

Announcements Continued:

Dear OLMC Parishioners,

Come one, come all. Everyone is welcome to celebrate Christmas at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Christmas Dinner.

The Christmas Dinner will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Littleton on January 8, 2012 after the 11 AM Mass.

Everyone who is planning on attending needs to sign up in the Parish Hall to bring a side dish of either Veggies, Dessert, or Stuffing. Please sign up after Mass on Jan. 1st. It is very important that you also tell us when you sign up how many people are in your party.

Please bring your side dishes to St. Mary's Parish Hall, Littleton on Jan. 8th, 2012 after the 11 AM Mass. Disposable pans are preferred, well covered to protect from the cold. Bring serving utensils, with your name on them, for your side dishes.

Merry Christmas,
The ladies of the OLMC Altar & Rosary Society

Change For Life

Baby bottle fund drive to benefit Lighthouse Pregnancy Center. Fill a baby bottle with your coins, currency, or check. Bottles will be available First two Sundays in January. Please return bottles on January 21-22 or January 28-29. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

Holy Name Society

It is my intention to begin a chapter of the Holy Name Society here in the parish for men ages 18+. I believe this is long overdue.

I would like to begin next month but I need to know if there is any serious interest and commitment of the men in the parish for membership in our chapter. So I will take a tally of how many are interested in beginning and joining the Holy Name Society. There will be a sign up sheet in the breezeway by the parish hall for any men who are seriously committed to joining this Society. In two weeks I will look over the list and then determine if we should begin a chapter. There is a small due fee each year and a monthly meeting.

Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil

Please join us for our monthly parish prayer vigil on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10:15 AM at the Planned Parenthood facility located at 7155 E. 38th

Ave. in Denver. Our next prayer vigil will be January 28th. We will meet directly across the street from the main entrance. Prayer booklets will be provided. The prayer vigil lasts about 45 minutes.

Father Jackson will have his adult education class on Tuesday night, January 3rd at 7pm in the Library.

From the Music Department

"Liturgy for this reason can never be what man creates. For if we worship the way we want and fix the rules ourselves, then we run the risk of recreating Aaron's golden calf. We ought to constantly insist on worship as participation in what God Himself does, else we run the risk of engaging in idolatry. Liturgical symbolism helps us to rise above what is human to what is divine. In this, it is my firm conviction that the Vetus Ordo represents to a great extent and in the most fulfilling way that mystical and transcendent call to an encounter with God in the liturgy. Hence the time has come for us to not only renew through radical changes the content of the new Liturgy, but also to encourage more and more a return of the Vetus Ordo, as a way for a true renewal of the Church, which was what the Fathers of the Church seated in the Second Vatican Council so desired." †Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith This desire is not only in the realm of the Liturgy but of that part of the mass that is impossible to divorce from the liturgy, music, and specifically Gregorian Chant. The belief that music can be divorced from the liturgy is no different from the belief that a marriage can be dissolved (divorce). The high mass is the mass of the church and therefore must be the focal point of our liturgical lives. It states in the article that "Liturgy... can never be what man creates", this is why we don't have the right to demand specific texts (even if they are, say, sacred scripture) be inserted in different parts of the mass. Why then is it that we demand our choice of music, as with the current trend of "praise and worship" music. Tradition is NOT "what I grew up with"; tradition in music is the storehouse of treasures of the church, be it chant, polyphony, hymns, the divine office, basically what the magisterium would hand down for centuries and what conforms to the *sensus Catholicus* as far as music is concerned. The church states these things in writings going back 300+ years. Is that not tradition? Nostalgia is rarely a friend to reform and restoration.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church



Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sancti Petri
The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

Sunday, January 1, 2012

Octave Day of Christmas

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Mass Schedule

Sundays
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Mondays-Saturdays
8:30 a.m.

Holy Days
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Half hour before each Mass
Saturdays: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
3:00-4:00 p.m.

Devotions:

Holy Hour: Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Welcome

Welcome to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. We ask all visitors and parishioners to please abide by our dress codes. For women, dresses or skirts must be below the knee. Please no shorts, pants or sleeveless, low-cut, tight, or revealing clothing. Head coverings are highly recommended. For men, please no shorts, t-shirts, tank-tops, or jeans.

The red missalettes are provided for your use while in the church. Please return them when you leave.

Please make checks for the collection basket payable to OLMC Catholic Church. Mass stipend checks may be made out to the individual priest.

In Your Charity Please Pray:

For the sick:

Anne Alexander	Bill & Maggie Jarman
Michael Benefiel	Ronald Mikesell
Cleta Eddy	Mary Mikesell
Sha Fisher	Lorne Scofield
Fr. Lawrence Gresser	Mary Spreier
James Hamm	David Williamson
Fred Hesse	Jerry Young

For the repose of the souls of:

Jannette Hutfles	Zane Kunkle
Ronald Naasko	Vince Egan
Anne Holston	John Cardinal Foley
Gerald Johnson	Jim Nestlebusch
Augusta Lentz	

Any parishioner confined at home who would like to receive the sacraments should call the rectory. To have a name added to the list, please contact the parish office or e-mail: secretary@olmcfssp.org.

Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus

Contact: Tom Lacy - 303-717-4420 or e-mail tomlacy56@yahoo.com

Altar & Rosary Society

Contact: Jodi Lacroix - 303-665-7240

OLMC Homeschoolers

Contact: Monica Mayhak - 303-422-5178

Legion of Mary

Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
More information is located in the breezeway.
Contact: Joan Anselmi - 303-798-3275

Daughters of Our Lady of Grace

Contact: Crystal Hamm - inthanx@gmail.com

St. Anne's Quilters

Contact: Natli Molloy - 303-771-3803

OLMC Music Department and Choir

Contact: Rick Wheeler - music.director@olmcfssp.org

PRAYER LINE: To request prayers, or to offer to pray for others, please contact: Sue Scofield at sue.sco@comcast.net or 720-482-9594.

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 1

Octave Day of Christmas

- 12:00 am OLMC Registered Parishioners
- 7:30 am + Robert & Monica York by Jean York
- 9:00 am OLMC Registered Parishioners
- 11:00 am Pro Populo

Monday, January 2

Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 7:00 am +William & Mary Gorman by David & Susan Blaufuss
- 8:30 am Maximillian Chambers by Rita Sullivan

Tuesday, January 3

Feria of Christmastide

- 7:00 am +Joann Charles by Enockson Family
- 8:30 am Warne Family by Vicki McCaffrey

Wednesday, January 4

Feria of Christmastide

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 7:00 am Tillie Mosqueda & Family by Enockson Family
- 8:30 am Kerin Peel by Laurie Conder

Thursday, January 5

Feria of Christmastide

Commemoration of St. Telesphorus

- 7:00 am Sullivan Relatives by Ray & Betty Nova
- 8:30 am Poor Souls by OLMC Parishioners

Friday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:00 am Poor Souls by Fr. Hearty
- 8:30 am Dale Huff by Charles Fitch

Saturday, January 7

Saturday of Our Lady

- 7:00 am +Hristo Likiardopolous by Tina Likiardopolous
- 8:30 am Poor Souls by OLMC Parishioners

Sunday, January 8

Holy Family

- 7:30 am Cira Castilla Gomez by Joanne & Andy Davala
- 9:00 am +Gary Mauldin by Magdalen & Arthur Mauldin
- 11:00 am Pro Populo

If you wish to have a Mass said for a particular intention, please ask one of the priests. If he is able to accept the intention, then he will give you an envelope to fill out.

From the Pastor:

- Fr. Hearty and I wish a very happy New Year to all of you. Things all around us may not be so happy, but what are they to a son or daughter of God?

- "It is true that the mystery is past, I recognize it, and that it happened only once, but the grace of the mystery is not, in fact, past for the souls who prepare themselves to give birth to Jesus Christ in their heart. He was born one time in Bethlehem, and He is born every day in us with Holy Communion, which, as the Fathers say, is an extension of the Incarnation.

Do you know why Our Lord did not want to be born in the city of Jerusalem? It was because there, all was full of creatures; there was not a single empty house. All was full of business or something other. He preferred to be born in a poor stable, empty and abandoned. This demonstrates to us that, if we want Jesus to abide in us, we must empty ourselves of all things, without exception. This being done, He will impress in us His spirit, His life, His inclinations, and in such a soul one will see only Jesus.

Those who have received this grace, will be recognized easily by their docility and simplicity, the companion virtues of holy childhood. Who are the first to come to the Infant Jesus to offer Him homage? Poor folk, shepherds. It is what the Gospel says: 'Ye who are little, come unto Me.' Only the humble are worthy of learning secrets so divine, hidden from the great ones of the earth, who are precisely the proud. The more a soul

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First Communion

First Confession and Communion classes will begin on Sunday January 15th. Please meet Maria Berger in the library after the 9am Mass. Sign-up sheet is on the podium in the hallway.

Church Cleaning Volunteers

Needed The OLMC Altar & Rosary Society is in need of volunteers to help clean the church once a month, on the Thursday before First Friday or on any of the other Fridays of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass. Volunteers clean the Sacristy, Sanctuary, choir loft and the breezeway on a weekly basis. We are especially in need of help on the 2nd Fridays or the 5th Fridays of the month. If you are interested in helping us with this grace-filled task, please contact Judy Shaw at wrshaw@comcast.net or 303-745-2332 or Charlotte Hope at jorc1956@hotmail.com or 303-697-7814.

is little, the more will God communicate Himself to her. He goes to seek her out in the depth of her nothingness, where He fills her with all Himself." (The Rev. Mother Mectilde de Bar, 1614-1698)

- A parishioner sent me some information on a fascinating subject, which perhaps even the children might be able to do for a science project. It is about the work of Ernest Chladni, an 18c German physicist who researched the relation between music and matter, scattered sand on steel discs and observed what happened to the sand when various notes were played on a violin. Only certain areas of the disc resonated to the notes, causing the sand to be shifted into the areas that were not being resonated. The patterns created in the sand were mathematically ordered geometric shapes. Dr. Hans Jenny extended this research. Working with liquids, metal filings, and powders, he found as the notes ascended the musical scale, the sand patterns became organic, mimicking hexagonal cells of honeycombs and spirals of nautilus shells. Working with a tonoscope, a device that transforms sounds into a visual representation on a video screen, Jenny recorded Handel's Messiah, and found that the final chord forms a perfect five point star. I've no idea what would happen if one played the music of Lady Gaga with this equipment, but it might form a pattern that looked like Sean Penn.

Taking Down of OLMC Church for Christmas Decoration

The decorations will be taken down on Saturday, January 14th after the 8:30 AM Mass. Many volunteers will be needed for this.

If you can help with this project, please contact Jodi Lacroix at JodiLacroix@qwestoffice.net or 303-665-7240.

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor at Mullen Home are seeking the donation of six to nine photo albums to place all the residents' photos in. This way each of the three floors could have a few photo albums and allow the residents to flip through them. Please contact Melissa Naasko (naaskofamily@gmail.com or 303-368-0064) if you are interested in providing an album. Thank you for your generosity!

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