

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

March 19 & 20, 2022



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Parish

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*Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord,
let perpetual light shine upon them,
May they rest in peace, AMEN.*

Sat. MAR 19	9:00AM	Kenneth P. McCloskey
	4:30PM	Wayne Andrews
Sun. MAR 20	7:30AM	Ronald Rickey
	9:00AM	Joseph & Josephine Navach
	10:45AM	People of the Parish
Mon. MAR 21	9:00AM	Special Intention
Tues. MAR 22	9:00AM	Special Intention
Wed. MAR 23	9:00AM	Patrick Gregorek
Thur. MAR 24	6:30PM	Kylie Heron & Herminia Andrade
Fri. MAR 25	9:00AM	Jack Louks
	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
Sat. MAR 26	9:00AM	Chris Wypasek
	4:30PM	People of the Parish
Sun. MAR 27	7:30AM	Margaret & Anthony Mowry
	9:00AM	Ralph C. Conti Jr. 29th Annv.
	10:45AM	Joseph Soboda



*The Sanctuary Lamp Is Burning
In Loving Memory
Of
Chris Wypasek*

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday – Saturday 9AM
(EXCEPT) Thursday 6:30PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:45AM

Holy Days 9AM, Noon, 7PM, (Vigil 5:30PM)

SACRAMENTS

Confessions

St. Joseph Adoration Chapel Saturday 3:15PM – 4PM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 4:30PM – 6PM

Baptisms Congratulations!

Preparation can be done prior to baby's birth, if preferred.
Please contact Lori Lavigne @ (508) 233 – 3312

Marriage Congratulations!

Please notify the parish office 8 months in advance of your wedding.

Anointing of the Sick 1st Saturday @ the 9AM Mass

The Weekly Offering

March 12 & 13 — \$5,924

Next week's 2nd collection:

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 9:30 AM — 3:00 PM
Thursday: 2:00 PM — 6:00 PM
Friday: CLOSED



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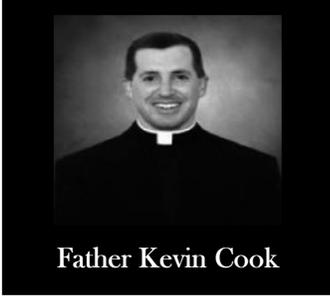
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PASTOR'S PAGE



Father Kevin Cook

Dear Parishioners,

This Saturday is a Solemnity! But did you know during Lent we celebrate two Solemnities: **St. Joseph's Day** Saturday, March 19th and the **Annunciation of the Lord** Friday, March 25th. Solemnities are great celebrations in the Church, in which we call to mind great moments of salvation history or great individuals who have responded to God's will with great faith and courage. On such days, we are called to celebrate (so they are not days of penance — this is why if you gave something up for Lent one can enjoy those things on these days). On Friday, March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, is such a great celebration for the Church that day we are not required to abstain from meat nor required to carry out our Lenten sacrifices. This is the moment when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Our Lady and she responded with her great "fiat" ("Be it done unto me according to they will"). With Mary we see such extraordinary faith, trust in God's Will, humility, love (willingness to offer her whole life for love of God and others), and purity (just to name a few of her countless qualities). Mary is the model disciple, so we turn to our Mother asking her to pray for us that we will always strive to have hearts of faith that ponder the mysteries of God and his love for us, and ask her to help us respond with humble hearts focused on serving always.

This Saturday, March 19th we celebrate St. Joseph who is the great patron of the Church. The Scriptures speak of him as a just man (which means more than he gives each person what is their right, but means he is a man of great holiness). Though he is considered the greatest saint after Our Lady, there is not a single word recorded from Joseph (his

silence speaks volumes). Joseph is a great model for all of us, but in particular for husbands and fathers. We see Joseph's willing to sacrifice himself for Mary. This is evident in the Gospel of Matthew which tells us how Joseph decided to divorce Mary quietly when he realizes she is with child. At first this may sound like he is backing out of his betrothal to Mary because he knows he is not the father and therefore doesn't want to be connected to a young lady who is an adulterous (which she could be stoned to death for if she was an adulterous). But, there is much more going on here.

Joseph is betrothed to Mary which means he is married to her (not engaged) and they could come together for the marital act though they usually did not until the second marriage celebration which occurs up to a year after the first marriage ceremony (this is when the groom comes in a great wedding procession for his wife). When he realizes she is with child, he had every right to publicly accuse her of adultery (of which she could be stoned). But Joseph decides to divorce her quietly, which means he does not make it known that he is not the father, but in fact will bring a public shame upon himself by making it seem that he abandoned his responsibility as the father to Mary's child and as a husband. It is when he decides to make this sacrifice that an angel makes it known to him what God is doing with Mary (and so he takes her into his home at this time).

We see the faith he places in God, as well as the many sacrifices he makes for his family. Joseph must not only trust that God will provide for him and Mary as they go to Bethlehem to give birth to Jesus, but also his trust when they must get up and go with immediacy to Egypt so as to save Jesus. Also, Joseph is seen as a model of chaste love, having a great love for his wife yet honoring her vow of virginity (though most men are not called to this celibate way of living, especially in marriage, all men are called to pure and chaste love, even in marriage). As a father, Joseph will be a great instrument (along with Mary) to form Jesus' character, teaching him about faith

and placing themselves in God's providential care (being people of poverty they trusted God would assist them), they taught him about prayer and work (he and Jesus would be known in Nazareth as carpenters), and teaching him how to do all things well (as people would also say years later).

Today, many men do not have great models for them of what it means to be a true man, husband, and father. Today, men are portrayed as faithless, self-centered, lazy, unchaste, incompetent fathers and husbands. Here we have Joseph who is a real man and one many men need to come to know and seek the intercession from so they may learn to live the way we are made for by God (and therefore glorifying God as this great saint did).

There will be limited confessions this week. Each year I try to go on a retreat and I am fortunate enough to be able to go on a retreat preached for priests this week. Because of that, I will not be available for Confessions this Monday, March 21st — Thursday, March 24th. There will be Confessions Friday, March 25th at the usual time of 4:30PM — 6:00PM and then in the church Confessional from 6:00PM — 6:45PM (that is an additional hour I am available on Fridays during Lent before the praying of the Stations of the Cross).

Lastly, we will have a **Collection for the Ukraine** this weekend, March 19th and 20th, as our 2nd collection, to help the people of the Ukraine. The collection is being done in many parishes in the diocese and throughout the country and is being coordinated by Catholic Social Services. If you wish to give, please put your donation in an envelope and drop in the baskets as you come to Mass. Please write on the envelope "For the Ukraine". If you are writing a check, please write the check out to "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" and put in the memo "Ukraine". You can also drop off a donation at the parish office during this week.

I pray you are having a blessed Lent.

Fr. Kevin

3rd Sunday of Lent

St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Write a Journal

1. What has God said to you?
2. What do you want to carry into the day and week to keep your mind fixed on Jesus?
3. What petitions will you keep close to your heart?
4. Pray for Ukraine.
5. Remember to always pray for yourself.

**Teach us to thirst in the depths of our souls
for you, O Lord!**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish offers Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel.

URGENTLY NEEDED!! Adorers and Substitutes

Please contact Linda Nason, Adoration Coordinator
1 - 508 - 336 - 6579

Adorers Needed

Saturday 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m.,
9 p.m.
Sunday 1 a.m., 3 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m.
Monday 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 p.m.
Tuesday 2 p.m.
Wednesday 10 p.m., 12 p.m.
Thursday 11 a.m., 3 p.m.
Friday 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 10 p.m.

Substitutes Needed

Saturday 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m.
Sunday 3 a.m., 2 p.m.
Monday 2 a.m., 3 a.m.
Thursday 8 p.m.
Friday 2 p.m., 5 p.m.

Contact Information for Adorers

12 a.m. - 5 a.m.	Donna Castle	401 - 524 - 5219
6 a.m. - 11 a.m.	The Andrades	508 - 252 - 5254
6 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Loretta MacDonald	508 - 252 - 4475
12 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Linda Nason	508 - 463 - 6723
6 p.m. - 11 p.m.	Maureen Sanders	508 - 243 - 4104

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*"Those who give to the poor have no lack,
but those who avert their eyes,
many curses"*

Proverbs 28:27

Our next meeting will be on April 12th @ 7:00PM
(in the church basement)



Our Lady of Mount Carmel New Kiosk

The Lenten season will usher in a transformed kiosk station at the entrance of the church. All book possession will now be converted to a library lending station. SVDP intends to encourage parish evangelization through a continuous expansion, range, and sharing of Catholic literature. Purchases are not required, but optional donations are accepted to replenish texts.

The OLMC SVDP Society is grateful for our parishioners who truly encounter and embody the Holy Spirit's grace through their continued support of our kiosk and mission.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Fill a Bottle, Save a Life!

The Parish Pro - Life Committee will be sponsoring a baby bottle campaign starting the weekend of March 12th & 13th for the next 2 weekends after each mass. Baby bottles will be available for you to take and fill with loose change, cash or checks. Filled baby bottles will be collected the weekend of March 26th & 27th.

Proceeds from the baby bottle campaign will benefit the Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center in Attleboro. Checks should be made out to Abundant Hope. God bless you for



Holy Souls In Purgatory Prayer Group

Do you have a devotion to pray for the release of the Holy Souls In Purgatory?

Our mission is to pray for the release of the Souls In Purgatory who can no longer help themselves.

Every Thursday from 9:00AM - 10AM
(in the Church)

A Scriptural Rosary, the Litany, the Divine Mercy, and other prayers are prayed. Prayer books and pamphlets are provided.

For more information call,
Dolores de Paiva 508 - 252 - 3826

DONATE TO THE FOOD DRIVE



Spring Food Drive

The *St. Vincent de Paul Society*
Spring Food Drive
will be held on
Saturday, April 2 & Sunday, April 3
before all Masses

Bags labeled with suggested items will be distributed on
Saturday March 26 & Sunday March 27 after all Masses.

All donations will benefit
the Doorways Food Pantry and the Rehoboth Food Pantry.
ALL donations are greatly appreciated!



Preparing for the 100th Anniversary of the Parish

A committee has met to plan a year-long celebration of the

100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

The 100th Anniversary begins with a Mass and celebration in late October of this year, 2022. Then each month for a year we will have different events to mark our celebrating of 100 years as a parish. Some of the events and things planned for this year-long celebration will be:

- 100 year prayer cards
- A memorial Mass for deceased members of OLMC
- A Fall Bible Study
- Anniversary items such as coffee mugs, ornament, pens, sweatshirts, etc.
- Annual Novena
- Game Night
- Different pot luck dinners
- Holy hour marking our Perpetual Adoration Chapel
- Eucharistic Miracles Display
- Blankets for the homeless
- Valentines Dinner
- Adult Ed Series
- Church Tour
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Blood Drive
- Bible Trivia night
- Parish Cookout & Softball game
- Ice Cream Social
- Parish Golf Tournament
- Youth event
- Outdoor Mass & parish festival
- Ask a priest night
- A write up of the history of the parish
- We will be looking to redo the parish courtyard this year

The year will conclude with a parish mission!

Keep an eye out for when the **BIG CELEBRATION** begins!

We hope you can join us in celebrating!
Everyone is invited!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Lenten Schedule

Days of Abstinence

Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the laws of abstinence which one is to abstain from meat on ALL FRIDAYS of LENT.

Bible Study

March 6th – April 10th
(Sunday's only)
2:00PM – 3:15PM
Book of Revelations
(in the church basement)

Stations of the Cross

March 4th – April 15th
(Friday's only)
7:00PM

Confessions

in Adoration Chapel

Monday 4:30PM – 6PM
Tuesday 4:30PM – 6PM
Thursday 4:30PM – 6PM
Friday 4:30PM – 6PM
Saturday 3:15PM – 4PM

Additional Confession
in church confessional

Friday 6:00PM

(before the 7:00PM
Stations of the Cross)



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“ENCOUNTER”

Attention ALL Young Adults Ages 18 – 35

On every first Friday of the month Our *Lady of Mount Carmel* and *St. Brendan's Church* in Riverside, RI are teaming up to host “Encounter”, an evening of deepening our encounters with Christ through Adoration, talks, music and silence, Confessions, and Benediction.

Each month the holy hour is at 7:00PM and will rotate between the two churches. Our theme is focusing on different ways we encounter Christ and how to live those encounters.

This is open for everyone, but specifically it is geared to young adults aged 18 – 35. It is a great opportunity to deepen your knowledge and love for the Lord. Afterwards the young adults are welcome to go out to dinner at a local restaurant and hopefully get to know one another.

Our next Encounter is April 1st @ St. Brendan's



Building a Culture of Vocations in March

Every month we pray for different vocations, to support those who are responding to the Lord's call.

In the month of March let us pray for Fr. Rich Wilson, Deacon Greg Matt Laird (transitional deacon at St. John the Baptist Church, Westport), Deacon Damian Day (transitional deacon with the Dominicans and a parishioner of Mount Carmel), Shayne Dias (seminarian who is living here for the next few months).

We pray for all married couples, in particular this month for our parishioners Peter and Marie Morrell for the gift of the bond of marriage.

FEBRUARY DONATIONS

Online Offertory

\$7,830

SVDP

\$2,013

Building Fund

\$1,398

Assessment

\$1,477

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**St. Luke's School
Barrington, RI**

We are now accepting applications for the 2022 – 2023 school year for Preschool-Grade 8



Because of COVID we did not have any in-person Open Houses this year. What we have done is make in-person tours available at your convenience.

If you would like more information about scheduling a tour or an application please visit our website @ www.stlukesri.org

Or call the Director of Institutional Advancement, Neil Kiely @ 401-246-0990.

Young Disciples

Teens are a vital part of *Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish* family, and we believe they deserve a fun, safe place to grow in their faith. *Young Disciples'* gatherings give teens the opportunity to be supported by their peers and supported by caring adults from the parish.

Gatherings take place:

Thursday evenings from 7:15 – 8:30

Grades 8 & 9

Groups are divided by gender (boys at the Parish Center and girls at the Church)

Grades 10 – 12

(boys and girls at the parish center)

However, once (1x) a month (grades 8 – 12 boys and girls):

Friday Drop-in nights are held from 6:30 – 8:30

Everyone comes together at the Parish Center to enjoy a night of games, fun and pizza.

FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!!

For more info. and calendar of dates, visit our website @ <https://olmcseekonk.org/young-disciples>



Homebound and Wanting to Receive Holy Communion?

If you or a parishioner you know is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the office so we can coordinate Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to come to your home.

Communion is brought, to those who cannot make it to Mass, on Mondays. If Mondays are not doable for you, other arrangements can be made, please call the office.

Parish Ministries
Thank you to ALL our Volunteers

Altar Server

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Eucharistic Ministers

Please call the office 508-336-5549

Choir (Adult / Children's)

Jean Kusiak 401-225-3700

Gathering Grandmothers

Jan Smart 508-336-5118

Fridays @ Noon

St. Joseph Adoration Chapel

Come join us to pray a Novena to St. Anne for the Protection of Children

Holy Souls Prayer Group

Dolores de Paiva 508-252-3826

Thursdays @ 9 a.m. in Church

Knights of Columbus

Rolland St. Pierre 508-336-2102

3rd Friday of the month

Men of St. Joseph

Bob Bertoncini 401-447-8136

2nd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Men's Prayer and Fellowship

William Kearney and Marty Doyle

508-243-0880

1st Saturday @ 8:30 a.m.

Ministry to the Sick

Pat Swanson 508-336-5549

Parish Nurses

Elizabeth Charnecki 508-252-5718

Prison Ministry

Frank Gibbons 774-994-4834

Prayer Group

Barbara Craveiro 508-889-6472

2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7 p.m. in the lower Church

Pro-Life Group

Ron & Claudette Larose

508-252-4336

St. Vincent de Paul

Marie Morrell 401-603-8888

2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7 p.m.

Seekonk Catholic

Cancer Support

Elizabeth Charnecki: 508-252-5718

1st Saturday of the month

Senior Luncheon Committee

Call to register: 508-336-5549

K.C. Hess

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Luncheon on 2nd Tuesday

(except June, July, Aug.)

Vocation Committee

Joanna Young, 508-336-3473



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