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If you can help financially but do not wish to give online, you may drop your donation in the black mailbox outside the parish office, or mail it to: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 984 Taunton Ave., PO Box 519, Seekonk, MA 02771. Donations also are collected during Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Every little bit helps, so thank you.

Parishioners: Update your contact information

Have you moved? Eliminated your landline? Changed any contact information?

If you are a registered parishioner and need to update your personal information with the parish, for example: change of address, phone number, or email, please use the form on the parish website, www.olmcseekonk.org/update-your-info Thank you for helping us keep our records current!

Bulletin access Sign up to receive the bulletin by email at parishesonline.com. Read the bulletin online on Our Lady of Mount Carmel's website, www.olmcseekonk.org. Email notices to vickianndowning@yahoo.com.

John Kelliher Saturday, 8-22 9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. William Adair Sunday, 8-23 7:30 a.m. For the people of the parish 9:00 a.m. William Adair 10:45 a.m. Special intention Monday, 8-24 9:00 a.m. Penny Martellino, 1st anniversary 9:00 a.m. Special intention Tuesday, 8-25 Wednesday, 8-26 9:00 a.m. Souls in purgatory Thursday, 8-27 Lou Propatier 6:30 p.m. Friday, 8-28 William Adair 9:00 a.m. Saturday, 8-29 George Rijo 9:00 a.m. Rosa Silva 4:30 p.m. For the people of the parish Sunday, 8-30 7:30 a.m. John Miller, 9:00 a.m. 3rd anniversary 10:45 a.m. Jack Kelleher

All Masses are now being livestreamed. Watch on the parish website, olmcseekonk.org, or Facebook page, @OLMCSeekonkMA

Mass Intentions are available

If you would like a Mass offered for a deceased loved one or for a special intention (a person who is living or some particular intention), contact Laure Lynch, 508-336-5549, or lmlyncholmc@gmail.com. There is a stipend of \$10, but if you cannot make that donation, please let us know.

Parish office opens with new hours

The Parish Office has reopened. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you need to drop off anything or to pick up paperwork outside regular hours, items can be placed in the drop box installed outside the parish office, or mailed to you.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Page

Some Lessons from During the Pandemic (more to come, probably): Now we are five months into the pandemic, something that some of us thought would just last a few weeks. Though we were hearing about it in China for a month or so prior, it seemed like everything happened so fast. What a shock it was when all of a sudden we were not able to have Mass and experience the sacramental life. Suddenly we were trying to figure out what could we do and how to do it.

As difficult as the first two months were, especially with the practice of the faith with the faithful not being able to receive the Eucharist, of celebrating the Sacred Triduum with no more than 10 people at each Mass or service, and the building frustration of waiting every week to find out when could you start to receive Our Lord, there were some blessings (and humorous experiences). As challenging as it has been, there has been the blessing of families spending more time with each other (though there were certainly trying moments, I am sure). I think many came to realize how busy their lives were before, and with many things coming to a stop, it has helped families reassess whether they should have so many secondary commitments. For others it has afforded the opportunity to make time for prayer and learning more about their faith.

I think about some new experiences in all of this. Prior to the pandemic I had never livestreamed before. So in one day I had to learn it and just give it a shot (for good or ill). So, Deacon Steve (now Fr. Steve) and I moved the books and sacred vessels to set up the chapel in the rectory for filming Masses, since we could not have anyone at Mass and in a small space we would have a better sound and internet connection in the rectory. At Mass I was setting up the phone for livestreaming for the first time. Somehow, I hit some button that projects funny images on those who are being livestreamed. I apparently start-

ed the livestream while we were still getting ready for Mass. Deacon Steve was at the pulpit looking at the readings and I glanced over at the phone screen and all of a sudden I saw Deacon Steve with giant googly eyes. I looked over at him and I said, "You have googly eyes!" He started telling me to make it stop. Meanwhile, people are posting about the googly eyes on the livestream. I quickly stopped it and was able to delete it and start over with no googly eyes. We started Mass, but as we called to mind our sins, I got the image in my mind of him with the googly eyes. I tried to stop picturing it but the more I tried the more I was picturing it and I begin to laugh. As I tried to not laugh, Deacon Steve started to laugh too, since he saw me laughing. We were both trying to be recollected and next pray the Gloria, since it was the Feast Day of St. Joseph, and thanks to livestreaming we totally messed up. After that, it seemed like every Mass something messed with technology or we just messed up our parts for every Mass for about a week (Deacon Steve forgot how to sing the gospel proclamation as he started it; the sound did not work; livestream dropped; dropping the lapel mic in the middle of Mass; the lapel recording at times had loud rasping noises while we celebrated the Mass or stations of the cross and we had no idea was happening but those of you watching suffered; etc.).

So many things were changing in the first few weeks which demanded constant adjustments: place and times for Adoration, opportunities and place for Confession, creating the outdoor stations of the cross, the closing of the office, hosting weekly internet sessions on the Holy Spirit and learning beautiful insights from different parishioners, and trying to find new ways to get messages out to parishioners. In the rectory in a span of a few weeks it went from me living by myself to all of sudden having four seminarians living with me since they all had to leave the seminaries due to COVID. Then there was just that



Father Kevin Cook

struggle, especially in the first weeks, wondering how to remain active, offer things for the parish, yet not contract the virus.

We still have more to work on and face, but with trust in the Lord and with God's grace, we will hopefully grow together in sanctity and unity through our experience.

Please Keep in Your Prayers: This last week we had three parishioners pass away. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this difficult time. Last Monday, Aug. 17, we had the funeral Mass for Mary Elizabeth Gamelin. On Friday, Aug. 21, we had the funeral Mass for Mary "Elaine" Berriman. And on Saturday, Aug. 22, we had the funeral for Manuel Rebello. We pray for God's great mercy to be showered upon them, as well as praying for their families during this difficult time. Remember, it is a corporal and spiritual work of mercy for us to bury the dead and to pray for them. Think of one of the last words of St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine: "Remember me at the altar of the Lord." Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Need for Adorers for Perpetual Adoration: As we have been so blessed to return to Perpetual Adoration, we recognize there is still a need for new committed adorers. Several hours we have one person covering all of them. We are so grateful to everyone who is committed to spend time in adoration to the Lord, allowing this great gift to be available to countless people. Please contact Linda Nason to inquire about times an adorer is needed. — Fr. Kevin

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

Eucharistic



St. Joseph Adoration Chapel

Perpetual adoration has resumed

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish offers perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel.

To conform with social distancing, the chapel is limited to nine people. Make sure you use the hand sanitizer at the chapel entrance. When you leave, please disinfect any part of the chair and kneeler you may have touched.

To become a regular adorer or a substitute, please contact Linda Nason, adoration coordinator, 508-463-6723.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect our families.

Adorers are needed:

- Saturday: 4 a.m., 8 a.m.
- Sunday: 1 p.m.
- Monday: 9 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m.
- Tuesday, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m.
- Thursday: 6 a.m., 10 a.m.
- Friday: 5 a.m., 2 p.m., 10 p.m.

Substitutes are needed:

- Saturday: 8 a.m.
- Sunday: 11 p.m.
- Monday, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday: 2 p.m.
- Thursday: 2 p.m., 8 p.m.
- Friday: 10 p.m.

Contact information for adorers:

Midnight-5 a.m.	Donna Castle	401-524-5219
6 a.m11 a.m.	The Andrades	508-252-5254
6 a.m11 a.m.	Loretta MacDonald	508-252-4475
Noon-5 p.m.	Linda Nason	508-463-6723
6 p.m11 p.m.	Maureen Sanders	508-243-4104

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed in the adoration chapel Monday through Saturday at 3 p.m.

A rosary for priests and all vocations is prayed in the adoration chapel every Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

A novena to St. Anne for the protection of children is prayed every Friday at noon in the adoration chapel.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



When you give, give generously and not with a stingy heart; for that, the Lord, your God, will bless you in all your works and undertakings.

Deuteronomy 15:10

Do you know someone who needs help? Please call the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at 401-603-8888 so that, together, we can help the suffering and the poor.

There are no meetings scheduled but the Society is always active and can be reached at the above telephone number.

If you're in need, please reach out

Are you in need with help with food, clothing, shelter, or other needs? Throughout the year there are many needs that spring up, but especially in this difficult time there may be many of you who are struggling to make ends meet. Please do not hesitate to contact our parish St. Vincent DePaul Society to see what type of assistance they can provide. Explain your current financial need and they will see what they can do to help you, whether it is with that direct need, or possibly by providing aid with some other need in daily life that frees you to address the need you are currently facing.

Confession now in the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel

A new step as the parish moves toward a little more normalcy is having Confessions available in the regular chapel confessional, with no more "Coronavirus Confessional" outside the Parish Office. The confessional in the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel is back in use and set up to help maintain a safe way for confessions in the midst of the pandemic. The ceiling vent is running and the window open when in the confessional so there is air movement. When going to confession, one should still wear a mask in the confessional and one should sit in the chair next to the confessional screen (the screen is covered in a thin plastic so there will not be the danger of any close face-to-face conversation). For the time being there will not be face-to-face confession but confession between the confessional screen. Hours are Saturday from 3:15-4 p.m. and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 4:30-6 p.m. Please contact the parish if another time is needed for confession.

Building a Culture of Vocations in August

Every month we pray for different vocations to support those who are responding to the Lord's call. In the month of August let us pray for Fr. Craig Pregana (pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish and St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Attleboro), Deacon David Harum (permanent deacon at St. John the Evangelist Parish and St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Attleboro), Deacon Peter Scheffer, and our parishioners Todd and Christine Kuczewski for the gift of the bond of marriage.

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Faith Formation update

As a society we are facing so many challenges and adjustments because of the pandemic, and Faith Formation is an area where we also have to make adjustments.

We know we will not be able to have Faith Formation in the traditional classroom structures in the Parish Center this year. Though we are still working out the details, the general approach of Faith Formation will center around the family in the home. It is our hope that we can devise a way to help families deepen their understanding of the mysteries of the Catholic faith, and children to grow in their knowledge of the faith, while growing closer to God through family prayer. More details will be forthcoming, so please be patient as we are working on this. It is our hope that what we are able to put together will not only help the children grow, but also help bring families together in faith and love, set up in a way that is helpful and not overwhelming for the parents (since parents already have additional work at home with children having to take virtual classes for school).

We are also looking at possibilities of ways, in the midst of the pandemic, that parents can come together safely and receive support from one another, and, if possible, for the children to have some experiences in small groups at times in the year. Registration materials are online:

www.olmcseekonk.org/faith-formation

Registration questions should be directed to Maureen Brawley at m.brawley.olmc@gmail.com.

If you are sick and in the hospital

If you are facing grave illness or going in for surgery at which they will be giving you anesthesia, please let Fr. Kevin know so he can come give you Confession, the Anointing of the Sick, and Communion (but only for a person who is dying, called Viaticum). Please know if you are admitted to the hospital for grave health, you should let them know that you are Catholic and would like the Anointing of the Sick or Confession (and please let your family know, if for some reason you are admitted to the hospital and unable to communicate, so your family can convey your wishes to the hospital). Currently at Rhode Island Hospital there is a priest chaplain, but some hospitals such as Sturdy do not have priest chaplains anymore, so ask them to contact Fr. Kevin, since you are a parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Sign up for Flocknote for parish messages

To sign up for Flocknote, a new method of parish communication, text OLMCSeekonk to 84576. You can choose whether to receive text or email notifications.

Mass inside the church

We are celebrating Masses inside the church at our regular times (Saturday at 4:30 and Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., and 10:45 a.m.). We will continue to livestream all Masses so they can be watched on our parish Facebook site.

There are still COVID regulations in place. When coming to Mass in the church, one must wear a mask (unless one has a medical condition). Music will be limited and all missalettes and prayer cards have been removed.

Unlike many churches, I am not going to require people to sign up to go to Mass. Pews are roped off and you may only sit in the ones that are available. Please do not remove any ropes and sit in pews that are supposed to remain empty. If you are sitting with someone you live with, you can sit together. But if you are sitting in a row with someone you do not live with, then you must space out at least six feet. Because the space is limited, if you arrive and there is no more seating, you can go downstairs where the livestream is being projected (there are 30 seats available) and we will bring communion down to you. Those receiving communion in the main church will come up single file, spaced out six feet with the person in front and behind. After Mass, please do not congregate but head out to your car. (Many churches are doing communion after Mass so that people will receive and head out to their cars, but I think people can be disciplined enough to safely leave after Mass and be mindful not to gather with others afterward, so communion will take place at the regular time.) Lastly, the deacons and myself will sanitize the pews (we realized this would be easier than having everything wiping down their pews).

For those who would like to come to Mass but are nervous about coming into the church, please let me know and we can arrange for you to hear the Mass over the phone in your car. We will come outside to bring you communion. (Please let me know beforehand if this is needed. We will not walk outside every Mass at communion to look around at all the cars to see if people are waiting for communion).

Because the pandemic continues, and knowing there are many who are elderly, frail, or have compromised health issues, the bishop is still granting the dispensation of attending Sunday Mass. You are encouraged to join us at home via livestream.

New time for T.n.T

T.n.T (Tea and Theology) is being recorded live at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday on Facebook. In a 15-minute session, Fr. Kevin touches on different aspects of faith. Watch live or later. Come join us on T.n.T.... it's dynamite!

It's easy (and free) to access FORMED

As a parish we all have free access to FORMED, a wonderful Catholic website with videos and talks on different aspects of faith, some geared to adults and others to children. To register, visit formed.org/signup and enter "Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Seekonk." You can also download the FORMED app on any device and use the code TPFCHC. Enjoy!

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FAMILY AND YOUTH EVANGELIZATION

Telephone: 508-336-5549, extension 102

Coordinator: Lori Lavigne, L.Lavigne.olmc@gmail.com, 508-233-3312 (cell)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Coordinator: William Kearney, 508-400-2893

MUSIC MINISTRY

Director of Music: Jean Kusiak, 401-225-3700, JMKusiak@comcast.net **Choir** performs at 10:45 Mass and special liturgies. Rehearses on Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m., September-June.

Children's Choir performs at special liturgies, 9 a.m. Mass. Rehearses the Sunday of, 8:15-8:45, lower church.

ALTAR SERVERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS

Schedules: www.olmcseekonk.org (Select Liturgy from the top bar, then "Liturgical Ministries," then "Schedules.")

For scheduling: Claire Creamer, dctlp@comcast.net

To become an altar server: Contact the parish office: 508-336-5549

SACRAMENTS

Confessions are heard in the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel on Saturday from 3:15-4 p.m., and on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 4:30-6 p.m.

Baptisms: Congratulations! Please contact Lori Lavigne at the parish office to register in the parish and sign up for Baptismal Preparation as soon as possible. Preparation can be done prior to baby's birth, if preferred.

Marriage: Congratulations! Please notify the parish office eight months in advance of your wedding.

Anointing of the Sick takes place on the first Friday at the 9 a.m. Mass.

MASSES

Monday-Saturday: 9 a.m. (except Thursday 6:30 p.m.) **Saturday** 4:30 p.m., **Sunday** 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. **HOLY DAYS**: 9 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. (Vigil 5:30 p.m.)

ORGANIZATIONS

Gathering Grandmothers

Jan Smart, 508-336-5118

Meets at noon Fridays in St. Joseph Adoration Chapel to pray Novena to St. Anne for protection of children.

Holy Souls Prayer Group

Dolores de Paiva, 508-252-3826 Meets at 9 a.m. Thursdays in the church

Jordan Ministry

508-336-5549

Knights of Columbus

Rolland St. Pierre, 508-336-2102 Meets 3rd Friday

Men of St. Joseph

Bob Bertoncini, 401-447-8136 Meet 2nd Thursday at 7 p.m.

Men's Prayer and Fellowship

William Kearney and Marty Doyle, 508-243-0880 Meets 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Ministry to the Sick

Pat Swanson, 508-336-5549

Parish Nurses

Elizabeth Charnecki, 508-252-5718 Blood pressure clinics Wednesdays after Mass, Sept.-June.

Prison Ministry

Frank Gibbons, 508-336-5461

Prayer Group

Barbara Craveiro, 508-889-6472 Meets 2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m., lower church

Pro-Life Group

Ron and Claudette Larose, 508-252-4336

St. Vincent de Paul

Marie Morrell, 401-603-8888 Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m., Sept.-May

Seekonk Catholic Cancer Support

Elizabeth Charnecki: 508-252-5718 Meets 1st Saturday

Senior Luncheon Committee

Call to register: 508-336-5549 K.C. Hess Jay Brennan

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Joanna Young, 508-336-3473



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