

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

WEBSITE: www.olmcmiddletown.org

90 EUCLID AVENUE, MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940

Sunday, March 25th
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



PALM SUNDAY

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. - Mk 11:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mrs. Nancy Miller..... **Director of Religious Education**
Phone: 845-342-1510
Email: olmcre90@gmail.com

Please note new hours

Hours:..... Mon. 8:30am - 3:00pm
..... Tues. 12:00pm - 3:00pm (3:30pm-8pm in classes)
..... Wed. 8:30am - 3:00pm (3:30pm-5:45pm in classes)
..... Thurs. 8:30am - 3:00pm
..... Fri. 8:30am - 12:00pm

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Call **Fr. Paul Denault, Pastor** for initial interview at the
Priory Office: 845-343-4121

ADULT FAITH

Mr. Ken Searle **Adult Faith Coordinator**
Phone: 845-978-8375
Email: AF-OLMC@Outlook.com

MT. CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Ms. Jennifer Langford..... **Principal**
Phone: 845-343-8836

MASSES:

Weekend Masses: Saturday - **5:00 pm**
Sunday- **8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am**
and **4:30 pm**

Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday **7:00am** (Priory Chapel)

Holy Days: **As Announced**

CONFESSION:

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or by appointment.

BAPTISM:

Call Religious Education Office for information.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist are meant for the healing and comfort of those who are ill. Please notify us about any parishioner confined to their home, hospital or nursing facility so that a priest may visit.

MARRIAGE:

Please call the Priory Office for an appointment.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP: The group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 2:30pm in OLMC's Parish Center, 90 Euclid Ave, in Middletown. Facilitated by Frank Gawors, MS, LCSW. For more information contact: Frank Gawors at 845-342-4703 or fhgawors@gmail.com

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to Mt. Carmel! Please pick up a Registration Form in the Gathering Space or at the Priory Office or visit: www.olmcmiddletown.org

Registration and **evidence of participation** is required at least *eight (8) months* before scheduling of marriage or Baptism.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH:

Fr. Paul A.M. Denault, O.Carm..... **Pastor**
Fr. Anthony Trung Nguyen, O.Carm..... **Parochial Vicar**
Fr. Joseph Phuong Ngo, O.Carm..... **In Residence**
Fr. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm..... **In Residence**

Deacon Edward Woods

Mrs. Maureen Waterman **Parish Secretary**

Phone 845-343-4121

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:30 am -1:00 pm and 2:00pm - 4:30pm
(closed 1:00-2:00pm for lunch)

Gail Johnson..... **Organist** - 845-386-5817

Dottie Lanos **Parish Trustee**

Greg Sillen **Parish Trustee**

PARISH CENTER RENTAL

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.

March 25th, 2018
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 24th

5:00 Sheila Hartman

Sunday, March 25th - Palm Sunday

8:00 Maria & Carlo Spano

10:00 Marie Scarpinato, Rosa M. Moreno,
Antonio Avila & Faustino Garcia

11:30 George, Terry & Steven Fiero

4:30 Doreen Winner

Monday, March 26th

7:00 Hugh & Joan Grant

Tuesday, March 27th

7:00 Healing of Thomas W.

Wednesday, March 28th

7:00 Charles Kulzer

Thursday, March 29th - Holy Thursday

7:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 30th - Good Friday

3:00 Stations of the Cross

7:00 Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 31st - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:30 People of the Parish

Sunday, April 1st - Easter Sunday

8:00 People of the Parish

10:00 People of the Parish

11:30 People of the Parish



ABOUT THE LITURGY: :

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Today, we begin the celebration of the holiest days of the year. Holy Week begins with the reading of the Gospel passage of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, reaches a climax on Mount Calvary and is completed by the sight of the Empty Tomb. The celebration of Mass today is a bit different from the norm that we follow most weeks. We begin with the blessing of palms and hearing the Gospel Proclamation of the remarkable way Jesus came into Jerusalem. It was the custom for pilgrims to enter the city on foot. On great kings and rulers would ride in to the city, and usually on great steeds. However, Jesus, the King of the new Jerusalem, chooses to ride into the city on a majestic stallion, but on the back of a young colt: a sign of humility and peace. There is no penitential rite once we enter the Church. The procession ends with the Collect.

At the proclamation of the Passion Gospel, the usual candles, incense, greeting by the priest or deacon and signing of the Book are all omitted. During the Gospel Reading, the people's normal posture is to remain standing, showing reverence for Christ who is present in the Word. Here the norm should be for them to remain standing *as they are able*. This keeps the assembly in an active posture, not only by their stance but also by giving them a choice to do what is best for them to show reverence to the Word. It also gives permission to those who do need to sit down, for whatever reason, to do so. A general liturgical principle is to always ask for the norm while allowing exceptions for those unable to fulfill the norm.

All are most invited to participate in the special liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. These liturgies are held only once a year and point directly to the Great Event of our Redemption: the Paschal Mystery.

CELEBRANTS FOR EASTER TRIDUUM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

3/29 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Fr. Anthony

Good Friday - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3/30 ~ 3:00 pm ~ Fr. Paul

7:00pm ~ Fr. Paul

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

3/31 8:30pm ~ Fr. Paul

Easter Sunday

4/1 8:00am ~ Fr. Anthony

10:00am ~ Fr. Anthony

11:30am ~ Fr. Gus

Our Lady of the Assumption

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

3/29 ~ 7:00pm ~ Fr. Paul

Good Friday - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3/30 3:00pm ~ Fr. Anthony

7:00pm ~ Fr. Anthony

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

3/31 8:30pm ~ Fr. Anthony

Easter Sunday

4/1 9:30am ~ Fr. Paul

Please note celebrants are subject to change.

MEMORIAL

The **Sanctuary Lamp** was donated in loving memory of: **George Nagengast**

TITHING GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

March 17th & March 18th totaled: \$6,371
Collection \$5,846 and Online Giving \$525

Building Fund totaled: \$1,897
Collection: \$1,787 and Online Giving \$110

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Mass attendance for the weekend of
March 17th and March 18th was: 837.

Our **Second Collection** *each week* is for the ongoing maintenance of our Grounds and Buildings.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

NO CLASSES DUE TO EASTER BREAK

No Religious Education Classes on **Tuesday, March 27th** or **Wednesday, March 28th** due to the Easter Break.

Classes will resume **Tuesday, April 3rd**.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2018/2019 SESSION

Re-Registration for 2018/2019 Religious Education Will take place on Wednesday April 4th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the School Lobby.

This is for families already enrolled in the program. New Registering families should contact Mrs. Miller at olmcre90@gmail.com or 845-342-1510 after April 16th.

HOLY WEEK

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Cardinal Dolan has designated this Monday, **March 26th**, 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 3:00pm-8:00pm.

Reconciliation is also available here at OLMC on Saturdays from 4:00-4:30pm.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH

Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST

Easter Vigil - 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

Masses at: 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 11:30AM

NO 4:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty; those who need our help. How does our Lenten Journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives?

Visit crsrichbowl.org for more information.

Congratulations to the following people who will receive their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, March 31st through our RCIA Program:

Priscilla Castillo - Communion & Confirmation

Seema Cristallo - Baptism, Communion & Confirmation

Frinlet Derilus - Communion & Confirmation

Frank Kennedy - Baptism, Communion & Confirmation

Sanra Lin Nguyen - Baptism, Communion & Confirmation

NO KID HUNGRY WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

We will continue to collect needed food for this program thru the Month of May.

A list of items needed and collection box are located in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Miller at 845-342-1510 or olmcre90@gmail.com.



A SPECIAL CALL

Please be aware that we dearly need more ushers, or rather, **Ministers of Hospitality**, to help make our celebrations of Holy Mass truly welcoming and inviting. The need exists at all our Masses, but most acutely at the 4:30PM Sunday Mass. Both women and men are asked to sign up for this great ministry to our parish. Please contact Father Paul, or leave your information with the Parish Secretary, Maureen Waterman, in the Priory Office if you are willing to help in this way.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

This **Friday, March 30th** is **Good Friday**, it is a fast day and also a day of abstinence from meat. One full meal and two lesser meals sufficient to maintain strength are allowed. Together the two small meals should not exceed the full meal. Drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast. All Catholics from their 18th birthday until and including their 59th birthday are obliged to fast on Good Friday. Catholics over the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday.

OFFICES CLOSED

The Priory Offices will be closed this **Friday, Good Friday, March 30th** and **Easter Monday, April 2nd**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NO GREATER LOVE

Presented by the Xavier Company

The Passion of Christ in drama, song & dance

Director & Choreographer: Carol Ferrone

Musical Director: Gerard DeMan, Jr.

Playwright: Janeen Stevens

The cast also features: Pasqualino Beltempo, Nikki Casseri, Dorothy Dobkowski, Daniel Gonzalez, Diane Meck, Taylor Sumner, Brandon Schrami, Sam Wieggers and Tony Bartoli, Percussionist

The Xavier Company is an ecumenical group of professional actors, singers, and dancers who have chosen to use their talents to glorify God and to proclaim the message of the gospel using the performing arts.

An excerpt from the show can found on the Christian News Magazine Program: *Currents*. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pm2j5TXrCdY>

Join us for this outstanding performance on

SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH AT 4:00 PM

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Followed by a light reception. A free-will offering will be accepted.

STRENGTHENING OUR FAMILIES & UNDERSTANDING LOVED ONES

Featuring: Daniel Mattson, Author

"Why I Don't Call Myself Gay: How I Reclaimed My Christian Reality and Found Peace"

A SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 21st

John F. Kennedy Catholic High School

Route 138, Somers, NY

10:00am-4:00pm

Ending with Sunday Vigil Mass

Admission: \$15 per person

Lunch Available for purchase or BYO

Sponsored by: Encourage NY and Courage NY, Catholic Apostolates and Spiritual Support Groups of Archdiocese of NY

For further details contact:

ENCOURAGENY@HOTMAIL.COM to register:

Visit: www.ENCOURAGENY.COM

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

We welcome parishioners to remember deceased loved one(s) with an *Easter Flower Memorial*. Just fill out the specially marked envelope (from your boxed set) or pick up an envelope in the Gathering Area. The usual offering for each memorial is **\$10** per name. *Please* make sure to **print all names clearly**. All envelopes must be submitted **no later** than the end of 4:30pm Mass today/**this Sunday, March 25th**.

The names of all those to be remembered will be acknowledged in a *special booklet* on **Easter**.

Please be sure to hand in your envelope this weekend to ensure that your loved one(s) is included in the booklet. Thank you!

Senior Soup and Sandwich Luncheon returns on **Friday, April 6th at 12:30pm** in the **Parish Center**.

This month our menu will feature soup and a salad bar!!

Our Special Guest will be Elisa Piscitelli, owner of *Wild Soul Yoga Studio* in Middletown. She will be demonstrating chair yoga. Our luncheons are open to all seniors in the Middletown area. Bring a friend. No cost, however a free will offering is taken to defray costs. Bring a dessert to share. Please join us!

For more information contact Nancy Miller at 342-1510 or olmcre90@gmail.com

TAKE ME OUT TO THE
BALLGAME!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION NIGHT AT DUTCHESS STADIUM

Tuesday, June 26th

Join in the fun with some baseball at the Dutchess Stadium with the Hudson Valley Renegades!!

Help Raise money for the OLMC Religious Education Program while enjoying a baseball game with the Renegades! See all the details in the flyer available in the Gathering Area. When purchasing tickets, be sure to use the password: **ourlady**.



OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EASTER BREAK - We will begin Easter Break on **Holy Thursday, March 29th** and will continue until **Friday, April 6th**, School will re-open on **Monday, April 9th**.

REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 - If you are interested in an outstanding Catholic Education for your child Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Elementary is the place for you! Our Call today to find out more information at the number below. Families registering new students or siblings of current students can register by going to www.applycatholicsschoolNY.org

INFORMATION - For more information about any of the above, please call 845-343-8836 or visit: www.mtcarmelschoolmiddletown.org