

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

WEBSITE: olmcmiddletown.org

90 EUCLID AVENUE, MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940

Sunday, April 28th, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,
and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be
unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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**

Deacon Edward Woods

Ms. Maggie Carlson **Parish Secretary**

Phone 845-343-4121

Email ourladyofmtcarmel883@hotmail.com

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:30 am -1:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 4:30pm

Tuesdays due to RE Classes the office will close early at 4pm
(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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mrs. Nancy Miller **Director of Religious Education**

Phone: 845-342-1510

Email: olmcre90@gmail.com

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** 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

MASSSES:

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, 100 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: olmcmiddletown.org

Registration and **evidence of participation** is required at
least *eight (8) months* before scheduling of Marriage or
Baptism.

April 28th, 2019

Saturday, April 27th

5:00 Kevin McNally

Sunday, April 28th

8:00 Bill Riley

10:00 Peter Gromacki Sr.

11:30 Margaret Montalbano

4:30 Peter Rufo

Monday, April 29th

7:00 Fr. Alfred Isacson, O.Carm.

Tuesday, April 30th

7:00 People of the Parish

Wednesday, May 1st

7:00 Elvira & Antonio Reda

Thursday, May 2nd

7:00 Carmelite Society of Prayer

Friday, May 3rd

7:00 Joe Wolfe

Saturday, May 4th

5:00 Charmian Kellett

Sunday, May 5th

8:00 Egidio Spano

10:00 Evelyn, John & Bill Kummer

11:30 John Stefane

4:30 James & Catherine Haley
and Fred Wessinger

ABOUT THE LITURGY: Mystagogy:

In all three cycles of the Lectionary, the Second Sunday of Easter presents to us this Gospel passage from Saint John that recalls Thomas' conversion from skeptical doubter to professor of faith. Why does this appear before us every year?

The key is Jesus' final statement, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29) He's talking about us! This is a blessing specifically for us! None of the disciples who walked with Jesus are as blessed as we who have never seen him face to face. This is the blessing of faith – to believe not with our eyes but with our heart.

The church teaches that during the period of mystagogy, the newly baptized derive a new perception of the faith, of the Church, and of the world "out of their experience of the Easter sacraments, and this new way of seeing 'increases as it is lived' (RCIA 245). Those who have entered a new life in the Church can't help but see Christ everywhere, just as newlyweds can see and think of only their beloved. But for us who may not be so fresh in our faith, the temptation may be to sound more like Thomas the skeptic than Thomas the believer.

The Easter season is a time for all us, along with those who received the Easter sacraments, to train our eyes to see the world sacramentally. When we do so, then every meal is the supper of the Lord, every wound is the brand mark of Christ, and every moment of doubt is an invitation to cry in faith, "My Lord and my God!"

MASS CELEBRANTS

May 4th & May 5th

5/4 ~ 5:00 pm ~ Fr. Paul

5/5 ~ 8:00 am ~ Fr. Paul

10:00am ~ Fr. Paul

11:30am ~ Fr. Anthony

4:30pm ~ Fr. Tim Ennis

Our Lady of the Assumption

5/4 ~ 5:30pm ~ Fr. Anthony

5/5 ~ 9:30am ~ Fr. Anthony

Please note celebrants are subject to change.

TITHING GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Palm Sunday

April 13th & April 14th totaled: \$7,450
Collection \$6,915 and Online Giving \$535

Building Fund totaled: \$1,672
Collection: \$1,497 and Online Giving \$175

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Mass attendance for the weekend of
April 13th & April 14th was 1,056.

TRIDUUM & EASTER SUNDAY

Mass attendance ***Holy Thursday*** was 219.

Mass attendance ***Good Friday*** was 187.

Mass attendance ***Easter Vigil*** was 93.

Mass attendance ***Easter Sunday*** was 1,209.

HE HAS
YOU IN
MIND

Altar Candles In Memory of
Rosanne Brophy

Host & Wine In Memory of
Margaret & Robert Montalbano

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
Louise Pacos

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

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Religious Education & Sacramental Programs

Religious Education Classes

Our last classes of this year will be this week, Tuesday, April 30th and Wednesday, May 1st. We wish to thank all of all Catechists, Aides and Substitutes for their time and commitment to the children of our parish. We wish them a peaceful and restful summer, and may God continue to bless them.

RE-REGISTRATION & NEW REGISTRATION

If you have not re-registered yet for 2019/2020 please do so by **May 1st** to take advantage of early rates. Regular Rates go into effect **May 2nd**. For more information contact **Nancy Miller**, Coordinator at olmcre90@gmail.com or call **845-342-1510**.

FIRST COMMUNION

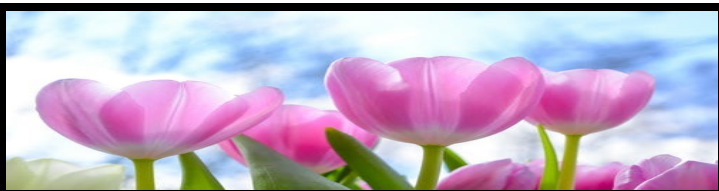
This Saturday, May 4th 34 students from Mt. Carmel School and the Religious Education Program will receive their First Communion. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



SENIOR LUNCHEON

This Friday, **May 3rd** our Senior Luncheon will be held in the Parish Center at 12:30pm. Please join us for a lovely salad bar & soup. Our very own special guest will be Mayor Joseph DeStefano. There is no cost for the luncheon. A free-will offering is taken to defray costs. Please bring a dessert to share if you are able to do so. Bring a friend. The luncheon is open to all seniors in the Middletown area. For more information contact **Nancy Miller at 845-342-1510**.

Hope to see you there!



The *2019 Cardinal's Annual Appeal* continues. Our goal for this year is \$51,000. As of **April 12th** we have pledges totaling \$35,553 with 70% of our families participating. These gifts number 124 with a parish goal of 225 families.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to the *2019 Cardinal's Annual Appeal*. By making a gift to the appeal, you will join hands with tens of thousands whose generosity brings the love of Christ to so many in our Archdiocese as well as throughout the world. No gift is too small!

For those who have already made a pledge or sent in a gift for this vital appeal thank you for your generosity!

MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT TODAY!

www.cardinalsappeal.org

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

PRAY FOR THE SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF OUR PARISH

Please remember in your prayers the sick relatives and friends of our parish: **Fr. Nicholas Blackwell, O. Carm, Greg Nurse, Michael Keane, Ryan Cooke, Christopher Peluso, Joan Turner, Victor Flouse, Fr. Raymond Bagdonis, O. Carm, Edward Bagdonis, Mary Anne Bensen, Deacon Richard Trapani & Marion Conklin.**

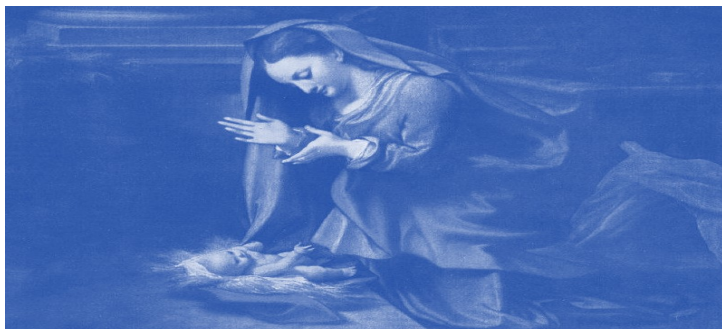
Parishioners who are hospitalized or ill, or a member of the infirm parishioner's family, may call to request inclusion on the prayer list. To be added to the Prayer List in the Parish Bulletin, please contact **Maggie Carlson, Parish Secretary at 845-343-4121 no later than Monday.**

Please let the Parish Office know if a parishioner is in the hospital and would like a clerical visit. Otherwise, we have know way of knowing. Let's keep all these folks in our prayers.

Tip Toe Through the Tulips

a bus trip to the NY Botanical Gardens on **Saturday, May 4th** from 9am to 5pm departing from St. Paul's Church, Bullville, NY
Call Deb at 845-361-3107

**Planning to come to the retreat?
Please register soon we are filling up**



Pantry Sunday

The first weekend of each month (12 months of the year) we collect Non-perishable food to be donated to the Greater Middletown Inter-Faith Council Food Pantry located at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in downtown Middletown. This pantry serves those families in need right here in our community. Items such as canned vegetables, soup, tomato sauce, tuna, canned pastas, Also cereal, dry powdered milk, dry pasta, peanut butter & jelly, baby food, infant formula, diapers etc. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. On average we collect 40-50 bags of food each month. What an incredible difference you are making in our community!! *Thank You and God Bless You!*

**Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Presents
A Women's Retreat
Saturday, May 18, 2019
9 am to 12 noon
at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

A Morning With Mary

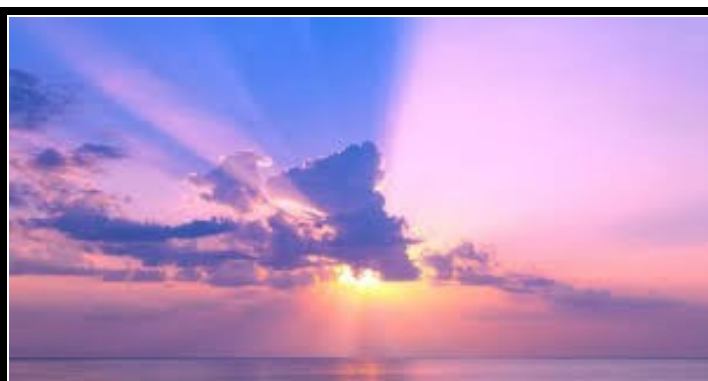
Praying With the Heart of the Blessed Mother
See the Gathering Area for information and registration.

***Please note due to facility---space is limited---
register early!**

**For more information contact Nancy Miller at
845-342-1510 or olmc90@gmail.com**

No Kid Hungry Back Pack Program

Your outstanding support has been greatly appreciated by the Lion's Club of Middletown and the children and families that benefit. We have been told that the collection for this school year will end Sunday, **May 5th**. Our collection box will be in the Gathering Area until Saturday, **May 5th**. Thank you for your support. We plan to start taking donations again in the Fall.



**MT. CARMEL PARISH MEN'S RETREAT
Mt. Carmel Parish Presents
A Men's Retreat**

***"Becoming A Man of God"*
*Serving God Boldly in a Hostile World***

Facilitated by Ryan Young

Saturday June 1, 2019

9 am to 12:30

OLMC -Parish Center

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FIRST COMMUNICANT PRACTICE - is from 4:15pm to 5:45pm at the Church on Thursday, **May 2nd**

FIRST COMMUNION - is Saturday, **May 4th** at 10am in the Church. Please keep them in your prayers!

RE-REGISTRATION CONTINUES - for the 2019-2020 school year, call the Main Office at 845-343-8836 to schedule a tour of the school.

YARD SALE - is being held on Saturday, May 18th from 9am to 2pm, RAIN or SHINE! The cost is \$25.00 a space, payable by check only. Applications are available in the school office. Call Donna at 845-343-8836 for more information.

INFORMATION - For more information please call 845-343-8836 or visit: mtcarmelschoolmiddletown.org