

the catholic community of
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



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First Sunday of Advent

HOPE



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Mass Times – 8:30 AM, 12 NOON, 7 PM

Advent Parish Penance Service

at OLMC Church

Monday, December 13, 2021

Service Time – 7 PM

Christmas Masses

Friday, December 24, 2021 (Christmas Eve)

Mass Times – 4 PM, 6 PM, 12 MIDNIGHT



Saturday, December 25, 2021 (Christmas Day)

Mass Times – 10 AM, 12 NOON



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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TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, November 28th
 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

“Jesus said to his disciples . . . ‘Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.’”

“Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Perhaps the secret to preparing for the Lord’s coming—at Christmas, at the Last Judgment, or fully into our hearts—is to act as if the Lord is already here. After all, he is. Do we see the Lord in our brother and sister in need? The more willingly we see the Lord in our neighbor, the more easily we love those whom we would otherwise overlook, dismiss, or outright reject. How easily do we focus our love solely on our own loved ones or just ourselves? May we see Jesus in all those in need and act accordingly.”

SOURCE: *Pastoral Patterns*, Winter 2021-2022

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

Saint Andrew, Apostle (Feast) – “A fisherman from Bethsaida, he was a disciple of John the Baptist and, with his brother Simon, was one of the first two who followed Jesus. He was among the twelve apostles selected by Jesus. The cross of St. Andrew, which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was first associated with Andrew in the tenth century.”

Wednesday Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial) – “Canonized in 1602, he is the patron of all foreign missions.”

Saturday Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

SOURCE: *Living With Christ*, November 2021 and December 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.’ Also, please see page 2 of this bulletin for our schedule of Masses and Sacrament information.

Change of address? Please contact the Church Office with your new mailing address so we can update our records. And, of course, we wish you happiness and blessings in your new home!

Moving out of the parish? If you will be moving out of the parish, please let us know. The Church Office and the Religious Education Office are here to assist you with any sacramental or religious instruction information you need to provide to your new parish.

Suggestions? Comments? The Parish Advisory Board reminds you that we want to hear from you! Please feel free to email your thoughts to us at olmcadvisoryboard@gmail.com.

➤➤ Please check out the pages of this bulletin and our website for ways that you can become involved in the parish life of Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

8:30 Gary G. Masters
Requested by Mike & Arlene Prelee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

8:30 Mike Profita
Requested by Lisa Clifford

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1st

8:30 Rowland O. Wilhelm
Requested by His Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

8:30 Dustin Drapkin

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

8:30 Anthony Philpott (32nd Anniversary)
Requested by The Roux Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th

8:30 John Moscone
Requested by Laura Neumann

5:00 Mary & Vincent Petrigliano
Requested by Kathleen & Greg Cucco

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th

8:00 John Moscone, Sr.
Requested by Barbara Moscone & Family

10:00 Canestra-Renna Family
Requested by The Densen Family

12:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Let us pray for the needs of the following individuals:

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| Leonard Abbruzzesi | Antonia Lopez |
| Mark Barci | Harold Lopez |
| Bill Barry | Catherine Marchiona |
| Arturo Benemerito | Aaron Monteagudo |
| Brian Bingman | Ophelia Nubla |
| Tom Cooke | Rita Oettinger |
| Sr. Pat Coyle | Alexander Pavur |
| Rachel Durso | Anastasia Pavur |
| Patricia Eboli | Susan Rossi |
| Deacon Lex Ferraiola | John Salvatore |
| Wanda Ferraiola | Jason Scalora |
| Judy Gegel | Carrie Schurmann |
| Edwin Grube | Betty Supple |
| Amy Hartwell | Dominic Tavormina |
| Michael Kashmer | Jeanny Torres |
| Jeffery Kellish | Gabriella Tranchina |
| Adam Kokosinski | Liza Ty Beasca |
| 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, or if someone's name is to be removed from the prayer list.

“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another.”

1 Thessalonians 3:12

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are in memory of Carolina and Silvio Clauser requested by The Meo Family.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Gary G. Masters requested by Mike and Arlene Prelee.



REST IN PEACE

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



**FIRST FRIDAY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**
Friday, December 3rd
after the 8:30 AM Mass
followed by Benediction at 3 PM

What is Eucharistic Adoration? A priest or deacon removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it in the monstrance on the altar for adoration by the faithful. Eucharistic Adoration is adoring, or honoring, the Eucharistic Presence of Christ.

Please call Mary Buchanan at 201-871-9667 to schedule a time to spend in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BUILD THE CRÉCHE!

Join us on **Saturday, December 4th at 9 A.M.** in front of the Church to assist in building the two outdoor Nativity sets. Help is needed to gather building materials from the closet and assist in constructing the nativity sets. Any help you can give is appreciated! No RSVP needed.



On October 17, Cardinal Joseph Tobin opened in our archdiocese the worldwide synod to focus on the life and mission of the Church as we move forward together. The theme for this synod is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.”

The word “synod” literally means “walking” or “journeying together.” Pope Francis has called on each of us, as the People of God guided by the Holy Spirit, to help shape the future of the Church in the Third Millennium. The purpose of this synod is not simply to create more letters or encyclicals, rather it is an opportunity to dream about what our Church can become, what we are called to be as a Church of the Poor, to bind up wounds, and learn from one another.

Please consider joining fellow parishioners for Synod information and listening sessions. Each one of our voices matters; let your voice be heard. For session schedules, Vatican resources, messages from Cardinal Tobin and our Synod leaders, links to related articles and Vatican documents, the official Vatican Synod Prayer, links to Vatican and USCCB resources, and more, visit the Archdiocese of Newark’s Synod webpage at www.rcan.org/Synod2023 (English) or www.rcan.org/sinodo2023 (Spanish). Content is added as it is ready, so check back regularly.



“Finding God Among the Pots and the Pans”

by Deacon Lex Ferraiola

Continued from last Sunday’s bulletin. . .

It was a beautiful October morning as I drove down Central Park West. I had been driving in early on Saturday mornings with coffee and sandwiches looking for people who were homeless. I spotted a disheveled young man huddled in a red sweatshirt, sitting on a park bench, rocking back and forth, and staring into space. After saying good morning, I offered him some hot coffee, but he didn’t respond.

Sitting down on the bench, I poured us both some coffee and placed his cup and a few cookies down next to him. He continued to stare into space. Sipping my coffee, I carried on a one-way conversation for a while. He began to chatter in nonsense sounds to each squirrel that ran by.

After a while his fingers inched over to the coffee and he gulped it down as he continued chattering with the squirrels. I finished my second cup of coffee and said good-bye, but he still did not acknowledge my presence. Walking to the curb where my car was parked, I kept thinking how this young man was so badly damaged in mind and body that he probably wouldn’t survive the winter.

Lost in my own sadness, I pulled away from the curb. As I drove down the street I glanced in my rear view mirror. My friend had left his bench and was standing in the street waving good-bye to me.

My eyes welled up with tears; I realized that what I was seeing in my rear-view mirror was Christ. Not that this man was Jesus in disguise, but rather that the Christ, the presence of God within him amid all his brokenness, was reaching out and connecting to the Christ, the presence of God within me amid all my own brokenness. At that instant my eyes were opened and everything made sense. I could see beyond the pots and the pans.

God places a little piece of Godself inside of each of us when we are born. That little piece of God is our immortal soul. It is the Presence of Christ within us. And like those wise ones from the East, the Magi, our soul is on a journey to its eternal home with God. It is a journey that we must go through and see beyond the pots and the pans of life.

But Christ is present amongst those pots and pans just as surely as he was present at the center of that manger. It is the Christ who dwells in the depths of our being who surprises us and fills us with hope and wonder, like he did for those wise ones from the East, like he did for me that morning in Central Park.



SHARE THE JOY OF GIVING

*Take a tag from the Giving Tree located in OLMC Church’s narthex and purchase the item indicated on the tag.

*Please be sure gifts are wrapped with the **ORIGINAL GIFT TAG** taped to the **OUTSIDE** of the package. If you would like a gift tag but are unable to obtain one from the church, please contact Elliot Guerra at eguerra@academyolmc.org.

*Take a “Stocking For Our Sisters” tag and fill the Christmas stocking that you purchase with toiletries for the Missionary Franciscan Sisters in Tenafly, the Sisters of St. Joseph residing in Teaneck, and the Sisters of Notre Dame in Dumont.

All gifts are due back to the Church on December 11th and 12th. Please be sure gifts are wrapped with the ORIGINAL GIFT TAG taped to the OUTSIDE of the package.



Share the gift of Christ’s joy with mothers and children this Christmas

For more information:
SISTERSOFLIFE.ORG/REGISTRY

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Lord God,
your Church joyfully awaits
the coming of its Savior,
who enlightens our hearts
and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.
Pour forth your blessings upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath;
may their light reflect the splendor of Christ,
who is Lord, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Today at Mass the Advent wreath is blessed and the first candle is lighted. On the second and succeeding Sundays of Advent, the candles are lighted, but no additional rites or prayers are used. The candles remind us of the one for whom we are waiting—Jesus, the Light of the World. Each week as we light another candle, the Advent wreath grows brighter. In the same way, as we prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas, the light of his love is growing brighter in us.

Events At Other Parishes . . .

Advent Women’s Day of Reflection – Church of the Annunciation, 50 West Midland Avenue, Paramus – **Saturday, December 4th at 9 AM**. Facilitated by Keaton Douglas, a singer, theologian and warrior in the fight against addiction. She shares her devotion to the Blessed Mother and awakens participants to the Joy of Mary’s Magnificat encountered throughout the season of Advent. Mass is at 9 AM followed by a continental breakfast at 9:30 AM. The Women’s Day of Reflection continues from 10 AM to 2 PM. To register, please call 201-261-6322 or email judyf@annunciationchurch.org.

Cathedral Basilica Concert Series – Navidad Latina 2021 – Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark – **Friday, December 10th at 8 PM**. The Cathedral Spanish Choir, under the direction of Olfary Gutiérrez, joins forces with singers and instrumentalists from other Latin American communities of the Archdiocese of Newark to present a program of traditional Villancicos in Spanish.



Share The Warmth

The Parish Advisory Board is sponsoring a collection of *new* socks for men, women and children this holiday season. All sizes and styles are needed. Donation bins will be located in the church narthex and the elevator lobby December 5th through January 2nd. All donations will benefit the Office of Concern's outreach efforts. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

MUSIC OF THE SEASON

Thursday, December 9
1:00 PM
OLMC Church



Please join us for this wonderful way to celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas! This **Vocal Christmas Concert** features OLMC Music Director Andrea Covais and OLMC Cantor Justyna Giermola, accompanied by David Maiullo. They will perform Christmas pieces plus a special section of works dedicated to the Blessed Mother. The concert is free to the public and will be live streamed.



WALK-IN DINNER PROGRAM

Our next service date is:
Friday, December 24, 2021

Roughly once a month the OLMC community joins together to feed Bergen County's most vulnerable citizens. If you are interested in joining in some way, please contact Elliot Guerra at eguerra@academyolmc.org.

MINISTRY SIGN-UP FORM

Please return this form to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Office or to the Religious Education Office, 10 County Road, Tenafly. Training is provided prior to serving.

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Liturgical Ministry Choice:

- Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Usher
- Altar Server (adults for funeral Masses)
- Music Ministry

Mass Preference for Liturgical Ministry:

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

Thank you



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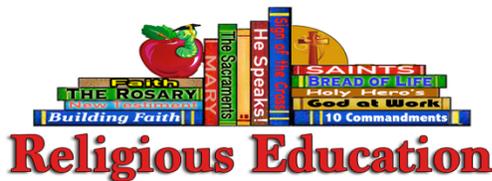
Join The Friends Of Siena House

We are a small group of parishioners whose mission is to raise funds to help support the women and children who reside at Siena House, a temporary shelter in the Bronx. We are looking for adult volunteers to join our ministry. We will be meeting monthly beginning in January to plan our Ladies Night Out event. Please reach out to Kirsten at kirstenmjaeger@gmail.com or Jennifer at jennifer.schippert@gmail.com if interested in joining.

Teens For Siena House

This ministry was begun in the fall of 2020, determined to help the mothers at Siena House. Our goals have expanded to an onsite project. Please consider making a donation in the form of a Kohl's gift card so that we can then purchase gifts and essentials for the women and their children, not only during the holiday season but into 2022. Please send gift cards or monetary donations to Dahlia Cousineau, 34 Country Club Road, Tenafly, NJ 07670 and provide us with your name and address so that we may send you a thank you card with highlights from our efforts.





Religious Education

Continuous Religious Instruction For The Faith Development Of Your Child

The Religious Education Program is a curriculum of **continuous** religious instruction for students. 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. Visit our website www.olmc.us, click on 'LEARN', then 'Religious Education' to register.



Religious Education Classes Are In Session!

Class Schedule

- Sunday, November 28th (NO CLASS)
- Tuesday, November 30th (CLASS CANCELLED)
- Sunday, December 5th (8:45-9:55 AM)
- Tuesday, December 7th (3:30-4:45 PM)

Face Masks Required: Please be sure your child wears a face mask to class.



Sacrament of Confirmation

NEXT CONFIRMATION SESSION
SUNDAY, December 5th
6:30 PM in the Auditorium

Please contact Elliot Guerra with any questions or concerns at eguerra@academyolmc.org.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

A Note To Parents . . .

Please continue to work with your child in preparing for the sacrament of First Reconciliation using the workbook that you received at the parent meeting. A schedule to complete the lessons in the workbook is also included in the folder of material that you received. **The sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, January 22nd at 1 PM in the Church.**

Happy New Liturgical Year!

There are four Sundays of Advent. This year November 28th—the First Sunday of Advent—marks the beginning of the new Church year and the liturgical season of Advent.

The liturgical year is the Church's calendar during which there is a cycle of special prayers and Bible readings to help us recall various mysteries of Jesus' life—his birth, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. We also celebrate feasts honoring the Blessed Mother and saints. Today we begin liturgical cycle 'C.'

Each liturgical season is marked by a special color of vestments worn by the priest. Purple or deep blue are Advent colors, except for pink on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday.

Family Advent Activity: One way to prepare for Christ's coming into our lives is to make an Advent wreath for your daily household worship. This traditional circular wreath reminds us that God, like the circle, has no beginning and no end. Evergreens on the wreath symbolize our everlasting relationship with God. The wreath has four candles, three purple (or deep blue) and one rose (pink). Children can be creative in making their own Advent wreath.

Each week we light one candle, beginning with a purple or deep blue candle today—the First Sunday of Advent. **Today's candle is the candle of HOPE.** As you light this candle, pray to God about the things you hope for.





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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Experience the OLMC Difference!

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
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GIVING TUESDAY

“GivingTuesday inspires people all around the world to embrace their power to drive progress around the causes they care about, not just on one day but throughout the year,” said Asha Curran, GivingTuesday’s CEO and co-founder. “With country and community leaders, millions of organizations, and countless givers of all kinds, GivingTuesday is creating a shared space where we can see the radical implications of a more generous world.”



Academy of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is joining millions around the world in the global generosity movement “GivingTuesday.” Please consider giving to OLMC this GivingTuesday by contacting the Academy Office. Thank you!

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and their world.

GivingTuesday will kick off the generosity season this year by inspiring people to give back on December 3rd, and throughout the year.

GivingTuesday was launched in 2012 as a simple idea: to create a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

People demonstrate generosity in many ways on GivingTuesday. Whether it’s helping a neighbor or a stranger, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving to causes we care about, every act of generosity counts. GivingTuesday has raised billions of dollars for critical causes around the world and gets 14.2 billion impressions on social media from people and organizations speaking up for the causes that matter to them and encouraging others to get involved.

To learn more about GivingTuesday participants and activities or to join the celebration of giving, please visit:

WEBSITE:

www.givingtuesday.org

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www.givingtuesdaykids.org

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CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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