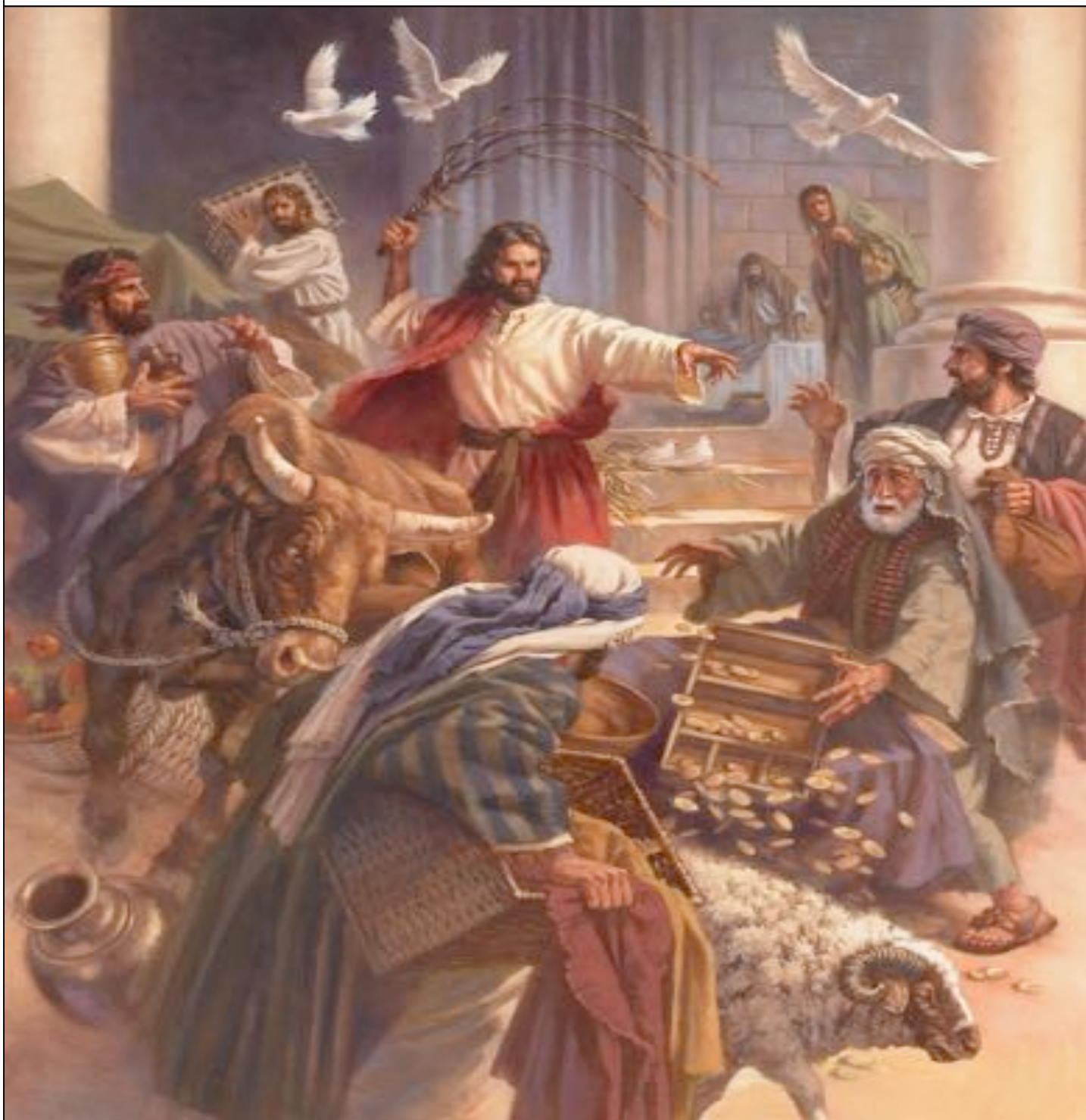


the catholic community of OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



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Third Sunday of Lent





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.”*



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

Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday, March 3 and All Sundays of Lent

CLOW is being offered to children in grades K-5 during the 10 AM Mass every Sunday during Lent.



Lenten Penance Services

Please see page 6 for a schedule of churches in our deanery that are holding penance services.



Men's Cornerstone Wednesday, March 6 7 PM

—Held at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter—

We will be looking at the Catechism of the Catholic Church during Lent.

Adult men are invited to join. Please contact Deacon Michael Giuliano.



Stations of the Cross

—In the Church—

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

Guided Stations of the Cross – 7 PM on Fridays during Lent



OLMC Book Club Tuesday, March 12 9:15 AM & 7:30 PM

—In the Conference Room—

Adults are invited to join. Please contact Elliot Guerra or the Church Office.

New members are always welcome!

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, March 3, 2024

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 made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.* . . While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.

Reflection

"God loves us to the point of forever inviting us to reconciliation. God has nothing to gain by showering us with mercy. We are offered an eternal gift without having anything commensurate in value to give in return. But we can pay forward instead. We can offer what we are able to those who are in no position to pay us back. In doing so, we imitate God's generosity; we imitate God's loved-based covenant."

SOURCE: *Pastoral Patterns*, Spring 2024**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Friday Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Saturday Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14



***"The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul."***

Psalm 19:8

**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, 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 and Religious Education Offices are here to assist you with any sacramental or religious instruction information you need to provide to your new parish.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 4th

8:30 Ludivina Fineza
Requested by Rosemary Russell

TUESDAY, MARCH 5th

8:30 Lucille Biscottini
Requested by Eileen Walsh & Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th

8:30 Ludivina Fineza
Requested by Dr. & Mrs. Enriquez & Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 7th

8:30 Ida Banchemo
Requested by Her Daughters

FRIDAY, MARCH 8th

8:30 Marie Di Meglio
Requested by Her Daughter, Jacqueline

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th

8:30 Angelita Miguel
Requested by The Hellman Family

5:00 Rafael Contreras
Requested by His Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th

8:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
10:00 Mike Prelee
Requested by Rose Ann & Martin Miglietta
12:00 Wanda Ferrauola
Requested by Sylvia & Dom Meo



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

Carmelo Abbruzzesi	Adam Kokosinski
Lorna Asuncion	Catherine Marchiona
Brian Bingman	Aria Marrero
Perla Biron	Belen Mendoza
Angie Bracconeri	June Miller
Judy Burke	David Mobley
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Terri Giovannone	Roger Sullivan
Rose Guillen	Betty Supple
Michael Kashmer	Jocelyn Talla
Luca Kashmer Floridis	Rosario Ugarte
Kellish Family	Diana Valencia
Evan G. Kellish	Sara Van Horne

*"He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak."*

Isaiah 40:29

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.

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine
are in memory of Ludivina Fineza
requested by Tet and Jing Santamaria.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

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



REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers
Froilan Agosto, Jeff McCartney, and all
the military men and women who have died this week.

2024 Mass Intentions Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp

A Mass, the Bread and Wine, and the Sanctuary Lamp may be offered in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or for the intentions of another person (such as a birthday or anniversary). 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.

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. These meetings provide prayer, friendship and support. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. **The next meeting date is Wednesday, March 6th at St. Mary's Church, 20 Legion Place, Closter at 7 PM.** For info, please call Deacon Michael Giuliano at 201-983-1591.

Examination of Conscience

Before we celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, we should prepare ourselves with an examination of conscience, which involves reflecting prayerfully on our thoughts, words and deeds in order to identify any sins. Our examination of conscience should be rooted in Scripture, particularly the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes. Examining your conscience provides an opportunity to recognize sin and seek God's grace.

*A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me."*

Psalm 51: 12-13



Please note the remaining dates and locations for the Lenten Penance Services in our deanery. All are invited to receive the sacrament of reconciliation during this Lenten season.

Monday, March 4th at 7 PM

St. Joseph Church, Oradell

Monday, March 11th at 7 PM

St. Peter the Apostle Church, River Edge

Monday, March 18th at 7 PM

Our Lady of the Visitation Church, Paramus



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

We're reading . . .

MORNING GROUP

*I am the Virgin Mother of God, and Your Mother Too:
Reflections on Our Lady's Action in Our Lives*
by Fr. Dermot S. Roache, SMA

The Virgin Mother shows us in today's confused world how to live and how to love according to the Gospel. May this work increase your faith in Jesus and give you a more personal devotion to the most beautiful woman ever created by God, the Blessed Mother.

EVENING GROUP

The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd

Sue Monk Kidd takes an audacious approach to history and brings her acclaimed narrative gifts to imagine the story of a young woman named Ana. Ana is expected to marry an older widower, a prospect that horrifies her. An encounter with eighteen-year-old Jesus changes everything.

Interested in joining?

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



Remember to set your clocks
ahead one hour next weekend
beginning at 2 A.M. on
Sunday, March 10th. Daylight
Saving Time begins.

**"Lent is a journey of conversion
that puts the heart at its center.
Our heart must convert
to the Lord."**

—Pope Francis



Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for March: The New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

*“O Lord, make this Lenten season
different from the other ones.
Let me find you again.
Amen.”*

—Henri Nouwen

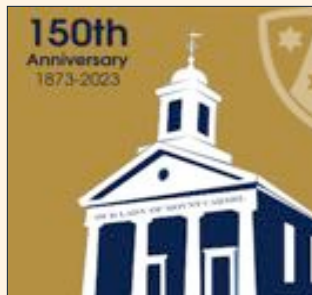


Concert Series At Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark . . .

Cathedral Basilica Concert Series – ‘Organ Recital’ – Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark – **Sunday, March 10th at 3 PM.** Featuring Sándor Szabo.

Cathedral Basilica Concert Series – ‘Choral Meditations on the Stations of the Cross’ – Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark – **Good Friday, March 29th at 8 PM.** The Cathedral Choir, under the direction of John J. Miller, presents meditations within the context of the Stations of the Cross.

“Wednesdays at Noon” resumes April 17, 2024. Please check future bulletins for details.



OLMC Celebrates 150 Years!

Welcome to Coffee & Conversation!

All are invited for Coffee & Conversation to be held in the cafeteria following the 10 A.M. Mass on **Sunday, March 17th** hosted by OLMC Youth Service Team!



Easter Flower Sale

Our Youth Ministry is once again planning a trip to help the people of Maine. Please help us get there! Order forms for our Easter flower fundraiser can be found in the kiosks in the Church or contact the Church Office at 201-568-0545. Thank you for your support!





Religious Education

Class Schedule

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

Confirmation



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

Retreat: March 10th at OLMC Church beginning with Mass at 8 AM.

The celebration of Confirmation will take place at OLMC Church on Wednesday, April 17th at 7 PM. Rehearsal is Thursday, April 11th at 7 PM in the church. Please be sure you have provided us with all required information for our records, including the name of your teen's sponsor and your child's baptismal certificate.

Who can be a sponsor for Confirmation?

The Church asks that a sponsor be at least sixteen years of age, be fully initiated in the Church (having celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist), and be a practicing member of the Church. He or she does not have to be the same gender as the Confirmation candidate.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

WISDOM
 UNDERSTANDING
 KNOWLEDGE
 COURAGE / FORTITUDE
 COUNSEL
 PIETY / REVERENCE
 WONDER & AWE

Please see future bulletins as we take a look at each of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.



First Eucharist



All sacraments are necessarily related to baptism, the first sacrament we celebrate. First Communion is an extension of that day as children are welcomed to the family meal—the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the center of our Catholic life.

If you missed the First Eucharist Parent Meeting, please contact the Religious Education Office. Important information and preparation material was distributed at the meeting.

Parents are the primary educators of their children and are responsible for initiating their children into the sacramental life. Take a moment to explain to your child that preparing to receive Jesus in the Eucharist is like preparing for other special occasions in your family's life. It's exciting and important!

Please work with your child on the workbook you received at the First Eucharist Parent Meeting as well as help your child create a First Communion banner using the kit you received at the meeting.

There will be two First Communion Masses: Saturday, May 4th at 11 AM and Saturday, May 11th at 11 AM. Rehearsals are the Thursdays before those dates at 3:30 PM. At least one parent and their child are asked to attend the rehearsal for the First Communion Mass they have chosen. The rehearsal will take about 45 minutes.

First Communion Date: Saturday, May 4th
Rehearsal: May 2nd at 3:30 PM

First Communion Date: Saturday, May 11th
Rehearsal: May 9th at 3:30 PM



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Read Across America Week – March 2-6, 2024

**“The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you’ll go.”**



—Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss Day

“Held annually on March 2nd, Dr. Seuss Day is a holiday that celebrates the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel – otherwise known by the pen name by which he authored children’s books: Dr. Seuss. During the 1990s, the National Education Association advocated for a day to celebrate reading all over the United States. In 1998, it started Read Across America and decided to hold it on the same day as Dr. Seuss’ birthday.”

SOURCE: www.holidayscalendar.com



Read-a-thon

Our school-wide Read-a-thon begins March 4th! Instruction sheets were sent home with students earlier this month. Students are expected to read 30 minutes each day of the two-week Read-a-thon and log their progress on their personal account. We are looking for 100% participation of this year’s Read-a-thon!

**“Today a reader,
tomorrow a leader.”**

—Margaret Fuller





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The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is a testament to our faith in action. It supports the ministries that bring Christ to those in need, including our sisters and brothers who are distressed by food insecurity, poverty, and homelessness. The Annual Appeal also supports the formation of our seminarians and our evangelization efforts through diverse ministry offices and multi-ethnic apostolates serving thousands of men, women, and children, which are critical for the future of our Church. Thank you for your generous support.

Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia Church, Englewood

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The collection for the Office of Concern Food Pantry is NEXT WEEKEND.

The Office of Concern was started in 1980 to help a few families who were displaced by a fire. From that beginning, the Office of Concern has become the largest single location family food pantry in Bergen County.

Please place **non-perishable items** in the elevator lobby at OLMC. The Office of Concern also accepts donations of diapers, baby wipes and personal care items. **Monetary donations** should be in an envelope marked for the Office of Concern and placed in the donation baskets in the church. Thank you to all who donate to the Office of Concern to help those in our community.

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