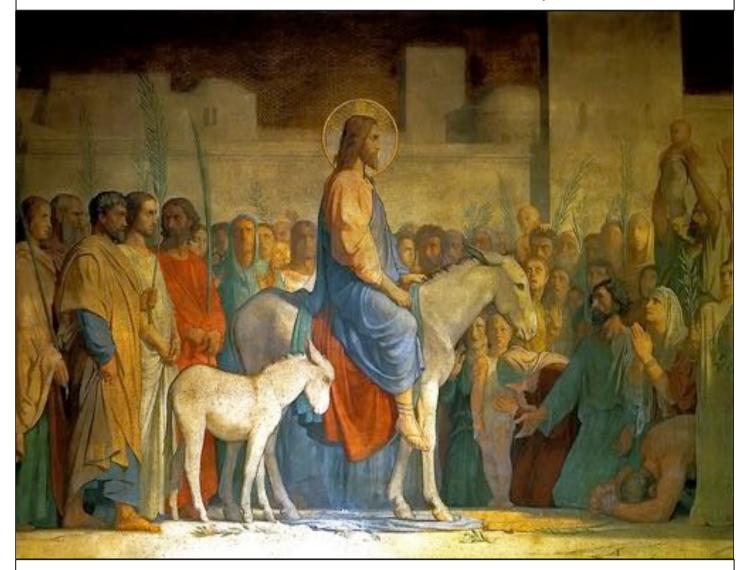


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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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Saturday, March 30 Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 12 NOON The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8 P.M.

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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.

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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PALM SUNDAY Sunday, March 24

"We begin the celebration of Holy Week by calling down Gods blessing upon the symbol that today's feast is named for: the palm branches that were used to welcome our Lord to Jerusalem. 'Hosanna!' the crowds accompanying him cried out, praising the Son of Man as he rode into the holy city. 'Hosanna!' the residents called out, eager to witness firsthand what this miracle worker would do. We sing hosannas today, as we enter the holiest week of the year, the week when we recall Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection."

SOURCE: Pastoral Patterns, Spring 2024

Mark 11:1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once." So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Hosanna in the highest!"



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 <u>www.olmc.us</u>. 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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tuesday Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Friday

Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1–19:42

Saturday

Genesis 1:1–2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15–15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32–4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, MARCH 25th

8:30 Mary Ellen & Mike Murphy Requested by Marianne Reilly

TUESDAY, MARCH 26th

8:30 Andres Gonzalez Requested by His Daughter, Maria Nomikis

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th

8:30 Kathleen Heaphy Requested by Brenda & Rich Brunelle

THURSDAY, MARCH 28th

7:30^{PM}Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, MARCH 29th 7:30^{PM}Good Friday Passion of the Lord & Holy Communion

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th

8:00^{PM}Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st

- 8:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 10:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 12:00 Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are in memory of Ludivina Fineza requested by Her Family.

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THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Ludivina Fineza requested by Her Family. ↔

REST IN PEACE

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



Let us pray for the needs of the following individuals:

Carmelo Abbruzzesi Lorna Asuncion Brian Bingman Perla Biron Angie Bracconeri Judy Burke Tom Cooke Sr. Pat Coyle Sereno Danese Denise de Almeida James Dockerv Rachel Durso Corazon E. Evora Deacon Lex Ferrauiola Martha Fischer John Gibbons Terri Giovannone Rose Guillen Michael Kashmer Luca Kashmer Floridis Kellish Family Evan G. Kellish

Adam Kokosinski Catherine Marchiona Aria Marrero Belen Mendoza June Miller David Mobley Aaron Monteagudo Joseph Pae Anastasia Pavur Meredith Sajdak John Salvatore Vita Santulli Eufrocina Sarreal Paredes Jason Scalora Kathleen Selinka Dragon Margaret Sullivan Roger Sullivan Betty Supple Jocelyn Talla Rosario Ugarte Diana Valencia Sara Van Horne

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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 when your loved one's name can be removed from the list.

"He Gave Himself Up 'for Me'

Jesus gave himself up to death voluntarily in order to reciprocate the love of God the Father, in perfect union with his will, to demonstrate his love for us. On the cross Jesus 'loved me and gave himself for me' (Galatians 2:20). Each one of us can say: 'He loved me and gave himself for me.' Each one can say this 'for me.'"

SOURCE:

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

"The Dignity of Children of God

Our filial relationship with God is not like a treasure that we keep in a corner of our life, but must be increased. It must be nourished every day with listening to the word of God, with prayer, with participation in the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist, and with love. We can live as children! And this is our dignitywe have the dignity of children. We should behave as true children! This means that every day we must let Christ transform us and conform us to him; it means striving to live as Christians, endeavoring to follow him in spite of seeing our limitations and weaknesses. The temptation to set God aside in order to put ourselves at the center is always at the door, and the experience of sin injures our Christian life, our being children of God."

SOURCE:

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



CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

The Archdiocese of Newark will be honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in 2024. These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark and celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

May 5, 2024 12:00 PM 5 and 25 Years Registration Deadline: April 29th

June 2, 2024 12:00 PM 50 Years

Registration Deadline: May 24th

Any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in the years affected by Covid restrictions (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023) may still register for one of these liturgies. The certificates will read "Silver" or "Gold", not 26th Anniversary or 51st Anniversary. Please contact Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Office at 201-568-0545 <u>before</u> the registration deadline date. Fr. Richard and the Parish Advisory Board invite you...

<u>Sunday, March 31</u> – Come to the 10 A.M. Mass on Easter Sunday and afterwards be greeted by the Easter Bunny! Photos can be taken following the Mass.



Thank you to our Eucharistic ministers and lectors who continue to serve at our daily, Sunday, and holy day Masses and to our ushers and music ministers. You help make every celebration of Mass prayerful and joyous.



Concert Series At Cathedral Basilica . . .

The Cathedral Concert Series is proud to offer every performance in this season with no admission charge. The following performances are held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart located at 89 Ridge Street, Newark, New Jersey.

<u>'Choral Meditations on the Stations of the</u> <u>Cross'</u> – Good Friday, March 29th at 8 PM – The Cathedral's choral tradition continues with this annual event. The Cathedral Choir, under the direction of John J. Miller, presents meditations within the context of the Stations of the Cross.

<u>'Organ Recital'</u> – Sunday, April 14th at 3 PM – Organ recital with Aaron Tan.

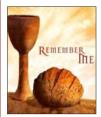
<u>'Wednesdays at Noon'</u> – Wednesday, April 17th at 12 PM – Concert with organist Dina Foster-Osbourne. A half-hour concert, followed by an optional tour of the Cathedral.

<u>'Wednesdays at Noon'</u> – Wednesday, April 24th at 12 PM – Concert with Elizabeth Honer, Elizabeth Perryman and Genya Muzyczka, Soprani. A half-hour concert, followed by an optional tour of the Cathedral.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, also known as Maundy Thursday. It reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and ends with the Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. The Triduum is the summit of the Liturgical Year commemorating Christ's Paschal Mystery – Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Please join us as we celebrate this holy time in our Church's liturgical year.

HOLY THURSDAY Thursday, March 28 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 P.M.



Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when Christ established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. The central observance of Holy Thursday is the ritual

reenactment of the Last Supper at Mass. He also established the special priesthood for his disciples. Christ washed the feet of his disciples, who would become the first priests. We continue the tradition here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church with The Washing of Feet during the Holy Thursday liturgy.

There is a tradition of spending time at the altars of repose of seven churches on Holy Thursday. This tradition corresponds to the seven stations that were made by Our Lord between the Last Supper and His crucifixion. All are invited to stay and keep watch in Eucharistic Adoration after our Holy Thursday Mass.

"Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end." **FAST & ABSTINENCE**

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of both Fast and Abstinence. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday night). <u>On a day of Fast</u>, only one full meal is permitted **and two smaller meals which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity**. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. <u>On a day of Abstinence</u>, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

GOOD FRIDAY Friday, March 29

Good Friday is the day on which Catholics commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. Today we read the Passion of the Lord according to Saint John.



Ecumenical Walk 1 P.M.

The Ecumenical Walk starts at Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 97 Highwood Avenue, Tenafly with stops at select churches for scripture readings and prayers. It ends at Trinity Lutheran Church (430 Knickerbocker Road) around 3 PM. It is not necessary to complete the walk to participate.

Passion of the Lord & Holy Communion 7:30 P.M.

According to the Church's ancient tradition, Mass is not celebrated today. The celebration of the Lord's Passion consists of the Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise you, because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY Saturday, March 30

Today we wait at the Lord's tomb, meditating on Christ's suffering and death. During the night, we anticipate Christ's resurrection at the vigil Mass, leading into the celebration of Easter, and continuing for fifty days of the Easter Season.

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 12 NOON

The blessing of Easter foods on Holy Saturday has been an important tradition in many families of different ethnic backgrounds. Several foods have symbolic meaning:



eggs - symbolize life and Christ's resurrection bread - symbolic of Jesus, the Bread of Life lamb - represents Christ, the Paschal Lamb salt - represents purification horseradish - symbolic of the bitter sacrifice of Christ

ham - symbolic of great joy and abundance

The priests of Our Lady of Mount Carmel invite you to bring your Easter food baskets to the Church on Holy Saturday, March 30th for a special blessing at 12 Noon.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 8 P.M.



By ancient tradition, this is the night of keeping vigil for the Lord. The vigil is divided into four parts: Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Join us for this beautiful liturgy as we recount the outstanding deeds of the history of salvation.

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

Psalm 51:12

CHURCH DECORATING Decorators Wanted!

The lower church will be decorated beginning at 9 A.M. on Holy Saturday, March 30th. If you are able to help, please join us at 9 A.M. It takes about two hours. If you have any questions, email Rosemary Russell at rosemarymrusssell@gmail.com. Thank you!

EASTER SUNDAY Sunday, March 31

<u>Mass Times</u> 8 A.M., 10 A.M., 12 NOON



EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of flowers that will decorate our Church for Easter, please fill out the form below. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and can be dropped in the collection box or returned to the Church Office.

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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 Monday evenings from 7:45 to 9:00 P.M. and in person on Sunday mornings before the 12 Noon 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 <u>acovais@olmc.us</u>.



MOUNT CARMEL BOOK CLUB Facilitated by Elliot Guerra

Our Next Meeting is:

Tuesday, April 9th 9:15 AM & 7:30 PM - Conference Room

Contact Elliot Guerra at <u>guerra@academyolmc.org</u> or Mary Ann at the Church Office at 201-568-0545 if interested in joining or for more information.

We're reading . . .

<u>Morning Group</u> – *Catholics* by Brian Moore In Rome, surrendering to secular pressures, the Fourth Vatican Council is stirring a revolution with their official denial of the Church's core doctrines.

<u>Evening Group</u> – *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick When you open your front door, waiting for you is a small wooden box. This box holds your fate inside: the answer to the exact number of years you will live.

"Journey through the Origin and History of the Mass" -Part 2-

Join us for the second part of "Journey through the Origin and History of the Mass." All adults are invited. No RSVP is needed.



Saturday, April 20th 8:30 AM–12 PM at OLMC Church

We begin with Mass at 8:30 AM followed by recitation of the Rosary. Fr. Ashley Harrington will present the retreat.

MEN'S CORNERSTONE

Men's Cornerstone meetings are now open to <u>ALL</u> <u>MEN</u> in the parish. *You don't have to be a Cornerstone alumnus to attend.* These meetings provide prayer, friendship and support. We will have a Zoom link. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 3rd at St. Mary's Church, 20 Legion Place, Closter at 7 PM. For info or the Zoom link, please call Deacon Michael Giuliano at 201-983-1591.

Family Promise Walk-in Dinner Program

The OLMC community joins together to feed Bergen County's most vulnerable citizens. Our next service date is Sunday, April 7th following the 8 A.M. Mass to prepare for the Walk-in Dinner to be held on Monday, April 8th. If interested in helping in some way, please contact Elliot Guerra at guerra@academyolmc.org.

Religious Education Class Schedule

Sunday, March 24th (8:45-9:55 AM) Tuesday, March 26th (3:30-4:45 PM)



A Family Holy Week Guide

Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are meant as preparation for Holy Week and the Triduum days.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord: Today is called both Palm Sunday as well as Passion Sunday. As we receive palms on this day, we will also hear a Gospel story of the last days in the life of Jesus. In this Gospel Jesus consoles the "good criminal" and he forgives those responsible for his death.

THE TRIDUUM DAYS BEGIN ...

Holy Thursday: The liturgy on Holy Thursday recalls the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus and includes the words of Jesus: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." In our ritual remembrance, we, too, are asked to wash the feet of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Family Activity:

Attend a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for intentions that are near and dear to your heart; for example, health, joy, peace in your family and families throughout the world.



Sunday, March 31st (**NO CLASS**) Tuesday, April 2nd (**NO CLASS**)

Good Friday: The church is bare on Good Friday. The altar is stripped of ornamentation and the tabernacle is left open and empty. Mass is not celebrated on this day. The liturgy today includes readings from various books of the Old and New Testament. There are intercessions for the various needs of the Church and the world. After this, there is veneration and Holy Communion reserved from the Mass that was celebrated on Holy Thursday.

Family Activity:

Spend time in prayer or possibly attend the Stations of the Cross as a way to be with Jesus in his suffering. We are called to fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday.

Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil Mass is a rich moment in time in which we are drawn into Jesus' timeless victory over sin and death that is now ours. The vigil begins in darkness, and then the paschal candle is lit from the fire. We are in partial darkness when we listen to the scripture reading. The *Gloria*, which has not been sung throughout Lent, is intoned. The lights are turned on which give us the vivid symbol of the Light that floods our entire life through Jesus.

The reception into the Catholic faith through the sacrament of Baptism is celebrated with candidates who have prepared for this sacrament through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process during the year. They will also receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Family Activity:

If you are attending the Easter Vigil, talk about the symbols that are so rich in this liturgy: fire, water, oil, light, and darkness. The Church teaches us through these signs and symbols.

Easter Sunday: Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead! On this Sunday we remember that Jesus, Our Savior, has risen from the dead. He died for us on the cross and now lives!





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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 and also supports the formation of our seminarians and our evangelization efforts through diverse ministry offices and multiethnic apostolates serving thousands of men, women, and children, which are critical for the

future of our Church.



Looking for a gift for someone for Easter?

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The second weekend of each month is the collection for the Office of Concern. Please place donations of non-perishable items in OLMC's elevator lobby for pick up by the Office of Concern. Monetary donations and supermarket gift cards should be placed in the baskets marked for the Office of Concern on the second weekend of each month. Thank you for your continued and generous support!



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