

Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church

PARISH UPDATE

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Parish Update: December 16, 2025





MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 pm Vigil (*livestreamed on YouTube*)

Sunday: 7:30 am

9:30 am (Family Mass)

11:30 am

6:00 pm (Mass with Contemporary Worship)

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon – Sat: 12:00 pm (*followed by praying
of the Rosary*)

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am LENT ONLY and through
Wednesday of Holy Week.

Upcoming Holy Days

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, JESUS

Vigil Masses, Wednesday, December 24:

4:00 PM (Family Mass with Prelude at 3:34 PM);

7:00 PM;

Midnight (with Music Prelude at 11:30 pm)

Masses, Thursday, December 25:

9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, Dec. 31 Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, Jan 1, Mass at 12 pm

Parish Office will be closed:

Dec. 24, 25 & 26; Jan 1.

Confession

Saturday: 12:45 pm to 1:30 pm

*(Except Holy Saturday and when Christmas Eve or
Christmas Day falls on a Saturday)*

By Appointment with the Pastor (*call the parish office
at 973-538-1358*)

Adoration

Thursday: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the Chapel

Friday: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Chapel

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Angel Tree Outreach: It's a Wrap!

"We are thrilled to share the remarkable success of our Angel Tree Outreach 2025! Thanks to the generous gifts from our Notre Dame community, we raised an estimated \$20,000 worth of gifts and gift cards in support of local charities."



This incredible initiative has made a significant impact, bringing hope and joy to those in need served by:

- ❑ The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson
- ❑ Women and children supported by JBWS (Jersey Battered Women's Service)





- ❑ *Clients of the National Alliance on Mental Illness*
- ❑ *Clients at the Greystone Facility*
- ❑ *Table of Hope in Morristown*
- ❑ *Our Lady of Fatima & St Nicolas (Passaic)*



Click below to view our Angel Tree Reel on social media!

Along with your generous gifts, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all our Angel Tree helpers - our Confirmation and Youth Ministry teens, our Knitting & Crocheting Ministers for the beautiful tree ornaments, and all who helped in any way! Your kindness and



*generosity have touched many lives,
and we are grateful for your support.
Together, we are making a difference in
our community!*

Danielle Jones

Special THANKS to Danielle Jones, who stepped up to lead this extraordinary outreach! We are wowed by her wonderful disposition, calm and gentle spirit, and superb organizational skills!!!

Grieving with Great Hope: **Part of our journey as Missionary Disciples**

*"Earlier this month, some of the participants from the two previous **Grieving with Great Hope** sessions (we missed those who were unable to attend) gathered in the Upper Room. We enjoyed coffee and snacks, but, more importantly, we shared our stories since our last journey through the sessions. We all agreed that our lives have forever been changed since the loss of our loved ones, whether it was a spouse, a parent, a sister, or a cousin. We talked about any encounters we may have had with our loved ones, agreeing that these were more than coincidences. We ended the morning with a great meditation that allowed us time to decompress and relax. What was absolutely amazing to me was the connection we shared, as if no time had passed since we were last together. Thank you to Fr Vidal for taking the picture! " Debbie White*



Grief can often lead us into isolation, and at times, it could result in distancing ourselves from the faith and our Lord. Our journey as Missionary Disciples calls us to accompany one another. This accompaniment becomes that much more valuable during times of need, struggle, and suffering. It is not just about providing comfort, but also guiding one another toward healing, hope, and a deeper relationship with our Lord.

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:2

Our Flock of Knitters & Crocheters at Work!



Our Flock of Knitters & Crocheters has been hard at work this year! The fruits of their prayerful labor include nearly **400 “star” ornaments** for our Angel Trees, **26 blankets**, **eight prayer shawls**, **29 baby hats**, **28 prayer booklets**, and small gifts for our newly baptized babies.


These beautiful creations, made with love and prayer, have been shared with Morristown Breast Cancer Hospital, Table of Hope, Covenant House, Mary’s Hands at St. Margaret’s, and our parish families!

We are so grateful for this faithful ministry and the countless lives touched through their generous hearts and gifted hands!

Dear Fernanda,
Please thank all the ladies who knitted for us and did such a beautiful job. Parents have been picking up coats and picking hats for their families. It is winter, and nothing is nicer than a warm hat. I appreciate, and so do all the moms we serve. From Mary's Hands, a great big warm hug and thanks to you, Father Vidal, and the Community of Notre Dame for helping us.

Blessings,
Teresa Prendergast, Director
Mary's Hands of St. Margaret's
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson

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The Flock

KNITTING & CROCHETING MINISTRY

Donating the fruits of our labor in support of those in need.

JOIN US →

We meet for faith & conversation on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7:00-8:30 pm in St. Joseph's Corner. All skill levels welcome!

Find out more at www.ndcamel.com

Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Party

By Dennis Fasano, Former Grand Knight

A group of 12 Knights and family members spent most of Saturday visiting Livia Health & Senior Living, Arden Courts, and the homes of seven home-bound parishioners to spread Christmas cheer.



Caroling has been a Knight's tradition for over 15 years, lifting the spirits of those we visit as well as the carolers who participated.



Family Mass: Angel on Assignment

By Diane Byrne, Elementary Family Faith Coordinator

This past Sunday at our Family Mass, our Lead Angel (Angel on Assignment) tasked our families with watching a faith-based Christmas movie.



After Mass, our lead angel, along with her helper angels, handed a bag to each family. Inside the bag was a list of suggested movies to watch, a movie review sheet, and a bag of microwavable popcorn to enjoy!



The cold and snowy weekend indeed lent itself for our families to cozy up and complete their assignment! Their movie review sheets are due back by December 28.

Gratitude for those who have joined us this year!



welcome

to our parish family

There are many reasons people arrive at the physical and spiritual doors of our parish. Some come because they have relocated to the area; others are seeking a sacrament for their child; others have been distant from the church and wish to reconnect; and still others are seeking new opportunities to grow spiritually. Whatever the reason, the Lord has a plan for each of these families. In the movement of the Holy Spirit—perhaps through the witness or invitation of others—their hearts have been led here to Notre Dame.

Dear Lord,

We thank You for the gift of new faces and new hearts among us, and the unique gifts, stories, and hopes they bring. May they feel welcome, valued, and loved as they continue their journey as part of this parish community. We lift all these hearts with great gratitude:

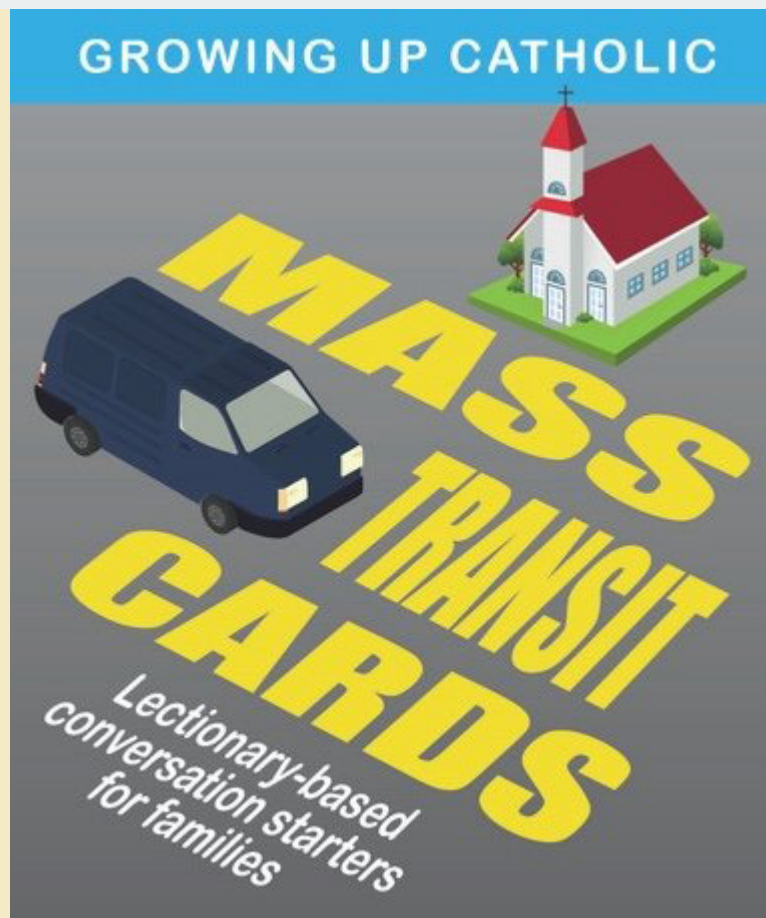
*Anthony, Christine Gianni, Anthony &
Donato Antonucci, Morris Plains
Nick Salviano and Tony Arenas, Whippany
Richard, Christina, Mariana, Elena, &
Olivia Bariletto, Mountain Lakes
Mike, Kaitlin & Ella Blicharz, Cedar Knolls
Christian, Carolyn, Elena & David Bonilla,
Morris Plains
Jose, Joan & Arlene Braulio, Cedar Knolls
Jeff, Michele & Carmella Carosia, Morris
Plains
Tracy Carras, Whippany
Christopher, Janine & Luca Cianciola,
Whippany
Sean, Alexis & Blake Cust, Whippany
James, Robin, James & Nicole Dellaterza,
Cedar Knolls
Julius Espiritu, Whippany*

*Matthew, Kaitlyn & Benjamin
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Jeffrey, Jennifer & Elise Martin,
Whippany
Pat Murphy, Whippany
Edgar, Fritzziel & Effie Ocampo,
Ledgewood
Brian, Jaclyn and Austin Palang, Morris
Plains
Steve & Marci Paraboschi, Morristown
Xiomara Pizzo, Jhon, Emma & Anna
Bohorquez, Whippany
Jon, Renee Jonathan, Leo & Kathryn
Rogan, Flanders
Leah Romanelli, Cedar Knolls
Kyle, Kristen & Colin Roughgarden,
Denville*

Sam & Alyssa Franchi, Morristown
Ralph & Terry Ganzhorn, Morris Plains
Gordon, Annabel, Marian, & Denisse Gibbs, Whippany
Jack & Michele Guerriri, Denville
Richard & Jeannette Hakes, Mount Tabor
Desmond, Jeanne, Alice & Elizabeth Lloyd, Morris Plains
Bianca Martinez, Richard, Aaron & Dario Lopez, Cedar Knolls
Jim & Diana Lynch, Morris Plains

Anthony, Lindsay & Carmine Salerno, Morristown
Charla Sarabia, Morris Plains
Nick, Kaitlyn & Lily Scudillo, Wayne
Mary Simcox, Morris Plains
David & Cindy Spellman, New Vernon
Rob & Sandra St. Jacques, Morris Plains
Justin, Stephanie Emmett & Liana Sudol, Morris Plains
Wilfredo, Caroline, Cataleya & William Vasquez, Morristown
Rebecca Vecchione, Mark, Charlotte & Sarah Wenczel, Whippany
Sandra Gilot-West, Morris Plains

We entrust our new parishioners to the care of the Holy Spirit. May they come to know Your presence here, and may together we become a living sign of Your love in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



What was the one insight the homily gave you?

"Jesus brought healing to the world."

"It is sometimes difficult to follow in Jesus' footsteps."

"God heals us from sin."

"Joy is giving back (especially to the poor)."

"John the Baptist questioned Jesus. Today's theme is joy. They talked about miracles."

"Advent means God is coming."

"Be patient, the Lord is near."

"Father Vidal emphasized the importance of being prepared for the birth of Jesus, and quoted a German poet that said that Jesus is born a thousand times in Bethlehem, but that is meaningless unless there is a personal spiritual birth of Jesus in our hearts."

"We have to be filled with joy because of the precious gift of Jesus."

"Joy multiplies by sharing."

"Joy isn't found in things you receive, but in what you share, and in Christ's work."

"The gift is not always what you expect."

"Sin can destroy the life of God in our hearts."

"We learned about John the Baptist."

"Pink candle gives light and Jesus is light."

"Jesus is the best gift."

"God heals any problems that hurt our relationship with him, others and ourselves."

"Jesus is the judge."

"Don't complain just to complain. If you complain, you need to do something about it."

Was there something special you noticed at Mass today?

"We were there early for once. We were helping out."

"The priest wasn't here today."

"There was one pink candle."

"Nice decorations. We went to church with our cousins."

"They lit the 3rd candle."

"I noticed that they played music differently at the end."

"Different priest."

"Cornerstone for men representative spoke about the retreat."

"It was bagel day."

"The color is ROSE."

"We had a different music person."

"Lit the 3rd candle, the Rose candle."

"It was snowing."

"Mary was in front of the Advent wreath holding baby Jesus!"

"The family lit the 3rd Advent candle."

"Not a lot of people and no music."

"There was no music because it snowed and maybe Mrs. Elko couldn't drive to mass today."

"My family lit the 3rd (rose) candle."

"There was a new priest that attended the mass."

"There are many beautiful Christmas decorations."

This Week's Mass & Lamp Intentions

Parishioner Announcements

Memories that Share Our Story

9:30 am Mass (click below)





