

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

WEBSITE: www.olmcmiddletown.org

90 EUCLID AVENUE, MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940

Sunday, March 18th
Fifth Sunday of Lent



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mrs. Nancy Miller..... **Director of Religious Education**
Phone: 845-342-1510
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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.

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Saturday, March 17th

5:00 Antonio & Maria Pistoia

Sunday, March 18th

8:00 Julia Moliterno

10:00 Peter Gromacki, Sr.

11:30 Camille Felix

4:30 Maria & Giuseppe Talarico

Monday, March 19th

7:00 Louise Cameron & the Sabastin Family

Tuesday, March 20th

7:00 People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 21st

7:00 Joseph McCormick

Thursday, March 22nd

7:00 Anna Mae Inverarity

Friday, March 23rd

7:00 Elizabeth & Otis Eves

Saturday, March 24th

5:00 Sheila Hartman

Sunday, March 25th

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

MASS CELEBRANTS

March 24th & March 25th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

3/24 ~ 5:00 pm ~ Fr. Gus

3/25 ~ 8:00 am ~ Fr. Mike K.

10:00am ~ Fr. Anthony

11:30am ~ Fr. Tim E.

4:30pm ~ Fr. Paul

Our Lady of the Assumption

3/24 ~ 5:30pm ~ Fr. Anthony

3/25 ~ 9:30am ~ Fr. Paul

Please note celebrants are subject to change.

TITHING GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

March 10th & March 11th totaled: \$6,562
 Collection \$6177 and Online Giving \$385

Building Fund totaled: \$1,659
 Collection: \$1,549 and Online Giving \$110

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Mass attendance for the weekend of
 March 10th and March 11th was: 872.

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

ABOUT THE LITURGY: : Hearing the Word of God

Today's message may seem to be directed only to lectors, but it is also useful to all who listen to the Scripture Readings at Mass.

The First Reading from Jeremiah speaks of God writing his covenant not on stone tablets but on the people's hearts so that "no longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives / how to know the Lord." God's law becomes something that we do not so much memorize as internalize. In other words, being in right relationship with God means being in a relationship of love, not of fear.

This intimate relationship with God through the Scriptures is something that lectors can nurture if they practice a discipline of memorizing at least some parts of their readings on Sunday. This is not to proclaim the readings from memory. The goal is to become so intimately familiar with the text that the lector no longer *thinks* about reading the text but proclaims it *from the heart*. The call is to contemplate the reading until it becomes a part of oneself.

Nevertheless, even if part of the Reading is memorized, there is still great importance in having the lector proclaim it at the ambo before an open book. This communicates that it is not their word, but God's Word, handed down from generation to generation and from heart to heart.



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.

MEMORIAL

The **Hosts and Wine** were donated in loving memory of: **The Biondi & Post Families**

OFFICES CLOSED

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

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL ENCOUNTER ALEFA

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities. Visit crsrichbowl.org for more information.

A THANK YOU!



Dear Fr. Paul Denault
and Members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church:

Well, you did it again! I took me nearly six hours to count and organize the latest February food donations from the members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church for the No Kid Hungry Backpack Program. This time I am thanking you for 2,656 food items! And every item is again just exactly what we include in the back packs.

People today have more choices in how they give back to their community than ever before. Thank you for continuing to help the No Kid Hungry Backpack Program provide essential weekend meals for our children.

Today I had a conversation with one of the elementary school secretaries who told me how anxious the elementary school children are each week as they gather to receive their backpack. We don't know the individual students, but we definitely do know that together we are making a difference in the lives of our children.

From the entire membership of the Middletown Lions Club, **thank you!**

*Glenice Foglia, Coordinator
No Kid Hungry Backpack Program
Middletown Lions Club*

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.

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 next **Sun, 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 by next weekend to ensure that your loved one(s) is included in the booklet. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Cardinal Dolan has designated the Monday of Holy Week, **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

CLEANING OUT YOUR BASEMENT OR ATTIC?

Why not consider donating items to The *United Presbyterian Thrift Shop* in Middletown. Proceeds from sales go to support programs including The *Warming Station* and *No Kid Hungry Backpack Program*.

The shop is located at the Church on **25 Orchard Street in Middletown**. Donations accepted on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm**.



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**

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY MASS

Join Fr. Justin Cinnante for Mass at the **National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** this **Monday, March 19th** at 7:00pm in celebration of the **Feast Day of St. Joseph.**

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

HEALING TAIZE SERVICE TAIZÉ "PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS"

Taizé "Prayer Around the Cross" is a unique candlelight service of song, silence, reading from Scripture, prayer and the anointing of the sick. The service originates from an ecumenical monastic community in *Taizé*, France. Thousands of people from all over the world come on pilgrimage each year to this tiny village hidden in the hills of Burgundy. However, you don't have to go to France. Join others on a short pilgrimage for this special Taizé Service at **The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown** at 7pm this **Thursday, March 22**, Call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director, at 343-1879 for further information.

THE CATHOLIC CORPS COSIMO'S CRAWL YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL

Monday, March 26th; 7:00PM-9:00PM

Cosimo's Brick Oven
1217 Route 300
Newburgh, NY

Join us for some great food, fun and fellowship with other young adults from around Orange County and beyond. Evening includes free appetizers, cash bar and door prizes!

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