6th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” - Mk 1:40-41

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Information**

**Contact Us**

Call Us: 203-248-0141 | 203-287-9017 (Religious Education)
Send Us An Email: olmtcarmelchurch@sbcglobal.net
Pay Us A Visit: 2819 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT 06518
Find Us Online: olomc.org | olomchamden

**Mass & Confession**

*Weekday Mass Times:* Monday to Saturday - 8:30 am
*Weekend Mass Times:* Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

Are you homebound and unable to attend Mass? You don’t have to miss it. You can watch every weekday and weekend Mass LIVE from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, by going on the website olomc.org. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office.

*Confession* Saturday - 3:00 pm (or by Appointment)

**Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
The Parish Office is CLOSED on Wednesday.

**Parish Directory**

**Priests**

Rev. Michael J. Dolan  
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*Pastor*

Rev. Matthew G. Gworek  
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*Parochial Vicar*

**Deacons**

Deacon John O’Donovan  
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Raymond Murphy  
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Fidel Angel Romero  
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*Cantor*

Mary Sacco  
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*Parish Office*

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 10**

+ 5:00 PM  Frances Wozniak  
~ Req. by The Mitchell Family

**Sunday, February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ 8:00 AM  Ann Wright  
~ Req. by Family

+ 10:00 AM  Joseph Ajello, Jr.  
~ Req. by Family

+ 11:30 AM  Edward Wilson and Anthony Gambardella  
~ Req. by The Wilson Family

**Monday, February 12, Weekday**

+ 8:30 AM  Cecelia Pisanelli ~ *Birthday Remembrance*  
~ Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Pisanelli

**Tuesday, February 13, Weekday**

+ 8:30 AM  Bernadette Mayer ~ *Birthday Remembrance*  
~ Req. by Husband

**Wednesday, February 14, ASH WEDNESDAY**

+ 8:30 AM  Mary Izzo  
~ Req. by Jim Mayer

+ 7:00 PM  For the Intentions of  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishioners

*In addition...*

+ 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church

**Mass of Thanksgiving** ~ Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Pisanelli

**Thursday, February 15, Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

+ 8:30 AM  Arthur Kavanaugh  
~ Req. by Family

**Friday, February 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday**

+ 8:30 AM  Jordan, Catherine and Joseph Tencza  
~ Req. by Gerald Panagrosso

**Saturday, February 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

+ 8:30 AM  Gerard Duprey  
~ Req. by Sal & Joyce Testa

+ 5:00 PM  Michael and Josephine Esposito  
~ Req. by Family

**Sunday, February 18, First Sunday of Lent**

+ 8:00 AM  Peter Padua  
~ Req. by Family

+ 10:00 AM  Christopher Buonocore ~ *12th Anniversary*  
~ Req. by Wife & Daughters

+ 11:30 AM  James E. Mulvey  
~ Req. by Family

The Sanctuary Candle at the Tabernacle Is Lit for a…

Rita Sullivan
Mary Izzo

When Hamden Schools are closed or delayed, because of the weather conditions, we will NOT have the 8:30 Morning Mass.
Celebration of the Eucharist

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #533** O Bless the Lord, My Soul

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (10 & 11:30 AM) Gloria Simplex

The Responsorial Psalm (page 68)

The Gospel Acclamation

The Anthem

Anthems

Communion Hymn #457 You are Mine

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #378** The Spirit Sends us Forth

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**RECEPTIONAL HYMN #378** The Spirit Sends us Forth

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Please join us for “Coffee and…” after the 8 AM Mass on Sunday Mornings beginning the First Sunday of Lent, February 18th.

**The Rosary**…is prayed each morning, Monday-Saturday beginning at 8:10 AM.

**Pro-Life Rosary-Rosary For Life**

THIS Sunday, February 11th from 12:15-1:00 PM in the Cry Room of the Church

Rosary at Saint Joan of Arc Church

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Church.

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The Intercessory Prayer Line...

If you have a special need or intention for which you would like the prayers of your parish community, please call Gwen at 203-248-9176. Names will remain on this list for one month, and may be called in again if needed.

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**Reading of the Word**

**Readings Week of February 11, 2018**


Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a] /Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a] /Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Cor 5:20–6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/ Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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**Stewardship**

**Offertory Report 2-4-18**

Weekly Collection $ 10,204.77

Thank You For Your Generosity!

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**St. Patrick’s Day Celebration**

**Saturday March 3, 2018**

(Following the 5:00 PM Mass)

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

Donation $12.00 per Adult

Children ages 12 and under $5.00

Tickets are available in the Parish Office.

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**Lenten Evening of Prayer**

**Wednesday, February 21st**

(snow date Thursday, February 22nd)

at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center

The Marian Guild invites all women of the parish to a relaxing evening of prayer and quiet reflection. We will warm up with a quick cup of soup and bread, and then Sr. Ann will lead us in prayer. Please RSVP to Michele Elliott 203-687-8247 so we are sure to have enough soup & bread.

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**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** by Bud Ozar

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today’s Gospel knew this when he said to Jesus, “If you will, you can make me clean.” Jesus knew this when He said, “I do will it.” Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with, and for, another person in “good times and bad,” even when we don’t feel like it.

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**Let Us Pray Together...For Each Other**

One Hour Prayer Service in the Church Library

**THIS Tuesday, February 13th at 2:30 PM**

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**Vocation Reflections**

Make the story of salvation history public! Tell the world what Jesus has done for you. Consider a life of preaching, teaching, and service as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Fr. Michael Casey Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel 860-761-7457, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.
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FAITH FORMATION

Ash Wednesday February 14, 2018

On Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, we receive ashes in the form of a cross on our forehead and are reminded to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” In receiving ashes, we embrace Jesus’ journey: the cross of suffering and the promise of resurrection. We are marked as believers, as sinners, and as people in need of Christ’s forgiveness and salvation.

THIS Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Mass at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Distribution of Ashes only from 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM

St. Joan of Arc Church Mass at 12:00 Noon
Distribution of Ashes only from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM

CONFESSION MONDAYS

Confessions are heard Saturday afternoons at 3:00 PM. In addition, The Archdiocese will once again sponsor its Lenten Confession Campaign, although with some modification of past practice. Monday will be “confession day” in every parish throughout the Archdiocese, but visit ConfessionMondays.com to look up parish locations and times.

LENTE REGULATIONS

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are three traditional disciplines by which the Church observes Lent. Lent begins Ash Wednesday until the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, when the Paschal Triduum begins. All of the faithful and catechumens are called to practice these traditions. Catholics ages 14 and older, are to abstain from meat all Fridays in Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be impacted seriously. In addition to abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday but have not yet marked their 59th, are to fast on Ash Wednesday, and on Good Friday, March 23rd. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals in not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

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LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Beginning Thursday, February 15th Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed in the Church following the 8:30 AM Mass. These prayers will be prayed daily Monday through Saturday during Lent.

Once again as we prepare to enter the Penitential Season of Lent, we notice a different tone to our Liturgy. During this holy season we see the purple vestments and altar cloth and as well as the large wooden cross in the Sanctuary. The singing of the Kyrie Eleison now replaces the singing of the Gloria. The singing of the Alleluia is absent during this time as well as the use of flowers. The Church allows flowers in the Sanctuary on Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The chanting of the Lord’s Prayer helps us solemnize the Liturgy and helps emphasize the seriousness of this Penitential time. The music and use of the organ are noticeably different, with less music and extra quite points in the Service.

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a season of self-reflection, spiritual renewal and growth.

We are offering a variety of ways for you to join fellow parishioners on this Lenten journey. In addition to the traditional on-site programs that will be offered, we will also be providing links to on-line resources throughout the season that will allow you to participate in formation activities at home and at a time that is convenient for you. There is truly something for everyone!

Do It Yourself Spirituality

Discover your God given gifts as Fr. Dolan presents a four-part interactive lecture series entitled: Do It Yourself Spirituality. We will be exploring the symbols of Catholicism, sacred time, and the mystery of the Sacraments. The sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Parish Center Meeting Room. We will be meeting on the following Mondays during Lent: February 19th, February 26th, March 5th and March 12th. Please call the office for more information and to register. We hope to see you there!

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? In his video-based study, A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. We hope that you will join us at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church beginning on Thursday February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and continuing once a week for five weeks. Please call the office for more information and to register for the study.

On-line, Self-Study Opportunities

Arts and Faith for Lent

Enter into a visual prayer experience this Lent with, Arts & Faith: Lent. Each week Daniella Zsusan-Jerome, Assistant Professor of Liturgy, Catechesis, and Evangelization at Loyola University in New Orleans, will provide a video commentary about a work of art inspired by the Sunday Scriptures. Her unique background in faith and art brings to life a new way of observing Lent and understanding the season on a more personal level. These videos and her commentary will allow you to take a new look at this season of spiritual renewal through the lens of sacred art. More information can be found at the following website: https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/arts-and-faith-for-lent

F³: Fast-Focused-F ormation

As we move through this Lenten season, each week we will be offering some on-line links that are fast, focused on a central theme and a perfect way to grow in your faith while sipping your morning coffee, eating your lunch or even sitting in your car waiting to pick up the kids from school or sports practice. Check back each week for new ideas! This week’s theme: Ash Wednesday

The Significance of Ash Wednesday: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPtcMwPHkX


Best Lent Ever

The Best Lent Ever is a free email program sponsored by Dynamic Catholic that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent. For more information and to enroll in the program, please visit their website at: https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever