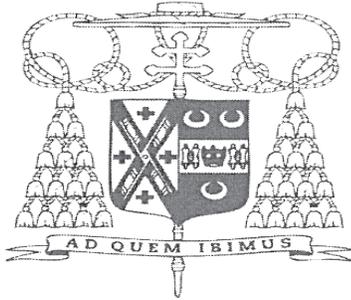


OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Did you know, in the Archdiocese of New York:

- * There were 23,646 baptisms and 17,522 confirmations last year
- * 95,896 students are currently enrolled in religious education programs
- * There are 210 retired priests
- * There are 87 seminarians



Your gifts to the 2015 Appeal ensures we are in a position to continue providing support to those most in need throughout the archdiocese.

You can also make your gift online at
www.cardinalsappeal.org
May God bless you for your generosity.

March 15, 2015
Fourth Sunday of Lent



MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 16th

7:00 Maria Pinto

Tuesday, March 17th

7:00 Connie McGoldrick

Wednesday, March 18th

7:00 William Haley

Thursday, March 19th

7:00 Matthew Feeley

Friday, March 20th

7:00 Sr. Joan McCarthy, C.S.J.

Saturday, March 21st

5:00 Billy O'Brien

Sunday, March 22nd

8:00 Julia Moliterno

10:00 Evelyn, John & Bill Kummer

11:30 Joseph & Mary Kennedy &
Thomas & Catherine Kennedy

4:30 Joan FitzGerald

UPCOMING

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph this Thursday, March 19th at 7:00pm

Join us for a St. Joseph Table celebration - Evening Prayer followed by pastries and coffee.

The St. Joseph Table is An Age-Old Italian Tradition

Saint Joseph is one of the most beloved saints among Italian-Americans. As the patron of workers and the protector of the family, he is honored with a feast on March 19th.

According to legend, there was a famine in Sicily many centuries ago. The villagers prayed to St. Joseph, foster-father of the Infant Savior, and asked his intercession before the throne of God. Their prayers were answered. With the ending of the dreadful famine, a special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of the Saint. This celebration became tradition. Wealthy families prepared huge buffets. They then invited the less fortunate people of the village, especially the homeless and sick.

To read more about the St. Joseph Table please visit:

www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

ONLINE GIVING COMING SOON

We are excited to announce that we will soon be offering Online Giving!

Online Giving makes donating a simple, safe, secure and convenient way to give.

Stay tuned for more information!

REGISTER ONLINE

If you are new or have been attending Mass and are interested in joining our parish, we encourage you to register and now and now it's even easier just visit the OLMC website at www.olmcmiddletown.org and click on Parish Registration on the top banner.

MEMORIALS

The Hosts and Wine were donated in loving memory of:

Patrick Darcy

The Sanctuary Lamp was donated in loving memory of:

George Nagengast

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.

Stewardship A Way of Life

TITHING GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

March 7th & March 8th \$8,273

Building Fund \$2,814

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Mass attendance for last weekend, March 7th & March 8th was 1,031.

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 FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Your First Communion retreat will be held this Saturday, March 21st at the Parish Center from 9:30 am to 12 noon.
Please arrive by 9:15 for check-in so we may begin promptly at 9:30 am.
Please make note: this is a required retreat.
Any questions contact Mrs. Miller at olmcre90@gmail.com or 845-342-1510.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Be sure to visit Religious Education Program's Face Book page.
WE'RE UP TO 75 LIKES!

Weather updates for the cancellation of classes will be posted.

Please "like" the page by going to our parish website 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

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to Lebanon to be present to a people who themselves are on a journey. Here we meet a family of refugees, a family perhaps not so unlike our own.

We are challenged through our almsgiving this week to reach out to those who are forced to flee their homes; who are seeking shelter in a land of peace. For your convenience Rice bowls are available at the CRS display in the Gathering Area.



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.



The biblical virtue of stewardship inspires us to use our time, talent and treasure for worthy causes; a great way to do this is by supporting The **2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal**. Our Appeal gifts help keep our Catholic schools and catechetical programs strong, provide our priests and religious a place to retire, and promote the welfare of our less fortunate brothers and sisters through charitable efforts. The Appeal also supports exciting pastoral priorities such as Adult Faith Formation, Family Life/Respect Life, Hispanic Ministry, and the Young Adult office. By donating to this campaign annually, we are helping to fulfill Jesus' mission to love and care for all.

The Cardinal's Appeal also benefits us right here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

The Appeal goal is once again \$20 million dollars, and our parish target is \$52,500. I am humbled by the generosity our parishioners have shown in the past; our charitable history gives me faith that we can exceed our goal while increasing the number of families who participate. Please remember that most of what we raise over goal stays in the parish.

If you have not already done so, please fill out a pledge card/envelope and mail it to the Appeal Office, or drop it in our collection basket at next week's Mass. You can also make your gift online by visiting www.cardinalsappeal.org and clicking the "donate now" option in the upper right-hand corner.

If you have already made your gift, I thank you for your continued generosity.

I am grateful for your prayerful consideration of my request.

May God bless you and Our Lady of Mount Carmel watch over you.

Fr. John

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.



**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 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.

2015 MASS BOOK REOPENS

The 2015 Mass Book will reopen on Thurs., March 26th from 9:00am-1:00pm then 2:15-3:45pm at the Priory Office. The book will be open for Mass intentions for the remainder of 2015 (July-December). The offering for *each* intention is \$10.00. Please make sure to have a 2nd choice in mind so that you are not disappointed.

The Archdiocese of New York has set the offering for Mass stipends at \$15. Next year we will follow that directive.

Please note: intentions for Masses will not be taken over the phone or via email. You may however, mail in or drop off requests (along with the offering) with 1st, 2nd & if possible 3rd choices/dates for your intentions but please bear in mind there is no guarantee that you will get your preferred date.

Any follow-up needed will then be done the following week. Thank you.

MT. CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWS:

REGISTRATION FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. 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.

Congratulations to our OCPSL Academic All-Stars for the 2014-2015 season:

- JV Girls Basketball - Gabrielle Udasco
- JV Boys Basketball - Alex Lambert
- Varsity Girls Basketball - Julia Fitzgerald
- Varsity Boys Basketball - Noah Smith
- Pep Cheerleading - Breanna Omosebi
- Varsity Cheerleading - Sasha Gorsky

Congratulations to our OCPSL All-Stars for the 2014-2015 season:

- JV Girls Basketball - Nicole Hernandez, Adriana Pratti and Gabrielle Udasco
- JV Boys Basketball - Nathaniel Pena and Sanjay Persaud
- Varsity Girls Basketball - Elena Crown and Leigh Anne Sillen
- Varsity Boys Basketball - Mario Cuccio and Noah Smith
- Pep Squad Cheerleading - Alexys Benjamin and Angelina Jamison
- Varsity Cheerleading - Anastasia Gorsky

SPECIAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY BINGO - Tuesday, March 17th - \$1000 JACKPOT

Doors open at 5:00pm, Selling starts at 6pm, 1st Regular Game at 7pm

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

St. Patrick's Day

