

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

120 Prospect Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110

December 23, 2018



4th Sunday of Advent
Vigil of Christmas

Rev. Paciano A. Barbiato, 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 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.	Wasył and Mary Kostra
10:45 a.m.	Benito Libunao
12:15 p.m.	Robert Sunga ~ <i>2nd Anniversary</i>
Monday	December 24
8:00 a.m.	Virginia Antola
5:00 p.m.	Theresa Cucinello
10:00 p.m.	Idalia Gobaira Lorenzo ~ <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>
Tuesday	December 25
7:30 a.m.	Noel Torrizo ~ <i>Birthday</i>
9:15 a.m.	Theresa Cucinello
10:45 a.m.	Luciano and Gail Chimento
12:15 p.m.	Rosalie and Philip Petracca
Wednesday	December 26
8:00 a.m.	Family and Friends of Williams Family
Thursday	December 27
8:00 a.m.	Peodoro Herrera
Friday	December 28
8:00 a.m.	Reggie Yaoto ~ <i>Birthday</i>
Saturday	December 29
8:00 a.m.	John Misa
5:00 p.m.	Khanh Tran
Sunday	December 30
7:30 a.m.	Patty Conroy ~ <i>2nd Anniversary</i>
9:15 a.m.	Carmina Molinaro
10:45 a.m.	Raymond Thompson
12:15 p.m.	Anita Anello



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.**



Due to the deadline set by our publisher, our collection will be published in a future bulletin.

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

The Lorenzo and Gobaira Families

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

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Pastor's Message

Dear Parish Family,

Merry Christmas everyone! Indeed, Christmas is here again. During this holy season, it is my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with our Lord and His Church.

In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, this Holy Season always brings smiles and joy to many of us. The message of Christmas is simple yet profound. The Gospel story of St. Luke tells us about the Christmas message. First, the message of Christmas is a message of great joy to all people. That night in Bethlehem when Jesus was born, the angel announced good news of great joy to all people. It was a message of the Savior's birth - a Savior available to all, no matter who you are, can be saved. Second, the message of Christmas is a message of peace and good will. In our world where we constantly face the threat of terrorism, wars, deaths, etc. - the message of Christmas is that of peace - "Peace on earth and good will to men." May we all heed this message of peace. Finally, the message of Christmas is a message that we must share. After the shepherds saw the babe lying in a manger, they "made known abroad the saying which was told to them concerning this child". All who have Jesus as Savior must share this message with everyone they meet.

In our parish here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Christmas has a way of bringing individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with our Lord and His community. I extend to you an open, grateful heart of welcome. My prayer is that we experience afresh and anew a celebration of Christ in our lives. The schedule of our Christmas and New Year celebrations are indicated in the bulletin. I would love to see you all in any of these liturgical celebrations.

In the name of Fr. Peter, Deacon Aldo and Parish Staff, I extend to you our prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Alex

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

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.



Oh Holy Night

Christmas Wafers

Traditional Polish Christmas wafers (Oplatki) are available and may be purchased at the rectory during office hours. The Oplatki 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.



Oplatki
Christmas
Wafers

♪ Come Sing With Us! ♪

Come celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season by attending our Fourth 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.



Thanks

The Women's Auxiliary would like to thank all who supported their recent Wendy's fundraiser. We will be receiving a check for \$364.80. A special thank you to Marge Clar's granddaughter for designing our flyer and to Andres Cardona for his help.



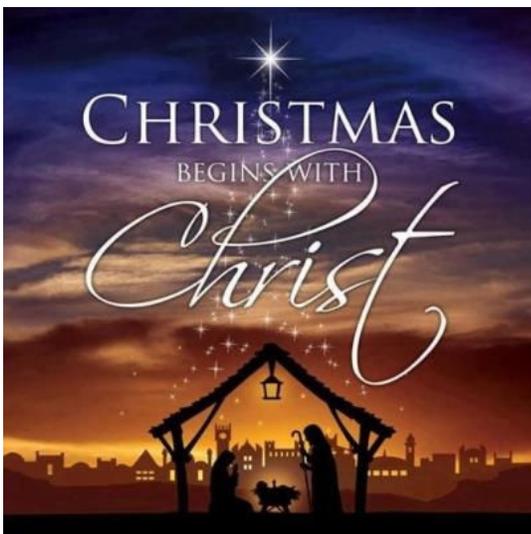
Food Pantry

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.



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

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

Pope Francis' Homily on Christmas Eve 2014 ~

Midnight Mass

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



When the angels announced the birth of the Redeemer to the shepherds, they did so with these words: "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Lk 2:12).

The "sign" is the humility of God taken to the extreme; it is the love with which, that night, he assumed our frailty, our suffering, our anxieties, our desires and our limitations. The message that everyone was expecting, that everyone was searching for in the depths of their souls, was none other than the tenderness of God: God who looks upon us with eyes full of love, who accepts our poverty, God who is in love with our smallness.

On this holy night, while we contemplate the Infant Jesus just born and placed in the manger, we are invited to reflect. How do we welcome the tenderness of God? Do I allow myself to be taken up by God, to be embraced by him, or do I prevent him from drawing close? "But I am searching for the Lord" – we could respond. Nevertheless, what is most important is not seeking him, but rather allowing him to find me and caress me with tenderness. The question put to us simply by the Infant's presence is: do I allow God to love me?

More so, do we have the courage to welcome with tenderness the difficulties and problems of those who are near to us, or do we prefer impersonal solutions, perhaps effective but devoid of the warmth of the Gospel? How much the world needs tenderness today!

The Christian response cannot be different from God's response to our smallness. Life must be met with goodness, with meekness. When we realize that God is in love with our smallness, that he made himself small in order to better encounter us, we cannot help but open our hearts to him, and beseech him: "Lord, help me to be like you, give me the grace of tenderness in the most difficult circumstances of life, give me the grace of closeness in the face of every need, of meekness in every conflict".

Dear brothers and sisters, on this holy night we contemplate the Nativity scene: there "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Is 9:1). People who were unassuming, open to receiving the gift of God, were the ones who saw this light. This light was not seen, however, by the arrogant, the proud, by those who made laws according to their own personal measures, who were closed off to others. Let us look to the crib and pray, asking the Blessed Mother: "O Mary, show us Jesus!"



[The paragraphs quoted above are from the conclusion of Pope Francis' Homily on Christmas Eve 2014 at the Mass During the Night. Full text at: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2014/documents/papa-francesco_20141224_omelia-atatale.html]