

the catholic community of
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**THE ONE WHO OBEYS THE LORD,
EVEN RELUCTANTLY,
IS THE ONE WHO DOES
THE WILL OF THE FATHER.**



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 arrange 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.

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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.”*

WELCOME

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, September 27th

Matthew 21:28-32

“Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, “Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.” He said in reply, “I will not,” but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, “Yes, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did his father’s will?’”

“The theme of *saying* versus *doing* runs throughout Matthew’s Gospel. It is what you *do*, not what you *say*, that opens the door to eternal life. What you said before is irrelevant; what is important is working in the vineyard today.”

Source: *Pastoral Patterns*, Autumn 2020



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (Feast) – “This feast commemorates all three archangels. Michael is a warrior against evil and protector of Israel and the Church. Gabriel is a messenger who announces the Messiah’s coming and the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Raphael served as a guardian angel protecting Tobias on his journey.”

Wednesday Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) – “St. Jerome translated the Bible into the Latin language of the common people (the Vulgate).”

Thursday Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) – “Marie-Francoise Thérèse Martin entered the Carmelites at age fifteen. Her writings were combined into her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*. She sought holiness through her “little way”: fidelity to God in the small things of everyday life.” **Please see page 9 for more about Saint Thérèse.**

Friday Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Matt 18:1-5, 10

The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial) – “The word ‘angel’ (Greek, messenger) describes the intermediaries between God and humanity. They assist in our struggle against evil, announce God’s messages, and serve as guardians.”

Saturday Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24

Source: *Living With Christ*, September 2020 and October 2020

Welcome to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church!

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.’

Suggestions? Comments? 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.

The altar flowers this week
are given by
The Durso Family
in memory of
Ralph and Laura Durso.



**“Our Lord
does not look so much
at the greatness
of our actions,
or even at their difficulty,
as at the love
with which we do them.”**

– Saint Thérèse of Lisieux
Feast Day: October 1st

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

8:30 Thomas P. Gaffney
Requested by His Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

8:30 Raymond Beattie
Requested by His Loving Mother & Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

8:30 Manuel Estacio, Sr.
Requested by His Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st

8:30 James Kwok
Requested by Medical Mission Team

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

8:30 Mun Tran
Requested by Marie Tran

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

8:30 Joseph Bobal
Requested by Bernice Drapkin

5:00 Winifred Stedina
Requested by The Stiefel Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th

8:00 Gerard Tobin
Requested by Irene Fraga

10:00 Anthony Paul Falasco
Requested by His Family

12:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are in memory of Joseph Bobal requested by Bernice Drapkin.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Joan Naida requested by Her Friends.



REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers
Armendo Betancourt, Jacqueline Coleman,
Brother Tom Conlon, Brother Charlie Kwiatkowski,
Fr. Joseph McGowen, O.Carm.,
Vito Moncello (brother of Toni Essman) and
all the military men and women who have died this week.

Join Us In Church Or Facebook Live

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10 AM and on Thursday mornings at 8:30 AM for our live streamed Masses via Facebook Live, or join us in person according to the schedule below.

Private Prayer: The Church is open for private prayer from 8 AM to 2 PM Monday through Saturday.

Daily Mass: The Church is open for daily Mass Monday through Saturday at 8:30 AM.

Sunday Mass: The Church is open for weekend Masses on Saturday at 5 PM and on Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 Noon.

Church Offices: Church offices are open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Confessions: Available at 4 PM on Saturday before the 5 PM Mass.

We are in compliance with Archdiocesan guidelines of limiting church capacity, social distancing, sanitizing, and wearing face masks. We thank you for persevering in faith and charity during these challenging times. We look forward to seeing you again and hope you will join us however you are able. In the meantime, stay safe and stay healthy.

2021 MASS BOOK

The 2021 Mass Book is open. To accommodate everyone, there is a limit of 4 Mass intention requests (2 weekends and 2 daily) and 2 requests for either Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Lamp. No phone requests will be taken at this time.

If you are unable to visit the Church Office, please mail your requests to the Church Office and provide contact information in case your dates of choice are not available. We will make every attempt to accommodate your requests after the requests of those who have visited the Church Office are fulfilled. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in the amount of \$10 for each Mass, Bread and Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp intention.



“Bearing Fruit in the Real World

Christians are ‘spiritual.’ This does not mean that we are people who live ‘in the clouds,’ far removed from real life, as if it were some kind of mirage. The Christian is someone who thinks and acts in everyday life according to God’s will, someone who allows his or her life to be guided and nourished by the Holy Spirit, to be a full life, a life worthy of true sons and daughters. Their lives bring new life to birth all around them.”

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

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia Invite You to Celebrate Laudato Si Year

Pope Francis designated May 24, 2020 through May 24, 2021 as Laudato Si Year to commemorate the fifth anniversary of his landmark encyclical on the care for our common home. The Season of Creation (September 1–October 4) seems to be an appropriate time to initiate this opportunity for weekly reflection on excerpts from Laudato Si.



Pope Francis’s Laudato Si #21: Pollution, waste and the throwaway culture. Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses, from construction and demolition sites, from clinical, electronic and industrial sources. The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.

Reflection: This week notice how you participate in the “throwaway” culture. What paper and plastic items do you use once and throw away? Take a walk in your neighborhood on trash day. Remind yourself that most of this trash will end up in a landfill somewhere. There is no “away” to throw anything.

(Reflection provided by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia.)



Active church membership can give you a sense of fulfillment. As a Christian, you are participating in a faith community with a special mission and purpose—to minister to other church members and to those in need.



Please take a moment to consider joining Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s **Liturgical Ministry** as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Usher. Or perhaps you feel called to serve the needs of others. OLMC’s **Social Justice Ministry** works with the Office of Concern and Family Promise to assist those in need. **Please fill out the form below to join OLMC’s Liturgical Ministry or see page 10 for details to volunteer with the Office of Concern or Family Promise Walk-in Dinner on September 30th.**

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 ministries; training is provided. Scheduling for each of these ministries is done based on your availability and on a rotating basis. Please check ministry choice and Mass preference.

Liturgical Ministry Choice:

- ___ Lector
- ___ Eucharistic Minister
- ___ Usher

Mass Preference:

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





ONLINE REGISTRATION

Visit our Web site to register for Religious Education classes. Go to www.olmc.us and click on **Learn – Religious Education – Registration.**

Continuous Religious Instruction For The Faith Development Of Your Child

The Religious Education Program is a curriculum of **continuous** religious instruction for students. We offer classes beginning in first grade and continuing each year through eighth grade. 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.

We are offering remote/online learning as we begin the 2020-2021 school year. Students will have access to the e-book from RCL Benziger, our book publisher and also Zoom instruction with a catechist. Online instruction will continue until such time that we can safely invite students and catechists back to the classroom.

Are you a new family with a child who will be entering the program for the first time? Welcome! We enjoy meeting new families and helping you get started on the path to religious instruction for your child! Whether your child is entering first grade, or perhaps your children are older and transferring from another parish, we're here to answer your questions. Registration can be done online or we can mail a registration form to your home.

For more information, please call the Religious Education Office at 201-871-4662 or contact us via email at reled@olmc.us.



Celebration of Sacraments

Students who were to have received the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation this past school year have been divided into four groups for each sacrament and families have been mailed a letter with their child's **assigned date and Mass time** as well as rehearsal date and time. The celebration of these sacraments is as follows:

First Communion Masses and Rehearsals:

Saturday, October 3rd at 11 AM

Rehearsal in the Church: Thursday, October 1st at 3:45 PM

Saturday, October 3rd at 2 PM

Rehearsal in the Church: Thursday, October 1st at 4:30 PM

Saturday, October 10th at 11 AM

Rehearsal in the Church: Thursday, October 8th at 3:45 PM

Saturday, October 10th at 2 PM

Rehearsal in the Church: Thursday, October 8th at 4:30 PM

Important note regarding First Eucharist: Due to the limit on church capacity, the number of individuals allowed for each First Communicant is 12 (First Communicant plus 11 guests).



Confirmation Masses and Rehearsals:

Saturday, October 17th at 11 AM

Rehearsal in the Church: Tuesday, October 13th at 7 PM

Sunday, October 18th at 2 PM

Rehearsal in the Church: Wednesday, October 14th 7 PM

Saturday, October 24th at 11 AM

Rehearsal in the Church: Tuesday, October 20th at 7 PM

Sunday, October 25th at 2 PM

Rehearsal in the Church: Wednesday, October 21st at 7 PM

Important note regarding Confirmation: Due to the limit on church capacity, the number of individuals allowed for each Confirmation candidate is set at six (candidate plus one sponsor, two parents, and two guests).



Let us introduce you to the Academy staff and the programs we have to offer.

Visit our Web site at www.academyolmc.org.

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The Academy of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is an educational community with roots in the Roman Catholic faith that teaches gospel values. Within our Carmelite tradition we are dedicated to helping students see God in themselves, in each other and in the world around them. We strive to educate the whole person—intellectually, spiritually, physically, socially and emotionally—while building a strong foundation of ethical and moral ideals.

*We invite you to explore our website
and reach out to us
for more information.*



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Attention Prospective 8th Grade Families – Bergen Catholic High School will be holding personal one on one tours for interested families Monday through Friday. Registration is required on the website, and a maximum of 10 families will be permitted per day. For more information, please contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.



Regis High School of Manhattan is an all-scholarship Jesuit school for talented and gifted Catholic boys. **Regis High School invites students and their parents to its New Jersey Virtual Admissions Information Night on Tuesday, September 29th from 7 PM to 8 PM.** To register or for more information, go to <https://www.regis.org/section/?id=21> or contact Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions at edimichele@regis.org or call 212-288-1100, extension 2057.



Discover what makes St. Joseph Regional High School, located at 40 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, a unique high school experience! **St. Joseph Regional High School will be holding an Open House on Sunday, September 27th at 11 AM.** Reserve your spot at www.sjrnj.org.

ACADEMY BACK TO SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Phase 1: September 21 – November 25

In-School students may begin entering the building at 7:50 AM. Students must be in their classroom by 8:15 AM.

Virtual students should enter the virtual classroom between 8:00 AM and 8:15 AM. Please check your class page on the school website for direction.

Lunch/Snack

Students in Grades PreK3 through Grade 5 may bring a snack. Please be mindful of peanut allergies. All students are allowed to bring something to drink. Please refrain from sending in any glass containers.

The school day ends for each grade as follows:

Grades 6—8 at 2:00 PM
Grades 4 and 5 at 1:50 PM
Grades 1—3 at 1:40 PM
Grades PreK3—Kindergarten at 1:30 PM

All dismissal will be through the North Parking Lot except for Grade 7 who will exit to the South Parking Lot.



Let us pray for the needs of the following individuals:

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| Leonard Abbruzzesi | Jeffrey Kellish |
| Bernadette Alvarado | Adam Kokosinski |
| Arturo Benemerito | Rumi Kubo |
| Brian Bingman | Elon Lages Lima |
| Maria Capo | Deacon David Loman |
| Tom Cooke | Joanne Mitchell |
| Sr. Pat Coyle | Aaron Monteagudo |
| Carlos Crespo | Anthony Salvatore |
| Remedios De Guzman | John Salvatore |
| Rachel Durso | Jason Scalora |
| Patricia Eboli | Kevin Smith |
| Peter Gagne | Dominic Tavormina |
| Judy Gegel | Liza Ty Beasca |
| Edwin Grube | Giselle Velez |
| Joan Hargett | |

“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”

Isaiah 40:29



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.



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I give you thanks
for all the benefits
which you have ever bestowed on me
in body and in soul.
Blessed be the hour
in which you were assigned me
for my guardian,
my defender,
and my patron.
Amen.

—Saint Gertrude the Great

Feast of the Guardian Angels
October 2

**SACRED
MUSIC
LUNCHTIME
CONCERT**



Please join our Music Director, Andrea Covais and organist June Marano-Murray for an afternoon concert to culminate the summer sacred music series **Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 1 PM in church.** The program will be followed by an interview between Andrea and Fr. Ashley to discuss the musical pieces and the role of sacred music in liturgy through history. All are welcome and no tickets are required. The concert will also be livestreamed.



I began my study of Carmelite Spiritual Theology at an early age – five years old. For seven years I faithfully attended weekly Tuesday night sessions. Admittedly, I daydreamed or even slept through many of the talks, but keep in mind that I was only five or six. Without consciously knowing it, I was being imbued with a profound vision of “The Little Way to union with God.”

Every Tuesday night my parents and I attended the Little Flower Novenas at Saint Cecilia Church. Fathers Albert Dolan, Ronald Gray, and Quentin Duncan told the story of Thérèse of Lisieux. Father Albert and Father Ronald knew all of St. Thérèse’s sisters and visited them in France several times. They came back to Englewood and shared with the congregation their memories and observations. Gradually, I began to understand the meaning of Thérèse’s life and writings.

—Fr. Ashley Harrington

The Little Way

Father John Russell, who lived here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tenafly for many years, was a noted expert on St. Thérèse. He explained that Thérèse realized she could only do little things for God. Great gestures of faith were beyond her life in a cloistered convent. Littleness was part of her self-identity. She spoke of the splendid beauty of a lily or a rose. People loved to gaze upon these spectacular flowers. She also pointed out that fields are filled with a thousand little wildflowers. Seldom are these individual wildflowers noticed. But, she said, if you stop and pick one of these flowers and look carefully, you can see how stunningly beautiful they are. And, why wouldn’t they be? They are made by God. Thérèse saw herself as one of these little flowers—not noticed, but beautiful because she was created by God.

She also realized that her little ordinary acts of love and sacrifice—a smile, a prayer, a silence, if done for God—are magnificent. This is called The Little Way. The Little Way is simply living in the presence of God each day, using every ordinary moments to give glory and honor to God.

The Little Way teaches that everyone—even individuals who don’t have extraordinary talents and abilities—can live a life that utterly delights God. What is so wonderful about this spirituality is that all of us can use it to glorify God as we live our lives. We elevate our daily actions by being aware that God is present to us. Knowing that God is present, we cannot help but realize that God is working through us and our deeds. The “little nothings” of daily life become in God’s eyes beautiful acts of love.

Now that I am nearly 80 years old, I realize that Thérèse’s simple message served me well all these decades. Knowingly and unknowingly, over the years I used the power of The Little Way. I knew a smile, a look, a note, a phone call, a silent prayer, a lit candle—yes, all had power. All had the power to heal and impart life to others and all had the power to bring me closer to God.

—Fr. Ashley Harrington



SEEKING WAREHOUSE MANAGER

The Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia is seeking a warehouse manager who will work 20 hours per week. Hours are flexible but mainly mornings.

The Warehouse Manager will work with a staff composed almost entirely of part-time volunteers who use their professional experience to provide food and other necessities to poor families in Bergen County. Responsibilities include move food items from warehouse to front office, plan weekly food menu, sort food donations and store in appropriate location in the warehouse.

Please contact Donald Wuertz, Director at 201-256-7179 for an interview.

A Message from Elliot Guerra and the Office of Concern at St. Cecilia . . .

The Office of Concern at St. Cecilia is accepting donations of non-perishable items. Non-perishable items can be placed in the elevator lobby at OLMC, dropped off at the Office of Concern at St. Cecilia, Englewood or **we can pick up at your home's front steps!** At this time, the Office of Concern has a sufficient supply of frozen meat. Thank you to those who have donated.

The Office of Concern is still in need of diapers in sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6 and baby wipes. Items can be placed in the elevator lobby at OLMC.

Another way to help the Office of Concern is to write a check payable to "OLMC" and mark it "Scrip" in the memo line. We will purchase supermarket gift cards (at no additional cost to you) that will assist our Academy and provide the funds to the Office of Concern.

If you would like to volunteer with World Central Kitchen through Family Promise, rain or shine, at the Office of Concern, Englewood, please contact Elliot Guerra at eguerra@academyolmc.org.



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Walk-In Dinner Program September 30, 2020

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