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The Epiphany of the Lord





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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.”*

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, January 2nd
Matthew 2:1-12

“When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage’ . . . They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.”

“The magi relied on both science and faith to guide them to the Lord. They observed the night sky and studied the movement of the stars and planets, drawing conclusions from the travels of these heavenly bodies. Without knowing what this remarkable star was, they realized its importance and journeyed all the way to Jerusalem. But, still a few miles from their destination, they needed guidance from the chief priests and the scribes to direct them to Bethlehem. By science or faith alone, they did not know enough; together, they found the Lord.”

SOURCE: *Pastoral Patterns*, Winter 2021-2022

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday 1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (Memorial) – “Born in New York, Elizabeth Bayley married and had five children. After her husband died, she became a Catholic and founded a girls’ school in Baltimore. She founded the Sisters of Charity, the first community of active women religious begun in America, adopting a modified rule of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.”

Wednesday 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

Saint John Neumann, Bishop (Memorial) – “Born in Bohemia, John Neumann emigrated as a missionary to America. He was consecrated bishop of Philadelphia. Devoted to spreading God’s word by preaching and building churches, he was a strong advocate of Catholic education.”

Thursday 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22

Friday 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

Saturday 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

SOURCE: *Living With Christ*, January 2022

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!



Blessing Of Homes On The Epiphany Of The Lord

“The traditional method for blessing homes this day [uses] incense, chalk (an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made), and “Jordan water.” The chalk is used to mark **20 + C + M + B + 22** over doorways. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—and also stand for the Latin motto *Christus, mansionem benedicat* (“May Christ bless the house”).”

SOURCE: *Pastoral Patterns*, Winter 2021-2022

EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith that are celebrated each year.

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the second day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the seventeenth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-sixth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the fifth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the sixteenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the twenty-seventh day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

O God,
by your heavenly star,
you guided those who were wise
to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.
May your blessing come to rest on us.
Make us wise with your wisdom,
energized by your love,
and ready to proclaim
your Son as our Savior.
May your Word made flesh
make his home among us.
Amen.

Author Unknown

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 3rd

8:30 Marie Robbins
Requested by The Curley Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4th

8:30 Kriste Morin
Requested by Sylvia & Donald Elisano

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th

8:30 Buchanan Family
Requested by Mary Buchanan

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6th

8:30 Joseph Banchemo
Requested by His Daughters

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7th

8:30 Gertrude Mills
Requested by The Russell Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th

8:30 Richard Meewes
Requested by Marie Sarubbi

5:00 Joseph Buda
Requested by Rosemary & Jeff Russell

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th

8:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10:00 Kriste Morin
Requested by Nick & Sandy Hroncich

12:00 Ramon Ambulo
Requested by Rosanne Ambulo



Let us pray for the needs of the following individuals:

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| Leonard Abbruzzesi | Antonia Lopez |
| Bill Barry | Harold Lopez |
| Arturo Benemerito | Catherine Marchiona |
| Brian Bingman | Aaron Monteagudo |
| Tom Cooke | Rita Oettinger |
| Sr. Pat Coyle | Henriette Paternayan |
| Denise de Almeida | Alexander Pavur |
| Sereno Danese | Anastasia Pavur |
| Rachel Durso | Susan Rossi |
| Patricia Eboli | John Salvatore |
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| Edwin Grube | Dominic Tavormina |
| Amy Hartwell | Jeanny Torres |
| Michael Kashmer | Gabriella Tranchina |
| Jeffery Kellish | Liza Ty Beasca |
| Adam Kokosinski | Rosario Ugarte |
| Rumi Kubo | |



“LORD, be gracious to us; we long for you.
Be our strength every morning,
our salvation in time of distress.”

Isaiah 33:2

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.

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are for
The Living and Deceased Members of
The Santa Maria Family.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp
is in memory of Joseph Banchemo
requested by His Daughters.



REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers
Winston Chang, Patricia Somers, and all the military
men and women who have died this week.



**FIRST FRIDAY
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday, January 7th**

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.



“Home By Another Way”

by Deacon Lex Ferraiola

Then Herod secretly called the Magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship him.” . . . [But] having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the Magi left for their own country by another way.

Matthew 2:1-3, 7-8, 10-12

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The way of the world tends to be self-centered. Its basic human nature is to look out for myself; to put my own wants and needs ahead of others; to see my opinion and worldview as being the only correct one. It’s kind of like original sin. But as followers of Jesus, we, like the Magi in the Gospel for the Feast of the Epiphany, are called to go home by another way.

King Herod, the villain in the above Gospel, represents self-centeredness and the pull of the world. There’s a little echo of Herod’s voice in all of us. Call it my own personal Herod. And this basic human tendency is an obstacle to following Jesus and to becoming an instrument of compassion, forgiveness, and mercy for our world. It’s an obstacle to going home.

For us, like the Magi, the only way back home is through the manger. But to enter we need to leave our baggage at the door because the manger is small, there’s only room enough for a compassionate, forgiving, and merciful heart.

Our own personal Herod lies and tries to trick us like he tried to trick the Magi. He wants us to hold onto our baggage: to any hurt, bitterness, prejudice, or selfishness that we’ve been carrying. He tells us that our opinion is the only correct one.

He tells us that there are certain people — living or dead — whom we can never forgive, never show mercy to, never accept: people who may have hurt us deeply, people or groups

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“Home By Another Way” continued . . .

of people we feel morally superior to. He wants us to ignore Jesus’ call to unconditional compassion, forgiveness, and mercy. He wants to keep us out of that manger and to stop us from getting home.

Where the Magi had a dream to lead them safely home, we have the example of Jesus in the Gospel. No one had to grovel for forgiveness in the New Testament. Jesus embraced lepers; he sat down to eat with tax cheats and prostitutes; he didn’t tell the woman at the well to stay away until she fixed her multiple marriages. The things that brought out anger in Jesus were hypocrisy and self-righteousness.

As we come to the end of this Christmas season and begin to journey through a new year of life, let us examine our hearts. Are we compassionate, forgiving and merciful, or do we carry a grudge? Are our doors and telephones always open to others, or are there family members and friends we have shut out? Are we inclusive and non-judgmental, or do we exclude others because they are different or don’t measure up to our moral standards? Are we present to the poor, the sick, and those held captive in many kinds of prisons? Are we welcoming the stranger and those fleeing violence, persecution, and disaster?

Let us pray for the grace to open any closed chambers of our hearts. Let us offer not just Christmas gifts and wishes to a few, but rather a lifetime of compassion, forgiveness, and mercy to all our sisters and brothers, without exception. And let us leave our baggage at the door of the manger and go home by another way.



**Pope Francis’
Prayer Intention for January:**

For True Human Fraternity

“We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.”

MEN’S CORNERSTONE

Men’s Cornerstone meets in person every other Wednesday at St. Mary’s Church, Closter at 7:30 PM. **The next meeting is January 5th.** Please call Deacon Michael Giuliano at 201-983-1591 or Bill Angresano at 201-370-2698 if interested.

FLUTE AND PIANO RECITAL

**Wednesday, January 12
1:00 PM
OLMC Church**



This concert will feature flutist Natasha Loomis and pianist Ryan Bridge. The program will feature pieces by William Grant Still, Amanda Harberg and Astor Piazzolla. The concert is free to the public and will be live streamed.

Employment Opportunity

**Part-time Dining Room Staff Needed
By Franciscan Sisters**

Our Lady of the Angels Convent and Infirmary in Tenafly is in need of a person who can work from 1:00 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. five days a week. That person would maintain kitchen work area, keep equipment and utensils clean and orderly, and help in other tasks as needed. For full job description and other details please call 201-568-1415 or 201-568-2171.

Events At Other Parishes . . .

Mass For Our Country – Holy Spirit Church, 970 Suburban Road, Union – **Thursday, January 6th at 7:30 PM.** Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark Office for Evangelization, this is an opportunity to come together and pray for God’s blessings and mercy on our country. All are welcome. Visit www.rcan.org/evangelization for details.

Siena House Shelter for Women and Children

Join The Friends of Siena House, 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 will have our first virtual meeting on January 10th at 7 PM.** If interested in joining or for more information, please reach out to Kirsten at kirstenmjaeger@gmail.com or Jennifer at jennifer.schippert@gmail.com.



Catholic Heart WorkCamp Fundraising Dinner Saturday, January 29, 2022

The teens attending CHWC 2022 in Hartford, Connecticut are holding a fundraising dinner on Saturday, January 29, 2022 with Chef Jack Koumbis, former owner and chef of the Bicycle Club in Englewood Cliffs. More details will follow nearer to the time. Please mark your calendars.

We are also looking for donations for a tricky tray to be held the evening of the dinner. All donations will be greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off either in the church office during normal office hours, or given in to the rectory. Thank you, as ever, for your generous support.



MOUNT CARMEL BOOK CLUB

—Facilitated by Elliot Guerra—

Our Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, January 11th
9:15 AM & 7:30 PM
Titus Room/Conference Room**

Interested in joining?

Contact Elliot Guerra or Mary Ann at the Church Office.



We’re reading . . .

MORNING & EVENING GROUPS

The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

From the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, here is the universally acclaimed novel—winner of the Booker Prize and the basis for an award-winning film. This is Kazuo Ishiguro’s profoundly compelling portrait of Stevens, the perfect butler, and of his fading, insular world in post-World War II England. Stevens embarks on a journey through the past in an effort to reassure himself that he has served humanity by serving the “great gentleman,” Lord Darlington. But lurking in his memory are doubts about the true nature of Lord Darlington’s “greatness,” and much graver doubts about the nature of his own life.

Religious Education

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR KIDS

Based on the Ten Commandments.
This week we look at the first five Commandments.

First Commandment

“You shall have no other gods before me.”

Make God the most important thing in your life.

Have I put God first, or have I sometimes made other things in my life more important than God? Do I remember to talk to God? Do I choose what God wants for me over what I want for myself?

Second Commandment

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God.”

Use God’s name the right way. Have I used God’s name with care? Have I used God’s name in the wrong way (for example, saying “God” when I wasn’t really talking to Him or talking about Him)?

Third Commandment

“Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.”

Make Sunday a day to worship God. Have I tried my best to worship God at Mass by singing, praying, and listening? Have I misbehaved during Mass?

Fourth Commandment

“Honor your father and your mother.”

Love your parents and follow their rules. Have I obeyed my parents—even when they are not looking? Have I talked back to them?

Fifth Commandment

“You shall not murder.”

Be kind to the people and animals God made. Have I been kind to others? Have I solved disagreements in a peaceful way? Have I fought with anyone? Have I taken good care of my pets?

SOURCE: *Our Sunday Visitor*. Scripture quotations are from the *New Revised Standard Version Bible: Catholic Edition*, copyright 1989, 1993, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

Religious Education Class Schedule

Sunday, January 2 nd	(8:45-9:55 AM)
Tuesday, January 4 th	(3:30-4:45 PM)
Sunday, January 9 th	(8:45-9:55 AM)
Tuesday, January 11 th	(3:30-4:45 PM)

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

Traffic Control and Safety: Parents are asked to park in a parking space when picking up their child from class. Please do not block parking lot entrance and exit.



Sacrament Information

Confirmation: Teens preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are required to attend preparation sessions from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the auditorium. Remaining sessions are:

January 9th and 23rd
February 6th and 27th
March 6th and 27th
April 3rd

Please be sure that your teen is registered for this sacrament and that all required information is provided, including name of candidate’s sponsor. Please contact Elliot Guerra with any questions or concerns at eguerra@academyolmc.org.



First Reconciliation: Parents are reminded to work with their child on the First Reconciliation preparation material they received from the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting. **The celebration of First Reconciliation will take place in the Church on Saturday, January 22nd at 1:00 PM.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email the Religious Education Office at 201-871-4662 or reled@olmc.us.



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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
and reach out to us
for more information.*



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Peace, Love, Joy, And Good Health
Throughout The New Year.**



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RaiseRight Gift Card Fundraising

If you are new to the Academy or to this program, visit the Academy website for information. Over 700 stores are willing to reward OLMC Academy with rebates using the RaiseRight app! Families can gift card shop using their account from last year by signing in to <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/login>.

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all those who teach
in Catholic schools.
Educating is
an act of love;
it is like giving life.”**

—Pope Francis



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Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties. Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the *2021 Annual Appeal*? Please visit www.olmc.us or www.rcan.org/sharing for information on making your gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal.



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