

the catholic community of
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



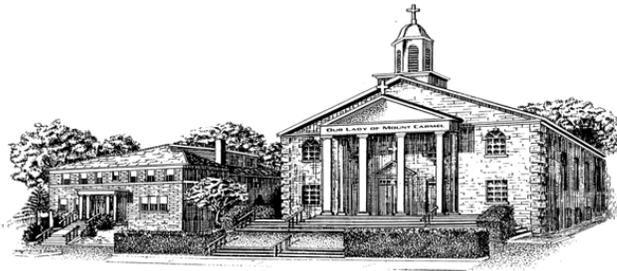
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



ALLELUIA!

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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Over many years and many miles— the Morfe family’s journey into the Catholic Church

The phrase “my daughter always wants to go to church” is not normally something you hear parents of a 15-year-old saying. More often than not it’s the other way around with parents of young teenagers keeping an eye on their children’s church attendance. But in the case of David Morfe, his daughter, Naomi’s, pestering was even more out of the ordinary given the fact that their family wasn’t particularly religious and didn’t even belong to a church.

All that changed when, due to Naomi’s persistence, the family began regularly attending Our Lady of Mount Carmel 18 months ago. Their experience of getting to know the OLMC community has had a big impact on the entire family as Naomi, her dad, her mother, Bacilia, and her brother Albert (11), are all entering the Catholic Church as a family at OLMC on Holy Saturday.

Other than Bacilia, who had been baptized as a baby, none of the Morfes have received any sacraments. When David was young and growing up in the Dominican Republic, he would tag along with his older sister to go sing in a Catholic Church choir but his memories of the experience was that it seemed strict and not particularly hospitable. “I used to go to church just because I wanted to be with my sister...I didn’t want to go to church though. Now, 40 years later, he laughs a little at how he now really wants to be in church.

“Friends told my wife ‘you’re going to love that church,’” David said recalling how they first discovered OLMC. Naomi’s interest may have inspired the family to give the parish a try, but their desire to stay and commit more deeply was based on their experience. “It just feels more welcoming than what I remember as a kid,” David said. “I like the priests here. How they talk and what they preach about. They’re actually helping people in Peru and that’s a good thing. I like that a lot.”



The process of an entire family becoming Catholic at once has led to some interesting family discussions. “My daughter has a lot of questions,” said David regarding Naomi who is currently a sophomore at Paramus Catholic. “She’s too smart. Believe me, I can’t keep up with her anymore.”

Fortunately, the Morfe family has had good teachers throughout their faith journey. “Sr. Regina and Deacon Anthony make everything so smooth and nice—it’s interesting,” said David. “It’s been a good experience. I’ve learned a lot. They make it so easy to understand.”

Between the parents and children, the Morfes’ entrance into the church will involve the reception of a number of sacraments, including Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and even Confirmation. But David didn’t want to stop there, so after they’d been attending OLMC for a year—and 25 years after they’d first tied the knot at a courthouse in the Dominican Republic—he asked Bacilia to marry him, again. “I told her we had to get married in the Church,” he said “because I know that’s what she wanted, too.” A few moments later, as if realizing his story isn’t complete, David hastens to add, “And she said ‘yes’ again!”

And so, the Morfe family celebration that begins on Holy Saturday in Tenafly with their reception into the Catholic Church will now extend into a Saturday in late June in the capital of the Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo, where nearly all of Bacilia’s family still lives. On that day, 150 people will gather to witness the Sacrament of Marriage between David and Bacilia and then join them—along with Naomi and Albert—on the beach to celebrate. That is where this journey of 18 months and 1,500 miles—that started because of a 15-year-old’s persistence—will finally come to an end and a new chapter for David, Bacilia, Naomi and Albert will finally begin.

EASTER BLESSINGS



PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,

Happy Easter! Thank you for being here today to celebrate the central mystery of our Catholic faith. We believe that Christ is Risen! Inside that awesome mystery is packed all that we also believe about Our Lord Jesus Christ.

This year I have been preaching a great deal about the cross of Christ and the redemptive power of his death. On Easter we highlight the culmination of that great Paschal Mystery.

Your presence here today means that you get it. You have chosen to be a follower of Christ and today is one of those days when we say so proudly.

You also need to know that at the Easter Vigil last night we welcomed nine more persons of various ages into our Roman Catholic faith. This is very good news at a time when not all the news is good.

I hope that by now you have caught on to my habit of thanking you every time you come. Today I wish to say it even more loudly and to pray for God's blessing upon each of you, your loved ones near and far, and our entire Church.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ and Our Lady of Mount Carmel,

fr. Dan

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The Parish Staff of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
welcomes you as we celebrate together
the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Regina Caeli

- V. Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
- V. Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. Because our Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The *Regina Caeli* is an ancient Latin hymn honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is prayed in place of the *Angelus* during the Easter season beginning on Holy Saturday through Pentecost Sunday.

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, APRIL 22nd

8:30 Marc Tarabocchia
(Requested by Jimmy & Vickie Tarabokija)

TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd

8:30 Ursula Della Peruto
(Requested by The Hajjar Family)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th

8:30 In Thanksgiving (Living)
(Requested by Zachary Pacia)

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th

8:30 In Thanksgiving (Living)
(Requested by Ann Lim)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26th

8:30 Angelita Miguel
(Requested by The Hellman Family)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th

8:30 Louis Morelli
(Requested by His Wife, Maria Morelli)

5:00 Raymond Rancan
(Requested by His Family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

8:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10:00 Lidia Sofia
(Requested by Mary Buchanan)

12:00 Joseph Zemanek
(Requested by His Sisters)

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are in memory of John Loughlin, Jr. requested by Vicki Kopel.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Louise Fagliarone requested by Her Family.



REST IN PEACE

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

MINISTERS FOR APRIL 27th & 28th

5 PM

Altar Servers –Ricardo Tejada-Arango, Eliza Thek, Christopher Piluso, Charles Piluso

Lector – Sr. Regina

Eucharistic Ministers – Linda Hubschman, Tony Martin, Eileen Mangaser, Mae Kenny

8 AM

Altar Servers – John Mauro, William Reiser, Ondrej Reiser

Lector – Susan Semler

Eucharistic Ministers – Patricia Levins, Ann Picinic, Pat White, Rich White

10 AM

Altar Servers – Chenelle Castor, Gianna Sidoti, Caitlin Liau

Lector – Fran Mladjenovic

Eucharistic Ministers – Ted Kagy, Patti Flynn, Kathy Kagy, Teresa Mancuso

12 NOON

Altar Servers – Sofia Ferreira, Isabella Aberde, Gisele Cerutti

Lector – Barry Buniva

Eucharistic Ministers – Janet Doll, Tita Ong, Judy Ong, Marta Perez



PARISH REGISTRATION: To register with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, please contact the Church Office at 201-568-0545 or find our form online at www.olmc.us. Click on ‘Welcome’ and scroll down to ‘Parish Registration.’

Moving out of the parish? Please let us know. We’re sorry to see you go and hope to see you again some time.



The Parish Advisory Board reminds you that we want to hear from you! Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions or comments you may have. Email your thoughts to us at olmcadvisoryboard@gmail.com. Thank you!



CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP FUNDRAISER

Next Sunday, April 28th, we will be having a mile sale after each Mass to support the teens from our parish who will be attending Catholic Heart Work Camp in June. Catholic Heart Work Camp is an opportunity for teens to be involved in social projects in a Catholic environment where they will get to meet teens from others parts of the U.S. Every person who signs up and who gives \$10 or more will be invited to a social after our return. Your generosity is appreciated.

A huge THANK YOU to our Grade 2 Religious Education students who sent love to the Office of Concern Food



Pantry! They made a total of 101 snack packs filled with various food items for our vulnerable brothers and sisters. Many thanks to our catechists, Karin Erdtmann and Grace Antonucci, to all of the parents who donated, and the students who enthusiastically prepared the snack packs and homemade cards!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 4/21, **NO CLASS**
Tuesday, 4/23, 3:30 – 4:45 PM
Sunday, 4/28, 8:45 – 9:55 AM
Tuesday, 4/30, 3:30 – 4:45 PM



CONFIRMATION MASS

**Saturday, April 27th
10 AM in the Church**

Rehearsal:

Tuesday, April 23rd at 7 PM in the Church
Candidate & Sponsor attend rehearsal.

Please pray for our Confirmation students.



CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children in PreK through Grade 5 are invited to Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 10 AM Mass on Sundays. There is no fee and no registration is required!

Next Week’s CLOW Catechist Schedule

Promise (Gr. PreK – K): Marge DeSavino
Good News (Gr. 1 & 2): Regina Saladino
Venture (Gr. 3, 4 & 5): John Sullivan



FIRST EUCHARIST

Saturday, May 4th & May 11th at 11 AM

Rehearsals (3:45 PM in the Church):

Thursday, May 2nd for the May 4th First Communicants
Thursday, May 9th for the May 11th First Communicants

Banners are due in the Religious Education Office at least one week prior to your child’s First Eucharist date.

The Academy is closed for spring break. School reopens April 29th. Have a safe and enjoyable spring recess!



THE ODYSSEY THEATRE

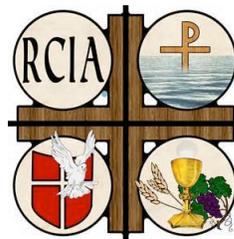
**New, Next, Now:
The 2018 – 2019 Season**

The Spring Show

Jules Vernes’

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

May 23rd – 6 PM



**What is RCIA?
Is RCIA for You?**

RCIA is the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. The Church welcomes into the RCIA process of preparation persons who have never been baptized, those already baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholics who have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation. **The celebration of Christian initiation takes place at the Easter Vigil liturgy.** If you or someone you know has been thinking about becoming a member of the Catholic Church, but would first like information about the process, please call Sr. Regina at 201-871-4662.



Let us pray for the needs of the following individuals:

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

Please contact the Church Office at 201-568-0545 if you need prayers for a loved one and would like that person's name added to our prayer list. Also, please let us know if a loved one's name should be removed from our prayer list.

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019
4 PM at OLMC CHURCH**

**Five Decades on the Catholic-Jewish
"Journey of Friendship":
Moving Toward Mutuality**

Since the Second Vatican Council in 1965, interactions between Jews and Catholics have become more frequent and positive than ever before in history. Official and informal dialogues have multiplied, and religious leaders in both communities have reconsidered and reformed long-held ideas about each other in a process that still continues. Dr. Philip A. Cunningham, Director of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations of Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, will explore how this unprecedented new relationship, which Pope Francis has called a "journey of friendship," began, what both traditions are now teaching about each other, and the path forward in the future. There will be an informal dialogue with Rabbi Jordan Millstein and small group discussions about two recent important texts, one Jewish, one Catholic. A joint dinner at Mount Carmel is part of this program. Everyone is invited.

"Welcome Jesus as a Friend



Let the Risen Jesus enter your life; welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk; you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid; trust him, be confident that he is close to you. He is with you, and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do."

Source:
Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts: Words of Challenge and Hope.
Frederick: The Word Among Us Press, 2013. Print.



**EASTER
ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of flowers that will decorate our church for Easter, 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 or returned to the Church Office.

-PLEASE PRINT-

Donated by: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

In Memory Of:

Special Intentions For:



How is the date of Easter determined? Easter is held on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox.

When does the Easter season end? The Easter season continues for 50 days—from Easter Sunday through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday.

What follows the Easter season? The Church returns to Ordinary Time, picking up where we left off before Lent.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you...”

Colossians 3:16

- Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matt 28:8-15
- Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
- Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday** Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
- Friday** Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
- Saturday** Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

To All Who Love Him

O God of the Universe,
 you shed your glory, your majesty,
 your omnipotence
 to become human, as Jesus Christ--
 to get close to us, to connect with us,
 to be our role model and guide for living.
 O God of the Universe,
 you became the human Jesus Christ,
 to know us, to feel all we feel,
 to show us how much you love us
 by taking within yourself all our sins.
 O God of the Universe,
 you felt not just one person's pain
 but the pain of all of us,
 to wash us clean and bond with us,
 your creation, your children.
 O God of the Universe,
 you proved your transcendent holy power
 by rising from the dead,
 a sign that all of us who believe in You
 will also rise to be with You eternally.
 The resurrection of Jesus Christ
 is the "Happy" in "Happy Easter."
 Happy Easter to all those who love Him.

By Joanna Fuchs



Everyone is invited for hospitality after the 10 AM Mass on **Sunday, April 28th** in the Auditorium! We look forward to seeing you!

MINISTRY SIGN-UP FORM

Please return this form to the Church Office or Religious Education Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket. Training is provided prior to serving.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Liturgical Ministry Choice:

- Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Usher

Mass Preference for Liturgical Ministry:

- 5 PM
- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 NOON

Catechetical Ministry:

- Catechist for Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during 10 AM Mass
- Catechist for Religious Education Program



**JOIN US FOR
ONE OF OUR
FAITH
SHARING**

Faith Family Friends

MEN'S CORNERSTONE GROUP meets every other Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, Closter. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 1st at 7:30 PM.** 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 meets monthly in the School Conference Room. **New members welcome!** Please see this page for details. To join, please call the Church Office at 201-568-0545.



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.



WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP meets monthly. We are currently reading "When A Woman Meets Jesus" by Dorothy Valcárcel. **The Women's Sharing Group will meet on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7 PM in the School Conference Room.** Please call Sr. Regina at 201-871-4662 for more information.



SPECIAL NOON MASS

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter on **Saturday, April 27 at 12 Noon.** Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of the person directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs and also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. A support group, Meeting of Hope, will follow the Mass. For information, please call 201-768-7565.



ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

**Tuesday, May 7th
9:15 AM & 7:30 PM
in the Conference Room**



Open a new chapter in your life and join Mount Carmel's Book Club led by fr. Dan! We meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

At our next meeting on May 7th the morning group will discuss "Bored Again Catholic. How the Mass Could Save Your Life" by Timothy O'Malley. The evening group will discuss "Fifth Business. The Deptford Trilogy" by Robertson Davies. Please call the Church Office at 201-568-0545 for more information or to join!

Check out these other groups offered by members of our parish community:

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.

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 and also baby caps and blankets to be donated to Siena House. For info, please contact Elena Ugarte at 201-567-6491.

A Benefit for
Siena House Shelter for Women and Children

9th Annual Ladies Night Out
Friday, May 10, 2019
Doors open at 7 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Auditorium

Please take a registration form
located in the kiosks in the Church!



Siena House Shelter is a non-profit organization serving women and children. They provide transitional housing for pregnant women and mothers with children under the age of three.

If you have any questions or would like to donate items to fill baskets for this event, please contact Kirsten Lotito at kirstenmjaeger@gmail.com or Patty Rafferty at ucarafferty@optonline.net.

Lord, the resurrection of your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of
the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.



Source: *New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book*

St. John the Evangelist (Broad Avenue, Leonia)
will be celebrating **Divine Mercy Sunday** next
Sunday, April 28th at 2:30 PM with a prayer
service. All are invited to attend.

Some fun facts about Easter eggs...

Eggs are a symbol of new life and giving decorated Easter eggs as gifts celebrate new life. As Christians, we remember Jesus' resurrection from the dead and the empty tomb on Easter. Eggs are a symbol of Jesus' resurrection. The act of rolling Easter eggs is symbolic of rolling away the stone at the entrance to Jesus' tomb. A cracked open egg represents the empty tomb.



"The Gift of the Risen Christ

The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). What is this life? It is God's own life. And who brings us this life? It is the Holy Spirit, the gift of the Risen Christ. The Spirit leads us into the divine life as true children of God, as sons and daughters in the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Are we open to the Holy Spirit? Do we let ourselves be guided by him?"

Source:
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*Celebrate
the Risen Savior*

