

Announcements cont'd:

The Giving Tree

The Knights of Columbus will try to sponsor more than 2 OLMC families this Christmas, depending on how many gift cards they get from all of you from the giving tree **by TODAY, Dec. 16th!** There are potentially 24 more people/families who can use some help this year.

A Marian Christmas

St. Martin's Chamber Choir offers Christmas music in honor of Our Lady, providing a uniquely feminine insight into the Nativity – with renowned organist Richard Robertson. This concert marks the 20th anniversary of St. Martin's first – and most beloved – CD recording, A Marian Christmas.

Concert dates are:

Sunday, December 16, 3:00 PM: First Plymouth Congregational Church, Cherry Hills Village

Friday, December 21, 7:30 PM: Saint Paul Lutheran & Catholic Community of Faith, Denver

Saturday, December 22, 7:30 PM: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wheat Ridge

To purchase tickets in advance, go to:

<http://www.stmartinchamberchoir.org/>

Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil

Please join us for our monthly parish prayer vigil on the 4th Saturday of each month for about 45 minutes starting at 10:15 AM, at the Planned Parenthood facility located at 7155 E. 38th Ave. in Denver. Our next prayer vigil will be **December 22nd**. We will meet directly across the street from the main entrance, and prayer booklets will be provided.

Mullen Home Donations

There are large boxes in the parish hall entrance to place your donations for Mullen Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) **through Christmas eve**. Items needed are: gift cards, personal hygiene items of all types, and drinks like soda.

FSSP Calendars

Do you know the feast days of all the Saints of the old liturgical calendar? FSSP calendars for 2019 are for sale in the parish office for just \$10 each.

March for Life

Join thousands for the annual Celebrate Life March in downtown Denver on **January 12th**. Mass will be at Holy Ghost Church at 11am, and at the Cathedral

Basilica at 11:30am, followed by the Rally at the **State Capitol at 1pm**. Bring signs and your family and friends to hear the line-up of speakers. Colorado has become increasingly anti family and anti God, so make your voice heard by your presence on this day.

First Penance and Communion Classes

First Holy Communion and First Confession Classes will begin on **January 13th** at **9:30** in a downstairs classroom. First Penance will be for 2nd graders, and First Holy Communion will be for 3rd graders. This year there will be no Confirmation. If you have any questions please contact Maria Berger at m.berger@nool.us.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Natli Molloy, Sarah Totman, Donald John Dowling Jr., Marisa Shanstrom, Debra DiCino, Angela Wimmer, Bishop Eugene J. Gerber, William B. Sawtell, Charles Ray Johnson, Bishop Robert Morlino, Sr. Bernadette of the Immaculate Conception, O.C.D., James Egle

Parish Organizations:

Altar & Rosary Society - d.grandy@yahoo.com

Altar Boy Training Fr. Kick - ckick@olgseminary.org

Carmelite Book Study - 1st & 3rd Saturday at 9:30am

Lucy Okoh 303-806-9923

Holy Name Society - Men's group.

Fr. Kick - ckick@olgseminary.org

Juventutem, Young Adults Group - Chris Pollard

cvmp94@gmail.com

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Tim Glass, Grand Knight - GlassTJ@Yahoo.com

Legion of Mary - Henry Alire - 303-426-0446.

OLMC Federation of North American Explorers

Nicholas Trandem - 720-295-9556 or

info@olmceexplorers.org

OLMC Music Department and Choir

Contact: Rick Wheeler

music.director@olmcfssp.org.

Prayer Line: To request prayers, please contact: Jane

Brennan: jmbrennan555@gmail.com or 303-618-4182.

Shepherds of Christ - Pray for priests every Tues., 5pm.

St. Anne's Quilters - Carolyn Mulligan 303-254-9889.

St. Thomas Aquinas Study Group - Meets monthly after the 10:30am Mass - jbaker7@yahoo.com.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church



Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sancti Petri

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Rev. James W. Jackson, FSSP Pastor

Rev. Daniel Nolan, FSSP Parochial Vicar asst.pastor1@olmcfssp.org

Rev. Caleb Kick, FSSP Parochial Vicar

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (High), 12:30 p.m.

Mondays-Saturdays

6:30 am M-F at Carmelite Monastery,

Saturday at OLMC

8:30 am M-Th and Sat. at OLMC

7:00 pm Friday at OLMC

Confessions

Half hour before each Mass

Saturdays: 8:30 - 9:30 am

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Devotions:

Holy Hour: Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm

First Friday Adoration

Catechism on Holy Week

In the 1962 rite, the novelty of blessing the palms while facing the people, with the back facing the altar, or in some cases the celebrant turning his back on the Blessed Sacrament, was introduced.

This innovation may be attributed to the idea of greater active participation of the faithful. The notion that the people cannot participate or that their participation is hampered by not seeing the priest's face is false. And this novelty suffers from turning the back on God. Ignoring the Blessed Sacrament, the congregation becomes centered or focused on itself, a huge problem which was well understood by Cardinal Ratzinger.

Also, the detachment or separation of liturgical actions from the altar is in itself a poor development. But this is in keeping with lessening the altar in general; the removal or disuse of the high altar to the construction or implementation of a small box-like altar devoid of beauty, especially the problem of introducing an element into the sanctuary which is a jarring departure from the beauty of the architecture (harmony, proportion and radiance being the key elements of beauty).

To be fair, the purpose of facing the people was not just to see the priest, but the reformers of the liturgy thought that it was crucial for the people to see all the gestures of the priest. But this ignores the common sense of the situation; the personality of the priest becomes paramount if he faces the people for the entirety of the liturgy, and the people scarcely notice the gestures at all. This novelty is all the more compounded by the use of the microphone, so that the slightest inflection of voice or hint of emotion coupled with facial expression dominates the liturgical prayer.

Please pray for the sick:

David Williamson Sr & Jr, Robert DiCino, Nathaniel Venters, Andy McKinley, James Hamm, Bonnie Joyce-Irish, Elizabeth Nicolini, Ana Maria Romero, Sha Fisher, Carol Balizet, Nick Cleary, Fernando Ruiz, Steven Chris Valerio, Gabriel Tyler, Virginia Carr, Diane Fisher, Sharolyn Albi, Connie McKenna, Madaline Havener, Evelyn Arrington, Bob Heldt, Allen & Jane Egle, Lucy McCord, Susan Blaufuss, Doris Danko, Margaret Ortiz, Susan Martin, Bill Perry, Tom Coogan, Mary Robles

Any parishioner confined at home who would like to receive the sacraments or the bulletin, please contact the parish office at 303-703-8538.

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

6:30 am Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
by Charlotte Hope

8:30 am In Thanksgiving by Diane Fisher

10:30 am OLMC Registered Parishioners

12:30 pm +Jane Farson by Sean Farson

Monday, December 17

Greater Feria of Advent

6:30 am **(at Carmel)** +Sr. Bernadette of the Immaculate Conception, O.C.D.

8:30 am Sr. Bernadette of the Sacred Heart, O.C.D.
by Meleanie Schafer

Tuesday, December 18

Greater Feria of Advent

6:30 am **(at Carmel)** Sisters' Intention

8:30 am John Hope by Charlotte Hope

Wednesday, December 19

Ember Wednesday of Advent

6:30 am **(at Carmel)** Sisters' Intention

8:30 am +Mike Long by Darrah Long

Thursday, December 20

Greater Feria of Advent

6:30 am **(at Carmel)** Sisters' Intention

8:30 am +Sr. Bernadette of the Immaculate Conception, O.C.D. by Fr. Jackson

Friday, December 21

St. Thomas, Apostle

6:30 am **(at Carmel)** Sisters' Intention

8:30 am **No Mass**

7:00 pm Leila O'Callaghan by Matt O'Callaghan.

Saturday, December 22

Ember Saturday of Advent

6:30 am +Maria & +Carlos Ayala
by the DeMaio Family

8:30 am +Patricia Corazon by Barbara White

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rorate Sunday)

6:30 am Orbanica Bernal by Barbara Kujhl

8:30 am Arlette Jacedo by Kenrick Webb

10:30 am OLMC Registered Parishioners

12:30 pm +D. Katherine & +Luis E. Rojas

The Carmelite Monastery is located at 6138 S. Gallop St. in Littleton, about 1 mile from OLMC.

From the Pastor:

- The intention for this week's holy hour is for the Carmelite nuns here in Littleton, especially with the loss of Sr. Bernadette.

- Sr. Bernadette of the Immaculate Conception, O.C.D. died at the Carmel in Littleton several days after the 73rd anniversary of her entrance into religious life. What fidelity! A true, blue nun; the real thing; a loyal Carmelite. May she rest in peace. The 6:30 am Mass on Monday morning at the Carmelite monastery will be for the repose of her soul.

- The town hall meeting we had two weeks ago for the rezoning of our property went quite well. Of all the comments from neighbors who were not parishioners, the most interesting for me was a lady who said, "Oh we trust you, priests, we just don't trust the City of Littleton." Thank you again – those who prayed for this meeting. This last week we submitted the paperwork for this rezoning, so the process continues.

- I wish we could have a Rorate Mass this year, but too many candles next to too much dry particle board just won't cut it. But next year, we're on again.

- Here are a few statistics on the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter:

Total members: 460 (incl. 304 incardinated).

Priests: 304 (incl. 290 incardinated, 7 incorporated ad annum, 6 associated and 1 postulant).

Deacons: 14.

Seminarians (excluding deacons and including postulants): 142.

Average age of members: 38 years.

Average number of ordinations per year (past 12 years) is 12.

Total apostolates: 239 locations in 13 countries.

Announcements

Federation of North American Explorers

The OLMC FNE will be having their group feast at OLMC **TODAY**, from 2pm until 5pm. If you are interested in FNE, please feel free to attend! We will be having a Campfire, skits, and snacks to share.

- I was listening to a speech given by Jordan Peterson at the U. of Amsterdam, and the Dutch students (all fluent in English) had good questions for him. The subject of Donald Trump came up, and the questioner wondered why Americans would have elected him given his frequent dishonesty. His answer was fascinating. "Many people regarded Trump as more honest than Clinton, because his foolish, impulsive lies were more trustworthy than her carefully scripted ideologically planned lies. There's something about his relatively uncontrollable impulsivity that reveals him in a way over someone who is all persona and her teams of persona constructors. They never let the person out. Given these choices, they went for the trickster." I think he's right. To this day I have no idea who Hilary Clinton really is, but I think I have a good idea who Donald Trump is.

- A parishioner wrote years ago under a pseudonym Mark Swift about some new terms of vernery (a term in the Middle Ages regarding the art of hunting). You've heard many of them: A school of fish, a gaggle of geese, an exaltation of larks, etc. Some are fascinating to me: A murder of crows, a parliament of owls, a cowardice of curs, a bouquet of pheasants, a crash of rhinoceroses, a drift of hogs, a bale of turkeys, and a singular of boars. A friend of Swift gave him a paper entitled, *A Culpability of Bishops*. That got his mind working. So he came up with: A National Circumvention of Catholic Bishops, a befuddlement of seminarians, a disdain of theologians, a convolution of biblical experts, a circus of liturgists, and a relevance of Eucharistic ministers. You can have great fun with this!

Humani Generis

Christmas, Creation, and Liturgy by Dr. Jonathan Arrington. Also, age of the earth and fossils, and introduction to creation apologetics. All are welcome at the *Humani Generis* Study Group meeting: **TODAY, 12:30-2:00**, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel library. Call Rick Mudd 505-501-3072 for more information.