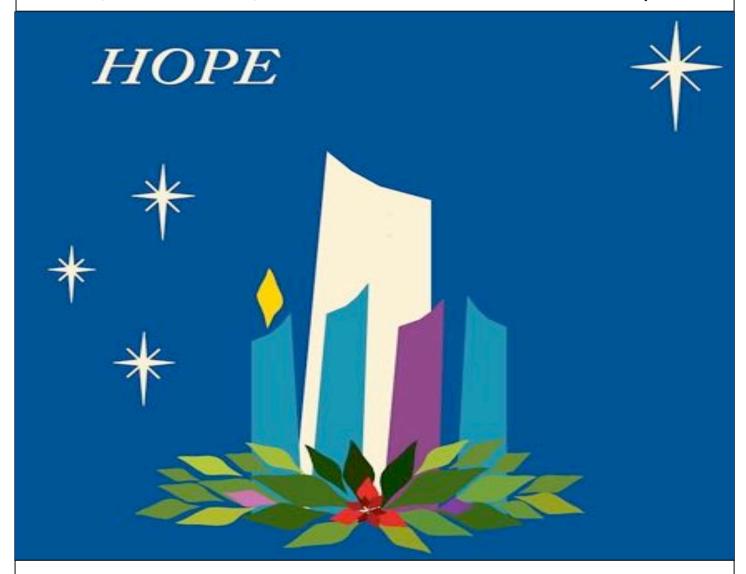
the catholic community of OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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First Sunday of Advent



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8, 2023

Mass Times – 8:30 AM, 12 NOON, 7 PM

Holy Day of Obligation

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Christmas Eve)

Mass Times – 4 PM, 6 PM, 12 MIDNIGHT

(Prelude Concert begins at 11:30 PM)

Monday, December 25, 2023 (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."



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TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, December 3rd
Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming. . .May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Reflection

"Today's Gospel reading calls us to participate actively, remaining alert for Jesus' coming. Jesus explains that we are not just waiting passively for his coming; rather, we have been entrusted with God's work, each according to his or her ability. We are responsible for fulfilling our set tasks with the implication that we will need to give an account of ourselves when Jesus returns. This reading is appropriate as we prepare to commemorate Jesus' coming into this world on Christmas day."

SOURCE: Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word, 2024



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

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

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

<u>Saint Ambrose</u>, <u>Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)</u> – He excelled as a preacher, teacher and pastor and influenced the conversion of Saint Augustine.

Friday Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12;

Luke 1:26-38

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) — A feast dedicated to Mary's conception first appeared in the seventh century and by the twelfth century it was firmly established in England. St. Bernard and St. Thomas Aquinas debated whether Mary could have been born without original sin. In 1854 Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith.

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

SOURCE: Living With Christ, December 2023





Fr. Richard, OLMC Staff, and the Parish Advisory Board invite you to celebrate Christmas at Carmel!

Check out the pages in this bulletin for ways to celebrate the beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church!

Giving Tree

Share the Warmth, Spread the Love

Coffee & Conversation With Santa

Saint Nicholas Day Blessing of Stockings

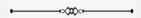
Service Day

Women's Advent Prayer & Reflection

Simbang Gabi

Christmas Eve Prelude Concert
Christmas Masses

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th

8:30 Finn Watters
Requested by John & Linda Phelan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th

8:30 David Wall
Requested by The Angresano Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th

8:30 Julia Hobbs
Requested by Carl Zipperle

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7th

8:30 Ruby Miel, Conchita Miel, & Era Miel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th

8:30 Tillie Frankenberg
Requested by Her Family

12:00^{PM} Wendy Larré
Requested by The Larré Family

7:00^{PM} Immaculata Pizzuli Requested by The Miglietta Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th

8:30 Iris Agosto
Requested by Jose & Carol Fuentes

5:00 Michelle Paparella Requested by Nick & Sandy Hroncich

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th

8:00 Laura D'Elia Requested by The Schiller Family

10:00 Alexander Pavur
Requested by The Millie Cornell Family
and Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

12:00 Deceased Members of
The McCartney-Leap Family
Requested by Bob Leap & Jeff McCartney



Let us pray for the needs of the following individuals:

Carmelo Abbruzzesi Dikeledi Machaka Lorna Asuncion Catherine Marchiona Brian Bingman Aria Marrero

Angie Bracconeri

Dave Clemens

Tom Cooke

June Miller

David Mobley

Aaron Monteagudo

Sr. Pat Coyle
Sereno Danese
Denise de Almeida
James Dockery
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"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."

Isaiah 40:29

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are in memory of Jeannette De Marco requested by The Schrank Family.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Anthony Philpott (34th Anniversary) requested by The Roux Family.

REST IN PEACE

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

Regular Weekend Masses on Sunday, December 24 are 8 AM and 10 AM.
There is no 12 NOON Mass on Sunday, December 24.
Christmas Eve Masses on December 24 are 4 PM, 6 PM, and 12 MIDNIGHT.



"During the four week Advent season that begins the Church year we prepare for the coming of Jesus by remembering his birth in Bethlehem (past),



anticipating his coming in glory (future) and by celebrating his coming to us in word and sacrament (present). The first Sunday of Advent focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time—the second coming or parousia."

SOURCE:

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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.



OLMC Celebrates 150 Years!

Welcome to Children's Liturgy of the Word and Coffee & Conversation!



Children's Liturgy of the Word is being offered to children in grades K–5 during the 10 A.M. Mass this Sunday, December 3rd.



All are invited for Coffee & Conversation and a special visit from Santa hosted by OLMC's Parish Advisory Board to be held in the cafeteria following the 10 A.M. Mass this Sunday, December 3rd.

Family Promise Walk-in Dinner

Join us in OLMC's kitchen for about an hour and a half following the 8 AM Mass on Sunday, December 10th to prepare for the Walk-in Dinner to be held on Monday, December 11th. Families of all ages can help! Volunteers must bring a hat or head wrap to wear. Please contact Elliot Guerra at guerra@academyolmc.org if interested in helping in some way.



Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for December

For Persons With Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.





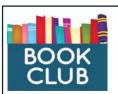
ST. NICHOLAS BLESSING OF STOCKINGS

Wednesday, December 6th 7 PM – 8 PM

Join us in celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas. In keeping with his feast day traditions, bring your Christmas stocking to OLMC to have it blessed and perhaps receive a sweet surprise! Then, join in a Christmas carol sing-along while you sip some hot chocolate and enjoy Christmas cookies. You can stop by the craft table to create Christmas cards for the Missionary Franciscan Sisters at the Knickerbocker convent in Tenafly.

Share The Warmth... Spread The Love

The Parish Advisory Board is sponsoring a collection of socks, hats, gloves, and scarves for adults and children. The Palumbo family, parishioners of OLMC, will be distributing the items on Christmas Eve at The Hoboken Shelter. Donations should be placed in the bin located in the elevator lobby. **Donations are due by December 17**th. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Tuesday, December 12th 9:15 AM & 7:30 PM Conference Room

New members welcome! We meet once a month from September to June.

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



Women's Advent Prayer & Reflection

Luke and the Women of the Gospel

Presented by Fr. Ashley Harrington

Saturday, December 9th 8:30 A.M. – 12 NOON

We begin with Mass at 8:30 A.M. followed by recitation of the Rosary in OLMC Church.
Presentation with Fr. Ashley follows.

(Suggested Donation - \$20)

RSVP to Sr. Regina at 201-871-4662 by December 4th.

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove all things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.





SHARE THE JOY OF GIVING

The parish community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church is embracing the annual Giving Tree project for St. Simon Stock Church in Bronx, NY and "Stockings for Our Sisters" for the Franciscan Sisters in Tenafly, the Sisters of St. Joseph in Teaneck, the Sisters of Notre Dame in Dumont, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace in Englewood Cliffs. You are invited to take a tag from the Giving Tree and purchase the item indicated on the tag.

All gifts are due back to the Church NEXT WEEKEND, December 9th and 10th.
Please be sure gifts are wrapped with the ORIGINAL GIFT TAG taped to the OUTSIDE of the package.

OLMC is proud to announce the recipients of the Archdiocese of Newark's Youth Ministry Recognition Awards

Awards Ceremony December 3, 2023 at 3 PM Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica, Newark

THE DISCIPLESHIP AWARD William Reiser & Leonard Park

The Discipleship Award is presented to a youth who responds to the call to discipleship through service or ministry to their parish or school community.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD AWARD Deanne Confalone

The Light of the World Award is presented to adults to express appreciation and gratitude to adults who have demonstrated a commitment to young people and youth ministry in their parish or school.

Religious Education Class Schedule

Sunday, December 3^{rd} (8:45-9:55 AM) Tuesday, December 5^{th} (3:30-4:45 PM) Sunday, December 10^{th} (8:45-9:55 AM) Tuesday, December 12^{th} (3:30-4:45 PM)



Happy New Liturgical Year!

There are four Sundays of Advent. This year December 3rd—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 'B.'

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Are you registered? If your child is in ninth grade and intends to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this school year, please be sure to register for this sacrament. Registration can be done online at www.olmc.us. Go to 'SACRAMENTS' and 'Confirmation.'

CONFIRMATION SESSION This SUNDAY, December 3rd 9:00 A.M. in the Titus Room

Please enter the building via the south parking lot (main Academy entrance/Clinton Avenue) and take the stairs down to the Titus Room.

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

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.



Sacrament of First Reconciliation

A sacrament registration form was mailed to families with a child who is to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this school year. Please be sure your child is registered.

Please continue to work with your child on the workbook that you received at last month's First Reconciliation Parent Meeting.

The celebration of First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 11 AM for children whose last name begins with A-L and at 1:30 PM for children whose last name begins with M-Z.

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



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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.



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A legend about Saint Ambrose as an infant recounts that a swarm of bees settled on his face while he lay in his

cradle, leaving behind a drop of honey. His father is said to have considered this a sign of his future eloquence and honeyed tongue. Bees and beehives often appear in depictions of the saint. Saint Ambrose's Memorial is Thursday, December 7th.

SOURCE: Wikipedia



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- Pope Francis



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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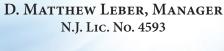
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