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Beautiful Eucharist



"Looking back, I am still amazed at the extraordinary grace God poured into my life right when I felt like everything was hopeless. I don't think I'll ever be able to make sense of it all. But that's OK. God invites us to know Him in mysterious ways. What matters isn't that we grasp why. What matters is whether or not we say "yes." There's no more powerful way to do that than to turn to him in the Eucharist." Sister Helena Burns, in Matthew Kelly's Beautiful Eucharist

Investing in Our Faith, Investing in Our Future

"Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. At all Masses, our congregation had the opportunity to listen to a parishioner share their experience here at Notre Dame of Mt Carmel. I encourage you to listen and be inspired by the impactful messages shared by all who witnessed."





*"Our commitment to our parish through our **Investing in Our Faith, Investing in Our Future** renewal will continue to bring life to our community! If you have not had the opportunity to complete your card, you may submit it online [HERE](#) or bring your completed card to Mass next weekend. Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church!" Fr. Paddy*

From Our Pastor: Music Ministry Update

I want to inform you that our search for a new Music Director is still in progress. With the incoming seasons of Advent and Christmas, it will be likely that our search will not come to fruition until the new year.

*I also want to share the good news that Beth Vecchio, who has extensive experience as a voice teacher and choir director, has agreed to lead our Adult Choir in the interim. To that end, **our Adult Choir will excitedly resume their weekly rehearsals this Wednesday, October 18, and will lead us in lifting our voices in song at the 11:30 a.m. liturgy beginning this Sunday!***

Please continue to keep our search for a new Music Director in your prayers.

*Peace,
Fr. Paddy*

New Parishioners: Welcome!

Welcome to Our Parish Family!



*Greg & Beth, Abigail Bastedo, Denville
Michael & Jessica Belott, Denville
Brandon & Caroline Bennett, Cedar Knolls
James & Gabriella Broderick, Cedar Knolls
Donna Calia & Travis Rode, Cedar Knolls
Dave & Victoria Calkins, Parsippany
Andrew & Kimberly, Hudson, Ashton, &
Carson DeTerlizzi, Whippany
Jose & Laurind, Antonella Coello, Whippany
Clair, Laura Dillon, Parsippany
Adela Campos, Kaiden Hernandez,
Plainfield
Matthew & Vikki, Marcella Faitoute,
Denville
Matthew & Samantha, Michael, Dylan,
Charlie, Asher Fielding-Sheehan, Mount
Tabor
Toto & Lulu, Lucas, Dani Garcia, Cedar
Knolls
Moises & Cecy (Hildago), Ashley, Bryanna,
Lindsay, Kinsley Hernandez, Cedar Knolls*

*Paola Hall, Denville, NJ
Michael & Jamie Lennon, Morris Plains
Richard & Melissa, Ryan, Alexa Lukis,
Denville
Gerry Mahon, Cedar Knolls
Ronald & Beatrice Martis, East Hanover
Greg & Kristen, Laila, Jeremy Matty,
Denville
Eric & Sara, Dylan, Kyle Pascarella,
Cedar Knolls
Stan & Nellie Rydz, Boonton
Guy & Nina, Aedhan Stanton,
Whippany
Roger & Mariam, Darya, Chrysanthia,
Michael Stone, East Hanover
Victor & Celia, Kamsi, Arinze Ukwu,
Morris Plains
Nathan & Jessica, Sierra, Joaquin,
Francesco, Stefania Umbriac,
Morristown
Brian & Brigitte Vohden, Morris Plains*

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

While our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMs) continue to serve at our Masses faithfully and bring Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners, it had been a long time (pre-COVID) since they had gathered as a ministry. Under the spiritual direction of Fr. Alex and the leadership of Lisa Wallburg (Ministry Chair) and Marc Luciani, two sessions were planned this month to bring active EMs together and welcome those wishing to be part of the ministry.



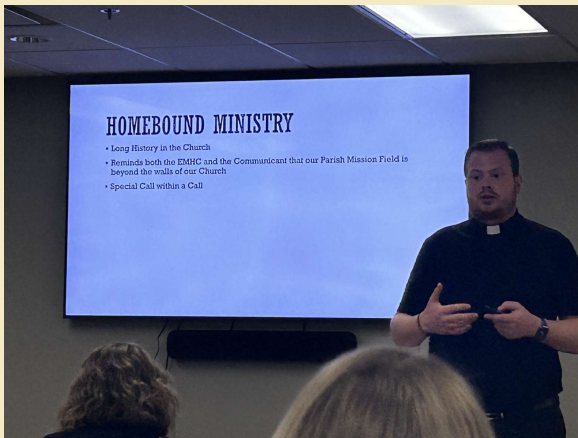
Each session covered theological and spiritual content to equip and strengthen the EMs with knowledge, faith, understanding, and love for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In addition, the EMs received a review of procedures when serving and were alerted of significant changes moving forward.



"Our EM training session was much needed given all the required procedure and protocol changes that were prayerfully presented to a large group of dedicated Eucharistic Ministers. Father Alex, Mark, and Lisa made an excellent presentation on the what and the why of all the changes. There was also the opportunity for table discussions on how we can best serve our fellow parishioners through this wonderful and sacred ministry. It was also an opportunity

"In the Year of the Eucharist, it was especially meaningful to take some time to feel the power of the Eucharist that was shared between all the EMs. There is such a strong feeling in this ministry of humility, grace, and awe that we get to serve in this way. In addition, there is a big responsibility to "get it right," to administer the sacrament properly, and to understand the changes." Bob Flynn

to meet parishioners new to this ministry and to invite all to consider also serving our homebound parishioners.” Jim Baratte



“The EM training was really great. Nancy and I thought and prayed about being part of the ministry for so long, but honestly, we both felt unworthy. We came to the realization, like so many other ministries, that serving the Lord in this manner is something we were called to do. The training was wonderful, with all of the other ministers who provided great experiences. Fr. Alex did a great job explaining the role of the Extraordinary Ministers. We look forward to serving. God bless.” Mike Mulligan

“I am so humbled with feelings of unworthiness to answer the call to join the EM team. Father Alex, Lisa, and Marc did an extraordinary job on Saturday as he prepared the EM team. I am grateful to have attended this workshop. The lectures on the Holy Eucharist and having time for reflection and discussion with team members were truly beautiful and transformational. I could feel the Holy Spirit present. To hold Jesus in my hands and to be used as His instrument for His beautiful children of all ages - is truly an incredible experience beyond words. It is such a Holy and reverent act of worship. What a blessing! Thank you, Notre Dame. Thank you, God!” Patty Allocca

According to Diocesan guidelines, all active EMs will be officially commissioned to serve at Notre Dame. This step will be taken every three years for those continuing to serve in the ministry.

Scouts Host Morning for the Young at Heart!

Parishioner and Cubmaster Flo Chirichiello reached out to our parish office seeking opportunities for the Hanover Cub Scouts Pack 40 to serve here at Notre Dame, their charter organization. After some brainstorming, the idea surfaced for the scouts to host a Bingo event for our wonderful seniors; the event was held this past Saturday morning in our Parish Hall.



In spite of the rainy day, the young scouts brought entertainment and great joy to all the participants!



Scout (and Altar Server) Giovanni invited his grandma, Nonna Pasqualina, to attend the event!



*"'Era una Bella festa!' Nonna Pasqualina said. 'It was a beautiful party!' She liked making new friends with the other Italian ladies and speaking in Italian. It was the highlight of her day. She can't stop talking about it and smiling. Many of the seniors said how nice it was to get out of the house and socialize with others."*Flo Chirichiello

The event was such a success that our scouts are excited about future opportunities to serve our senior community!

"A letter to the parents who keep bringing their disruptive kids to Mass, week after week."

An excerpt from an Aletheia article by Anna O'Neal.

Pictured below are two beautiful treasures we are blessed to have in our sacred space and as part of our faith family!



"Isn't this exactly what we are doing? We are giving it literally all we've got in obeying the Church's request to make it to Sunday Mass. (Sheer embarrassment, unfortunately, isn't a good enough reason to stay home.) To the outside world, it looks like we've done the bare minimum. We've gotten into the building, sure, but

are we concentrating? Are we having a spiritual experience? Did we even hear a word of the Gospel, for heaven's sake? It doesn't look like much. We are the only ones who know how much we are really giving. But Christ knows, too."



"Pretty often, I leave Mass feeling like the whole thing was a bust. I didn't even manage to follow along, and I left so fast I forgot to genuflect. What kind of a Catholic am I? If that's how you feel too, don't forget — having little kids, or kids with special needs, or whatever situation you're in that makes it impossible to kneel quietly and listen carefully, this is a unique kind of poverty. And we, in our poverty, really do give all we have just by doing our best. Even if our best is just showing up. So don't stop. And please don't worry too much about how your family looks. Even if it never gets easier, keep doing what you are doing, and know that even when the world doesn't, God sees how valuable your sacrifice is."

**For the record, and not that it would have mattered, we didn't hear a peep out of this newlyborn princess!*

Elementary Family Faith:

"Mary's Fiat"

By Diane Byrne, Elementary Family Faith Coordinator

Fr. Alex spoke about Mary at Sunday's Family Mass. Using a toy car as a prop, he explained how the word "**FIAT**" means "**Let it be done**," which is how Mary said "yes" to God's call.



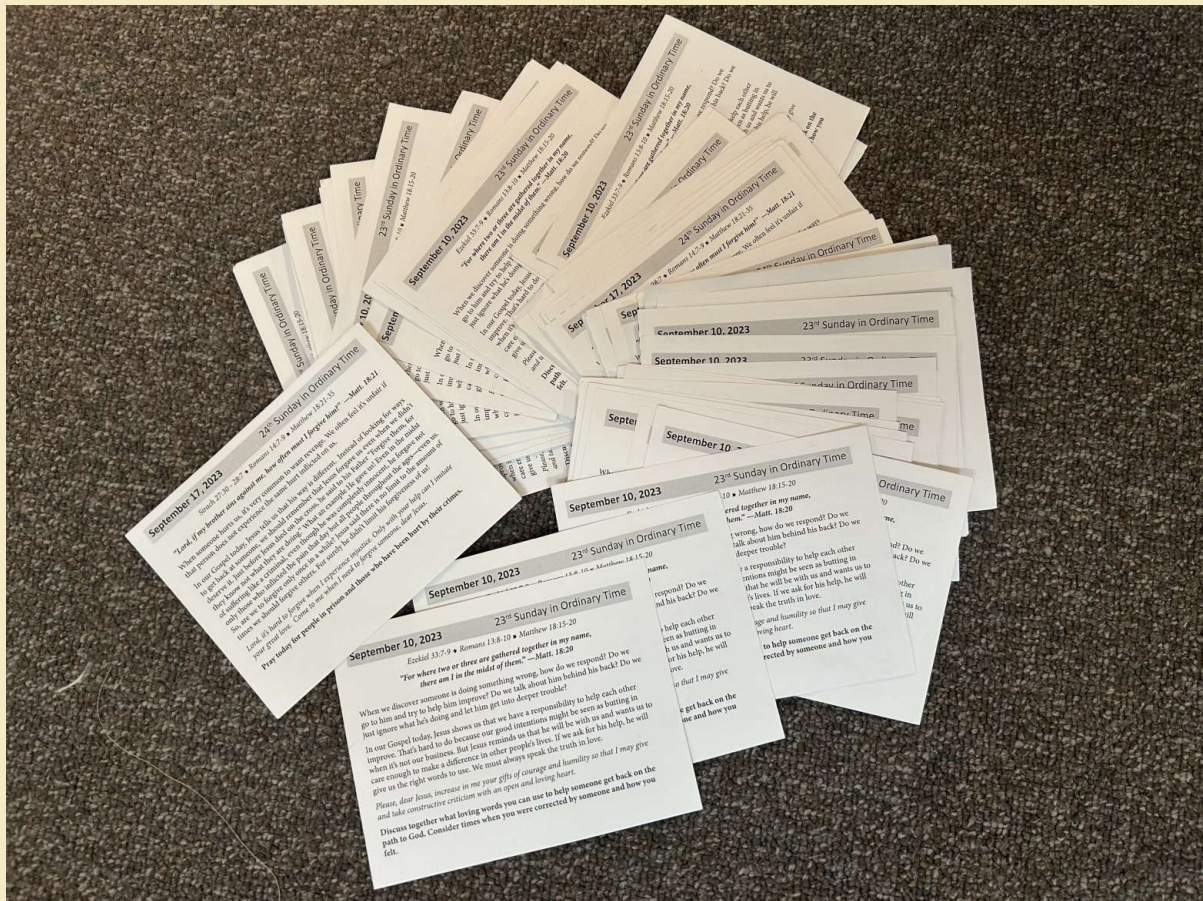
Mary was young when God asked her to be the mother of Jesus, and by saying "yes," she gave us the greatest gift of all. Because of this, Mary is considered to be the first disciple and a great role model. We can learn from Mary that being small does not mean we can't do great things.



Joseph said "yes" too! 🤗

Family Faith: Mass Transit Conversations

(Comments reflect previous Sundays' celebrations)



We appreciate the lighthearted and authentic responses shared by the young children! It is a blessing as well to see families who happen to attend Mass in other churches still hold and submit their "Transit Conversations."

Was there something special you noticed at Mass today?

"Fr. Paddy had a bottle of wine."

"There was a different man on the Altar next to Father Paddy."

"We saw a Rosary of balloons and learned to pray the Rosary outside."

"There was so much gold in the church, so much!!" [Family attended Mass at a Polish church.]

"The priest has a bag with wine; he made me laugh!"

"We like sitting in the front!"

"There are five decades of the Rosary."

"I sang in the choir for the first time!"

"After Mass, we prayed the Living Rosary and our family got to lead the 5th decade, The Assumption of Mary."

What was one new insight the homily gave you?

"God wants us to be good grapes."

"It told me to think about other people, not just myself."

"God gives us what we need."

"Be generous with your time and trust in others and Jesus."

"Don't be selfish in the golf game!"

"To obey the Father (God) and not to be the son who disobeys him in the parable."

"We never realized how many programs and activities the church offered. What's your favorite red wine, Father?"

"Be generous with your time and trust in others and Jesus."

"It is important to behave and follow the rules - not speeding in a 25mph, no running red lights. Yellow lights mean speed up in New Jersey."

Special Thank You from New Jersey Right to Life



"Thank you to those who participated in the New Jersey Right To Life Respect Life Raffle on October 7 & 8 at Notre Dame Mount Carmel. The total proceeds raised is \$1,123, with 108 raffles and \$43 in donations. Raffle drawing results will be posted in a future announcement once the November 17 drawing is certified as official."
Stephen Perkowski, Raffle Committee
Morris County Right To Life

This week's Mass & Lamp Intentions

Parishioner Announcements

Memories that share our story...

Welcome, Annie, to our 7:30 a.m. Mass and our parish family! And congratulations to Mom & Dad Lindsay & Michael Hyland.



P.S. You did not disrupt Mass at all!!

Congratulations, Mulligan Family, 2023 Recipients of the Vivere Christus Award!



Family Mass





6 PM Mass with Contemporary Worship



Sent by Cristina Folan - Communications

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