jesus Meets His Mother**

In his ability to look into the face of his helpless mother, Jesus challenges our sense of always needing to be in control. *Jesus, help me, like Mary, to accept with faith, trust and love those times that bring pain and failure. May I never let those moments defeat me.*

### **The Fifth Station – Simon Helps Carry The Cross**

In the willingness to continue alone, despite his weakness, Jesus challenges our lack of involvement, our fear of upsetting the status quo. *Jesus, you wait for us to come to realizations in our own time. Help me to have the wisdom to know that just because something continues to happen in front of me doesn't make it right. May I never lack the courage to do what I know is right.*

### **The Sixth Station – Veronica Wipes The Face Of Jesus**

In his response to Veronica's act of kindness and courage Jesus challenges us to do likewise. *Jesus, you shared the image of your very self with Veronica. Help me to always believe in my own goodness and act on it. May my life always reflect God's light within me.*

### **The Seventh Station – Jesus Falls A Second Time**

In the second fall, Jesus challenges our refusal to recognize the suffering of others. *Jesus, you fall again. Help me never to allow the suffering of others to continue so that my life can remain undisturbed. May I always lift up others even at a cost to myself.*

### **The Eighth Station – Jesus Speaks To The Women**

In his ability to focus not on himself but on those around him, Jesus challenges us to the realization that our lives are all interconnected. *Jesus, in the midst of your own suffering you turned your face toward others. Help me to always work for peace and justice for others knowing that I am also working for my own.*

### **The Ninth Station – Jesus Falls The Third Time**

In yet another fall, Jesus challenges our hardness of heart toward those who seem undeserving of help. *Jesus, you welcomed the sinner and the outcast without judgment or condemnation. Help me to open my heart to others without judging them.*

### **The Tenth Station – Jesus Is Stripped Of His Garments**

In his nakedness, Jesus challenges us to treat each person with dignity. *Jesus, your life is a witness to the beauty and dignity of all human life. Help me to respect that dignity in all people.*

### **The Eleventh Station – Jesus Is Nailed To The Cross**

In his willingness to endure the agony of death Jesus challenges us to stand by those who are dying. *Jesus, help me to follow your example and never shrink from those things in life that cause me pain.*

### **The Twelfth Station – Jesus Dies On The Cross**

In his death, Jesus challenges our fear and promises us new life. *Jesus, in your hour of death, even your closest friends left. Help me to accept the death of others when I must and yet fight against death that comes as a result of injustice, war, hatred or neglect.*

### **The Thirteenth Station – Jesus Is Laid In The Arms Of His Mother**

In his death, Jesus challenges us to accept the little deaths of our daily lives. *Jesus, your suffering came to an end, yet for those around you it became deeper than ever. Help me to realize that though every loss is painful, that pain becomes an opening for new growth.*

### **The Fourteenth Station – Jesus Is Laid In The Tomb**

In his burial Jesus challenges us to remain open to the mystery of life. *Jesus, help me to have faith to believe in the richness of life and trust that your life and your love are always available to me.*

# LITURGICAL

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Barbara Gallo  
Requested by Sylvia & George McKenna

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Salvatore Lipari  
Requested by The Schrank Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Brendan Murray (Living)  
Requested by Sr. Helene & Sr. Agnes

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Royce Jeffrey Fuentes (1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration)  
Requested by His Grandparents

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Kathleen Heaphy (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
Requested by Brenda & Rich Brunelle

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Andrés Gonzalez  
Requested by Maria Nomikos

5:00 Gene Loughlin  
Requested by His Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>

8:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10:00 Joleen Judge Martin  
Requested by The Picarillo Family

12:00 Kay Raphael  
Requested by The Pucci/Helwig/Foley Family

## MINISTERS FOR MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

### 5 PM

Altar Servers – Hedyn Brigati, Eliza Thek, Laurene Bai  
Lector – Sr. Regina

Eucharistic Ministers – Ruth Howard, Tony Martin,  
Rosanne Ambulo, Sharon Hajjar

### 8 AM

Altar Servers – Alex Herrera, Mikhayla Herrera, Lenny Park  
Lector – Ann Picinic

Eucharistic Ministers – Elissa Lang, Beverly Rath,  
Raymond Glover, Tom DeAngelis

### 10 AM

Altar Servers – Aiden Charles, Chenelle Castor,  
John Martinez

Lector – James Brooks

Eucharistic Ministers – Carol Roux, Patricia Flynn,  
Michelle Roux, Rome Ibero

### 12 NOON

Altar Servers – Sofia Maravillas, Jacob Maravillas,  
Joshua Maravillas

Lector – Mary Beth Giuliano

Eucharistic Ministers – Gina Luppino, Tita Ong, Judy Ong,  
Marta Perez

## THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are in memory of  
Irene and Jack Hickey  
requested by The Hickey Family.



## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of  
Gene Loughlin requested by His Family.



## REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers  
Leonard Bazzini (father of Phillip Bazzini), Jeanette Zaloom,  
and all the military men and women who have died this week.

## HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGE

The tradition of spending time at the altars of repose of seven churches on Holy Thursday corresponds to the seven stations that were made by Our Lord between the Last Supper and His crucifixion.

We are pleased to bring this tradition to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. **Please join us on Holy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> as we visit several local churches following the Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM.** Our wonderful fellow parishioners who run Rainbow Transportation will provide transportation from OLMC to churches in our area. There will be an opportunity for prayer at each church before returning to OLMC for adoration and night prayer.

The requested donation is \$5.00 to cover transportation costs. Please contact Deacon Anthony at [aarmstrong.ocarm@aol.com](mailto:aarmstrong.ocarm@aol.com) for more information on this prayerful experience.

# WEEKLY RUNDOWN



## Letter from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark

“Dear Father O’Neill,

As we begin the season of Lent, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you for the gift of your priestly ministry. Especially in these challenging times, I want to personally acknowledge your service to God’s people, as well as your fraternal support for me and all your brothers in the presbyterate.

Since the difficult revelations of last summer, I have visited a number of our parishes for installations, celebrations, or pastoral visits. I am always uplifted by my interactions with the faithful. Your parishioners never miss an opportunity to share how much they love their priests. Those sentiments affirm what I already know about the love you have for our people, your parish, and the Church. Thank you for your faithful ministry and for fortifying our pastoral commitment to the local Church. I am proud and humbled to serve with you.

Now more than ever, we must remain true to our mission. As you know, the 2019 Annual Appeal, *Serving God’s People*, is essential in supporting the programs and ministries of this Archdiocese.

If you have already made a pledge or gift, my sincere thanks. If not, I ask that you please join me through your personal support. Your participation affirms our collective commitment in ensuring that the work of our Church continues throughout our four counties.

Creating a culture that embraces a spirituality of stewardship is vital. To this end, we recently launched The Gaudete Society, which provides support for the ministries of this local Church through prayer and advocacy, in addition to leadership gifts. A description is enclosed with this letter.

Please continue to be an advocate for our programs, ministries and the Annual Appeal. Share with others the positive stories of faith, hope, and charity made possible through our efforts resulting from generous stewardship.

Once again, thank you for your dedication, leadership and service. May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly and may Mary, Mother of the Church, strengthen our resolve to shepherd God’s people ever more faithfully.”

## The Gaudete Society



The Gaudete Society recognizes men and women of the Archdiocese of Newark who have made significant contributions to the mission of this local Church. The name Gaudete Society reflects Pope Francis’ teaching on the Joy of the Gospel, the need for Christian joy, even in times of crisis, and finally, Cardinal Tobin’s coat of arms, *Gaudete in Domino* (Rejoice in the Lord).

Members of The Gaudete Society are invited to:

1. **Pray** for Cardinal Tobin and for all the clergy, religious and lay people who serve God’s people in our parishes, schools and archdiocesan ministries.
2. **Advocate** for the mission of the Church: To preach the Good News in Word and Sacrament, to pass on the faith to future generations through all our education ministries, and to care for the poor and vulnerable through Catholic Charities and many other pastoral services by sharing with others positive stories of faith, hope and charity that are taking place in our Archdiocese.
3. **Generously share** their leadership gifts to help fund archdiocesan ministries.

The Gaudete Society is comprised of giving levels in three tiers:

- **Sacred Heart Leadership Circle** – Annual gifts of \$5,000 or higher. Members are invited to...
- **Legacy Circle** – Planned gifts of \$1,000 or higher disclosed to the Archdiocese. Members are invited to...
- **Stewardship Circle** – Annual gifts from \$1,000 to \$4,999. Members are invited to...

Members of The Gaudete Society of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark support the Vision and Priorities of the Cardinal and Archdiocese. As individuals and as a group, they commit to doing their best to provide sustainable immediate and long term funding for the present and ongoing needs of the Catholic Church in northern New Jersey.

**Please consider becoming a charter member of The Gaudete Society.**

# WEEKLY RUNDOWN

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT** – The Women's Cornerstone of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Cecilia churches, are inviting women to *A Cup Full Of Grace* presented by Fr. Ashley Harrington, O.Carm. on **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Carmelite Spiritual Center at St. Cecilia Church, 55 W. Demarest Avenue, Englewood from 8:15 AM to 12:30 PM.** Registration flyers are in both churches. Donation: \$20.

**SUPPORT GROUP** for people dealing with unreasonable loved ones **meets in the Titus Room every Tuesday from 8-9 PM.** All are welcome. Please contact Sarah Ellis at 202-247-7189 or [sarahellis79@gmail.com](mailto:sarahellis79@gmail.com).

**KNIT & CROCHET GROUP** meets on **Thursdays at 7 PM in the OLMC Conference Room.** We're currently knitting and crocheting hats to be donated to a chemotherapy center. For info, please contact Elena Ugarte at 201-567-6491.

**FAMILY PROMISE WALK-IN DINNER** – Our next Walk-in Dinner is on **Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.** Interested in donating a homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable or dessert? Or serving the meal at the kitchen? Email Elliot at [eguerra@academyolmc.org](mailto:eguerra@academyolmc.org).

**ST. JOHN'S FISH FRY** – St. John the Evangelist's Rosary Society is sponsoring a Fish Fry on **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Conlon Hall at St. John's Church, 19 N. William Street, Bergenfield.** Tickets – Adults: \$15 / Children under 12: \$8. Take-out orders are available. For tickets, please call Ria at 201-384-6279 or Mary at 201-384-0488.

**"LADIES NIGHT OUT"** – The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Night Out to support Siena House Shelter for Women and Children in the Bronx will be held on **Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at OLMC Church. Donations of new items are now being collected.** To donate items for this event, please contact Kirsten Lotito at [kirstenmjaeger@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenmjaeger@gmail.com) or Patty Rafferty at [ucarafferty@optonline.net](mailto:ucarafferty@optonline.net).

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**FAMILY**  
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**YOU'RE INVITED!**

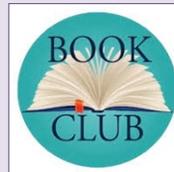
**Make New Friends  
And Enrich Your Spiritual Journey Today!**



**MEN'S CORNERSTONE GROUP** meets every other Wednesday. The next meeting is **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary 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** meets with fr. Dan on the first Tuesday of the month. The morning group meets at 9:15 AM and the evening group meets at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room. Both groups are reading an article entitled "Can We Still Believe in Miracles? *We Can, We Must*" (Johnson, Luke Timothy. *Commonweal* 22 Feb. 2019. Print). **New members are always invited to join!** The next meeting is **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please contact the Church Office at 201-568-0545 for more information.



**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](mailto:deaconlex@gmail.com).



**SPIRITUALITY GROUP** with Deacon Lex will meet on **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** from 1 PM—2:30 PM in the Conference Room. For more information, please contact Deacon Lex at 201-568-6819.



**WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP** will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7 PM. Please call Sr. Regina at 201-871-4662 for more information or to join this group.

# WEEKLY RUNDOWN

## TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Luke 13:1-9

“Jesus said to [the people] in reply, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? . . . Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!’”

“Our true nature as Christians is to live according to the promises we made in baptism, which we renew each year at Easter. When we fall short, repentance is the first step to reorient ourselves toward God. During Lent, in anticipation of Easter, we are called to do just that.”

Source: *Pastoral Patterns*, Spring 2019



## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday** Isa 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38  
**The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)** – “This feast celebrates the wondrous event that binds God and humanity forever. Christ, the Word who becomes the Son of Mary, is enfleshed in her womb, making Mary the Mother of God. The liturgy celebrates the beginning of God’s new redemptive work and recognizes Mary as the “new Eve,” the obedient and faithful woman who generously agreed to be a participant in God’s plan of salvation.” (*Living With Christ*, March 2019)
- Tuesday** Dan 3:25, 34-43; Matt 18:21-35
- Wednesday** Deut 4:1, 5-9; Matt 5:17-19
- Thursday** Jer 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
- Friday** Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
- Saturday** Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14



*“To do your will, O my God, is my delight,  
 and your law is within my heart!”*



*Please keep the following people  
 in your prayers:*

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Sharyn Agnew           | Rumi Kubo           |
| Bernadette Alvarado    | James Kwok          |
| Brian Bingman          | Wendy Jane Larre    |
| Maria Capo             | Elon Lages Lima     |
| Pat Carrier            | Manuel Liaguno, Jr. |
| Elpine Castro          | Rose LoFaro         |
| Cho Hyung Joon Stephan | Joanne Mitchell     |
| Marie Costello         | Vito Moncello       |
| Sr. Pat Coyle, MFIC    | Aaron Monteagudo    |
| Remedios De Guzman     | Dottie Murphy       |
| Rachel Durso           | Anthony Passaro     |
| Wanda Ferraiuola       | Anthony Salvatore   |
| Peter Gagne            | Suh Il Ran Veronica |
| Adam Kokosinski        | Giselle Velez       |



## CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

The Archdiocese of Newark is once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of **Christian** marriage in 2019. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

- |   |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>April 28, 2019</b>                         | <b>3:00 p.m.</b> | <b>50 Years</b>         |
| Registration Deadline: April 19 <sup>th</sup> |                  |                         |
| <b>June 2, 2019</b>                           | <b>3:00 p.m.</b> | <b>5 &amp; 25 Years</b> |
| Registration Deadline: May 24 <sup>th</sup>   |                  |                         |

To register, please contact Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Office at 201-568-0545 well before the registration deadline date.



**OLMC MEDICAL MISSION UPDATE:** Our next medical mission to José Galvez, Peru is slated for October 26<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup> (including travel days). **We need translators and doctors specializing in family or internal medicine.** If interested, please contact Rosemary Russell ([rosemaryrussell@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryrussell@gmail.com)).

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / ACADEMY

## Religious Education Class Schedule

### This Week:

Sunday, March 24 (8:45 – 9:55 AM)  
 Tuesday, March 26 (3:30 – 4:45 PM)

### Next Week's Schedule:

Sunday, March 31 (8:45 – 9:55 AM)  
 Tuesday, April 2 (3:30 – 4:45 PM)



Join us this Sunday during the 10 AM Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word. This Sunday's CLOW Catechists are:

- Promise (PreK – Gr. K) – Maria Scanlon
- Good News (Gr. 1 & 2) – Patti Flynn
- Venture (Gr. 3, 4 & 5) – James Brooks

## First Eucharist

First Eucharist Dates: Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM in the Church. Banners due in the Religious Education Office at least one week before First Communion date.

## Confirmation

Confirmation Preparation Class is in session this Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Titus Room. Confirmation Date: Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the Church.

## Volunteers/Employees Re-certification "Keeping the Promise Alive"

March 27<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM – Titus Room

Recertification is required every **five** years. **Registration for re-certification cannot be done by the individual.** Must contact Sr. Regina at 201-871-4662 or at [reled@olmc.us](mailto:reled@olmc.us). This workshop is scheduled throughout the Archdiocese of Newark for your convenience, however, **individuals must register through Sr. Regina for re-certification.**



You're invited to **The Winter Comedy: Elliot Guerra's "Life Afterlife."** Show times are **Friday, March 29 at 7 PM and Sunday, March 31 at 2 PM in the Odyssey Theatre.**

Jimmy and his gang of misfits, saints and sinners are off on another adventure, this time to save life itself. It is going to take everything under heaven and earth to do it in this hilarious sequel to 2017's *Afterlife*.

## ALTAR SERVERS MASS

This year the Serra International Club will be celebrating an Altar Servers Mass as a thank you and to honor the Altar Servers for their loyalty and service. The Altar Servers Mass in Bergen County is scheduled for **April 6, 2019 at 12 Noon at St. Luke's Church, Ho-Ho-Kus.** **PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> directly to [mabruz@verizon.net](mailto:mabruz@verizon.net) with the names of Altar Servers who will attend and the number of parents and/or chaperones who will attend.**



Dominican Academy is proud to announce that Academy of Our Lady of Mount Carmel alumnus, **Maya Gabric**, achieved Principal's Honor Roll for the First Semester. This status is given to a student who has a 90% average with no grade below 85%. Congratulations, Maya!



## What is RCIA? Is RCIA for You?



The Church welcomes into the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** persons who have never been baptized, those already baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholics who have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation. If you or someone you know has been thinking about becoming a member, please call Sr. Regina at 201-871-4662.

# GIVING & GRATITUDE



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Shop [www.smile.amazon.com](http://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.

## “SHARE BREAKFAST WITH THE NEEDY”

This is the time of year when the Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia, Englewood conducts their annual breakfast cereal drive, called “Share Breakfast with the Needy.” It is a program to donate breakfast cereal to the poor in the midst of the Lenten season.

Breakfast food is a crucial item in food packages because it is a fairly costly item in the budget of needy people, yet it is so important for a nutritious start to the day.

**The Office of Concern will be collecting cereal between March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. Donations should be placed in the elevator lobby.**

Thank you for your generous support.



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

- Stop & Shop • Kings • Whole Foods  
ShopRite • Wegman's  
Bed Bath & Beyond • Bath & BodyWorks  
Macy's • TJ Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods  
Starbucks • Dunkin' Donuts  
Barnes & Noble**

**“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’”** (Luke 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.”