

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Holds Prayer Service for Japan, Monday, March 28

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Lower School will host a prayer service on **Monday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m.** for its students, faculty and others in the Middle River community to pray for the people of Japan following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

The students of the school are responding to the crisis in Japan by donating snack money and creating origami cranes in a show of support for their Japanese counterparts.

After news of the tsunami and the nuclear crisis, the faculty adapted their lesson plans to teach the children about the people and culture of Japan. The students read the story, "*Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*," and learned of the Japanese belief that one who created one thousand paper cranes would be granted a wish. Our Lady of Mount Carmel students have been hard at work creating one thousand origami cranes as a symbol of their wishes for the safety and comfort to the people of Japan and their families.

The students have also collected their snack money over the past week and will present their contribution to Catholic Relief Services for their efforts in Japan.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School is located at 1704 Old Eastern Ave. and includes a lower, middle and high school and educates students in grades pre-k through high school. They also have a children's program for infants through three year olds. For more information, please visit <https://www.olmcmd.org/> or call 410-686-4972.