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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



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Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



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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.

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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.”*

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, January 1st
 Luke 2:16-21

“The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

“On this first day of a new year, we look forward to new beginnings. The shepherds are Jesus’ first evangelizers, proclaiming the ‘good news of great joy’ given them by the angels. Ironically, the first people they tell are Mary and Joseph themselves, who already know the good news from the angel’s visits. But now they realize that this good news is already spreading and bringing great joy to those who hear it. Luke says that Mary reflected on the shepherds’ visit and their message. Reflection is a habit we seem to have lost in today’s world. How often do we take the time to power down our electronics and spend some time in prayerful reflection? Sounds like a good resolution for 2023!”

SOURCE: *Pastoral Patterns*, Winter 2022-2023

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church (Memorial) – “Born in Asia Minor, these men are two of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church...because of their preaching, teaching, and defense of the faith against the Arians.”

Tuesday 1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34

Wednesday 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (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.”

Thursday 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

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.”

Friday 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11

Saturday 1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11

SOURCE: *Living With Christ*, January 2023

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, JANUARY 2nd

8:30 Mr. & Mrs. Nirman
Requested by Ben, Ann & Chloe

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd

8:30 Kamla Didi, Mr. Mathos & All Deceased Teachers
Requested by Ben, Ann & Chloe

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th

8:30 Joseph Banchemo
Requested by His Daughters

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5th

8:30 Bridget Waldron

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th

8:30 Buchanan Family
Requested by Mary Buchanan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th

8:30 Peter Hausch
Requested by The Walsh Family

5:00 Emma Wright
Requested by Pat & Rich White

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th

8:00 Felix Buenconsejo
Requested by The Cua Family

10:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

12:00 James Lambert
Requested by George & Sylvia McKenna



Let us pray for the needs of the following individuals:

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| Lorna Asuncion | Patricia Lefeverre |
| Liz Azazian | Antonio Lopez |
| Brian Bingman | Lolita Lopez |
| Dave Clemens | Charles Machaka |
| Stephanie Conti | Dikeledi Machaka |
| Tom Cooke | Catherine Marchiona |
| Cathy Corrieri | June Miller |
| Richard Corrieri | Aaron Monteagudo |
| Sr. Pat Coyle | Joseph Pae |
| Richard Cronney | Henriette Paternayan |
| Sereno Danese | Alexander Pavur |
| Denise de Almeida | Anastasia Pavur |
| Rachel Durso | John Salvatore |
| Patricia Eboli | Vita Santulli |
| Corazon E. Evora | Eufrocina Sarreal Paredes |
| Deacon Lex Ferraiuola | Jason Scalora |
| Wanda Ferraiuola | Kathleen Selinka Dragon |
| Cynthia Fineza | Nicholas Sequino |
| Judy Gegel | Betty Supple |
| Terri Giovannone | Jeanny Torres |
| Amy Hartwell | Liza Ty Beasca |
| Michael Kashmer | Rosario Ugarte |
| Luca Kashmer Floridis | Diana Valencia |
| Jeffery Kellish | Sara Van Horne |
| Adam Kokosinski | Claudia Velarde |



Please contact the Church Office at 201-568-0545 if you would like a loved one's name placed on our prayer list. Also, please let us know if a loved one's name is to be removed from the prayer list.

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are in memory of Joseph Banchemo requested by His Daughters.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Jeremias E. Besa requested by The Besa-Kim Family.



REST IN PEACE

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

The Church Offices will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 2nd.
Have a safe holiday weekend!

2023 Mass Intentions, Bread & Wine, Sanctuary Lamp

Please visit the Church Office to request to have a Mass offered for your chosen intention or to sponsor the Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Lamp with a special intention for the week.



**Pope Francis's
Prayer Intention for January**

Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**WORLD DAY OF PEACE
January 1, 2023**

**“The LORD bless you
and keep you!
The LORD let his face
shine upon you,
and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly
and give you peace!”**

Numbers 6:24-26

“Peace is a gift of God, but requires our efforts.
Let us be people of peace in prayer and deed.”

—Pope Francis

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 are invited to join Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Altar Server ministry! Please contact Sr. Regina at 201-871-4662 if interested in joining this ministry.



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY
JANUARY 1**

“The feast is a celebration of Mary’s motherhood of Jesus. The title “Mother of God” is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means “God-bearer”. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ’s birth was made possible by Mary’s fiat, or sanctioning of God’s plan with her words, “Be it done to me according to thy word”. Calling Mary “Mother of God” is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the “Prince of Peace”, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the “Queen of Peace”. New Year’s Day is also designated as the “World Day of Peace”, further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.”

SOURCE: www.holyfamily.org

“A Prayer to Mary

Mary, woman of listening, open our ears; grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.

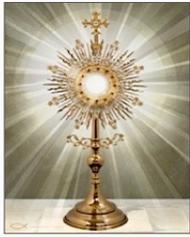
Mary, woman of decision, illuminate our mind and our heart so that we may obey, unhesitating, the word of your Son Jesus; give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged along, letting others direct our life.

Mary, woman of action, may our hands and feet move with haste toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring the light of the gospel to the world, as you did.

Amen.”

SOURCE:

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



**FIRST FRIDAY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**
Friday, January 6th
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.

There are many people who have been attracted to the Catholic Church and entered the Church because they came to believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Our first U.S. born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, is one of these converts. She was drawn to enter the Catholic Church after she witnessed the devotion of Catholics to the Blessed Sacrament. She wondered about that devotion. God's grace led her to faith in the Real Presence. . . On the night after her entrance into the Catholic Church and her First Communion, St. Elizabeth Ann wrote in her journal: "At last GOD IS MINE and I AM HIS."

SOURCE: *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, Copyright 2021, © United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC



Adult Choir

Please consider joining Our Lady of Mount Carmel Choir! The choir provides music for worship at the 12 Noon Mass from September to June as well as special liturgies at Christmas, Easter and other Feast days. Rehearsals are held on Zoom Thursday evenings from 7:45 to 9:00 P.M. and in person on Sunday mornings before Mass. No previous musical experience is needed and music and hymnals will be provided.

Children's Choir

Our seasonal Children's Choir will be open to boys and girls in grades 2-8 for Christmas and Easter. Rehearsals take place in March and December. The choir sings at the 10 A.M. Easter Sunday Mass and the 4 P.M. Christmas Eve Mass.

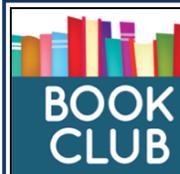
For more information on our music program, please contact our Director of Music, Andrea Covais at acovais@olmc.us.

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If you would like to donate to our Music Ministry, please email Andrea. Your generous contribution will be used for the upkeep of our instruments and our OLMC Recital Series. Thank you!

MEN'S CORNERSTONE

Men's Cornerstone brings together men of five local parishes who share with each other their faith and challenges around a theme. We meet every other Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, 20 Legion Place, Closter at 7:30 PM. **The next meeting is January 4th.** Please call Deacon Michael Giuliano at 201-983-1591, if interested.



MOUNT CARMEL BOOK CLUB

Facilitated by Elliot Guerra

Our Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 10th

9:15 AM & 7:30 PM

Titus Room/Conference Room



Interested in joining?

Contact Elliot Guerra at guerra@academyolmc.org or Mary Ann at the Church Office at 201-568-0545.

We're reading...

Morning Group

From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age by Msgr. James P. Shea

Evening Group

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

“Give me your grace, good LORD,
 to walk the narrow way that leads to life,
 to bear the cross with Christ;
 to have the last thing in remembrance,
 to have ever before my eye
 my death that is ever at hand;
 to pray for pardon before the Judge come,
 to have continually in mind that passion
 that Christ suffered for me;
 for his benefits unceasingly
 to give him thanks,
 to buy the time again
 that I before have lost.
 Amen.

—St. Thomas More

Attention Young Catholic Adults

**Hey! Young adults in your 20s and 30s . . .
 Get INSPIRED!**

“I was fortunate enough to be invited to speak at Inspire: A Catholic Young Adult Ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood. It was an honor and a lot of fun to lead a discussion on *The Call of Service*. I couldn’t endorse the group more!”

– Elliot Guerra

Inspire, a Catholic Young Adult Ministry for adults in their 20s and early 30s, meets at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood, NJ at 7:30 PM on the first Friday of every month**. Typically, between 25-30 people are in attendance. If you have any questions, contact the ministry directly at olmcyoungadults123@gmail.com.



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(Please return this form to the Church Office or Religious Education Office.)

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Please consider joining one of OLMC’s liturgical or catechetical ministries; training is provided and scheduling is done based on your availability and Mass preference. Please check ministry choice and Mass preference.

Liturgical Ministry Choice:

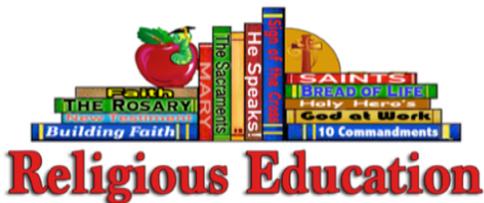
- Altar Server (adults to serve funeral Masses)
- Lector
- Eucharistic Minister

Mass Preference:

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

thank you





Religious Education

Religious Education Class Schedule

Sunday, January 1st (NO CLASS)
 Tuesday, January 3rd (3:30-4:45 PM)
 Sunday, January 8th (8:45-9:55 AM)
 Tuesday, January 10th (3:30-4:45 PM)

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.



Sacraments celebrate Christ's life

Of all the events that sacraments can point to in the past (biblical events, Church traditions, events in one's own faith journey), the most important are events in the life of Christ. Tradition tells us that all of the sacraments were instituted by Christ. Indeed, they each have a real foundation in the life and ministry of Jesus. Each relates to stories and teachings of Jesus.

SOURCE: St. Anthony Messenger Press



Sacrament of Confirmation

CONFIRMATION SESSION
SUNDAY, January 8th
9:00 A.M. in the Auditorium

Remaining Confirmation Sessions:

January 8th and 15th
 February 5th and 12th
 March 5th

Please be sure your teen is registered for this sacrament. Feel free to contact Elliot Guerra at guerra@academyolmc.org with any questions or concerns.



Sacrament of First Reconciliation

The sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on January 21st at 11 A.M. for children whose last name begins with A—L and at 1:30 P.M. for children whose last name begins with M—Z.

Please be sure to work with your child on the pages in the workbook you received at the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting in order to help your child prepare for this special sacrament.



“The first setting in which faith enlightens the human city is the family.”

—Pope Francis

12 Days of Christmas

The Church primarily celebrates Christmas for twelve days from Christmas Day until the Solemnity of the Epiphany, which commemorates the manifestation of Christ as the Savior of the whole world (cf. Mt. 2:1-12). The Church has also traditionally celebrated Christmas for 40 days, culminating on the Feast of the Presentation on Feb. 2. During this time, the birth of Christ is celebrated as one continuous festival. It is just as important to celebrate during the Christmas season as it is to prepare for Christ during Advent.

SOURCE: www.catholiceducation.org



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
and reach out to us
for more information.*



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**The Faculty and Staff of
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wish all families abundant blessings of
PEACE, LOVE, JOY, and GOOD HEALTH
throughout the New Year.**



PASTA DINNER & TRICKY TRAY A Fundraising Event For the 8th Grade Students of OLMC



Mark your calendars and join us on Saturday evening, February 4th for a fundraising event for the 8th grade class of OLMC. Our industrious 8th graders will be serving a delicious pasta dinner. There will be over 30 tricky tray baskets to be raffled off. Live entertainment. More information coming soon!

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

—Pope Francis



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OFFICE OF CONCERN FOOD PANTRY AT ST. CECILIA CHURCH

The Office of Concern is associated with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. It was started in 1980 to help a few families that were displaced by a fire. Currently, the Office of Concern provides food to over a thousand families.

NEXT WEEKEND is the collection for the Office of Concern. Please place donations of non-perishable items, such as food and personal care items as well as infant diapers, in OLMC's elevator lobby during the week for pick up by the Office of Concern. Monetary donations should be placed in the baskets marked for the Office of Concern located in OLMC Church next weekend. Thank you for your continued and generous support!



Amazon.com donates 0.5% of the sale price of most items sold by Amazon and purchased through the Amazon Smile website to a designated charity. Shop www.smile.amazon.com and designate OLMC (listed in Amazon's directory as “Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church”) as the recipient. The account holder uses the same login and account information.

Being active in your church is an opportunity to serve others. You can serve others by:

- > giving your time to those in need
- > giving money and goods to help those in need and to further the church's mission
- > using your talents and skills to help with church operations
- > spreading God's words and love through your words and actions.

SOURCE: *12 Reasons to Be an Active Church Member*, ©2013 Channing Bete Company, Inc., 2018 Edition