

OLMC Holy Thursday Seven-Churches Pilgrimage

In the tradition of the Seven-Churches Pilgrimage, we will travel to various Altars of Repose in the local area, visiting Jesus at the seven "stations" He made between the Last Supper and the Crucifixion.

At each Altar of Repose, we will gather outside for a reading from Scripture and a communal prayer. Then we will enter for a few minutes of silent prayer. Upon exiting, carpools will continue on to the next Altar of Repose.

To help us stay on schedule, please arrive promptly at each Altar of Repose.

Itinerary

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| 1. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane | <i>OLMC, Boonton</i> |
| 2. Jesus bound and taken before Annas | <i>St. Peter, Parsippany</i> |
| 3. Jesus taken before the High Priest, Caiaphas | <i>St. Christopher, Parsippany</i> |
| 4. Jesus taken before Pilate | <i>Our Lady of Mercy, Whippany</i> |
| 5. Jesus taken before Herod | <i>Notre Dame of MC, Cedar Knolls</i> |
| 6. Jesus taken before Pilate, again | <i>St. Virgil, Morris Plains</i> |
| 7. Jesus mocked as King and led to His crucifixion | <i>St. Margaret, Morristown</i> |

The First Visit: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Luke 22:39-46

Then going out he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." [And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.] When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Next Stop

Saint Peter the Apostle Church

11 minutes

179 Baldwin Rd

Parsippany-Troy Hills, NJ 07054

The Second Visit: Jesus bound and taken before Annas

John 18:19-24

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said." When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

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Next Stop

St Christopher Roman Catholic Church

8 minutes

1050 Littleton Rd

Parsippany, NJ 07054

The Third Visit: Jesus taken before the High Priest, Caiaphas

Matthew 26:57, 59-66

Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated, "This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.'" The high priest rose and addressed him, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the

Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'" Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?" They said in reply, "He deserves to die!"

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Next Stop

Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church

10 minutes

90 Whippany Rd

Whippany, NJ 07981

[The Fourth Visit: Jesus taken before Pilate](#)

John 18:33-38

So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants [would] be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

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Next Stop

Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church

4 minutes

75 Ridgedale Ave

Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927

The Fifth Visit: Jesus taken before Herod

Luke 23:6-12

On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. [Even] Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly.

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Next Stop

St Virgil's Church

10 minutes

250 Speedwell Ave

Morris Plains, NJ 07950

The Sixth Visit: Jesus taken before Pilate, again

Matthew 27:15-26

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called [Jesus] Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, [Jesus] Barabbas, or Jesus called Messiah?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Messiah?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our

children.” Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

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Next Stop

St Margaret Roman Catholic Church

4 minutes

6 Sussex Ave

Morristown, NJ 07960

[The Seventh Visit: Jesus mocked as King and led to His Crucifixion](#)

Matthew 27:27-31

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

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Optional Final Stop

Morristown Diner

4 minutes

73 Morris St

Morristown, NJ 07960