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Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church

A New Season of Advent: Journey with us!





*Click [HERE](#) to view more special memories from our Sunday celebrations!*

Angel Tree: Your help is needed!





We are so grateful for the many gifts and gift cards dropped off already supporting our Angel Tree initiative. However, we have many tags still left on the trees. If you didn't get a chance to, please stop by the Gathering Space this week, pick up a tag or two, and return the gifts by the end of the week. You may also visit our website [HERE](#) to make a monetary donation. The generosity of our community will be a blessing to so many in need!

*And so we asked...*



# *What brought you to Notre Dame?*

*"I am looking for a community that shares my faith in God. I am hoping that the community at Notre Dame can also help my future children discover the great things when you let God enter your life."*

*"I was a parishioner for years, then briefly left right before Covid hit. We miss Notre Dame and are looking forward to continuing our spiritual journey with Christ at our "home" church."*

*"The love of being so welcomed during the most difficult time of my husband's recent passing."*

*"We have been actively involved with the parish for many years and love the community and fellowship, not to mention the variety of opportunities to grow our faith and friendships."*

*"We have a growing family of 3 little girls. I am looking for them to have a sense of community, enrich their faith, and build new friendships."*

*"We have heard wonderful things about both the ministry and the community at Notre Dame and the emphasis on family called us to join a new community of faith in which we'd feel blessed to bring our children up."*

*"My daughter and her family belong to the parish. I have gone there over the past few years, and my grandsons have become more active doing readings. I really feel drawn to this parish, and this is the first time in 40 years I've felt this. I have tried different denominations, but it hasn't fit. I feel like the Holy Spirit is reaching out to me. I like the message and the feeling that I get from Mass."*

## Welcome to Our Church Family!

*Bill, Jane, Charlotte, & Francesco Cannici,  
Morristown*

*Alex, Angela, Ava, & Emma Colatruglio,  
Whippany*

*Erwin & Tanya Dsouza, Denville*

*Michal & Allie Ferenc, Morris Plains*

*John Geary, Cedar Knolls*

*Jojo Hartlaub, Cedar Knolls*

*Steven & Marybeth Jones, Morris Plains*

*Lynn, Courtney, & Nicole Kahn, Florham  
Park*

*Dina Kaytor, Morris Plains*

*Ken & Jorelie (Sarabia) Kwok, Morris Plains*

*John, Erica, Milan, & Johnny Lester,  
Morristown*

*Malgorzata, Krzysztof, & Alexander Lezler-  
Stasiuk, Whippany*

*Tom, Debra Xu, Jaysen, & Emily Lim,  
Morris Plains*

*Jim & Alba Logan, Morris Plains*

*JoAnn Lukany, Parsippany*

*Bill & Florence Nevitt, East Hanover*

*Neil & Ruth Ann Mautone, Parsippany*

*Todd, Rita, Ian & Declan McCleary,  
Morris Plains*

*Michelle Pereira, Morristown*

*Debbi Riccardello, Morris Plains*

*Manny, Cathy, Sophia, & Jessica  
Ricciardelli, Morristown*

*Carl & Rita Schwartz, Morristown*

*Christine Symecko, Morristown*

*Pat vonDohlen & Paul Dreifuss,  
Parsippany*

*Jason, Megan, Madison, & Ryan Wetzel,  
Denville*

## A Special Friendsgiving Celebration!

By Maria Cascio, SS Life Teen Youth Ministry

As the flames were extinguished at the close of our Turkey Olympic games, we began planning our next event. Our special ***Friendsgiving*** night took place following the 6 PM Mass this past weekend.



Our parish gathering space was filled with the warmth and hospitality that we cherish at Notre Dame. Bringing our teens and parish family together was a beautiful way to extend the celebration of Thanksgiving and a reminder of how truly blessed we are.



All who attended Mass were invited to join our teens in a victory feast. The somewhat unscathed frozen turkeys used in the Turkey Olympics were brined with love by Father Alex, roasted to perfection, and served with all the trimmings, prepared by the Core team.



*I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart. Psalm 9:1*



## **Fall Discipleship Groups' Wrap-Up**



In early October, and thanks to the leadership of some outstanding disciples, we launched eight Discipleship Groups with varying themes. Sixty-five parishioners and friends responded to the invitation to journey through one or more of these opportunities. Participants who responded to a feedback survey affirmed:

- The experience made a positive difference
- The content (theme, materials, etc.) was excellent or good
- The facilitators had a positive impact on their experience

Some additional thoughts shared:

*"Learning about the biblical connections to the Mass was incredible and has helped me enjoy Mass that much more."*

*"The session involved messiness, and it helped to dig deeper into many situations we all deal with, and how there are spiritual ways to work the messy issues."*

*"I learned about a couple of 'pivotal players' that I hadn't known much about. They are inspiring Christians, and their lives are models for my own faith journey."*

*"Love the convenience of a virtual group. I also loved connecting with other Catholic people and getting to know them on a deeper level. It was enjoyable studying the material together."*

*"Made me even more aware of how important love, concern for others, and charity are and how materialistic our culture is; I need to be very aware of what is really important and to serve our Lord."*

## **Small Groups: Looking Ahead!**

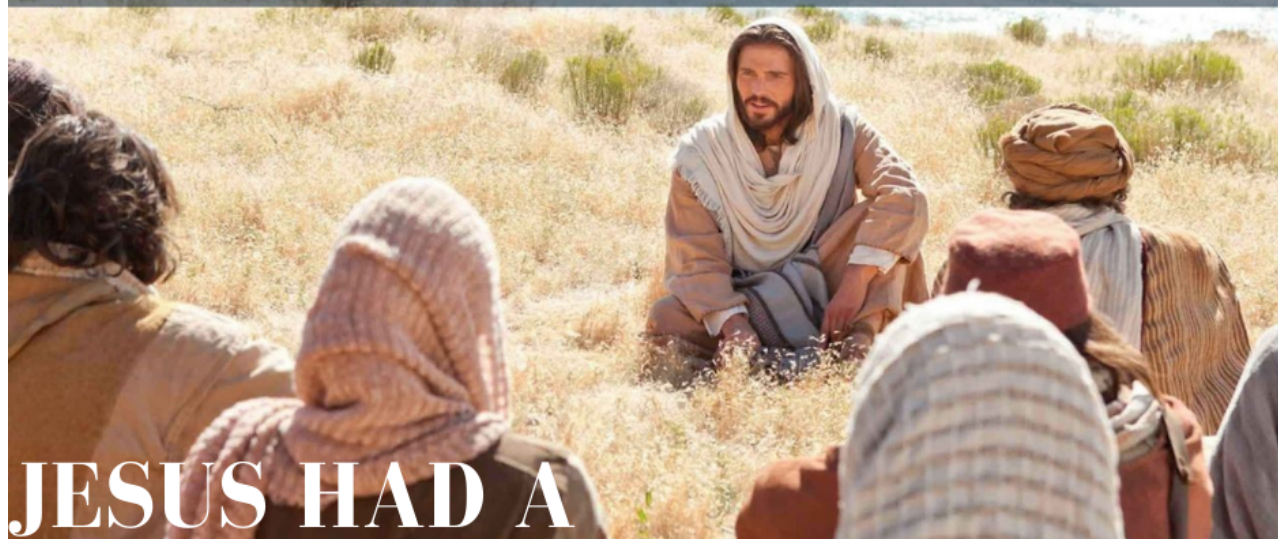
Many of the spiritual growth opportunities offered here at ND involve small group conversations: Discipleship Groups, Alpha, Cornerstone, DivorceCare, to name a few. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, lives have been transformed by such

experiences. As we move forward in our renewal, we seek to raise and equip more leaders and expand the range of opportunities for our community to grow. So please, save the date and plan to join us for this special event:

*Do you enjoy small group conversations?*

*Do you care about people and their spiritual journeys?*

*Would you like to learn more about facilitating small group conversations?*



# JESUS HAD A SMALL GROUP

**Facilitating Discussions Like the Master!**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 15TH, 9:00\*-11:30 AM**

*In the Parish Hall*

*\*Join us for Coffee and... starting at 8:30 am.*

**Find out more and RSVP at [www.ndcarmel.com](http://www.ndcarmel.com)**

**Notre Dame Crèche Exhibit: Be a part of it!**





## CRECHE/NATIVITY



### *Exhibit*

**Saturday, Dec. 11,  
4:30–6:30 pm**

**&**

**Sunday, Dec. 12,  
8:00 am – 1:00 pm**

In our Upper Room

On this weekend of Advent, our parish will bring together for public display an array of nativity scenes, each reflecting the diversity, beauty, and uniqueness of the birth of our Savior through the eyes and hearts of different cultures or perspectives.

**Do you have a nativity you would consider lending us for the exhibit?**

Please click [HERE](#) to find out details!

## Preparing our Sacred Space: Angels Needed!



We will decorate our beautiful church space on **Thursday, December 23rd, following the 5:30 pm Mass.** If you can lend a hand, please get in touch with Maria Cascio at [FamilyFaith@ndcarmel.c....](mailto:FamilyFaith@ndcarmel.c....) Bless you!

## UPCOMING

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

**Parishioner  
Announcements**

**Welcoming Help  
Needed for  
Weekend Masses**



# Advent & Christmas Schedule

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## 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**





The Marriage Ministry invites you and your spouse to a

# Christmas Gathering!



Friday, December 10th, 7:00-9:30 pm

*At the home of parishioners John & Sheri Dispenziere  
Morris Plains, NJ*

RSVP: [www.ndcarmel.com](http://www.ndcarmel.com)

# WIDOWS Circle



## HOLIDAY GATHERING!

MONDAY, DEC. 13th, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

In Room 203



*We will be bringing and wrapping Christmas gifts to donate. Join us!*

# The Cherubs are coming!

And we are calling children 3-5 years old  
to be a part of this special choir!



Come to a rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 16th at 5:30 pm in our Parish Hall.

The Cherubs will sing a Preparation song at the  
9:30 am Family Mass on Sunday, Dec. 19th.

*Let us know your Cherub(s) will be joining us!*

RSVP: Nicole Payne at [nicole.danielle313@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.danielle313@gmail.com)

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