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Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church

## Finance Ministry "Q & A"

Last Monday, Finance Ministry Leaders Mike Critchley and Will Fernandez, along with other Finance ministry representatives, offered parishioners an opportunity to ask questions regarding the recently published **Parish Finance Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.**



The gathering opened with prayer and introductions and followed with an overview of the Finance ministry's purpose, mission, and goals. Mike and Will then offered an in-depth review of the Operating Income and Expenses and current assets for our parish. The Q & A led to a discussion regarding recent trends in both offertory income and expenditures, current and future needs, and financial concerns for our faith community moving forward.

*"I attended the Finance Ministry meeting purely out of curiosity for the financial health and well-being of Notre Dame. Having a background in finance and business management, I wondered how much of a hit our parish took because of COVID and reduced attendance, and the added expenses caused by the fire last year. I was pleasantly surprised when our efficient financial team laid out the facts, including that the parish was granted a substantial "forgiveness loan," helping to defray losses. However, we are not out of the woods. The parish needs to continue managing costs, and we need to encourage more folks to give. Online giving saves money by eliminating envelopes. And using electronic funds transfer (from checking or savings account) saves credit card fees. Let's make sure...no*

*matter how small your donation...that we continue to support the mission of Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel!" Judy Foster*

### **From our Finance Ministry Leaders...**

*"The main objective of the Finance Ministry is to act as trusted advisors to Father Paddy and our Staff to manage and provide accountability for the financial affairs of the parish. It has been a true blessing to share my financial and management skills to assist in one of the key steps to achieve our Vision and Mission for Notre Dame. Our wide variety of wonderful active ministries cost time, energy, and money! Our operating budget to support the day-to-day activities of the Church is built on the good-faith financial sacrifices of each member of Notre Dame who wants to be generous to God and to our Mission. Each member's financial support is so important to operate our parish today and build our financial resources for the future growth of our parish home. God Bless!" Mike Critchley*

To find out more about the Finance Ministry at Notre Dame and/or to access the Financial Report, visit our website at [ndcarmel.com/finance-m...](http://ndcarmel.com/finance-m...)



*"Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel is a special place with so many giving so much. My service in the Finance Ministry is my way to contribute to our parish home. The Good Lord blessed me with the skills needed for the Finance Ministry. The collaboration with the other members of the Finance Ministry has been a rewarding experience. Our meetings are faith-filled. We share ideas, discuss solutions to issues, and do our best to be good stewards of our parish home.*

*Like any home, finances are important. As a parish, we are always trying to manage our "margin" while living our "mission." Members of our parish need to understand that the mission is supported by many that give of their time, treasure, and talent. But even with the hundreds of hours that our parish family gives for each other, there is the reality of expenditures that need to be funded. Understanding the importance of our expenses, which includes the maintenance and upkeep of our parish home and dedicated staff that give so much to support us, requires funding to sustain our community. As a faith-filled family, the*

*better we understand our home's finances, the clearer it will become how important it is to support our mission." Will Fernandez*

Click [HERE](#) to find out more about the Finance Ministry at Notre Dame and/or to access the latest Financial Report.

## **Facilities Manager: All in a week's work**

Facilities Manager Leo Ramirez truly is all over the place when it comes to caring for and maintaining our facilities. Here are just a handful of instances when we caught up with him during the last workweek. And as any staff member will attest, sometimes "the call" has nothing to do with the job description -- and that is often a great blessing!

In his regular walk-through of our facilities, Leo spotted a safety hazard in a number of dying trees. This was the time for coordinating and overseeing their removal.



The rain last week created some leaks in our Gathering Space. Here is Leo

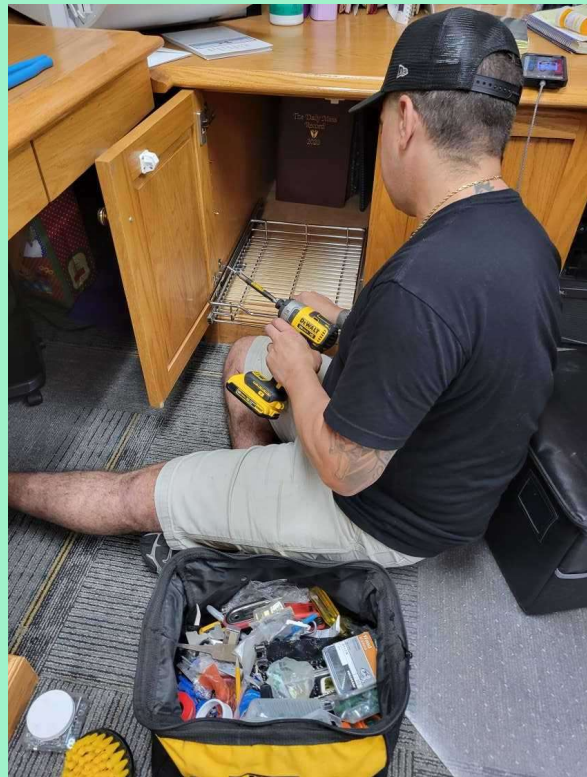
Melissa got a call from a distressed parishioner who needed to get her husband to the doctor's office but was having problems transporting him. Leo headed over to bring them a wheelchair.



Office desk tray /door not working! Leo to the rescue 😊



checking out roof damage to begin repairs.



Of course, there is so much more to Leo's ministry here at ND. We are grateful for his presence and care of our facilities!

## **Adult Choir: More of their heavenly voices!**

Below are a couple more songs from our Choir's recent rehearsal. We are so looking forward to having them resume their ministry at the Sunday 11:30 am Mass, beginning September 12th!



*"The ultimate goal of hospitality is to welcome guests so well that they themselves decide to join the parish and help welcome other guests."*  
Father James Mallon



## UPCOMING

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

**Welcoming Help  
Needed for  
Weekend Masses**

**Virtual Alpha: Take the Journey!**



# DIVORCE *Care*



Learn how to heal from the deep hurt of divorce or separation and discover hope for the future.

**MONDAYS, 7:00–8:30 PM, BEGINNING SEPT. 13**

Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church, 75 Ridgedale Ave. Cedar Knolls, NJ

Register at [www.ndcarmel.com](http://www.ndcarmel.com)



# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS



Join one or more of the small faith-sharing groups beginning in October. The menu of offerings includes a variety of topics and meeting dates/times.

**Review the options and register online at  
[ndcarmel.com](http://ndcarmel.com)**

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*"There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens..."*  
Ecclesiastes 3



# COUPLES DINNER DANCE

*A time to Welcome, Rejoice & Celebrate!*

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 24, 6:00-9:30 PM**

in the Parish Hall

Complimentary buffet dinner catered by Sergio's of Denville - BYOB  
Music and Dancing by DJ Flo - On-site childcare (2-10 yrs. old)

**Space is limited! Register at [www.ndcarmel.com](http://www.ndcarmel.com)**

Hosted by the Marriage Ministry at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church  
Questions? Contact Debby Kispert: [dkispertmsrd@aol.com](mailto:dkispertmsrd@aol.com)/973-945-0456

# DRIVE-THRU DROP-OFF



*Gently used clothing in plastic bags*

**Saturday, September 18, 2021, 9:00-11:00 am**  
*in our back parking lot*

*Please do not drop off clothing bags inside the church building. Bless you!*

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