Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

120 Prospect Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110

December 16, 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

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

Rev. Dennis E. Reiff
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Peter M. Aquino
In Residence

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. & 12:15 p.m.
Filipino Mass ~ First Sunday of the month: 5:00 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
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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	**December 15**
8:00 a.m.	Frieda and Joseph Gabriel
5:00 p.m.	Patricio Cevallos, Jr.
Sunday	**December 16**
7:30 a.m.	Ricardo Cruz
9:15 a.m.	Donald Strimike
10:45 a.m.	Norberta Pahingalo
12:15 p.m.	Marie Andolino
Monday	**December 17**
8:00 a.m.	Bill George Williams
Tuesday	**December 18**
8:00 a.m.	James McAlinden
Wednesday	**December 19**
8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Cabral Francisco and Antonio Cabral
Thursday	**December 20**
8:00 a.m.	Victoria Murray
Friday	**December 21**
8:00 a.m.	Virginia Antola
Saturday	**December 22**
8:00 a.m.	Anna and William Gasber
5:00 p.m.	Tessie and Joseph Adamkiewicz
Sunday	**December 23**
7:30 a.m.	Dorothy and Delphine Venditelli
9:15 a.m.	Wasyl and Mary Kostra
10:45 a.m.	Benito Libunao
12:15 p.m.	Robert Sunga ~ *2nd Anniversary*

Prayers for Health Reasons

Emma Allen, Ariel Andrade, Lucille Badan, Robert Balogh, Josephine Benimeo, George Berkovich, Dorothy Bogacz, Rudolfo Clavecilla, Ronald Cozzarelli, Ana Marie de Vera, Donald Di Benedetto, Joshua Di Costanzo, Richard Dinzes, Veronica Duff, Melanie Entena, Domenick Falduto, Anna Marie Ferrante, Connie Garcia, Michele Giannone, Loida Gomez, Robert Griffin, Patricia Holevas, Pat Hosey, Michelle Hyland, Justin, Lucille, Lynda, Eve McKay, Beverly Meireles, Victor Meireles, Madeline Micael, Lawrence Miller, Karen Ann Niles, Jack Nitz, Carmela Novick, Karen P., 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, Peter Scarpelli, Luanne Luisi Schmidt, Josephine Senek, Susan, John Tiseo, Mariana Toledo, James Tressito, Tom Tucker, Margarita Ufret, 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. **The Mass Book for 2019 is now open.**

If you need to visit or call the rectory **on Mondays** and **it is not an emergency**, we would sincerely appreciate your consideration and assistance in **delaying your visit or call until after 11:30 a.m.** *Thank You!*

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 January 20 at 2:00 p.m. Please visit our website to read guidelines for god-parents ***and for a complete Baptismal Schedule.***

Weekly Collection

December 9: $4,579

Parish Assessment: $1,449

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 Honor and Loving Memory of
Idalia Gobaira Lorenzo

The ***Bread and Wine*** offering this week in Honor and Loving Memory of
Idalia Gobaira Lorenzo

How many gifts will you unwrap this Christmas?

Catholic Charities
of the Archdiocese of Newark
Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System
Mount Carmel Guild Schools

Most gifts will bring you a deep sense of joy on many levels – joy from the actual item you received and joy in knowing that someone thought about you. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who may not receive one gift and who may have very few if anyone to think about them. Help Catholic Charities by contributing to the clothing bin. Thank you.

♫ Come Sing With Us! ♫

Come celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season by attending our Third Annual Carol Sing featuring our Youth and Adult Choirs, Cantors, Instrumentalists and ALL OF YOU! Join us at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 6 (Feast of the Epiphany) in the Church.

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 may include non-perishable foods: such as soups, sauces, pasta, rice, cereals, dry milk, canned foods, as well as toiletries.

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.

Communion for the Homebound

Upon request, Communion will be brought to any parishioner confined to the home. Please contact Denise at 973-542-0191. Reminder: those who are seriously ill, or weak from the burden of years, should request the Anointing of the Sick ~ to schedule: please contact the Rectory.

Choir Rehearsal

Junior Choir: Every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Adult Choir: Every Wednesday at 7:15 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!

At a Glance …

December 18

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

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

See page 5 of the Bulletin.

Rectory Closed on the following dates:

Monday, December 24
Tuesday, December 25
Wednesday, December 26
Monday, December 31
Tuesday, January 1

Religious Education

Religious Education Forms and a complete **Calendar of Classes** are available on our website at:

www.olmc-nutley.org/religious-education

Holiday Schedule ~ No Classes on the Following Dates:

Sunday, December 23
Thursday, December 27
Sunday, December 30
Thursday, January 3

Christmas Wafers

Traditional Polish Christmas wafers (Oplatki) are available and may be purchased at the rectory during office hours. The Opłatki wafers are embossed with Christmas related religious images, varying from the nativity scene (especially Virgin Mary with baby Jesus), to the Star of Bethlehem. They are $4 and include instructions regarding their use.

You Are Not Alone (YANA)

The next meeting of our Parish Bereavement Support Group will be on **January 9** 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. Everyone can become involved in the life of our Parish by becoming an **Altar Server, Catechist, Choir Member, Lector or Usher.** By taking an active role in the liturgical life, and service of the Parish, you can have a wonderful experience. *Please complete 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 _____

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, calls for the lighting of the first two candles, as well as the third candle of the Advent Wreath. The candle is known as ***Joy***. On this day, rose-colored vestments are usually worn and the Bible passages read all relate to St. John the Baptist.

"A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light." **(Jn 1:6-8)**

Join Us…

Knights of Columbus

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

OLMC Rosary Society

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

Women's Auxiliary

The group meets the **second Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m.** Our next meeting will be **Monday, January 14 at 1:00 p.m.** For more information call Linda, (973) 661-0090 or email at lkr160@aol.com. New members Welcome!

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

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Advent Penance Service: Tuesday, December 11h

7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Nutley

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Christmas Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord: 10:00 p.m.

(Choral Preludes by the Youth Choir at 4:30 p.m. and by the Adult Choir at 9:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25th

7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.

New Year's Eve: Monday, December 31st

8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Day: Tuesday, January 1st

8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The Advent Wreath

The concept of the Advent wreath originated among German Lutherans in the 16th Century. However, it was not until three centuries later that the modern Advent wreath took shape. The modern Advent wreath, with its candles representing the Sundays of Advent, originated from an 1839 initiative by Johann Hinrich Wichern, a Protestant pastor in Germany and a pioneer in urban mission work among the poor. In view of the impatience of the children he taught as they awaited Christmas, he made a ring of wood, with nineteen small red tapers and four large white candles. Every morning a small candle was lit and every Sunday a large candle. Custom has retained only the large candles.

The wreath crown is traditionally made of fir tree branches knotted with a red ribbon and decorated with pine cones, holly, laurel, and sometimes mistletoe. It is also an ancient symbol signifying several things; first of all, the crown symbolizes victory, in addition to its round form evoking the sun and its return each year. The number four represents, in addition to the four weeks of Advent, the four seasons and the four cardinal virtues, and the green color is a sign of life and hope. The fir tree is a symbol of strength and laurel a symbol of victory over sin and suffering. The latter two, with the holly, do not lose their leaves, and thus represent the eternity of God. The flames of candles are the representation of the Christmas light approaching and bringing hope and peace, as well as the symbol of the struggle against darkness. For Christians, this crown is also the symbol of Christ the King, the holly recalling the crown of thorns resting on the head of Christ.

The keeping of an Advent wreath is a common practice in homes or churches. The Advent wreath is traditionally placed on a table with four candles or, without candles, on the front door of the house as a welcome sign.

The Advent wreath is adorned with candles, usually three violet or purple and one pink, the pink candle being lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday after the opening word, Gaudete, meaning "Rejoice", of the entrance antiphon at Mass. Some add a fifth candle (white), known as the Christ Candle, in the middle of the wreath, to be lit on Christmas Eve or Day.

The candles added to the wreath crown symbolize, in one interpretation, the great stages of salvation before the coming of the Messiah; the first is the symbol of the forgiveness granted to Adam and Eve, the second is the symbol of the faith of Abraham and of the patriarchs who believe in the gift of the Promised Land, the third is the symbol of the joy of David whose lineage does not stop and also testifies to his covenant with God, and the fourth and last candle is the symbol of the teaching of the prophets who announce a reign of justice and peace. Or they symbolize the four stages of human history; creation, the Incarnation, the redemption of sins, and the Last Judgment.

In Orthodox churches there are sometimes wreaths with six candles, in line with the six-week duration of the Nativity Fast/Advent.

In Sweden, white candles, symbol of festivity and purity, are used in celebrating Saint Lucy's Day, 13 December, which always falls within Advent.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advent