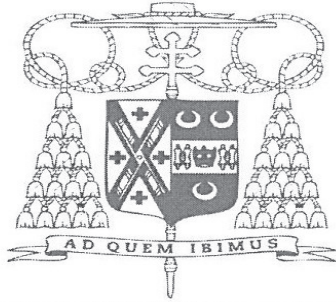


# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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*the*  
**CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts* 2015

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS



How will you share God's gifts today?

For the last few weeks our parish has been participating in the 2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Our participation in this Appeal is not only helpful; it is vital. For this reason, Cardinal Dolan is asking every household throughout the Archdiocese to take part in this year's Appeal. Our assigned goal this year is \$52,500. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial pledge or gift to the Appeal and help to bridge the gap between what has been raised so far and our goal. Every pledge and gift is important and welcome - large, moderate or small! Thank you for your generosity it is greatly appreciated.

You can also make your gift online at  
[www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)  
May God bless you for your generosity.

**March 8, 2015**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**



## UPCOMING LENTEN EXPERIENCES

*Join us for our Lenten experiences to help us all grow in our faith and experience the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ more fully this Lent.*

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, March 7th

5:00 Rose Black

#### Sunday, March 8th

8:00 Joseph Jaccarino

10:00 James & Catherine Haley &  
Fred Weissinger

11:30 Intentions of Parishioners

4:30 Maria Pinto

#### Monday, March 9th

7:00 Madeline & Bernadette Dicharo

#### Tuesday, March 10th

7:00 Healing of Benilda Quinayas

#### Wednesday, March 11th

7:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Darcy  
& Birmingham Families

#### Thursday, March 12th

7:00 Louise Cameron & The Sebastian Family

#### Friday, March 13th

7:00 Alice Dukes

#### Saturday, March 14th

5:00 Margherita & Giuseppe Rotundo

#### Sunday, March 15th

8:00 Patrick Darcy (30th Anniv.)

10:00 Bernard & Teresa McGuire

11:30 Sophie Marie Ekker & Gasper Rao

4:30 Maria T. Pinto

### LECTIO DIVINA

Thursday, March 12th at 7:00pm

A meditative and respectful reading of the Scriptures.

### FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Thursday, March 19th at 7:00pm

Evening Prayer and St. Joseph Table

Look for further information in upcoming bulletins.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Thursday,  
March 26th at 7:00pm in the Church.

### RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Cardinal Dolan has designated the Monday of Holy Week, March 30th, as a day dedicated to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

On that Monday there will be priests available for individual confession from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Reconciliation is also available here at OLMC on Saturdays from 4:00-4:30pm.

Please make note: There will be no Reconciliation on Saturday, March 28th due to the Palm Sunday Vigil or Saturday, April 4th due to the Easter Vigil.

Congratulations to the following children who were Baptized here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel during the last few months:

Ianna Banfield	Malique Jermaine Marcy
Aubree Luann Eherts	Jackson Fernando Martinez, Jr.
Evan James Haley	Penelope Isabelle Paglia
Gianna Sophia Jara	Andrew Jose Peden
Estella Maria LaFollette	Katherine Ann Traverse
Jessica Danielle LaFollette	Callen Henrick Welyczko

**Destroy this temple, and in  
three days I will raise it up.**

**John 2:13-25**

### Stewardship A Way of Life

#### TITHING GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

February 28th & March 1st	\$7,286
Building Fund	\$2,284

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Mass attendance for last weekend, February 28th  
& March 1st was 749.

Our Second Collection *each week* is to satisfy  
the mortgage for the Parish Center.



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

### **REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

Your Confirmation retreat will be held this Saturday, March 14th at the Parish Center from 10am to 3pm. Lunch is included. Please arrive by 9:45 for check in so we may begin promptly at 10 am. Any questions contact Mrs. Miller at [olmcre90@gmail.com](mailto:olmcre90@gmail.com) or 845-342-1510.

### **FACEBOOK PAGE**

Be sure to visit Religious Education Program's Face Book page.

**WE'RE UP TO 74 LIKES!**

Weather updates for the cancellation of classes will be posted.

Please "like" the page by going to our parish website [www.olmcmiddletown.org](http://www.olmcmiddletown.org) first - click on the Face Book icon. That will take you to the page. Click "like" and "Get Notifications" - "Like us" today! Another great way to stay informed!

### **HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY**

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation, Niger, where we're reminded that life's joys and challenges are often seasonal. This week we pray for people who struggle to feed their families during the hungry season - when food is short in supply.

Join the Religious Education Program and Mt. Carmel School and be a part of this simple and yet powerful Lenten practice.

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

The 40 Days for Life campaign continues through Sun., March 29th. All are welcome to take part in this national crusade along with other supporters for prayer and fasting with watch from 7:00am-7:00pm held on the public right-of-way on Coates Dr. in Goshen. To learn more about how you can "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" please contact Kathy Taylor at 238-0536 or [ktaylor1124831@yahoo.com](mailto:ktaylor1124831@yahoo.com).



For the past few weeks, our parish has actively been conducting the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Cardinal Dolan has mentioned in his letters that the Appeal is critical to the work and life of the Archdiocese of New York and each of its parishes, including ours.

As we make our pledge to the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, we recognize that all we have is a gift from God. As a sign of our gratitude we respond to the Appeal, which helps all Catholic institutions do their work of ministering to the needs of God's people. This work includes caring for the elderly; feeding the hungry; teaching the children the truths of our faith; supporting churches on the margin who need to keep their doors open so their parishioners can pray, hear the Word of God and receive the sacraments. This work also includes fighting for the unborn, educating our future priests; and supporting our retired religious.

Those needs are not lessened by the economic crises... they are increased! So perhaps this is the most important time to make a special sacrifice... and assist the work of the Cardinal's Appeal. If you have been thinking and praying about a gift or a pledge, we hope that your decision will be this... to make a sacrifice for those who need our help so desperately.

The archdiocesan goal for the 2015 Appeal is \$20,000,000 and our individual parish goal \$52,500 so we ask that you thoughtfully consider your gift. Envelopes are in the Gathering Area and may be mailed in directly or placed in the collection basket. You may identify our parish by simply jotting down our parish number - 465 on your check and the envelope.

If you have already made your gift, thank you most sincerely for your generosity.

### **HEALING MASS**

The **National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** will celebrate a Mass for Healing with the Sacrament of Anointing on Thurs., March 26th at 7:00pm.

*Thank You for your Support!!*

The OLMC Men's Group would like to thank all those who donated blood at our recent blood drive. With your help we were able to collect 33 pints of blood which will help save lives!

Join us next Saturday, March 14th at 9:00am in the Parish Center and find out what we are all about.



**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK 2015  
MEN'S CONFERENCE  
MEN, BE WHO YOU ARE!**

The Archdiocese of New York Men's Commission and Fordham University Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education are sponsoring the First Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, March 21, 2015 on the Rose Hill campus of Fordham University. With over 500 men expected to attend, this day-long event will provide a unique opportunity for men throughout the Archdiocese to recommit themselves to their spiritual lives. The speakers will include His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York; Daman Owens, a renowned public speaker and strong proponent of the Catholic faith; and Joe Klecko, former all-star New York Jets defensive lineman. Admission is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch and t-shirt.

To register, or for more information, visit [www.nymensconference.com](http://www.nymensconference.com) or call Kim Quatela at (646) 794-3198. Spaces are limited so act fast!

**PARISH CENTER**

The Parish Center is available for **rental** to both Parishioners and Non-Parishioners for weddings, parties (birthdays, Baptisms, anniversary, etc.) or meetings. For more information please call **Greg Sillen** at: 845-282-4267.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK – COMMUNION  
FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

If you know someone who is sick and shut-in and would like to receive the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**, please call the Priory at 343-4121 so that Fr. John can visit.

If you know someone who is homebound and unable to come to church, if they would like to **receive the Eucharist** you may also call the Priory at the same number for a minister to visit with the Eucharist.

Our goal is to ensure that everyone who desires an anointing or that those who wish to receive the Eucharist but are unable to come to Mass is visited by Fr. John or a Eucharistic Minister.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"The weakness of God is stronger than human strength." Today's second reading advises us not to rely on our own strength. Marriage and Holy Orders can be very difficult to sustain in today's society. Come and tap into the graces that are available to you on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For information call 1-877-NYS-WWME ext 3.

**MT. CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL NEWS:**

**TOURING TUESDAY**

Mt. Carmel will be hosting a TOURING TUESDAY this Tuesday, March 10th from 9:00am to 11:00am. We invite anyone interested in a Catholic School Education to come and visit the school on this day. If this date does not suit your schedule call us to make an appointment for a later date.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR**

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year will begin the 2nd week of March. If you are interested in a Catholic School education for your child the approaching year, call the school to make an appointment to meet with Miss Langford and schedule a tour. We are accepting new students in all grades PK3 - 8th grade.

**JOB WELL DONE!**

Congratulations to Kristina Ferrara who was selected to play in the 2015 Catholic School Honor Band Concert last Saturday, February 28th at Our Lady of Lourdes High School. She was part of the Wind Ensemble in this select group of students.

For more information about any of the above, please call the school's main office 343-8836 or visit our site below:

**WEBSITE** [www.mtcarmelschoolmiddletown.org](http://www.mtcarmelschoolmiddletown.org)