



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

--Founded 1877--



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Sunday Mass:

(Saturday) 5 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Confession Times: Please email Fr. Arpee or call the office to arrange an appointment.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 9 a.m

Friday:

Adoration & Benediction: 5:30 p.m

Mass: 6:30 p.m.

Hospital Visits:

Please email or call the office.

For emergencies: (text preferably)

289 609 4677

Parish Registration:

Welcome to Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Please fill this out to register and place in the collection basket:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Would you like envelopes? Yes NO

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve :

Tuesday, December 24

5 pm mass & 7 pm mass

Christmas Day:

Wednesday, December 25

10 am

Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Eve Mass:

Tuesday December 31st **5pm**

Solemnity of Mary – New Year's Day Mass

Wednesday, January 1st

10 am

Holy Hour, Every Friday, 5:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction and opportunities for confession. Followed by Eucharistic Sacrifice

Sign-up sheets for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the Christmas and New Year's Masses are now available in the annex. We are grateful for your willingness to assist during these special celebrations. Thank you for your support and dedication!

Offertory Envelopes for 2025 are now available for pickup in the annex. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like a set, please email the parish office at office@olmcf.com. If your envelopes are missing, kindly inform the office, and we will gladly reissue them. Thank you for your support!

Support the Flamborough Food Bank!

This is the last weekend of The CWL Food Drive to benefit the Flamborough Food Bank. Suggested items most needed include oatmeal, regular cereal, canned or boxed potatoes, jam, and cookies or crackers. Thank you for your kindness and generosity



This Sunday (Dec. 15), we are pleased to welcome Fr. Don Sanvido, who will celebrate the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Fr. Arpee will be present to celebrate the Saturday (Dec. 14) evening Mass.



EMERGENCY STAIRCASE REPAIR UPDATE

On Wednesday, contractors assigned by the Diocese inspected the emergency staircase. Their initial visual assessment revealed that the wood on the upper landing was rotten, requiring immediate replacement and reinforcement.

Upon closer examination, a more thorough inspection identified the need for extensive repairs in the spring to facilitate waterproofing of the outer walls. Once this work is completed, a new staircase will be constructed. A temporary fix for the stairs has been made until the larger-scale repairs can begin.

To clarify, the affected staircase is not the one visible when entering the annex from the parking lot. It is located within the basement and designated exclusively for emergency use.

The basement door will remain locked. If you require access to store or retrieve any items, please let Fr. Arpee or the office know, and we will gladly coordinate that with you!

Mass Intentions:

Please Note: There will not be daily mass this week

Saturday, December 21

5 pm Christine Torry—req: Stan Fassaert

Leo & Maria Catarino & Amadeu Madaleno— req: The Catarino Family

Sunday, December 22

9 am Our Parishioners

11am Tim Tazier—Thelma Inglis

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025 The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter’s in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude n January 6, 2026.

“In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope.”

Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*.