

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Sunday, January 3rd, 2021
EPIPHANY of the LORD



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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH:

Fr. Paul A.M. Denault, O.Carm.....**Pastor**
Fr. Sean Harlow, O.Carm.....**Parochial Vicar**
Fr. Anthony Trung Nguyen, O.Carm.....**Parochial Vicar**
Fr. Nicholas Blackwell, O.Carm.....**Parochial Vicar**
Fr. James F. Sidoti, O.Carm.....**In Residence**
Bro. Jonathan Steele, O.Carm.....**In Residence**
Deacon Edward Woods

Ms. Maggie Carlson.....**Parish Secretary**
Phone845-343-4121
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:30 am -1:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 4:30pm
(closed 1:00-2:00pm for lunch)

Gail Johnson**Organist** - 845-386-5817
Frances Amelio.....**Parish Trustee**
Michael Barra**Parish Trustee**

PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Greg Sillen845-282-4267

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mrs. Nancy Miller.....**Director of Religious Education**
Phone:.....845-342-1510
Email:.....olmcere90@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 **8:00am** (Priory Chapel)
Holy Days: **As Announced**

CONFESSION:

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or by appointment.

BAPTISM:

Call Religious Education Office for information.

MARRIAGE:

Please call the Priory Office for an appointment.

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

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please notify us about any parishioner confined to their home, hospital or nursing facility so that a priest may visit.

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING:

If you are interested please contact Katie Carson-Decker at 914-443-5078 or Katiecarson24@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

CARMELITE VOCATIONAL INTEREST:

Please contact to discuss discernment.....845-344-2225

Our Parish's Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is rooted in the Roman Catholic Church and is served by the Carmelite Friars under the patronage of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Prophet Elijah. It is focused on the celebration of the Sacraments and the proclamation of the Gospel. As a parish, we strive to establish a close sense of community by encouraging and developing a sense of service to all God's people through lay participation, accountable administration, consensus, and involvement in the local community.

January 3rd, 2021

Saturday, January 2nd

5:00p Maria Kim Loan

Sunday, January 3rd

8:00a Special Intention

10:00a James & Catherine Haley
and Fred Weissinger

11:30a Vincent J. Nebus & Agnes Nebus

4:30p Leroy & Emmaline Buck

Monday, January 4th

8:00a Carmelite Society of Prayer

Tuesday, January 5th

8:00a Helen McNulty

Wednesday, January 6th

8:00a Angelo Carbo

Thursday, January 7th

8:00a Michael Grant Jr.

Friday, January 8th

8:00a Maria Rodriguez

Saturday, January 9th

5:00p Blessing for the Cameau, Paul, & Michel
and All the Kids

Sunday, January 10th

8:00a Edward Godwin

10:00a Patrick, Josephine & Thomas Darcy

11:30a Walter & Hilda Nebus

4:30p Eileen Carson

MASS SCHEDULE

January 9th & January 10th

01/09 ~ 5:00 pm ~ Fr. Anthony

01/10 ~ 8:00 am ~ Fr. Anthony

10:00am ~ Fr. Paul

11:30am ~ Fr. Paul

4:30pm ~ Fr. James

Our Lady of the Assumption

01/09 ~ 5:30pm ~ Fr. Nicholas

01/10 ~ 9:30am ~ Fr. Nicholas

Please note celebrants are subject to change.

MEMORIALS

Altar Candles ~ Church Volunteers

Host & Wine ~ Church Decorators

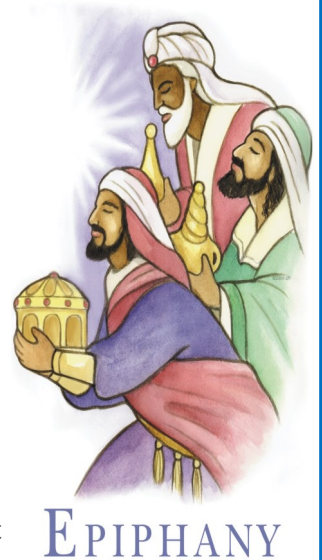
Sanctuary Lamp ~ Church Video IT Team

ABOUT THE LITURGY: The Gifts of the Magi

There is a joke that states that the Magi could not have been women, because, if they were, they would have asked for directions along the way, have arrived early enough to assist with the birth of the Christ Child, and have given much more practical gifts. (*Indeed, in today's world, more practical gifts would include N95 Masks, Hand Sanitizers, and Toilet Paper!*)

So why do we focus on gold, frankincense, and myrrh? They are symbolic, not practical gifts, that are meant to make a statement about the Christ Child. Gold is considered a sign of kingship, since it is the most noble of metals: rare, long lasting, ever shining, and almost indestructible. Frankincense is considered a sign of divinity: a pleasant smell wafting up to the heavens, accompanied by our prayers and petitions, reaching the throne of the Almighty. Myrrh is also a resin, like frankincense, that be liquefied and mixed with oil used for anointing. Sometimes it was used to anoint a dead body, as Nicodemus does in the Gospel of Saint John as Jesus is taken down from the Cross. Including it in this list of the Magi's gifts is a reference to how Jesus will die for our sins.

If these gifts are symbolic of Jesus, then they also have significance for us, united as we are in baptism to the Risen Lord. As a kingly people, we rise above the fears and anxieties of this world confident in the Victorious One. As a priestly people, our lives can be a special offering to God whose will we seek to follow. As mortal people, subject to death, we live out the truth that Jesus has come into the world to be our Light and to destroy the power of sin and death.



TITHING GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

December 26th & December 27th totaled: \$ 4,717
Collection \$ 3,767 and Online Giving \$ 950

Building Fund totaled: \$ 683
Collection: \$ 508 and Online Giving \$ 175

Attendance for the weekend of
December 26th & 27th was 334.

YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

+Maria

Christmas 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,

Every year, Christmas comes to us as a dream. Children dream of sweets, parties, toys, and winter fun. Older people dream of joyous celebrations with family and friends. Still older people might dream wistfully and even nostalgically of Christmases of long ago. We all come to this special time of the year with heightened expectations and desires, hoping to find all good things in our lives at Christmas.

And, truth be told, sometimes dreams do come true! Yet, not in the way we expect. This is the amazing thing: that the Lord is a God of surprises! The whole point of Christmas is that God is breaking into our world with love and grace. When we are attentive to the deepest longings of our hearts, and not distracted by all the noise that surrounds us, then we can hear the music of the angels singing of the coming of God as a small infant, wholly dependent on the care of Mary and Joseph.

So, with a renewed awareness of the goodness and generosity of God, and feeling a bit bold to do my own dreaming, I would like to share with you my own Christmas Wish List. It might seem a bit simple, maybe even naïve, but, well, we are dreaming now, aren't we? Here it is:

1. I would like all of us to be free of the fear of the Coronavirus.
2. I would like to see everybody gainfully employed once again.
3. I would like to see everybody who works in the medical field to get a month off, with pay.
4. I would like to see people in government to devote themselves to the Common Good.
5. I would like to see estranged families reconciled with each other.
6. I would like to see people helping others in their needs.
7. I would like to see our land, our country, healed once again.

Now, I could go on, or you could suggest other wonderful things to dream for, but that is the special joy of this time of year: the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ shows us that God is able to bring about in us things beyond our wildest imagination. Remember what Saint Elizabeth said to the Virgin Mary, "*Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.*" (Luke 1:45)"

At Christmas, we are asked to believe in someone greater than ourselves, one who can fulfill the emptiness of our hearts more than Santa Claus could ever hope to do. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Yours in Carmel,

Fr. Paul

Greater Middletown Interfaith Council's *Warming Station*

A safe, overnight space for homeless men & women. Beginning Sunday, November 22, 2020 and continuing each night (9PM to 7AM) during the cold months the Warming Station in Middletown will host and extend its hours for community needs to provide a warm and safe environment for homeless adults (up to 30 over age 18) living on the streets in Middletown through April 8, 2021.

Men and Women are encouraged to volunteer overnight to supervise Middletown homeless men and women who have been screened for suitability.

To volunteer to serve at the *Warming Station* or if you have questions, contact Marilyn Pierce at (845-346-6110) or midduce@hvc.rr.com.

<https://www.middletownwarmingstation.com>

STAY CONNECTED USE TECHNOLOGY

OLMC website:
www.olmcmiddletown.org
for Bulletins and more Information

OLMC Facebook Page:
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Middletown, NY
for information, Masses both Live Streamed & Videos

FORMED.ORG:
A place for Catholic Bible studies, Faith Formation, Movies, Books and more!
Go to website: www.formed.org and register an account by using the Parish Access Code **Z7XQKJ** (capitals only!)

PRAY FOR THE SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF OUR PARISH

Please remember in your prayers the sick relatives and friends of our parish:

Greg Nurse, Ryan Cooke, Rocky Rella, Casey Risdal, Ann Gallo, Tom Hollar, Terri Adame, Ellen Dunn, Jo Ann Stumpp Sienkiewicz, James D. Coscette, Christopher Peluso, Mary Lynn Beam, Maria Elena Nunez, Robert Pedigo, Richard Maniscalco, Robert McDonald, Elaine Stumpp, Maria Mazzella, Terri Brech, Tara Montomurro, Glenn Stumpp, Rose Marie Bruno, Lauren Ramos & Danielle McShea

Parishioners who are hospitalized or ill, or a member of the infirm parishioner's family, may call to request inclusion on the prayer list. Please note that names may be removed from the list after two weeks without a request to continue. 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 priest to visit. Otherwise, we have no way of knowing. Let's keep all these folks in our prayers.

How to Sign-Up for *Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Church* Flock Notes

Go to <http://olmcmiddletown.flocknote.com/> everyone . .

Click on the *green + sign* on the left under SuperSearch.

Fill-in the blanks for your contact information.

Click on the *green Add to Group* button.

Click on your updates from
OLMC PARISHIONERS adding a
green check mark.

Click on the *green Next* button.

Create a PASSWORD & follow the prompts.

If you require assistance please contact **Maggie**
at the Priory Office at **845-343-4121**.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OLMC BINGO - Has been cancelled along with all Parish Center activities until further notice.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR - Registration is now open for all new students. We are now accepting applications (PK3, PK4, and K-8th Grade) for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications can be found on our website: www.mtcarmelschoolmiddletown.org under Admissions. Scholarships are available for students in Grades K-8. Any questions, call the Main Office at **845-343-8836**.