



**“UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT
FALLS TO THE GROUND AND DIES,
IT REMAINS JUST A GRAIN OF WHEAT;
BUT IF IT DIES, IT PRODUCES MUCH FRUIT.”**

John 12:24



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.

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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**“You must change your life
so that God, out of mercy,
will pardon you.
Be converted with a sincere heart.
Then the peace of God
will be with you always.”**

—Saint Francis of Paola

**Thursday | March 25 and All Thursdays Of Lent – 4 PM to 6 PM
Office of Concern**

The Office of Concern is looking for volunteers to stock shelves and pack grocery bags.
If interested in volunteering, please contact Elliot Guerra.



**Friday | March 26 and All Fridays Of Lent – 7 PM
Stations of the Cross**

—OLMC Church and Live Streamed—

Join us for guided Stations of the Cross, including meditation and music.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

—OLMC Church—

There will be an opportunity for individual confession from 6:30 to 7 PM, prior to Stations of the Cross,
and for half an hour immediately following Stations of the Cross.

This will take the place of a Lenten Parish Penance Service.



Tuesday | March 23 – 7 PM

Wisdom of the Desert: Lenten Concert and Reflection

—OLMC Church and Live Streamed—

All are invited. No RSVP required.



Tuesday | March 30

Family Promise Walk-In Dinner

If interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Elliot Guerra.



**LENTEN CONCERT
AND REFLECTION**

WISDOM OF THE DESERT

Featuring the music of Taizé

**Tuesday, March 23 • 7 PM
OLMC Church • Live Streamed**

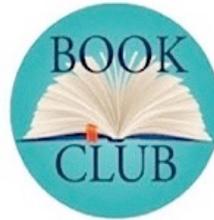
Spend an hour in Lenten reflection with the music of Taizé. All are welcome and no RSVP is required.



“Big hearts open many doors...including those we’d rather keep shut. Before judging others, we have to be honest with ourselves about our own faults.

The eyes of mercy see better without the curtains or shades of our own faults and failings, frequently the same ones we are so quick to judge in others. Pope Francis reminds us that rather than criticizing others or joining in gossip sessions, it’s more merciful to remember that we have plenty to be forgiven for ourselves. And we should always remember that it’s often harder to forgive ourselves than it is to forgive others. A hard lesson but one essential to learn!”

SOURCE: McCann, Deborah, *What Pope Francis Says About Mercy* (Connecticut: Twenty-Third Publications, 2015), 23.



**MOUNT CARMEL
BOOK CLUB
IS BACK!**

—Facilitated by Elliot Guerra—
Founded by Pastor Emeritus Fr. Dan O’Neill, O.Carm.

**Tuesday, April 6th
9:15 AM & 7:30 PM
Titus Room/Conference Room/Zoom**

Interested in joining?
Contact Elliot Guerra or Mary Ann at the Church Office.



**This Month’s Book . . .
Mariette in Ecstasy by Ron Hansen**

In 1906 Mariette Baptiste, a seventeen-year-old postulant, is the talk of the Sisters of the Crucifixion convent. Although their days are scheduled down to the minute—silence, recitation, meditation, prayer, work, meals—the sisters can’t help but talk about the new, rich teenager in their midst. Why did she join them? What’s her secret? *Mariette in Ecstasy*, Ron Hansen’s prose-poetic novel, was published twenty-five years ago, and its strangeness hasn’t withered. The rare book lauded by both *The Village Voice* and diocesan newspapers, Hansen’s novel is written in gorgeous sentences that combine meticulous material specificity with ambiguous emotion.

This book may be purchased at local bookstores (OLMC is not affiliated with any of the bookstores listed on our website), from Amazon Smile (a small portion of the purchase price goes to OLMC Academy), or borrowed from the public library (must have a Bergen County library card). Please visit www.olmc.us for help in obtaining your copy of our Book Club’s pick!



**Let your Lenten pruning
produce an Easter harvest
of abundant fruit.**



TODAY’S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, March 21st
John 12:20-33

“Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, ‘Sir, we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.’”

“Jesus spoke often of seeds. . . Today that grain of wheat gave its life to produce much fruit. Jesus is the sower. Always he sows the seeds of faith, the seeds of the kingdom, the seed that is his very life so that they will bear as much rich fruit as the world can sustain. The Christ who is in us, with his mission imprinted upon our hearts, needs us to be the sowers now.”

SOURCE: *Pastoral Patterns*, Spring 2021



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday** Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;
John 8:1-11
- Tuesday** Num 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
- Wednesday** Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
John 8:31-42
- Thursday** 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 agreed to be a participant in God’s plan of salvation.”

- Friday** Jer 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
- Saturday** Ezek 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

SOURCE: *Living With Christ*, March 2021

**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.’ Please see page 2 for schedule of Masses and Sacrament information.

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.

Join Us In Church Or Facebook Live

Join us on Sundays at 10 AM, Tuesday mornings at 8:30 with Fr. Richard, and Thursday mornings at 8:30 with Fr. Anthony 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 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 22nd

8:30 Albert Tront
Requested by Jerry & Tricia Gasparro

TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd

8:30 Thomas Kenny

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24th

8:30 Norma Allison
Requested by Women's Cornerstone (2002 Group)

THURSDAY, MARCH 25th

8:30 Blewitt Family (Living)
Requested by Nora Blewitt

FRIDAY, MARCH 26th

8:30 Gertrude Mills
Requested by The Tremble Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th

8:30 Cecilia Rodriguez
Requested by Winnie T. Etorma

5:00 Peter Del Giudice
Requested by The Balakian Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 28th

8:00 Olympia Contreras
Requested by Her Family

10:00 Sharon Antonucci
Requested by The Angresano Family

12:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are in thanksgiving requested by Laura I. Laurent, Juddy Paillant, Emmanuelle Edoard, and Perpetua Labidou.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in thanksgiving requested by Laura I. Laurent, Juddy Paillant, Emmanuelle Edoard, and Perpetua Labidou.



REST IN PEACE

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



Let us pray for the needs of the following individuals:

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| Leonard Abbruzzesi | Jeffrey Kellish |
| Bernadette Alvarado | Young Kim |
| Arturo Benemerito | Adam Kokosinski |
| Brian Bingman | Rumi Kubo |
| Tom Cooke | Elon Lages Lima |
| Sr. Pat Coyle | Antonia Lopez |
| Remedios De Guzman | Joanne Mitchell |
| Rachel Durso | Aaron Monteagudo |
| Patricia Eboli | Rita Oettinger |
| Wanda Ferraiola | Jacinto Rivera |
| Peter Gagne | John Salvatore |
| Judy Gegel | Jason Scalora |
| Edwin Grube | Betty Supple |
| Amy Hartwell | Dominic Tavormina |
| James Ierardi | Jeanny Torres |
| Angela Iskenderian | Liza Ty Beasca |
| Kavork Karkian | Giselle Velez |

MEN'S CORNERSTONE

Men's Cornerstone continues to meet virtually every other Wednesday. The next meeting is March 31st. Please call Deacon Michael Giuliano at 201-983-1591 or Bill Angresano at 201-370-2698 if interested.

There will not be outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at the Missionary Franciscan Sisters property in Tenafly.

Concerns over Covid-19 still make it necessary to ask people NOT to come on our land even to pray at this time. We are sorry, but must protect the Sisters and others. Thank you.

Sr. Pat Coyle and Sr. Veronica Weygand

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you have experienced a loss and would like to join a bereavement support group, please call the Church Office at 201-568-0545. **We will meet from 10 AM until 11:30 AM on Saturday mornings beginning April 10th and continuing for four weeks.** The bereavement facilitator for these meetings will be Marianne Reilly.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION



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 following is an excerpt from Laudato Si' and a reflection provided by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia.



Pope Francis's *Laudato Si'* #161: We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth. The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now periodically occur in different areas of the world. The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now.

Reflection: This excerpt is a wake-up call for us. What kind of world do you want to leave to those coming after you? What actions are you willing to take to create that world?



“Let us not leave in our wake a swath of destruction and death which will affect our own lives and those of future generations.”

—Pope Francis



“A Friend Named Fox”

by Deacon Lex Ferrauiola



Today Deacon Lex shares with us one of his favorite stories.

God sends each one of us into the world with some very special work to do. We may never know what that work is during our life here on earth, but God will surely tell us in the next.

To accomplish this work God plants us within a vineyard. There are rich vineyards and poor vineyards, loving family vineyards and lonely homeless vineyards. But regardless of the vineyard, we are sent here to bear fruit for our loving Creator in heaven. We are all called to be saints regardless of the vineyard in which we live out our life on earth. And regardless of the circumstances of our life and our death, God finds a way to heal us and welcome us home. I have always believed this.

My friend Fox lived in one of God's vineyards. It was different from the one we live in here in Tenafly, but God was still the landlord. About 35 years ago, way back in 1986, I was searching very hard to find Jesus, to understand what faith in Jesus really meant to me. To my surprise I found Jesus in a wheelchair. He didn't look like any of his pictures, though. He had one leg, was African American and kept his hair in dreadlocks. But it was Jesus. That little piece of Christ within Fox reached out and touched that little piece of Christ within me, and there was recognition.

Please see next Sunday's bulletin for the continuation of “A Friend Named Fox.”



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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**Scholastic Virtual Book Fair
March 21st is the Last Day!**

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair. The Fair connects kids to notable books and inspiring characters—helping them become lifelong readers. Visit the Book Fair homepage to learn more and begin shopping: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ourladyofmountcarmelsch2>

“If you don’t like to read,
you haven’t found the right book.”

—J. K. Rowling



Scripts Program – Please continue to help support the Academy of Our Lady of Mount Carmel by participating in the Scripts program. Scripts has 700 participating companies! Different brands provide different rebates to our fundraising program! You just shop as you always do using Scripts! Visit our school website, www.academyolmc.org, for more information on signing up for this great program! Thank you in advance for your continued support of our school.

**Enrollment
For New Students
And Families**

—Contact the Academy Office—



*When you enroll at the Academy
you are gaining relationships that
will stand the test of time within
a true community of friendship.*

Ashley Colona
Class of 2001 &
Academy Teacher



Continuous Religious Instruction For The Faith Development Of Your Child

Childhood is a critical time. It is when the foundation is set for lifelong faith and devotion to God.

The Religious Education Program is a curriculum of **continuous** religious instruction for students. We offer classes beginning in kindergarten 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.

Growing Together in Faith **“Gather To Share Our Faith”**

Prayer | Sharing | Instruction

“Gather To Share Our Faith” continues as students and parents are invited to gather with one another and our catechists in the Church from 3:30 to 4:30 (*socially-distanced and face masks required*) to pray, share, and learn about the Catholic faith.

Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 met last Tuesday. This coming Tuesday, March 23rd, students in grades 7 and 8 will gather. **This will also be an opportunity to meet OLMC’s new pastor, Fr. Richard Supple!**

We look forward to seeing you!

Grades 7 and 8
Tuesday, March 23

Please enter the building via the stairs/elevator from the North Parking Lot.



Confirmation

Teens preparing for Confirmation are required to attend preparation sessions that are being held **virtually on Sundays from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM**, according to the schedule below, unless otherwise noted.



Virtual Confirmation Session
SUNDAY, MARCH 21st
at 6:30 PM

Session Topic
“Sacraments: Doorway to the Sacred”

Can we find God in everyday life?
How can we find ourselves?

Contact Elliot Guerra at eguerra@academyolmc.org
for Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode.

Confirmation Preparation Sessions Schedule Remaining Dates and Themes

Where Am I Going? **March 28**
Who Do I Want To Be? **April 25, May 2, 16, 23**



First Eucharist



All sacraments are necessarily related to baptism, the first sacrament we celebrate. First Communion is an extension of that day as children are welcomed to the family meal—the Eucharist.

Parents whose children are preparing for First Eucharist this year are reminded to review the information they received from the First Eucharist Parent Meeting and to work on the preparation material and banner kit with their child. **Families were notified of their child’s date of First Communion.**



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2021 ANNUAL APPEAL ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. Please visit www.olmc.us for information on making your gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal.

*“No one has ever become poor
by giving.”*

—Anne Frank



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 Church and can be dropped in the collection box or returned to the Church Office.

–PLEASE PRINT–

Donated by: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

In Memory of:

Special Intentions for:

There will be a special collection this weekend for **Catholic Relief Services**. As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, CRS works with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality. Your contributions and generosity to this collection are appreciated.