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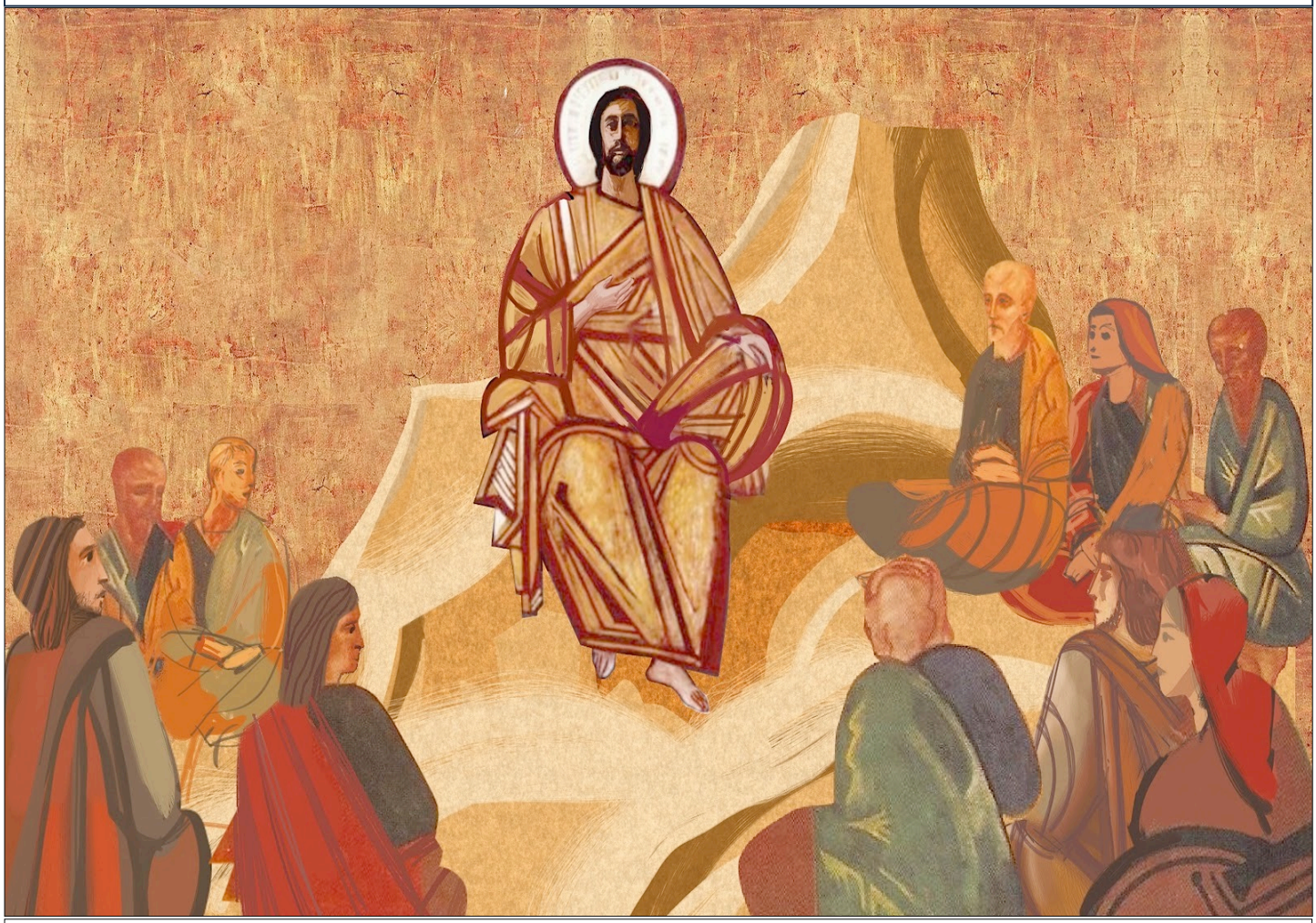

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

Matthew 5:17

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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 to request an appointment.

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.

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

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, February 16th
Matthew 5:17-37

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.'"

"Jesus challenges his disciples to do more than just follow the letter of the law. The law teaches against murder. The Lord Jesus upholds this law and then amplifies it in his commandment against anger. The law teaches against dishonesty. The Lord Jesus goes one step further and teaches against doubting another's honesty. The law is only the beginning of justice and mercy. All of the law and the prophets proceed from the two greatest commandments: love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself."

Source: *Pastoral Patterns*, Winter 2019-2020

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DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday	James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday	James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26
Thursday	James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33
Friday	James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34—9:1
Saturday	1 Peter 5:1-4; Matt 16:13-19

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (Feast) – "Early Roman Christians celebrated a feast in honor of their departed loved ones, including their beloved predecessors in the faith, Peter and Paul. When, in the fourth century, the feast of these two saints was moved to June 29, this day in February focused on celebrating Peter and his successors as bishops of Rome."

Source: *Living With Christ*, February 2020

"Being a Christian isn't just following the commandments, but means being in Christ, thinking like him, acting like him, loving like him; it means letting him take possession of our lives and change them, transform them, free them from the darkness of evil and sin."

—Pope Francis

New Parishioner Mass and Parish Coffee

If you are a newly registered parishioner from January 2018 – present, please join us

Sunday, February 23rd at the 10 AM Mass.

Our pastor, Father Mark will preside and give a special blessing to welcome the newest members of our Parish Community.

Then, after Mass join us in the Auditorium for a Parish Coffee.

Please RSVP to the Church Office at 201-568-0545 by February 16th if you plan on attending.

We look forward to seeing you on February 23rd.

The altar flowers this week
Are given by
The Durso Family
In memory of
Ralph and Laura Durso.

Active church membership helps build a sense of community.

The church is a family—growth takes work, commitment, support and love. But working together can provide a feeling of togetherness, as well as a sense that you are part of something larger than yourself.

Source: *12 Reasons to Be an Active Church Member*, ©2013 Channing Bete Company, Inc., 2018 Edition

LITURGICAL

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th
8:30 Francis Mathus
Requested by His Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th
8:30 Kathleen O'Neill

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th
8:30 Janet Bock
Requested by Her Husband, Brian

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
8:30 Pauline & Anthony Vagnone
Requested by Mary & Lou Vagnone

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
8:30 Rowland O. Wilhelm
Requested by His Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd
8:30 Gerard Callahan
Requested by Brian & Maria Rafferty
5:00 Janet Bock
Requested by Her Husband, Brian

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd
8:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
10:00 Mary & Jerry Maresca
Requested by Jennifer Schippert
12:00 Theresa Classi
Requested by The Luciano Family

MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 22nd & 23rd

5 PM
Altar Servers – Eliza Thek, Gisele Cerutti
Lector – Sr. Regina
Eucharistic Ministers – Linda Hubschman, Ruth Howard, Tana Guan, Rosanne Ambulo

8 AM
Altar Servers – Michael Hamilton, Alex Herrera, Mikhayla Herrera
Lector – Ann Picinic
Eucharistic Ministers – Beverly Rath, Rich White, Elissa Lang, Pat White

10 AM
Altar Servers – Charles Piluso, Chenelle Castor
Lector – Justin Fernandez
Eucharistic Ministers – Ted Kagy, Salvacion Enriquez, Dominique Cornetta, Kathy Kagy

12 NOON
Altar Servers – Anne Lee, Isabella Repoli
Lector – Sharon Hajjar
Eucharistic Ministers – Julie Fill, Jaga Kokosinski, Matt Rosa, Quennie Cabanilla

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Altar Servers are invited to an Altar Servers Mass at St. Luke's Church in Ho-Ho-Kus on Saturday, March 21st. Please see page 8 for details and RSVP information.

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are in memory of The Renn & Crowley Families requested by Mary & Dick Crowley.

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THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Gary Horn requested by Sharon & John Hajjar.

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REST IN PEACE

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

The Church offices are closed Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents Day. Church offices will reopen on Tuesday, February 18th.

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The Academy and the Academy Office will be closed from Monday, February 17th – Friday, February 21st for Winter Break. School reopens on Monday, February 24th.

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Ash Wednesday is February 26th. Please see next Sunday's bulletin for ideas to observe the holy season of Lent and deepen your spiritual life.

WEEKLY RUNDOWN

Substitute Teachers Needed
Saint Joseph School, 305 Elm Street, Oradell

Interested candidates should have a minimum of sixty college credits (prefer full certification), valid substitute certificate, Protecting God's Children training (Saint Joseph School can assist with this training), and three references. Remuneration is $85 per day.

Please send resume, letter of interest, and three references to: valentip@sjsusa.org.

MINISTRY SIGN-UP FORM

(Please return this form to the Church Office or Religious Education Office.)

Name _____

Phone_____

Email _____

Please consider joining one of OLMC's liturgical or catechetical ministries; training is provided and scheduling is done based on your availability and Mass preference. Please check ministry choice and Mass preference.

Liturgical Ministry Choice:

___ Altar Server (students in grades 4-8)
___ Altar Server (adults to serve funeral Masses)
___ Lector
___ Eucharistic Minister

Mass Preference:

___ 5 PM
___ 8 AM
___ 10 AM
___ 12 NOON

Catechetical Ministry:

___ Catechist for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during 10 AM Mass

Upcoming Events At Other Parishes. . .

"My Soul's Been Anchored: A Celebration In Song" – **St. Anastasia Church**, 1095 Teaneck Road, Teaneck – **Saturday, February 22nd at 7 PM**. Presented by the Saint Anastasia Black Catholics with Patrizia Conte, Mezzo-Soprano and Charles Warren, Pianist. Admission is free and open to the public. Reception follows.

56th St. Patrick's Day Dance – **The Terrace**, 293 Paramus Road, Paramus – **Saturday, March 14th from 6:30–11:30 PM**. This event supports a scholarship program for deserving students and charitable activities. Includes open bar and sit-down dinner. Cost: $100. If interested in attending or supporting this event, please contact Kathleen Collins-McMorrow at 201-290-0520 or Kieran Lynch at 201-280-6696.

39th Annual Bergen County St. Patrick's Day Parade – The Council of Irish Associations of Greater Bergen County, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, will be the Grand Marshal of the 39th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 15th at 2 PM**. Cardinal Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist for Mass at Saint Mary's Church in Dumont at 10 AM on Sunday, March 15th. There will be a flag raising at Roy W. Brown Middle School in Bergenfield at 1 PM, where Cardinal Tobin will deliver his Grand Marshal's address. Parade begins at 2 PM along Washington Avenue.

Cathedral Basilica Concert Series – 'Organ Recital' – **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart**, 89 Ridge Street, Newark – **Sunday, March 15th at 4 PM**. Presenting a program of French organ music from the 19th and 20th centuries with Ann Labounsky. Suggested donation $15.

Cathedral Basilica Concert Series – 'Choral Meditations on the Stations of the Cross' – **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart**, 89 Ridge Street, Newark – **Good Friday, April 10th at 8 PM**. The Cathedral Choir, under the direction of John J. Miller, presents meditations within the context of the Stations of the Cross. Free will offering.

WEEKLY RUNDOWN

"Come Away and Rest A While"

Women's Lenten Retreat

Take some time to rest in the LORD.
Women's Lenten Retreat is sponsored by
the Cornerstone Women of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint Cecilia churches.

Saturday, March 7th
8:30 AM – 12:15 PM
OLMC Church

Join us for Mass at 8:30 AM.
Retreat begins in the Church immediately following Mass.

Donation: $10

To register, please complete form and return by **Monday, March 2nd** to: Sr. Regina Chassar, OLMC, 10 County Road, Tenafly, NJ 07670. Please make check payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

faith FAMILY friends

Make New Friends And Enrich Your Spiritual Journey Today!

Join Us For One Of Our Faith Sharing Groups

MEN'S CORNERSTONE GROUP meets every other Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, Closter. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 19th 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.

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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.

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WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE GROUP meets monthly. **Please see the announcement on this page for our upcoming Women's Lenten Retreat.** For more information, please call Sr. Regina at 201-871-4662.

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WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP meets monthly. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 18th at 7 PM in the Religious Education Office.** Please enter the building via the elevator/adjacent stairway that are easily accessed from the north parking lot. For more information, please call Sr. Regina at 201-871-4662.

Or, for those interested in using their special talents or want to learn something new . . .

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP meets on Thursdays at 7 PM in the Titus Room. We're currently knitting and crocheting blankets to donate. For info, please call Elena Ugarte at 201-567-6491.

WEEKLY RUNDOWN

Make a purchase at Metropolitan Plant & Flower Exchange valued at $50 or more and Metropolitan will donate $10 to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tenafly.

Complete Form Below & Present at Time of Purchase
Expires 6/30/20
Cannot be combined with any other offers.

Name_____

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Email_____

(For Store Use)

Order #_____ **Total $**_____ **Date**_____

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Visit Metropolitan Plant & Flower Exchange or place an order by calling 1-800-METRO-13
www.metroplantexchange.com

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Leonard Abbruzzesi	Elon Lages Lima
Bernadette Alvarado	Deacon David Loman
Arturo Benemerito	Joanne Mitchell
Brian Bingman	Vito Moncello
Maria Capo	Aaron Monteagudo
Sr. Pat Coyle	Anthony Passaro
Carlos Crespo	John Prunty
Marie DeAngelis	Anthony Salvatore
Remedios De Guzman	John Salvatore
Rachel Durso	Jason Scalora
Victor Emmanuele	Kevin Smith
Peter Gagne	Dominic Tavormina
Edwin Grube	Liza Ty Beasca
Joan Hargett	Luis Ugarte
Adam Kokosinski	Giselle Velez
Rumi Kubo	

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
11:30 A.M.
OLMC PARISH AUDITORIUM

Senior Mardi Gras Celebration!
All Seniors Welcome!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 18th to the Church Office at 201-568-0545.

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 2020. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 19, 2020 3:00 p.m. 5 & 25 Years
Registration Deadline: April 3rd

May 3, 2020 3:00 p.m. 50 Years
Registration Deadline: April 15th

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Continuous Religious Instruction For The Faith Development Of Your Child

Families are reminded that attendance at each grade level is important in order to establish a firm foundation in the faith, build upon it at each grade level, and prepare for the Sacraments.

Religious Education Classes

Sunday, February 16th	(**NO CLASS**)
Tuesday, February 18th	(**NO CLASS**)
Sunday, February 23rd	(8:45-9:55 AM)
Tuesday, February 25th	(3:30-4:45 PM)

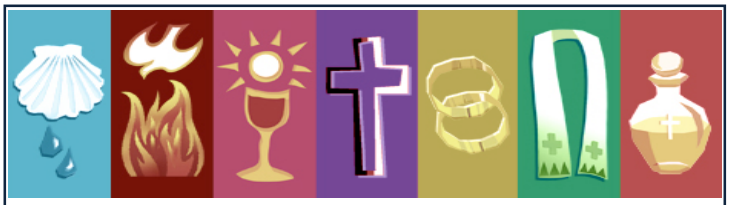
Family participation at church is the foundation of faith formation.

Get involved in other church activities. The more time your child spends with you and other members of your church, the better his or her connection to your faith community. Participate in church meals and picnics, Bible study classes, plays, fairs and festivals, and retreats and workshops.

Source: *Being involved in Your Child's Faith Formation*, ©2010 Channing Bete Company, Inc., 2017 Edition

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 **March 21, 2020 at 12 Noon at St. Luke's Church, Ho-Ho-Kus**. **PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 10th to Sr. Regina at 201-871-4662 or reled@olmc.us with the names of Altar Servers who will attend and the number of parents and/or chaperones who will attend.**



Sacrament of First Eucharist

The immediate preparation for First Eucharist begins once children have received the sacrament of First Reconciliation. The Eucharist is the center of our Catholic life.

Families who did not attend the **First Eucharist Parent Meeting that was held on Thursday, February 6th** should contact the Religious Education Office at 201-871-4662. If you have not yet registered your child for this sacrament or if you have not yet submitted a copy of your child's baptism certificate, please do so as soon as possible.

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Sacrament of Confirmation

Families are reminded to provide the name of their teen's sponsor to Elliot Guerra as well as their child's date and church of Baptism, if they have not yet done so. This information is recorded in our church's sacrament registers for both Confirmation and Baptism and is also sent to your child's church of baptism (if not baptized at OLMC) for recording purposes.

As we get closer to the sacrament of Confirmation, please note the following important dates:

Last Confirmation Session
Sunday, March 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Confirmation Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 25 at 7 PM
(candidates & sponsors attend in the Church)

Confirmation Liturgy
Sunday, March 29 at 2 PM
(candidates & sponsors must arrive at 1:15 to the Auditorium)

ACADEMY/ATHLETICS

Let us introduce you to the Academy staff and the programs we have to offer. Visit our Web site at www.academyolmc.org.

Experience The OLMC Difference!

Welcome to the Academy of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a special place where a student's journey to excellence begins.

The Academy, a Middle States accredited institution, is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence offering outstanding academic opportunities in a faith-filled environment.

National Blue Ribbon School Since 2012

Black Catholic History

February is Black History Month and throughout the month OLMC is featuring stories on its Web site about the rich tradition, and at times hidden history, of Black Catholics in the United States and around the world. Visit www.olmc.us to learn about the lives and legacies of some Black Catholics and Black Catholic history that we have chosen to feature this month.

The National Black Catholic Congress is an organization of African-American Roman Catholics, founded in 1889 by Daniel Rudd as the Colored Catholic Congress, and revived in the 1980s under its current name. Just months after Daniel A. Rudd began printing the American Catholic Tribune he had reason in the editorial page to celebrate a victory. With the passage of legislation to repeal the last of Ohio's "Black Laws," Rudd exulted, "The cry of justice is heard." The symbol of the National Black Catholic Congress is the Acacia. Their mission is to improve and enrich the lives of African-American Catholics.

Sources: Wikipedia and *Echoing a "Cry for Justice": Daniel A. Russ, his Life and Legacy* by Gary Agee

The Odyssey Theatre's "The Unseen World: The 2019-2020 Season"

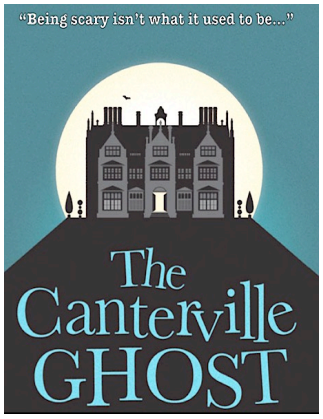
The Winter Comedy
Oscar Wilde's *The Canterville Ghost*

"Being scary isn't what it used to be. . ."

Written by Kathy Stout and Elliot Guerra
Based on the short story *The Canterville Ghost* by Oscar Wilde
Directed by Elliot Guerra

Friday, March 13
7 PM
&
Sunday, March 15
2 PM

—Free Admission—



Fundraising WHILE YOU Shop

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Supermarket and retail store gift cards are available for purchase at the Academy Office during school hours and after the 10 A.M. Mass on Sundays. The Academy receives a percentage of sales at no extra cost to you!

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"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

There will be a **second collection next weekend** for the Church in Eastern Europe. Thank you for your support of our Church throughout the world.

ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK

"Shining the Light of Christ"
2020 Annual Appeal

The 2020 Annual Appeal "Shining the Light of Christ" has begun. By now you may have received a letter from Cardinal Tobin inviting you to make a gift to the Appeal. We encourage all of you to look it over and prayerfully consider making a pledge.

This past year's goal was $65,532 and you raised $79,591. We recently received our 2019 rebate in the amount of $8,634.49. Congratulations on such a charitable job well done. This year our goal for the Annual Appeal is $72,279. If you have not received materials in the mail, then please pick up a brochure from the Narthex or from the kiosks. Always, thank you for allowing that light of charity to shine so well here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

—Fr. Mark

The Archdiocese of Newark states that the overall goal for the 2020 Annual Appeal is $8.3 million. However, the needs of the Archdiocese of Newark far exceed this number. Gifts to the Annual Appeal will be to the benefit of the following programs and ministries: Proclaiming the Gospel ($1 million), Passing on the Faith ($2.9 million), Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable ($2.3 million) and Forming Future Priests and Supporting Retired Clergy ($2.1 million).

Ways to give:

- Donate online at rcan.org/sharing
- Make a gift over the phone at (973) 497-4129
- Fill out an envelope at your parish during collection weekends
- Complete and return the pledge card you received in the mail

The 2020 Annual Appeal will kick off here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church the weekend of March 7th – 8th.