

February 20, 2022

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWPORT NEWS, VA

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 5 pm; Friday: 9 am - 3 pm

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Outreach Office Hours: M, W, Th: 12 noon - 2 pm; T, F: 9 am - 11 am

Pregnancy Helpline: 757-870-3131

Pharmacy Outreach: ext. 125

February 20, 2022 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 pm Confessions; 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday: 8:00 am Mass, 10:00 am Mass, 2:00 pm Mass (en Español), 5:00 pm Mass

Weekdays:

Monday - 7 am Mass

Tuesday - 9 am Mass

Wednesday - 5:00 pm Adoration and Confessions, 6:30 pm Mass

Thursday - 8:05 am, Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 am-6:30 pm

Thirst: Adoration and Praise (Monthly on the first Thursday 7:30 – 8:30 pm unless otherwise posted)

Friday - 7 am Mass

* Scheduled Mass times unless indicated on the Mass Intentions Calendar



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 19, 2022

5:00 – Howard Hannah, Jr. Carolyn Gréaud

Sunday, February 20, 2022

8:00 – Bridget Ganger Lawrence Raftice Family

10:00 – Marie Margaret Chmiel Bert & Joye Cano

2:00 – Vicky Shelton Family

5:00 – Romaine D’Errico Betty Shelton

Mon – (7am) Vita Ingargiola Maria Migliore

Tues – (9am) Int’s of Sinead Fleming John & Terri Sweeney

Wed – (6:30pm) Int’s of Joey Erb The Daignault Family

Thur – (8:05am) Brid & Tom Bergen John & Terri Sweeney

Fri – (7am) Harry Scholtz Michelle Gray

Saturday, February 26, 2022

5:00 – Carol Mack Cathy Dickenson

Sunday, February 27, 2022

8:00 – Fin & Jenny Fortaleza Pam & Kent Willyard

10:00 – James Nolan Don Wood

2:00 – Eyma Pérez Rodríguez Arturo Leyva Pérez

5:00 – Marwan Abisaab The Asmar Family

Church Flowers

Flowers in the Church this weekend are
given by Dave & Barbara Taylor



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel School - 757-596-2754

School Office Hours: M - F, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Principal: Sr. Anna Joseph, O.P.



Please bring back any old palm branches that were blessed on Palm Sunday last year. The palms will be burned and the remaining ashes will be blessed and distributed on Ash Wednesday. Palms may be returned through Sunday, February 27.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

9:00 am, 1:50 pm with OLMC school, 6:30 pm and 8 pm (Spanish)

No confession or adoration that day

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's likely that some friends or followers of Jesus told him, from time to time, to "get real" when his teachings seemed too hard or impractical. John's Gospel, near the end of the Bread of Life discourse, reports that some disciples out and out turned away because it was too hard to continue following Jesus. When Jesus said to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, or do good for those who hate us, the response, "get real," wouldn't be surprising. And yet, the very life and witness of Jesus is filled with his prophetic examples of doing just that; of refusing to return harm for harm. The lives of the saints are likewise filled with such examples, especially those saints who were laborers in the field for justice and peace. Is this command of Jesus difficult? Yes. Is it impossible? No.

ROLE REVERSAL

It could have come straight out of a Hollywood script: two enemies, former friends and admirers of each other now pitted against each other. So it is today with Saul and David. Saul had actually praised David for slaying Goliath, and rewarded him by placing him in charge of Israel's military force. David flourished, and was praised, admired for how clearly the hand of God was upon him. Of course, Saul became jealous, and soon hatched a plot to finish him off. In a turning of the tables, Saul actually becomes the vulnerable one, and David has more than one opportunity to kill him. But it is not a surprise ambush that keeps David from slaying Saul, but the realization that Saul is a meshiach (Messiah), God's anointed one, the first to bear this title in Israel. Twice David has an opportunity—the second time he even has a witness and accomplice—and yet he will not do what it seems like the script says he should.

REWRITE!

Jesus is also a master of subverting our expectations of what the script is going to do. The scriptwriter we call Luke is even more detailed than Matthew in what "love your enemies" means. Luke spells out specific, active ways to counteract the deeds of those whom we would label "enemies." Beyond that, Luke's Jesus says not to lend merely the shirt off our back, but our coat as well; to lend money not only to those who can repay, but to those who can't. This is the script of God's Meshiach: do not perpetuate or escalate violence, but reply to it with love. What you think is sufficient generosity needs to be doubled, at the very least. Whenever it seems like the direction of the story needs to be changed—so that harm or sin or cruelty is overcome by love—change the story. Through God's goodness, we are free to change our story; through God's grace, we have Jesus to show us the way.

Today's Readings: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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Ushers

Ushers are needed for all Sunday Masses. Ushers welcome people and assist with seating them. They also direct the Communion procession and help collect the weekly monetary offering. If you are able to serve as an usher, contact Heber Dunkle at hdunkle@olmc.org.

Adorers Needed for Eucharistic Adoration

Adorers are needed for Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration is held each Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. If you are able to commit to a regular Thursday Holy Hour, please email adoration@olmc.org.

Join **Our Lady's Prayer Group** to pray the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy the last Saturday of every month from 9:00am—10:30 am in the church. Bring your Intentions. All are welcome! **NEXT** pray session is **Saturday, February 26th**.



"Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD ..." Are you considering a vocation to the priesthood? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Weekly Collections

Offertory February 12 & 13

\$28,034 (Sunday \$14796, E-Giving \$13238)

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Initiation Programs and Adult Formation



Becoming Catholic

Is Christ calling you into the Catholic Church? What does the Catholic Church actually believe? What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? If you are interested in exploring the answers to these questions, we'd like to help.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Youth & Children) process is one of conversion and spiritual formation for individuals interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. It is a time of prayer, reflection, study, faith sharing, discernment and participation in the life of the parish. This process is for those who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in another faith tradition, or those who were baptized Catholic and seek full initiation.

Awakening Faith

Have you been away from the active practice of your Catholic faith? Would you like to feel more connected with your childhood faith or learn more about it as an adult? Consider attending the Awakening Faith Series. We can assist you return to the active practice of your faith and welcome you back to the Lord's Table.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an active practicing Catholic adult who "missed" participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation? We invite you to enter the process of preparation at the parish.

To learn more, visit olmc.org or contact Christa at the parish office at extension 107 or email cblomstrom@olmc.org.



walking with purpose

Walking With Purpose – Meets on Wednesdays at 7pm

Are you stretched and would like a way to refuel and be refreshed while making authentic connections with others? Would you like to have a better understanding of your faith and learn more about God?

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Bible study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

Details at olmc.org or call the parish office to register.

Women's Bible Study – Meets Thursday mornings

Embark on a guided tour of the "Holy of Holies" of biblical theology in ***Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant***, an eight-part Bible study presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins! In this study, Catholics will be able to see, appreciate, and take hold of the riches God has given them in the New Covenant. Highlighting the critical distinctions between the Old and New Covenants, Hebrews will help Catholics get to know the generosity of the Father's heart in a deeper way than ever before. **Don't wait to order your *Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant* Study Set (includes workbook and online video access) at ascensionpress.com.**

Are you new to the Women's Bible Study? Contact Christa to register at the parish office or register at olmc.org.

That Man Is You – Meets Saturday mornings That Man Is You is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. That Man Is You! is successful at attracting large numbers of men, including younger men still actively parenting, and then transforming their spiritual lives. TMIY will meet on Saturday mornings at OLMC. Join the men of the parish for breakfast, a short video presentation and small group discussion designed especially for men. Registration information is available at olmc.org.

Small Groups: Faith and Fellowship – Life is better CONNECTED. Join a Small Group in 2022! Life is all about relationships. Small groups deepen our relationships with Christ and one another. The New Year is a great time to consider trying a small group! These small groups are a place to grow spiritually, find support and encouragement, face challenges together and share fellowship. The groups will discuss life and faith, reflect on God's Word together, seek God together and pray for and with one another. If you have not participated in the past, give it a try this season! **Interested? Fill out the short interest form on our website at olmc.org or call the parish office.**



Virtus Training at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

The Diocese of Richmond requires that all those who minister with children, youth or vulnerable adults complete the Virtus Safe Environment Training.

To register for the Virtus Training and to view additional training dates, please visit virtusonline.org.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Pastoral Care

Nourish for Caregivers – 7:00pm, Thursday, March 3 at Saint Michael Hall

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health and career while caring for a disabled child, an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, either in your home, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view. Discover blessings in caring for another.

This month's topic: The Realities of Stress and Learning to Cope

Are you handling stress well? Find out! We'll use tools to measure actual levels and discuss practical ways to reduce it. The physical and emotional strains of caregiving can place you at higher risk for memory problems, heart disease and depression. Can faith, worry and stress co-exist? Be nourished. www.nourishforcaregivers.com



Circle of Hope – 10:00am Saturday, March 5 at Saint Michael Hall

Have you been touched in some way by cancer or by a chronic illness or condition?

You are invited to attend a Circle of Hope gathering to find faith-based support and encouragement. Circle of Hope is a community that prays together, shares stories with one another and finds hope in God together. Caretakers, survivors and those living with a diagnosis are all invited to attend our monthly gatherings.

Circle of Hope meets the first Saturday of most months, give us a call for more information.

Inclusive Ministries

Do you want to know more about “Inclusive Ministry” and how you can help? You are invited to join SPRED and FIN (Faith Inclusion Network) for a **SPEAKER'S FORUM on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 7:30pm** In the **SPRED Classroom**.

February 22, 6:30 pm -7:30pm “The Community for All Initiative” with Shelly Christensen, MA, FAAIDD

March 1, 6:30 – 7:30 pm “Reimagining Faith and Disability within Community” with Anne Masters, Ph.D, FAAID

April 5, 6:30pm-7:30 pm with Ron Sandison, M.Div.

April 26, 6:30-7:30 pm with Erik W. Carter, Ph.D.

Contact David Litzinger @ 719-4028 (voicemail/text) or Christa Blomstrom @ 595-0385 (ext. 107).



CATHOLIC SPEAKER AND AUTHOR LAURA PHELPS

Is coming to **St. Stephen, Martyr Catholic Church on Friday, February 25th at 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Grab your friends for an uplifting evening of fellowship, drinks, and laughter as Laura Phelps, Catholic speaker and author, equips women of all ages to put on spiritual armor, face daily battles, and win! Laura's passion is fierce, her devotion to our Blessed Mother strong, and her message simple... we cannot outrun our cross, so we might as well embrace it. Vulnerable, funny, and totally Catholic, Laura's message of hope is sure to inspire.

Before registering, please close your eyes and invite the Holy Spirit to place a woman on your heart who needs His encouragement. As a favor to Him, consider gifting her a ticket. God will richly reward your faithfulness... plus you'll both enjoy a well deserved girls' night out!

Get Laura Phelps tickets today!

\$10 in advance. \$15 at the door.

Hope to see you on Friday, February 25th at 7:00 pm at St. Stephen, Martyr at 1544 S. Battlefield Boulevard, Chesapeake VA, as Laura connects and empowers women from across Hampton Roads.

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Community



Successful Bake Sale!

The Ladies of Carmel would like to thank everyone who supported the Bake Sale this past weekend. Our community is extremely generous! Leftover goodies were delivered to the OLMC school staff to enjoy on Valentine's Day. Start saving your items for our Annual Garage Sale which will be held in July!

LADIES OF CARMEL MEMBERSHIP

The Ladies of Carmel will be hosting a morning meet and greet at the school soon to form a guild comprised of school moms. Stay tuned for further details!!

All ladies of the parish are encouraged to join the Ladies of Carmel. Please contact PaulaKrew@gmail.com or LOC@OLMC.ORG for information.



Wine and Chocolate Ultreya

Calling ALL OLMC Cursillistas! OLMC is hosting an Ultreya on **February 26th** after the 5 pm mass in **St. Michael Hall!** If you have lived a Cursillo weekend, whether last year or 20 years ago, and are living your Fourth Day, PLEASE attend this Ultreya! We will gather to fellowship, eat, pray, sing, hear exciting updates from GHRC, and recall our own Cursillo experiences!

Please bring a light dish to share for a potluck dinner. Beverages, wine and chocolate provided. Remember, Christ is Counting on YOU! Questions may be directed to Michelle Grau: mgrau@olmc-school.com or 218-5620. ¡De Colores!



Shine Like the Stars Dinner and Auction

You can register for the dinner and auction at <https://ourladyofmountcarmelschool.betterworld.org>

Questions? Contact the auction committee at auctin@olmc-school.com or call 910-382-3210.

Shine Like the Stars

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School cordially invites you to our annual auction at

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Social Ministry

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Contact Tina Wandersee at twandersee@olmc.org or ext. 118

Thank you so very much for your continued support of Outreach Ministries this past month we have added 11 new volunteers to our ministries to include new pantry volunteers, outreach office and pregnancy outreach volunteers. Thank you so much for stepping forward and being willing to serve with us!!

PORT Winter Shelter

We are still serving our brothers and sisters who are suffering homelessness at three more locations. **While we have the teams half full we do still need your assistance.** All the teams could use your help! We have 2 great coordinators who will support you and take you through all the steps from start to finish. Join us!! Remaining Dates:

February 24 and 25 we are serving at New Beech Grove Baptist Church (this is a new location) 361 Beechmont Dr. Same needs as above. Contact Sheila Dann sdann@abbitt.com

March 10 and 11 we are serving at Denbigh United Presbyterian at 302 Denbigh Blvd. Same needs as above. Contact Michelle Grau michgra@cnu.edu

The Outreach Office and Pregnancy Outreach Ministry

This week we welcomed new families and individuals into our Food Pantry processes. We are so grateful for the extra support and extra hands! Both the office of financial aid/food and pregnancy outreach have begun to see an increase in those seeking assistance. We could use extra help in a few more areas:

Interviewers for Outreach - Our office is very busy on Wednesday afternoons (12-2pm) and we could use a few more volunteers to interview (currently we are still doing this over the phone) those in need of assistance. If you have morning availability the office has needs on Friday morning as well from 9-11am. **Pregnancy Outreach** - This office could use some extra help in a variety of ways - all of which can be done at your convenience.

1. Sorting, folding and putting outfits together from the donations we receive. You can do this at home or in our office.
2. Putting together layettes for boys and girls per the guideline provided. This can be done in our office at your convenient time and day.
3. Boxing or bagging the items needed by those families in need - again at your convenience.

Please contact Tina for more information regarding any of these opportunities to serve.

Food Pantry: Hamburger/Tuna/Chicken Helper, Veg - All, Carrots, Peas, Corn, Crackers, Mac n/ Cheese, Canned Fruit, Rice, Spam, Vienna Sausages

Personal Care: Toilet Paper

PORT Lunch Needs: Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Snack Size Bags of Chips and Cookies, Bottled Water, Juice Boxes

Thank you so very much for your continued support!

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Director - Diácono Francisco Anleu: Oficina - (757) 595-0385 Ext. 123, Email - fanleu@olmc.org

Misas en Español: Domingos - 2:00 PM

Confesiones: Sábados, 3 PM, Miércoles, 5 PM



¡Ultreya con vino y chocolate!

¡Llamando a TODOS los Cursillistas de OLMC! ¡Habrá un Ultreya el 26 de febrero después de la misa a las 5 en el Salón de San Miguel! Si has vivido un fin de semana de Cursillo, ya sea el año pasado o hace 20 años, y estás viviendo tu Cuarto Día, ¡POR FAVOR asiste a este Ultreya! ¡Nos reuniremos para compartir, comer, orar, cantar, escuchar actualizaciones emocionantes de GHRC y recordar nuestras propias experiencias de

Cursillo! Por favor, traiga un plato ligero para compartir para una cena de comida. Bebidas, vino y chocolate proporcionados. Recuerda, ¡Cristo cuenta contigo! Cualquier pregunta, llama a Michelle Grau al 218-5620 o por email a mgrau@olmc-school.com. ¡De Colores!

Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Es probable que algunos amigos o seguidores de Jesús le dijeran de vez en cuando, que “fuera realista” cuando sus enseñanzas parecían demasiado duras o poco prácticas. El Evangelio de Juan, cerca del final del discurso del Pan de Vida, relata que algunos discípulos se apartaron porque era demasiado dura seguir a Jesús. Cuando Jesús dijo que amáramos a nuestros enemigos, que rezáramos por los que nos hacían daño, o que hiciéramos el bien a los que nos odiaban, la respuesta, “sé realista”, no sería sorprendente. Y, sin embargo, la propia vida y el testimonio de Jesús están llenos de sus ejemplos proféticos de hacer precisamente eso’ de negarse a devolver daño por daño. La vida de los santos que trabajaron en el campo de justicia y la paz. ¿Es difícil este mandato de Jesús? Sí. ¿Es imposible? No.

CAMBIO DE ROLES

Podría haber salido directamente de un guion de Hollywood: dos enemigos, antiguos amigos y admiradores del otro, ahora enfrentados. Así ocurre hoy con Saúl y David. En realidad, Saúl había alabado a David por haber matado a Goliat, y lo recompensó poniéndolo a cargo de la fuerza militar de Israel. David floreció, y fue alabado, admirado por lo claramente que la mano de Dios estaba sobre él. Por supuesto, Saúl se puso celoso y pronto tramó un plan para acabar con él. En un giro de mesa, Saúl se convierte en realidad en el vulnerable, y David tienen más de una oportunidad de matarlo. Pero no es una emboscada por sorpresa lo que impide a David matar a Saúl, sino la constatación de que Saúl es un *meshiach* (Mesías), en ungido de Dios, el primero en llevar este título en Israel. Dos veces tienen David la oportunidad –la segunda vez tiene incluso un testigo y cómplice– y, sin embargo, no hace lo que parece que el guion dice que debe de hacer.

¡REHACER EL GUION!

Jesús también es un maestro en subvertir nuestras expectativas de lo que el guion va a hacer. El guionista que llamamos Lucas es aún más detallado que Mateo en lo que significa “amar a tus enemigos”. Además, el Jesús de Lucas dice que no hay que prestar sólo la camisa de nuestra espalda, sino también nuestro abrigo; que hay que prestar dinero no sólo a los que pueden devolverlo, sino a los que no pueden, Este es el guion del Mesías de Dios: no perpetuar ni aumentar la violencia, sino responder a ella con amor. Lo que crees que es suficiente generosidad debe ser duplicado, como mínimo. Siempre que parezca que hay que cambiar la dirección de la historia –para que el daño o el pecado o la crueldad sean superados por el amor– cambia la historia. Por la bondad de Dios, somos libres de cambiar nuestra historia; por la gracia de Dios, tenemos a Jesús para mostrarnos el camino.

Lecturas de hoy: 1 Sm 26:2, 7–9, 12-13, 22–23; Sal 103 (102):1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13; 1 Cor 15:45–49; Lc 6:27–38

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