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Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church

Investing in Our Faith, Investing in Our Future



Thank you to all who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card supporting our parish and its mission! We seek 100% participation. If you prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please do so by clicking [HERE](#).

If you have not committed to regular Offertory Giving, please consider this new journey of life-giving generosity. Click [HERE](#) to find out how to get started!

A Milestone in Diaconate Formation

On Monday evening, October 4th, parishioner and Deacon-in-Formation Eric Kispert -- along with nine other men in our Diocese -- were instituted as Lectors by Bishop Kevin Sweeney at a Mass at St. Peter The Apostle Church. This is an important milestone on their journey towards the Diaconate ordination. Heartfelt congratulations to Eric -- and to his wife Debby who faithfully supports and accompanies her husband on this vocational journey!

Let us continue to pray for these faithful men and their wives as they move forward on the path towards Diaconate Ordination.





Click [HERE](#) to view more pictures from this special liturgical celebration!

Welcoming & Hospitality: An Act of Love!

"Welcome and hospitality sets the stage for something - a moment of joy, an encounter with Christ, a way in, a softening of the heart. It is the foundation of almost everything. It is a culture that we cultivate that brings to life an Acts 2 church. They knew they were Christians by their love. Hospitality is an act of love. Hospitality is radical. It makes us get outside ourselves and notice who is around us and anticipate what they might need. The focus is off of me and is authentic!" Ministry Blueprints



One of the values most often highlighted by our visitors and those seeking to be part of our community is the strong spirit of welcome and hospitality here at ND. We often hear Fr. Paddy reference the "**Belong, Believe, Behave**" mantra. Unless a person is given the invitation and space to belong, it will be very difficult for them to come to believe the Good News and tenants of our faith and to eventually live (behave) according to those Christian values.



Mike and Allie were seeking a spiritual place to call home. In early November of 2020, they arrived at ND and were warmly welcomed by Fr. Paddy at the door. A Zoom conversation followed where we welcomed Mike and Allie more personally, heard about their story, and shared about our community and mission. Eventually, they accepted our invitation to journey through Alpha, where they were once again warmly welcomed! At present, Mike and Allie are co-facilitators in the current Virtual Alpha, offering radical hospitality to a wonderful group of young adults!



Indeed, there are many touchpoints of welcoming when offering anyone a sense of belonging. An **initial welcome, joyful and intentional**, could mean beginning a fruitful journey of engagement and discipleship for a person or family. On the other hand, a poor first experience of welcome, or no experience of it at all, could also mean the end of that opportunity for us to be instruments of our Lord in bringing others to Him.

To ensure our values of welcome and hospitality remain strong and fruitful, we need the support of all in our community. Please consider offering 15 minutes before Mass every so often, to help welcome our visitors and parishioners. Welcoming Ministry leaders will be in the Gathering Space for the next couple of weekends, ready to welcome you as part of this vital ministry!

Notre Dame: "Enduring Commitment to Ending Hunger"

On Tuesday, October 5th, Notre Dame of Mt Carmel received the **2021 Golden Apple Award** for its "*enduring commitment to ending hunger.*" This award is presented annually by the **Interfaith Food Pantry Network (IFPN)** to the organization that best exemplifies the willingness to improve the condition of the lives of our Morris County food-insufficient people.



The ceremony was recorded and will be aired on the IFPN website on October 21, 2021, at 7 pm. Beth Vecchio, team leader for our Food Rescue Ministry, accepted the award on behalf of the parish, all of whom have actively provided needed food and resources throughout the pandemic and throughout our church's history, including the formation of the Interfaith Food Pantry in the late '90s. Click [HERE](#) to read *Beth's acceptance speech*.

Recently, in addition to delivering food to the pantry, our Food Rescue Ministry has cooked Thanksgiving meals, held turkey and ham drives, cooked at the IFPN for seniors who are enrolled in the delivery program, and partnered with the IFPN to supply other area agencies with needed food to serve the homeless.

Blessing Bags: Thank you!

This past Monday Food Rescue angels gathered in the Parish Hall to assembled 100 blessing bags and 25 lunches for the Hope One organization.

In addition, a donation of feminine products, lotions, makeup, and other personal hygiene items was made to the local women's shelter.



Special thanks to the Women's Cornerstone Ministry and our wonderful parishioners who donated hundreds of items for this important outreach.

Vivere Christus Award Ceremony

As previously mentioned, this year's recipient from our parish of the Diocesan Vivere Christus Award is Beth Vecchio. Beth will be presented this award at a special service this coming **Sunday, October 17th at 3 pm** at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.



Since joining the parish with her four children in 1995, Beth has served in several ministries, including Faith Formation, Music Ministry, Mental Health Support, Performing Arts Ministry, and Pastoral Council. Beth's missionary heart is in constant outreach to those in need, especially of food and shelter. In response to hurricane disasters, Beth spearheaded *Operation Katrina Relocation* and *Hurricane Sandy Relief*, and most recently, the *Food Rescue Ministry*. Please join us in congratulating Beth and thanking her for her commitment to the mission of the Church and the gifts she continues to share with our parish family and the local community!

Important Announcement

In light of continuing concerns surrounding COVID, let us each do our part to keep our community as safe as possible. **Per CDC guidelines we ask those who are not fully vaccinated to wear a mask while in our facilities.** The pew sections by the sliding doors and the section between the Chapel and Kids Kingdom are marked and reserved **ONLY for folks wishing to remain masked and socially distant.** Our joint cooperation is an act of love and charity toward our neighbor.

UPCOMING

**This week's Mass
& Lamp Intentions**

**Welcoming Help
Needed for
Weekend Masses**

SS LIFE TEEN *Youth Mass & Life Night*

All are welcome!

Youth Mass, Sundays, 6:00 pm

For High School Teens...

Food & Fellowship, 7:00 pm

Life Night, 7:30 -8:30 pm



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

ROSARY RALLY

Hosted by
St. John Ukrainian Church
Our Lady of Mercy
Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel

Saturday
OCTOBER 16, 2021
1:00 PM

St. John Ukrainian Church
60 Jefferson Road, Whippany

*Please join us as we pray for our nation
and our local Hanover Township community.*

Please note: In case of rain, the Rally will be in their large hall.

Click [HERE](#) for some information to help you pray the Rosary.

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MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

3rd weekend of each month in our Gathering Space



Upcoming:

October 16 & 17, 2021

*Note: This is a food collection only.
Please do not bring clothing bags into the church building.
We appreciate your cooperation!*

As you shop for this month's Food Collection, please keep these needed items in mind:

- Corn Muffin Mix
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Pumpkin/Pumpkin Pie Mix
- Brownie Mix
- Turkey Gravy (canned or jarred)

Blood Drive



Gerald A. Martino Blood Drive K. of C.

Saturday, October 16, 2021
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy Church - Parsh Center
90 Whippany Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Donor Guidelines:

- * ALL DONORS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A CLOTH BASED MASK OR FACE COVERING
- * Weigh at least 110 lbs.
- * Eat a meal before donation
- * Bring ID
- * Drink plenty of water before and after donation

JOB BOARD & LOCAL AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memories are special moments that tell our story...



Click [HERE](#) to view more special memories from our Family Mass this past Sunday.

This morning's **Moms & Tots** -- with and without sound effects :)





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