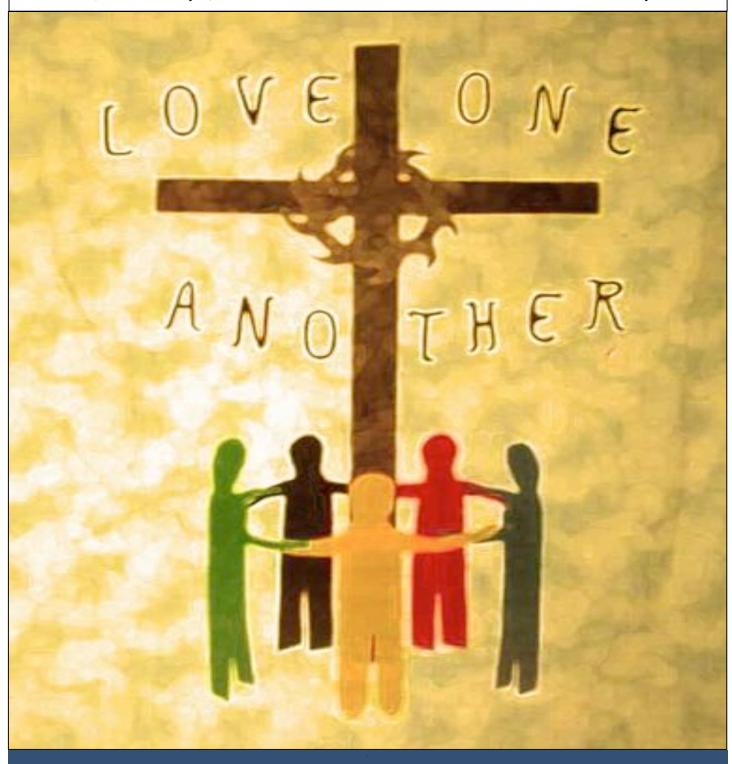
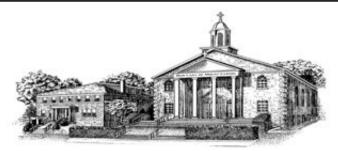
the catholic community of OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Sixth Sunday of Easter





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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TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, May 5, 2024 John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love...This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends...This I command you: love one another."

Reflection

"Jesus tells us, the ultimate show of love is 'to lay down one's life for one's friends'. Love is over-the-moon wonderful until you start talking about its cost. Love can cause you to put someone else's life before your own. Love can leave you vulnerable. Love can lead to heartbreak and grief. But this is what Jesus himself did, and what he calls us to do. Self-sacrificing love is the countercultural and, to many, absurd idea of putting others before yourself, for, as John wrote in his letter, God is love, and this, from the start of creation, is what God has done."

SOURCE: Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2024



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

Wednesday Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15

Thursday Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

Friday Acts of the Apostles 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

Saturday Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

SOURCE: Living with Christ, May 2024



Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

1 John 4:7



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, MAY 6th

8:30 Catalina Subido
Requested by The Santos & Biron Family

TUESDAY, MAY 7th

8:30 Toniann Carozza
Requested by Her Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th

8:30 Teofila Sulit
Requested by The Santos & Biron Family

THURSDAY, MAY 9th

8:30 Aurora Gonzalez
Requested by Maria Nomikos

FRIDAY, MAY 10th

8:30 Encarnacion Fineza
Requested by The Fineza Family

SATURDAY, MAY 11th

8:30 Paul C. Hamel, Jr.
Requested by Rose Ann Miglietta

5:00 Paul C. Hamel, Jr.
Requested by Mrs. Essman & 6th Grade Class

SUNDAY, MAY 12th

8:00 Deceased Members of The Fraga Family Requested by Irene Fraga

and Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10:00 Angelica Mariscal Requested by Her Family

12:00 Mother's Day Novena



Edan Alexander

Let us pray for the needs of the following individuals:

Kellish Family

Brian Bingman Evan G. Kellish
Perla Biron Adam Kokosinski
Angie Bracconeri Catherine Marchiona
Judy Burke Aria Marrero
Tom Cooke Belen Mendoza
Sr. Pat Coyle David Mobley
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Brielle Glinsky Roger Sullivan
Rose Guillen Jocelyn Talla
Michael Kashmer Rosario Ugarte
Luca Kashmer Floridis Sara Van Horne

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." Isaiah 40:29



The altar flowers this week are given by
The Durso Family in memory of
Ralph and Laura Durso.

THE BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine are in memory of Toniann Carozza requested by Her Family.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Florentina Curso requested by The Cua Family.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers Pedro Luis Rivera (father of Academy teacher Sonaly Rivera-Perez) and all the military men and women who have died this week.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred from Thursday, May 9th to Sunday, May 12th.

Thursday, May 9th will not be a holy day of obligation, and there will only be the regularly scheduled 8:30 AM Mass that day.

MEN'S CORNERSTONE

Men's Cornerstone meetings are now open to <u>ALL MEN</u> in the parish. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15th at St. Mary's Church, 20 Legion Place, Closter at 7 PM. For info, please call Deacon Michael Giuliano at 201-983-1591.



MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Our Mother's Day Novena will begin on Sunday, May 12th and continue through Monday, May 20th. If you would like to enroll your mother, living or deceased, envelopes and cards are available by the doors of the Church. Please return the large envelope either to the Church Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket.



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. The liturgy for those celebrating 5 and 25 years is today at 12 PM. The liturgy for those celebrating 50 years is:

June 2, 2024 12:00 PM 50 Years

Registration Deadline: May 24th

Any couple who would have celebrated their Gold Anniversary in the years stunted by Covid restrictions (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023) may still register. The certificate will read "Gold", not 51st Anniversary. Please contact Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Office at 201-568-0545 before the registration deadline date.



MOUNT CARMEL BOOK CLUB

Facilitated by Elliot Guerra

Our Next Meeting is:
Tuesday, May 14th
9:15 AM & 7:30 PM - Conference Room

We're reading . . .

The Secret Life Of Sunflowers: A gripping, inspiring novel based on the true story of Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law by Marta Molnar

When Hollywood auctioneer Emsley Wilson finds her famous grandmother's diary while cleaning out her New York brownstone, the pages are full of surprises. The first surprise is, the diary isn't her grandmother's. It belongs to Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law. Johanna inherited Vincent van Gogh's paintings. They were all she had, and they weren't worth anything. Yet she managed to introduce Vincent's legacy to the world.

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

Mother's Day is next Sunday!



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Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for May

The Formation of Religious and Seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



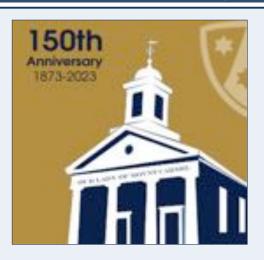
TEF Tenafly 5K Run and Dog Walk! Sunday, June 2, 2024

Join the OLMC community for the Tenafly Educational Foundation 26th Annual Tenafly 5K Run and Dog Walk. Registration is now open to all ages! Prices increase after May 31st. Visit runsignup.com to register now! Check out OLMC's first-ever bronze sponsor page from the registration drop down menu as well as the schedule of pre-race events! Hope to see you at the race!



Stay tuned for these other exciting events!

OLMC Feast Day Celebration & Barbecue Medical Mission Fundraising Event International Night



OLMC Celebrates 150 Years!

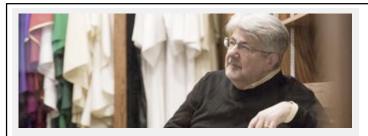
Welcome to Children's Liturgy of the Word and Coffee & Conversation!

Children in grades kindergarten through fifth are invited to hear the word of God proclaimed at their level during the 10 A.M. Mass on Sunday, May 19th.

All are invited for Coffee & Conversation in the cafeteria following the 10 A.M. Mass on May 19th hosted by the Knights of Columbus!



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. No previous musical experience is needed and music and hymnals will be provided. For more information on our music program, please contact our Director of Music, Andrea Covais at acovais@olmc.us.



"The Problem of Evil"

by Deacon Lex Ferrauiola

"Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted." – Jesus

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I struggle with the 'Problem of Evil'. That is the problem posed by the presence of the evil we witness in our world, and the question: "If God is really all powerful and all loving, and if God truly knows and loves each one of us by name, why does God allow evil and terrible things to happen?

I mourned as I followed news of the unfolding Russian invasion of Ukraine, and learned about the violence inflicted on women, children and even babies; the vicious bombings of hospitals, residential neighborhoods and schools, and the summary executions of Ukrainian soldiers and civilians. I mourned for the umpteenth time as I watched the breaking news and heard the cries of parents, friends, and first responders after the shootings in Buffalo, Uvalde, and Tulsa—the list goes on and on. And, yet Jesus tells us, "Blessed are they who mourn"—we who mourn—for we shall be comforted.

These acts of human evil are not evidence that God does not exist, or that God fails to love us; nor are they proof that God is powerless to rescue us. Life is a mystery, like a tapestry that we cannot see fully while we are in its midst. But, God is with us in that mystery; God walks with us through the presence of evil holding us by the hand as we mourn, leading us to Resurrection.

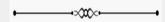
"Blessed are they who mourn"—we who mourn—for we shall be comforted. Someday, someplace, somehow, it will all make sense.

Continued . . .

But in the meantime, while we are here and continue to follow the news and witness the existence of evil in our world, the Cross, the symbol of our faith, is God's answer to the problem of evil. In the center of the Cross, in the center of the pain and the suffering, we find God in human form. The message of the Cross is hope. It tells us that we are not alone, that God is with us in the center of the pain and the suffering; and someday it will all make sense, there will be a happy ending, a Resurrection.

The Cross is a sign that God is with us in our suffering and that death is not the end. When we read the Passion and hear Jesus' cry, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" we know that he understands what we are going through; that he is our brother in the face of horrible evil. Our brother, our savior who takes us—the temporary prisoners of evil—through the sufferings of life, who leads us to the joy of Resurrection, to a place where everything will make sense and we will see God.

The Cross is our comfort and God's answer to the problem of evil. Blessed are we who mourn, for we will be comforted.



"The death and resurrection of Jesus are the heart of our hope. It is the resurrection itself that opens us to greater hope, for it opens our lives and the life of the world to the eternal future of God, to full happiness, to the certainty that evil, sin, and death may be overcome."

—Pope Francis



Accepting Registrations for the 2024-2025 Religious Education Program

May 15th - May 31st

Register early!

Families currently in the program were mailed a letter and registration form to register their child for religious education classes. Please complete the registration form and return it to the Religious Education Office along with a \$100.00 payment. Please make check payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. This payment will be applied to your family's registration fee. The balance of your family's registration fee is payable by September 15, 2024. (Please note that our website is currently undergoing changes. Do not try to register your child online. Please use the form you received in the mail. New families are invited to visit the Religious Education Office to register.)

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What Parents Should Expect From A Religious Education Program

According to an information estimate by the National Catholic Education Association, somewhere between eighty and ninety percent of Catholic children now receive religious education in parish religious education programs. What should a parent expect from a religious education program?

Here are six:

- A professional educational director
- Well-prepared catechists
- Well-balanced curriculum
- A parish liturgy that teaches and inspires
- Help in preparing children for sacraments
- An introduction to Scripture

Religious Education Class Schedule

Sunday, May 5th (8:45-9:55 AM) Tuesday, May 7th (3:30-4:45 PM) Sunday, May 12th (8:45-9:55 AM) Tuesday, May 14th (3:30-4:45 PM)

Last Class: Sunday, May 12th and Tuesday, May 14th are the last classes for this year's Religious Education Program.

First Eucharist

First Communion is an extension of baptism as children are welcomed to the family meal—the Eucharist. Please complete the workbook and banner kit you received at the First Eucharist Parent Meeting. Our next First Communion and rehearsal are:

Saturday, May 11th at 11 AM *Rehearsal*: Thursday, May 9th at 3:30 PM



Sacraments Celebrate Christ's Life...

Tradition tells us that all of the sacraments were instituted by Christ and they each have a real foundation in the life and ministry of Jesus. Each relates to stories and teachings of Jesus.

For example, Eucharist reminds us of the Last Supper. Those familiar with the Gospels are also reminded of other meals to which Jesus invited even those who were rejected by others.

"The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1131).



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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TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM



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Without diapers babies cannot participate in Early Childhood Education. Without Early Childhood Education, parents cannot go to work. Students that participate in Early Childhood Education are 2.5 times more likely to go to higher education.

Families with diaper shortages reported more difficulty with stress management, depression and coping with trauma which can negatively affect a child's health and development.

Please donate diapers or send a contribution so the Office of Concern can continue to provide a better life for babies in need of diapers.

Data per the National Diaper Bank Network

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