OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

ONE HUNDREND TWENTY FOUR YEARS OF UNBROKEN TRADITION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY JULY 16, 2017

Church Services

We encourage all to register at the Parish-Shrine.

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Les invitamos a registrarse en el Santuario Parroquial.

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Business Manager
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Sacramental Life

Confessions *Confesiones*
Saturdays—*Sábados*
4:00pm—5:30pm or by appointment/ *o con cita.*

Baptisms *Bautizos*
Come to the parish office. *Pase a la oficina parroquial.*

Weddings *Bodas*
Contact the priest at least six months in advance.
Contactar al sacerdote seis meses antes de la ceremonia

Quinceañera
Contactar a la secretaria cuatro meses antes de la ceremonia.

Presentaciones
Contactar la Secretaria al menos dos semanas antes

Religious Services

Recitation of the Holy Rosary
Mon—Sat at 7:00am

Adoration *Adoración al Stmo. Sacramento*
Wednesdays 6:00pm—8:00pm

Novena & Benediction
Wednesday/Miércoles 7:30pm

Grupo de Oración Carismática
Martes a las 7:00pm

Other Services

Gift Shop Hours *Venta de Artículos Religiosos*
During the regular office hours.
Durante las horas de oficina

Community Center *Centro Comunitario*
Social outreach *Servicios a la comunidad* (708) 345 - 3632

Food Pantry *Despensa de comida*
Wednesdays 4:00pm—6:00pm

Religious Education—*Catecismo*
Saturday - *Sábados* 3:30pm — 6:30pm
Sunday - *Domingos* 10:00am—1:00pm
- Mass Included—Incluye la Misa

124th Feast
In honor of
"La Madonna del Carmine"

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An unbroken tradition where Mary's beloved children can honor the mother of God Under her ancient title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wedding Banns

♥ Franco Alcocer & Minerva Sida...2
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♥ Mario Rodriguez & Guadalupe Rojo...1

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July 8 - July 9, 2017

Regular Sunday Collection: $5,421.00

THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES AT MOUNT CARMEL SINCE 1905

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, is served
by the Congregation of the Missionaries of
St. Charles – Scalabrinians – .
We are an community of Catholic religious
serving migrants and refugees of different cultures,
religions and ethnicities in 32 countries.
The Congregation was founded in Italy
on November 28, 1887,
by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini (1839-1905),
bishop of Piacenza (Italy).
Our missionary focus is to be migrants
with the migrants and to be in mission
with people on the move,
with a special priority for the poorest
And neediest migrants.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL —MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community bound by the Grace of God the Father
who adopted us all as beloved children through Baptism.
We journey as brothers and sisters
inspired in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished with the Eucharist
and strengthened by the love of the Holy Spirit.
Encouraged in the practice of our Catholic Tradition,
we experience and honor the maternal protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
while joyfully celebrating the religious practices of our ancestors in Faith.
Heartened by the zealous ministry of the Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians),
we strive to create a welcoming space were justice for all and the wellbeing of God's people
become the inspiration in our efforts to build God's Kingdom.

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NUESTRA SENORA DEL MONTE CARMEL — VISIÓN

Somos una comunidad de fe vinculada por la Gracia de Dios Padre,
que nos ha adoptado como hijos amados por el Bautismo.
Caminamos como hermanos y hermanas
inspirados en el Evangelio de Jesucristo, nutridos con la Eucaristía
y fortalecidos por el amor del Espíritu Santo.
Alentados en la práctica de nuestra Tradición Católica,
experimentamos y honramos a la protección materna de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo,
celebrando alegremente las prácticas religiosas de nuestros ancestros en la Fe.
Animados por el celo ministerial de los Misioneros de San Carlos (Scalabrinianos),
nos esforzamos por crear un espacio de bienvenida donde la justicia para todos
y el bienestar del pueblo de Dios nos inspiran en nuestros esfuerzos para construir el Reino de Dios.

From the Pastor's Desk

This year marks the 124th celebration in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel! As Shepheard of this Faith Family, I am glad to extend a cordial welcome to all those who have taken the time to visit our church these days and honor the Virgin Mother of Christ under her august title of *Flos Carmeli;* that is: Flower of Mount Carmel. Year in and year out, pilgrims from all over visit our place, making out of our yearly festivities one of the largest religious celebrations in the Archdiocese of Chicago. People who were born in Melrose Park and later moved away; children of past parishioners whose devotion to La Madonna has been inherited as a treasure to be guarded generation after generation; infirmed people who look after a possible miracle; Catholic people who love Mary and wish to express their devoutness to her; believers from all backgrounds whose love for Our Lady transcends culture and language barriers… Welcome Home!

The efforts, dedication and good will of many makes it possible for all of us to enjoy this beautiful festival. I hold no doubt that the beauty of this religious experience abides precisely in the fact that many hard working and selfless volunteers join in to make out of this event a true success. There is no hidden interest in the hearts of those who spend countless hours putting together link after link in this endless chain of devotion. "We do it out of love for God and our Blessed Mother" is an expression that has captured my attention so many times… out of love!!! Hence a valid Christian message when it comes to building out of our world a better place to live in. These festivities honoring La Madonna have lasted for so long because those in charge have procured to make out of their efforts and dedication a love offering to the Mother of God and our Mother. For over a century, people have been able to experience the joy of honoring Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Melrose Park. No doubt the success we experience year after year has to do with love as the essential element that binds together all the efforts and dreams of our dedicated parishioners.

To each one of you, coming from nearby or far beyond… Welcome! I hope you can experience the enjoyment of celebrating Faith in community. I wish you can be enchanted by the gentle sight of our Blessed Mother and be blessed with her maternal intercession. It is my hope that as you join us this year you can feel the love we have invested into each detail of our celebration. May your heart rejoice and your Spirit leap with joy as you enter the doors of our church and see our beautiful Madonna. I truly hope that each visitor goes home with a heart filled with Grace and Blessings. May the Christ child, Our Lady's beloved Son, keep you and your family safe, and may He grant us the opportunity of being back next year for a Jubilee of Gladness as we commemorate the 125th anniversary of this Feast in honor of La Madonna and the 50th anniversary of the Consecration of our Church building.

Adsum,

Fr. Miguel Álvarez, cs
Pastor-Rector

A Bit of History...

The relationship between Our Lady and Mount Carmel is geographical and biblical. Mount Carmel is about 20 miles from Nazareth and overlooks the Mediterranean Sea. The Mount is considered a symbol of blessing and beauty for its rich vegetation and beauty. Scripture tells that Elijah, the prophet, prayed to God on this Mount for rain during a drought and God answered his prayers with abundant rain and new life. The clouds that rose from the sea that brought the rain subsequently became a symbol for Mary and eventually developed into the title Star of the Sea.

Mount Carmel eventually attracted an order of hermits, and from the 12th century on it served as a residence to a Latin community of hermits called the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. A religious order that followed in the footsteps of Mary, the Order of Carmel considers itself totally Marian, a privilege that it claims to have received from the Blessed Virgin Mary, herself, and which is made visible through the brown scapular.

The Mount Carmel brown scapular is the oldest among eight scapulars to be approved by the Church that have a Marian character. The brown scapular owes its origin and existence to Saint Simon Stock who received a large brown scapular from Our Lady in a vision on July 16, 1251. A scapular is actually the sleeveless outer garment of a monk's habit that falls from the shoulders. Its significance implies that one is clothed with Mary's attitudes and devotion to Christ.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Carmel is Hebrew for "garden or vineyard of God." Mount Carmel is a well-known mountain range in the northern Holy Land. Its rich soil, rain from the Mediterranean Sea, and high peaks allows the mountain to be fertile with forests and vegetation. Its volcanic origin has created many caves. Mount Carmel is associated in the Jewish Scriptures with Elijah, the Old Testament Prophet. It was there he called the people of Israel back to faith in the One God of freedom and life, in the confrontation with the 400 prophets of Baal. Fire came from heaven to affirm the divine spark of Yahweh, the God of Israel. Elijah had to listen to God in the quiet whisper of a breeze, amid the earthquakes and thunderstorms of life.

According to tradition, there was a succession of monks and hermits living on Mount Carmel, in the spirit of Elijah, seeking intimacy with God and to work to the justice of God's reign. In 1180, some hermits built an oratory on Mount Carmel where they would pray together. They dedicated it to "the Lady of this Place", knowing that Mary of Nazareth, the Lady of the Holy Land would open them to God as she was so absolutely open to God coming into the world. This "Lady" was their sister in faith, reminding them that God, as Emmanuel, would be wherever we are. They became true men of prayer, living in God's presence.

According to tradition, on July 16th, 1251, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock, superior general of the Carmelite Order, She held a scapular on her hand. As the patroness of the Carmelite order, she promise that if they wore this in faith, she would protect them. Thus began the powerful sacramental of the Carmelite Brown Scapular, as a symbol of the total openness of Mary to Jesus. Popular piety led people to believe that Mary would help them into heaven, if they died wearing the Brown Scapular as a reflection of living a life of faith in God.

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is not a magic charm nor an automatic guarantee of salvation. It is a reminder to live the Gospel, follow Jesus, and to prayerfully walk through life. Our Lady of Mount Carmel leads us to seek deep intimacy with God Who loves us and walks with us through every moment of life, and in faith to work for the justice of God's Kingdom by living the beatitudes and embracing the poor. Our Lady of Mount Carmel always points us to Jesus. The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been celebrated on July 16th since the 14th century. It is the second most used title for Catholic Churches in the world, after "St. Mary".

Remember OLMC Church in your will.

To help us continue and preserve the tradition of devotion to our Blessed Mother, we ask you to remember Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church of Melrose Park, IL (our legal name) in your Will. Remember: in Illinois a Will may be handwritten, but the signing of any Will must be witnessed by two attesting witnesses to be valid. You can always change the contents of a Will, since a Will with a more recent date voids and supersedes a Will written earlier. Please consult with your attorney for legal advice.

Following is an example for making an outright bequest to the Church:

"I give, devise or bequeath to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish 1101 N. 23rd Ave., Melrose Park Illinois, 60160, the sum of ($) to be used for the maintenance, repair, and improvement of the Church and its grounds." Or you can direct your bequest to a specific purpose; please discuss your wishes with the Pastor.

If you do decide to remember OLMC Church in your Will, please send us a letter advising us of this fact. Also, please leave instructions in the Will that OLMC Church be contacted at the time that the Will is registered with the courts, so that we may learn of your intentions. Thank you for your generosity and support towards our Parish Community.

May Our Lady of Mount Carmel look after you, and be forever by your side.

Ricordate la Parrocchia di Monte Carmelo nel vostro testamento.

Aiutateci a continuare e a mantenere la tradizione alla Madonna del Carmine, ricordandovi nel vostro testamento. Sapete che il, testamento nello stato dell'Illinois può essere scritto a mano, ma ha bisogno della firma di due testimoni per essere valido.

Il testamento può sempre essere cambiato, perché il testamento riconosciuto è quello che porta la data più recente. Potete sempre chiedere il parere di un avvocato.

Se avete intenzione di lasciare un lascito alla Chiesa di Monte Carmelo, mettetevi in contatto con il parroco, Padre Miguel Alvarez. Lasciate istruzioni nel testamento sicchè la Corte si metta in contatto con la Chiesa di Monte Carmelo, riguardo le vostre decisioni.

Preghiamo la Madonna che vi protegga sempre e sia sempre sul vostro cammino.

A FRIEND IN NEED

A lynchpin of the Italian-American community desperately needs our help. Longtime community activist Emilio Scalzitti is in renal failure, and his life depends on receiving a new kidney. Born and raised in the Mother Cabrini Parish, he became active in the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel soon after moving to Melrose Park in the 1980s. He ran the Knights of Columbus honor guard at the Feast of San Francesco for decades, and he currently serves as financial secretary for the San Rocco di Potenza Society. His blood type makes him a match for any donor. (773-413-7542) - FRA NOI

Devotion

True devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary consists in three things: VENERATION, CONFIDENCE AND LOVE. By simply wearing the Scapular, we can tell her every moment of the day that we venerate her, love her and trust in her protection.

The Scapular Is a Silent Prayer

As Our Lord taught us to say the Our Father, Our Blessed Mother taught us the value of the scapular. When we use it as a prayer, Our Lady draws us to the Sacred Heart of Her Divine Son. It is good, therefore, to hold the scapular in the hand. A prayer offered while holding the Scapular is as perfect as a prayer can be. It is especially in time of temptation that we need the powerful intercession of God's Mother. The evil spirit is utterly powerless when the wearer of a scapular faces temptation, calling upon the Holy Virgin in this silent devotion. "If you had recommended yourself to me, you would not have run into such danger," was Our Lady's gentle reproach to Blessed Alan de la Roche, one of her devoted servants.—***Sisters of Carmel***

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 15 — **ST. BONAVENTURA**
7:30 am † John C. Babowice by Loving Family
12:00 pm Misa en Honor a Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo
5:30 pm †
7:30 pm NOVENA OLMC

SUNDAY, JULY 16 — **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:00 am † Lino Rauzi by Wife & Family
9:00 am †
12:00 pm †

MONDAY, JULY 17 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Michael & Lucia De Vito by Doyle Grandchildren

TUESDAY, JULY 18 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Jonellen Chiano
6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY. JULY 19 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Roseann Morrocco by Husband Jorge
† Edo Marocchi by Wife Mary
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, JULY 20 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

FRIDAY, JULY 21 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †

SATURDAY, JULY 22 — **ST. MARY MAGDALENE**
7:30 am †
5:30 pm † Ann Vovola by Children

SUNDAY, JULY 23 — **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am † Rita Longo
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE ILL OR INFIRMED :

Linda Bandy
Mary Donato
Judith Escamilla
Jacob Duda
Kristie Goldi
Linna Goldi
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-Jose Ramon Arenas

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- Nancy Diaz
- Daniel Michel

Office Hours

Sunday
-8:00am—3:00pm

Tuesday- Friday
-8:30am—8:30pm

Saturday
-8:30am — 1:00pm
-2:00pm—5:30pm

Monday
- We're Closed

Sunday Mass Schedule

5:30pm - Sat. Vigil Mass
7:45am - English
9:00am - Español
10:30am - Italiano
12:00pm - English
1:30pm - Español
5:00pm - Español

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Español
-Martes y Jueves a las 6:30pm

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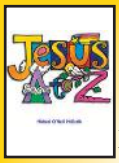

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