



Christmas Mass Schedule

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24TH

Christmas Eve

5:00pm Mass in English

7:15pm Mass in Spanish

Midnight Mass

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Day

8:30am Mass in English

10:00am Mass in Italian

12:00 Mass in English

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST

Vigil of Solemnity of Mary

5:00pm Mass in English

7:15pm Mass in Spanish

SUNDAY JANUARY 1ST

Solemnity of Mary

8:30am Mass in English

10:00am Mass in Italian

12:00 Mass in English

The Rectory Office will be closed on
December 23rd, December 26th,
January 2nd

*Merry Christmas
and a
Blessed New Year*



3rd 7:15pm Spanish Baptism
4th Annual Christmas Auction Parish Center
8th Feast of Immaculate Conception Rectory Closed
9th CCD 6-8pm
11th Holy Name Society mass and meeting
11th CCD 10-12
16th CCD 6-8 pm
17th Baptism in Spanish
18th Mt Carmel Society mass and meeting
18th CCD 10-12
18th Baptism 1pm
23rd Rectory Office closed
24th Christmas Eve
25th Christmas Day
26th Rectory Office closed



1st Solemnity of Mary
2nd Rectory Office closed
6th CCD 6-8pm
8th Holy Name Society mass and meeting
8th



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A Christmas Message from our Pastor *Very Rev. Danny Rodrigues, V.F.*



How time flies! It seems that just yesterday we were celebrating our parish feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and now we are counting down the day to Christmas and the end of the year. I remember when I was a child the adults in my family always seemed to complain about how fast time was passing by, but for me time never seemed to pass. Now that I am getting a little older, I am beginning to understand what they all complained about!

This time of year was always my favorite. The weather got colder (I love the cold!) and all the beautiful decorations would go up. I remember as a child taking longer detours with my parents as my dad drove us back home to see all the houses decorated and lit up with all the different kinds of lights. Once I became older, I began to do more and more of the decorating myself, especially the outdoor decorations. However, one thing I never enjoyed and still don't is the Christmas shopping! Endless lines and my mom's endless refrain "I don't know what to get *insert name!*" With all the excitement, joy and even stress this time of year brings we can easily forget the true meaning of this season: **the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!** I'm always reminded of the campaign begun by the Knights of Columbus many years ago, "Keep Christ in Christmas!" We need this message now more than ever. We live in an increasingly materialistic and hyper-consumer society that just wants more and more stuff and forgets what is truly important: Faith and Family.

Christmas is a time in which we should reflect on the fact that God the Father gave humanity the greatest of all gifts by sending us His only begotten Son so that he could redeem us. God took on our lowly human nature, came into this world a small defenseless baby and subjected himself to human parents, holy yes but human nonetheless. This is God's love for you and me in action that will later culminate in Jesus' passion and death.

Jesus still comes down to us every day in a vulnerable and defenseless way in the Eucharist. At every mass the same body that was born to the Virgin Mary and the same blood that pulsated in those tiny veins is the very same body and blood that is made truly present in the Eucharist. This reminds me of another "slogan" that has been going around for some years now, "Keep Mass in Christmas." This saying is a reminder of the importance of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in this festive season, but even more vital is the importance of Holy Mass in our lives on a regular basis. Jesus wants to come down and make his home within the soul of each Catholic Christian by way of the Eucharist. So, if you have been away from the mass for however long, reconcile yourself with God and come to Mass this Christmas and make a resolve to make the Holy Mass a regular part of your life. Or if you only occasionally attend, make this Christmas the point in your life in which the Mass, the Eucharist and the sacraments become a regular part of your life.

Finally, in my name as your pastor and in name of our staff I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. May you experience the joy of the birth of Savior and may the New Year be filled with blessings!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Rorate Caeli Mass

According to the Traditional Roman Missal (1962)

Saturday, December 10 — 6:00am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
259 Oliver St
Newark, NJ 07105

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin offered during Advent. It is traditionally offered prior to dawn, in a church illuminated only by candlelight, signifying the world in darkness earnestly awaiting the rising of the Orient.

Ample and secure parking available,
accessed via Chestnut St. behind the church.