

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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90 EUCLID AVENUE, MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Served by the
CARMELITE FRIARS

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH:

Fr. John Horan, O. Carm. Pastor

Deacon Edward Woods

Mrs. Maureen Waterman Parish Secretary

Phone 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 -386-5817

Mrs. Dottie Lanos President of Parish Council

Stephen Plain Parish Trustee

Tonia Crown Parish Trustee

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mrs. Nancy Miller..... Director of Religious Education

Phone: 342-1510

Email: olmcre90@gmail.com

Hours: Mon.: 12:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

..... Tues. -Thurs.: 8:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

..... Fri. 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

MT. CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Ms. Jennifer Langford..... Principal

Phone: 343-8836

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:

Weekend Masses: Saturday -**5:00 p.m.**

..... Sunday - **8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.**

..... **11:30 a.m.** (Family Mass) & **4:30 p.m.**

Weekday Mass: Mon. - Fri. **7:00a.m.**

..... (Priory Chapel)

Holy Days **Please see the bulletin**

(SACRAMENT OF) RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

(SACRAMENT OF) BAPTISM:

Call Religious Education Office for information.

(SACRAMENT OF) 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.

(SACRAMENT OF) MARRIAGE:

Eight (8) months notice required. Please call the Priory Office for an appointment.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to Mt. Carmel! Please pick up a Registration Form in the Gathering area or at the Priory Office.

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

February 15, 2015
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 14th

5:00 Catherine Schiro & Tony Fotino

Sunday, February 15th

8:00 Frank Nowicki

10:00 Peter Gromacki, Sr.

11:30 Charles & Jeanette Duffy &
Charles & Roberta Duffy

4:30 Antonio Cortese

Monday, February 16th

7:00 Louis Christiansen, Jr.

Tuesday, February 17th

7:00 Intentions of Gemma Wupperman

Wednesday, February 18th - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 Patrick & Josephine Darcy

9:00 James, Mary, & Brian Mahady

7:00pm People of the Parish

Thursday, February 19th

7:00 Julia & Catherine Dunne

Friday, February 20th

7:00 Rosa & Giovanni Biasi

Saturday, February 21st

5:00 Madeline Napolitano

Sunday, February 22nd

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Darcy &
Birmingham Families

10:00 Marie Scarpinato

11:30 James Laurence Bernice

4:30 Phil Lanos & Fr. Patrick McGuigan, O.Carm.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 18th. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses as follows: 7:00am, 9:00am and 7:00pm.

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

Abstinence - All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are obligated to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting - Fasting means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which altogether do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obligated to observe the laws of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

MEMORIAL

The Hosts and Wine were donated by
Mrs. Alice Darcy-Holland and Family in
loving memory of:

Patrick Darcy



The Priory Office will be closed this **Monday, February 16th** to commemorate President's Day.

Stewardship A Way of Life

TITHING GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

February 7th & February 8th \$6,787

Building Fund \$1,955

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Mass attendance for last weekend, **February 7th & February 8th** was 922.

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



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS



Religious Education Classes are cancelled Monday, February 16th due to the Presidents' Day Holiday.



Attention Religious Education Parents and Students!
Our recent snow storms have kept us from having weekly classes but don't let that be a deterrent to keeping up with your Religious Education studies. You may continue along with your studies by going to Pflaum's website at: www.pflaumweeklies.com. The Pflaum website is the companion site for the program we use in Religious Education classes. You will find information and activities all related to the weekly Gospel for grades K thru 7. See you back in class on Monday, February 23rd. Spring is on the way!
As always, if you have any concerns please call Mrs. Miller at 342-1510 or olmcre90@gmail.com

The 2015 Cardinal's Annual Appeal has begun. Our assigned goal this year is \$52,500. Last year we surpassed our goal.
Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to the 2015 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. By making a gift to the appeal, you will join hands with tens of thousands whose generosity brings the love of Christ to so many in our Archdiocese as well as throughout the world.
For those who have already made a pledge or sent in a gift for this vital appeal thank you for your generosity!

HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY

Join more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life changing Lenten Journey with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. The Religious Education Program and Mt. Carmel School will be a part of this simple and yet powerful Lenten practice.
Rice bowls are available at the CRS display in the Gathering Area.
Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives!

Big Thanks to all who donated food for the Feeding Our Neighbors Food Drive. We collected 581 lbs. of food.
All donations will be given to local food pantries to restock their shelves.

SENIOR LUNCHEON UPDATE

Special thanks to the Orange County Office of the Aging for their presentation on services available to seniors.
Big thanks also to our dedicated team of seniors who shop, and prepare all of the food for our luncheon each month.
Join us next month on Friday, March 6th at 12:30 in the Parish Center when our special guest will be Gail Johnson leading us in a St. Patrick's Day sing-a-long.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LENTEN SPIRITUAL READING

BOOK	AUTHOR
Jesus a Pilgrimage	James Martin, SJ
Becoming Who You Are: Insights on the True Self from Thomas Merton and Other Saints	James Martin, SJ
Life of the Beloved	Henri Nouwen
The Spirituality of Imperfec- tion	Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketcham
Five Steps to Spiritual Growth	Peter Kalellis
Story of a Soul	St. Therese
The God Who Won't Let Go	Peter Van Breemen
Anything by Ronald Rolheiser, Henri, Nouwen, Thomas Merton (i.e., New Seeds of Contemplation, The Seven Storey Mountain)	
Spiritual Classics: The Confessions of St. Augustine	
Collected Works of Teresa of Avila	
Collected Works of John of the Cross	

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL'S MEN'S GROUP BLOOD DRIVE

Please join us in saving lives at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Men's Group Blood Drive. We will be working together to give hope and life to patients in need on Sunday, March 1st from 8am – 2pm at the Mt. Carmel Parish Center. Walk-ins are always welcome! Please remember to eat and drink before donating and bring you ID. If you have eligibility questions, please call 1-800-688-0900 or Greg Sillen at 845-282-4267

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.

All are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from February 18th - March 29th.

40 Days for Life is a focused prolife campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America. Unite with other supporters in 40 days of prayer and fasting with a 7:00am-7:00pm watch to be held on the public right-of-way (grassy area) 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.

Please join in this crusade to save lives.



The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council Presents
The Third Annual
CHORAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

March 8, 2015
Sunday 3:00 PM

United Presbyterian Church of Middletown
25 Orchard Street, Middletown, NY
Featuring talented members of our congregations!

Donation: Free Will Offering
Refreshments served

For more information phone 845-386-5817

Proceeds to benefit Middletown's
Community Warming Station

A Safe Overnight Space for Homeless Men & Women

Served by hundreds of volunteers from the community

ORANGE COUNTY CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS COSIMO'S CATHOLIC CRAWL

Do you identify yourself as a Catholic and are you between 18-40? Come and meet other Catholics!

Wednesday, February 25th
6:30-8:30pm

Cosimo's Brick Oven Restaurant and Bar
620 Route 211
Middletown, NY

Fellowship, great company and door prizes, complimentary appetizers and cash bar!

For more information:

LUIGI.MANENTE@ARCHNY.ORG

MT. CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWS:

School will be closed this Monday, February 16th in honor of President's Day.

GIFT CARDS: OLMC school is once again selling Shop Rite cards as well as various other gift cards. To purchase Shop Rite cards or to get a form for additional gift cards please visit or call the school's main office.

BOX TOPS AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION:

We are continuously collecting Box Tops and Labels. Please place your labels or box tops in the collection boxes in the Church or the school lobby or drop them in the collection basket.

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