Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

120 Prospect Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110
April 8, 2018

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
Pray for Us.

Rev. Paciano A. Barbieto, S.T.L.
Pastor

Deacon Aldo Antola
Pastoral Associate
Sr. Mary Rose Conforto, MPF
Director of Religious Education
Andres Cardona
Director of Music Ministry

Mass Schedule
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.
Holy Days: As Announced
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Weekdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday: 2:00 p.m.
Devotions
Infant of Prague Novena: Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Novena: Wednesday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
First Friday Devotions: following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Mission Statement
Our mission as a holy parish is to communicate and to celebrate the life and spirit of Jesus by our words and actions in order to build a dynamic, loving, caring and outreaching community of faith.

Rectory Hours
Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
The rectory is closed between 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Rectory Phone Numbers
(973) 667-2580
(973) 661-1623
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Marriages
Please schedule at least ONE YEAR in advance of your wedding. Pre-Cana and other instruction sessions are required.
Sacraments of Healing
Please notify the parish office if someone is ill at home.
Baptisms
We request parents attend a Baptism Instruction Session before the birth of their child. The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated the third Sunday of each month, except during Lent (when we will not celebrate the sacrament until Easter). All Baptisms are scheduled in person at the rectory.
Parish Membership
All are welcome to join our Parish Family. Parish policy requires registration to participate in Baptism, Marriage and Religion Classes. Please notify the office when a change of address or move occurs.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	**April 7**
8:00 a.m.	Michael Adubato
5:00 p.m.	Lena and Gerard Melillo
Sunday	**April 8**
7:30 a.m.	Donald Bonaventura
9:15 a.m.	Deceased Members of Women's Auxiliary and Mothers and Daughters
10:45 a.m.	Kathy Barberio
12:15 p.m.	Angelina DellaPia
Monday	**April 9**
8:00 a.m.	Arlene Mergner
Tuesday	**April 10**
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wednesday	**April 11**
8:00 a.m.	Nevicella LaVista
Thursday	**April 12**
8:00 a.m.	Pat Mosco
Friday	**April 13**
8:00 a.m.	Vincent R. Fugarazzo
Saturday	**April 14**
8:00 a.m.	Anita Cibelli
5:00 p.m.	Bertha Bonaski
Sunday	**April 15**
7:30 a.m.	Theresa Lorenzo
9:15 a.m.	Gerard F. Melillo
10:45 a.m.	Richard Luberto
12:15 p.m.	James Hamilton

Prayers for Health Reasons

Emma Allen, Lucille Badan, Robert Balogh, Josephine Benimeo, George Berkovich, Dorothy Bogacz, Rudolfo Clavecilla, Ana Marie de Vera, Donald and Shirley Di Benedetto, Joshua Di Costanzo, Richard Dinzes, Veronica Duff, Domenick Falduto, Grace Fiore, Vincent Fugarazzo, Joan Gabriele, Connie Garcia, Michele Giannone, Robert Griffin, Patricia Holevas, Pat Hosey, Justin, Lucille, Lynda, Eve McKay, Victor Meireles, Madeline Micael, Lawrence Miller, Karen Ann Niles, Jack Nitz, Carmela Novick, Robert Palmer, Stephanie Pena, Maria A. Penaranda, Evelyn Perry, Vincent Petracco, Angela and Frank Porter, Richard Reidy, Albert Reyes, Jocelyn Reyes, Marie Rispoli, Anne Rotonda, Luanne Luisi Schmidt, Josephine Senek, Susan, John Tiseo, Mariana Toledo, James Tressito, Gina Villaggio, Emily Wills, Romona Zungri

Mass Intentions

Masses are scheduled in person during office hours.

Come to the rectory to:
Make an offering in honor or in memory of a loved one for The Sanctuary Light, Bread and Wine or Church Flowers.
2018 Mass Book is open. One weekend and two weekday Masses are permitted to be scheduled at this time to accommodate the needs of all parishioners. Thank you for your consideration.

Baptism Information

If you are expectant parents, please arrange to attend our Baptismal Instruction Program before the birth of your child. Baptismal Instruction and Baptisms must be scheduled in person, at the rectory. The next Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. The next Baptismal Instruction Course is Sunday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m. ***Please visit our website to read guidelines for god-parents and for a complete Baptismal Schedule.***

Parish Collection

March 25: $6,144; 2nd Collection: $1,769

Easter Collection: $11,959

As you give to the Lord, may He bless you in return.

The ***Sanctuary Light*** honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Our Lord in the Tabernacle is lit this week in Loving Memory of
Arlene Mergner
The ***Bread and Wine*** offering this week in Loving Memory of
People of the Parish

Pastor's Message

Dear Parish Family,

I greet you all on this Second Sunday of Easter which is also "Divine Mercy Sunday". The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come" (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, May 23, 2000). This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter time. As mentioned last weekend in the parish announcement, this Sunday we will have an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament here in Church from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., followed by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and ending with a Benediction. I ask you all to join us in this special devotion. This consoling devotion to the Divine Mercy is centered on Christ's merciful love for sinners. We all need this devotion because we all need to experience Christ's forgiveness and compassion. Likewise, we all have the duty to become instruments of His mercy to our neighbor.

This Sunday, the Holy Father invites the Church to reflect upon the theme of mercy. God knows, our world is in desperate need of mercy. We wonder, is there any end to violence and hatred, to the ugliness of sin in its many forms? As Christians, we can't give up either on ourselves or on the world because we believe in Divine Mercy.

The merciful Lord is coming to our world today to restore our dignity and to deliver us from all kinds of evil. He does not want to punish us but he wants to show us His unbounded mercy. God is still waiting for every human being to come back to Him. He is waiting for the true conversion of hearts. He is waiting for the admission of our sins. Each of us needs God's mercy. But this same Christ, who reaches out to our broken world, wants you and me to be also bearers of His mercy.

I'd like to thank you all for your stewardship and support to our parish. I've been here in the parish for just two months but I have been amazed at the number of people who have come to me and asked if they could help in some way. Yes, if you can avail yourself and (1) serve our parish as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Altar Server, Cantor, or (2) join in any of our parish organizations or (3) help as a handyman, a sacristan, website designer or (4) share other talents or skills … I would sincerely appreciate it. We all compose the body of Christ. As member of Christ's body, we all have a role to play in Christ's Church. Please continue to be as generous in sharing your talents.

If you are a "parishioner" and come to mass on a regular basis but have not yet officially registered in our parish, I would urge you to register so we can update our parish records. This is important so we can officially include you in our parish register.

May you all have a wonderful and joyful celebration of Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Alex

At a Glance …

April 7 and 8

2nd Collection: Parish Assessment

April 9

Bishop Barron's Catholicism Series continues with "Pivotal Players" beginning on **Monday, April 9th through May 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

April 10

Infant of Prague Novena: 7:30 p.m.

April 14

Volunteer Opportunity: The Vincent Methodist Church Care Kitchen sponsored by The Reason for Hope Church: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

OLMC Website

Visit our website www.olmc-nutley.org to check out the latest bulletin, get Religious Education news, Mass schedules, find out more information about our various organizations, events, and much more. Pay us a visit!

Religious Education

- A complete Religious Education Calendar for the current school year is posted on our website.

Choir Rehearsal

Youth Choir: Every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir: Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Seeking Additional Choir Members

We are always looking to strengthen and expand both of our choirs. Please call Andres Cardona, (347) 678-6702, or email: acardona.music@hotmail.com.

You Are Not Alone (YANA)

The next meeting of our Parish Bereavement Support Group will be on **April 11** from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our Support Group is open to anyone (parishioner or non-parishioner) who has suffered the loss of a friend, relative or a loved one. There is no charge. Reservations are not required. All you need is an open mind and an open heart. Let us try to help you through this time of grief.

Stewardship

We have an obligation to share with others that which God has given us. Share your time, and talents. Men and women can become involved in the life of our Parish by becoming an **Altar Server, Catechist, Choir Member, Lector, and/or Usher.** By taking an active role in the liturgical life, and service of the Parish, you can have a wonderful experience. *Feel free to fill out the below form, and drop it in the collection basket or call the rectory.*

Ministry Sign Up Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

I am interested in the following Ministry(ies):

☐ Altar Server
☐ Catechist
☐ Lector
☐ Choir
☐ Other _____

Join Us…

Knights of Columbus

To join: email Ken at KofC6195@verizon.net or call the Rectory. The group meets the **first and third Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m**.

OLMC Rosary Society

The group meets **the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m.** Our next meeting will be **May 3**. New members Welcome! For more information call Denise, (973)641-2424.

Women's Auxiliary

Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m.** For more information call Linda, (973) 661-0090. New members Welcome!

Spring Bus Ride to AC♠♣♥♦

The Women's Auxiliary is hosting another fun-filled bus ride to Caesars in Atlantic City on **Wednesday, April 18th**. The fare is $25. In return, guests will receive a voucher from the casino. The bus will depart from the Church on Prospect St. at 9:00 a.m. Please park in the Church lot. For reservations, call Dottie 973-952-0486.

Parish Membership … Why is it Important?

In order for the parish to keep accurate records, please notify the parish office of any changes in your address or phone number. All adult Catholics should be registered in a parish. In order for us to testify to your ability for sponsorship in Baptism, Confirmation or witness to a Catholic marriage, it is necessary to be a registered member of this parish. *To register, fill out the form below and place in the collection basket.*

Quick Parish Registration Request

Our welcome mat is always out. If you enjoy worshipping at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, make us your official Parish by taking a few moments to register. You may also download a registration form on our website. *All information is confidential*.

I wish to register as a Parishioner of OLMC.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Telephone: _____

☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address

Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

This year's Appeal, Sharing God's Blessings, is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on God's generosity to us and to share the blessings we have been given with those around us. This year, our parish goal is as follows:

Parish Goal 2018: $28,815

We are often reminded by our Holy Father Pope Francis and Sacred Scripture that in order to love one another we must share the blessings which God has provided to us.

We are called to similarly share what is granted to us by God and return it to Him so that not one of our brothers and sisters goes without: without the gift of faith; without the essential human needs; and without a personal relationship with Our Lord. We are called to Share God's Blessings, and when we do, we find freedom and joy in proclaiming the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, just as the Apostles did over 2,000 years ago!

Will you join your brothers and sisters in Sharing God's Blessings? May God bless you for your generosity!

Food Pantry

Many people only donate to food pantries at holiday times. We sincerely appreciate your generosity throughout the year. Donations to our Food Pantry consist of non-perishable foods: such as soups, sauces, pasta, rice, cereals, dry milk, canned vegetables, as well as toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, etc.).

Please check expiration dates before donating food. Please drop off food donations in one of the church vestibules. Please refrain from leaving donations on the porch of the rectory.

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi, after whom Pope Francis has taken his name, captures the spirit of many Catholics because church history regards him as the pre-eminent figure passionate about imitating Christ's life.

He is known also as a patron saint of Italy, the founder of the Franciscan order of the Friars Minor, an admirer of nature and a servant to the poor and destitute. The brown robe of the Franciscans is iconic. "Who doesn't know Francis of Assisi, who abandoned everything from wealth and prestige and who became poor himself," Vatican deputy spokesman the Rev. Thomas Rosica said explaining how the saint inspired Pope Francis' name.

In an encyclical, Pope Pius XI stated that "there has never been anyone in whom the image of Jesus Christ and the evangelical manner of life shone forth more lifelike and strikingly than in St. Francis."

St. Francis "was also rightly spoken of as 'another Jesus Christ,'" Pius XI said.

He was born in Assisi circa 1181, the son of a rich cloth merchant, and he enjoyed a carefree adolescence and youth.

He went to war at age 20 and was taken prisoner for almost a year. He was released and became seriously ill, which began a major turn in his life.

When he returned to Assisi, a spiritual change commenced, and Francis abandoned his worldliness. He met with lepers and extended a kiss to one. In rags, he lived among beggars at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

While praying before an old Byzantine crucifix at the church of San Damiano, Francis reportedly heard the voice of Christ, who told him to rebuild the Christian Church and to live a life of extreme poverty. Francis obeyed and devoted himself to Christianity. He began preaching around Assisi and was soon joined by 12 loyal followers.

Francis' father questioned his son's generosity and servitude to the poor. While standing before the bishop of Assisi, Francis stripped off his clothes and renounced his paternal inheritance, declaring that God was now the only father he recognized. This event is credited as Francis' final conversion, and there is no indication that Francis and his father ever spoke again thereafter.

In 1224 Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ — marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified, through his hands and the gaping lance wound in his side. This made Francis the first person to receive the holy wounds of the stigmata. They would remain visible for the rest of his life.

Francis of Assisi died on October 3, 1226, at the age of 44, in Assisi, Italy. Today, Francis has a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe. He was canonized as a saint just two years after his death, on July 16, 1228, by his former protector, Pope Gregory IX. Today, St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint for ecologists — a title honoring his boundless love for animals and nature. In 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergogli chose to honor St. Francis by taking his name, becoming Pope Francis.

Ref.: The Biography.com website