

the catholic community of OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



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Third Sunday of Lent



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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 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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Lord,

I believe in you: Increase my faith.

I trust in you: Strengthen my trust.

I love you: Let me love you more and more.

I am sorry for my sins: Deepen my sorrow.

I worship you as my first beginning,

I long for you as my last end,

I praise you as my constant helper,
and call on you as my loving protector.

Guide me by your wisdom,
correct me with your justice,
comfort me with your power.

—St. Clement XI

Thursday | March 11 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 12 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.

Anyone who wishes to pray the Stations of the Cross may do so any time the Church is open.

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.

(Date & Time To Be Determined)

Lenten Parish Penance Service

—OLMC Church and Live Streamed—

Join us for our Lenten Parish Penance Service.

There will be an opportunity for individual confessions.



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.



Lent . . .

Fasting – Prayer – Almsgiving

By denying ourselves something we like, we join in a small way the suffering of Christ and seek inner conversion. Each of us must confess that we sometimes fail to live up to God's call to holiness and through penance we admit to God that we are imperfect, but still trying. The Church has associated personal penance with prayer and almsgiving, that is, reaching out to those in need.

“He Has Bent Down to Heal Us

Jesus understands human sufferings; he has shown the face of God's mercy, and he has bent down to heal body and soul. . . . This is his heart which looks to all of us, to our sicknesses, to our sins. The love of Jesus is great.”

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

LENTEN REGULATIONS REGARDING FAST & ABSTINENCE

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one full meal is permitted and two smaller meals which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

“BECOMING NEW PEOPLE

Pope Francis imagines the power and grace of mercy as a force that can ‘protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.’ Quite a mission and call for imperfect creatures like us! We are given the strength to do this through our acceptance of the merciful love of God. If we keep nurturing this grace and practicing it, little by little we can transform not only our own lives but the lives of many around us.”

SOURCE: *What Pope Francis Says About Mercy*. New London: Twenty-Third Publications, 2015. Print.

Find Help In The Bible *When you are facing . . .*

TEMPTATION

Ephesians 5:8-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

James 1:12-15

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, March 7th
John 2:13-25

"Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there . . . he said, 'Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace' . . . At this the Jews answered and said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.'"

"Jesus cleanses the temple of those who turned his Father's house into a marketplace. John explains that when Jesus lashes out at those who profane the temple and then declares that he will raise it up in three days he is referring to the temple of his body. The Lord wants to cleanse us from all that prevents us from having a clear vision of God's plan for our lives."

SOURCE: *Pastoral Patterns*, Spring 2021

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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| Monday | 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30 |
| 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 | Hos 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 |
| Saturday | Hos 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 |



Pope Francis'
Prayer Intention for March:
Sacrament of Reconciliation

"Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God."

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

Now you can 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 8th

- 8:30 Fr. James Moran
Requested by Julie Moran-Finkel, Carolann Moran Botto & Families

TUESDAY, MARCH 9th

- 8:30 Francisca A. Miguel
Requested by The Hellman Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10th

- 8:30 James Sarubbi
Requested by His Daughter-In-Law, Marie

THURSDAY, MARCH 11th

- 8:30 Leonard Turigiano
Requested by Mary Buchanan

FRIDAY, MARCH 12th

- 8:30 Priscilla Alexander
Requested by Brenda Guevarra & Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 13th

- 8:30 Eric Gaetjens
Requested by His Wife & Family
5:00 Marion Campolongo Sundo

SUNDAY, MARCH 14th

- 8:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
10:00 Suzanne Kranjac McIntosh
Requested by Cathy & Joe DiStaulo
12:00 Gene Loughlin
Requested by His Family

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine is for
Ogi Mercado & Family
requested by The Santa Maria Family.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
Ida Banchero requested by Her Daughters.



REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers
Antoinetta Durso (sister-in-law of Chris Durso),
Juan Migenes-Maldonado (father of Elia Migenes)
and all the military men and women
who have died this week.



*Let us pray for the needs of the
following individuals:*

Leonard Abbruzzi	Kavork Karkian
Bernadette Alvarado	Jeffrey Kellish
Arturo Benemerito	Adam Kokosinski
Brian Bingman	Rumi Kubo
Tom Cooke	Elon Lages Lima
Sr. Pat Coyle	Joanne Mitchell
Carlos Crespo	Aaron Monteagudo
Remedios De Guzman	Rita Oettinger
Rachel Durso	Jacinto Rivera
Patricia Eboli	John Salvatore
Wanda Ferraiola	Jason Scalora
Peter Gagne	Betty Supple
Judy Gegel	Dominic Tavormina
Edwin Grube	Jeanny Torres
Amy Hartwell	Liza Ty Beasca
James Ierardi	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 placed on our prayer list. Also, please let us know if a loved one's name is to be removed from our prayer list.

Thank you to our Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors who continue to serve at our daily, Sunday, and holy day Masses. You help to make every Mass prayerful and joyous!

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 in April and continuing for four weeks.** The bereavement facilitator for these meetings will be Marianne Reilly. If you are interested, contact the Church Office at 201-568-0545 to sign up. More details will follow.



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'* #207: The Earth Charter asked us to leave behind a period of self-destruction and make a new start, but we have not as yet developed a universal awareness needed to achieve this. "Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life."

Reflection: Pray for the grace to have a new reverence for life – not just human life, but all of life.



"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



"My Story As Sacred Story"

by Deacon Lex Ferrauiola



Continued from last week's bulletin . . .

God's justice is not our justice. We can only see the kindergarten classroom where the tower of blocks has been knocked down, and the child who worked so hard to build it experiences the loss of 'everything.' Our vision cannot see past, present and future all existing together — that is God's vision, it is his kingdom.

So, like everyone else, my Sacred Story was meant to be. My choices have been skewed by circumstances beyond my control, but God adjusts. God just asks us to keep plugging along and not give up on trying to be what Jesus called us, all of us, to be — 100% selflessly in love with God and with each other.

For me the word 'God' is abstract. I intuitively know that there is a central, knowing, loving personal source of all creation. I use the word 'God' but the concept goes beyond language, beyond culture and religion. Carole King wrote a song, *Only Love is Real, Everything Else an Illusion*. Saint John preached that God is Love. So 'God' and 'Love' have the same meaning. Whether we call it 'The Force,' 'The Tao,' 'God,' 'Nature,' 'Love,' it's the same essence. And whether we believe that it knows us intellectually with a mind that uses language and constructs like the human mind, or that it knows us in some other way that is beyond the limits of our comprehension — it still knows and loves each and every one of us.

Please see next Sunday's bulletin for the continuation of "My Story As Sacred Story."



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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Your Support Of Academy Of Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Is Appreciated!

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair – March 8th – 21st!

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair. The Fair will connect kids to notable books and inspiring characters—helping them become lifelong readers. And, you'll love the option to experience the magic of a Book Fair through this season's new Virtual Fair experience! 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



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Fundraising With Chocolate!

Support our students with this delicious and sweet fundraiser! In-school students received order forms and brochures from their teachers to take home. Families of remote learning students can order online by going to the Academy website. Orders will be delivered to the school the week of March 22nd.

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

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

The Religious Education Program kicked off 2021 by holding in-person classes, grouped by grades, in the Church.

This month “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, according to the schedule below. **This will also be an opportunity to meet OLMC’s new pastor, Fr. Richard Supple!** We look forward to seeing you!

Grades 1, 2, 3

Tuesday, March 9



Grades 4, 5, 6

Tuesday, March 16



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 **THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 7th** **at 6:30 PM**

Session Topic

“As It Is In Heaven”: The Mass

What's up with praying?

What is really happening in Church and why?

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

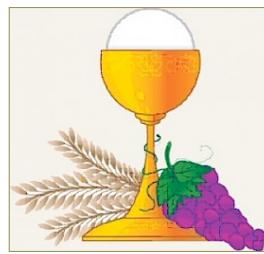
Confirmation Preparation Sessions Schedule Remaining Dates and Themes

Where Am I Going? March 21, 28

Who Do I Want To Be? April 25, May 2, 16, 23



First Eucharist



If you did not attend the First Eucharist Parent Meeting last month, please contact the Religious Education Office. Parents whose children are preparing for this sacrament this year received important information and preparation material. Families were notified of their child's date of First Communion.

Start eGiving Today!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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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.

Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support.

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the **2021 Annual Appeal?**

Please visit www.olmc.us for information on making your gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal.



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"When we give CHEERFULLY and accept GRATEFULLY,
everyone is **BLESSED**."

—Maya Angelou