

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

December 1st, 2019
**First Sunday of
Advent**

The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Served by The Missionaries of Saint Charles – Scalabrinians



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Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:30am—8:00pm

Saturday

8:30am — 1:00pm

2:00pm—5:30pm

Sunday

8:30am — 1:30pm

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

Weekly Mass Schedule

English

Monday - Saturday at 7:30am

Español

Lunes a Viernes a las 6:30pm

Italiano

Sotto richiesta

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**THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES
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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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEE



Saturday, November 30

Saint Andrew

7:30 am †

5:30 pm †

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

7:45 am †

9:00 am †

10:30 am † Picano Concetta by: Angelo & Elizabetta
De Biasio

† Mike Fricano by: Sister

12:00pm †

1:30 pm †

5:00 pm †

Monday, December 2

Advent Weekday

7:30 am † Diane Payne by: Maria Sconza

6:30 pm †

Tuesday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier

7:30 am †

6:30 pm †

7:00 pm **NOVENA DE GUADALUPE**

Wednesday, December 4

Advent Weekday

7:30 am †

5:30 pm ADORATION

6:30 pm †

7:00 pm **NOVENA DE GUADALUPE**

Thursday, December 5

Advent Weekday

7:30 am †

6:30 pm †

7:00 pm **NOVENA DE GUADALUPE**

Friday, December 6

Advent Weekday

7:30 am †

6:30 pm †

7:00 pm **NOVENA DE GUADALUPE**

Saturday, December 7

Saint Ambrose

7:30 am †

5:30 pm

7:00 pm **NOVENA DE GUADALUPE**

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

7:45 am † Rick Di Domenico by: Family

9:00am †

10:30 am †

12:00 pm † Robert Filec Sr. by: Wife Connie &
children

1:30 pm †

5:00 pm †

7:00 pm **NOVENA DE GUADALUPE**



From the Pastor's Desk

I SUNDAY OF ADVENT. In these first days of December we begin the period of Advent in preparation for the coming of Baby Jesus, Messiah and Savior. It is a duration of 4 weeks. Advent is a time of prayer and reflection marked by the vigilant waiting - in hope, marvel, forgiveness and joy. During the Advent season, we decorate the Churches and also our homes with a crown of pine branches called: Advent wreath, with four candles, one for each Sunday of Advent. It is our Advent tradition, that each of those four candles is assigned with a virtue that we must be reflected upon, for example: the first, love; the second, peace; the third, tolerance and the fourth, faith. Every Sunday of Advent, the liturgy opens with the community that gathers in prayer around the Advent wreath by lighting a purple or pink candle symbolizing the light that the coming Messiah will bring us as Lord of Light. It is also a time that calls us to conversion and meditation with the biblical personages of Advent, such as the figures of the prophet Isaiah, of John the Baptist, of Mary, mother of Jesus, and of Joseph of Nazareth. We also invite you in these days to prepare your Crib – nativity scene in your home -, as simple sign that helps us to enter in the mystery of the Incarnation, and the Christmas Tree, as symbol of life. It could become a teaching moment to explain to your children or grandchildren the great meaning and value in our faith of Advent and Christmas. Let's live this Advent, conscious that above all, it's time to give and take. It is time to forgive and amend. It is a time of confidence and trust in the seed that the divine Lord has long begun and once more continue to germinate and producing abundant spiritual fruits in all of us. Amen!

NOVENA TO THE VIRGIN.

This time of Advent is also rich in celebrations. It provides two very significant Marian solemnities for our reflection: Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. I hope that you and I prepare ourselves as Mary did to receive the Savior. She welcomed her son Jesus, in the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel with open heart, in a Fiat. On this, we look forward every night from December 3 to 11 at 7:00 PM to have you join in the Novena that will be guided by Father Mario Geremia, c.s. Scalabrinian missionary, who is coming from Rome, to help us to have a spiritual journey of faith. See you then and welcome P. Mario!

I DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO. En estos primeros días de diciembre comenzamos el tiempo de gracias del Adviento en preparación a la venida del Niño Dios, Mesías y Salvador. Es un tiempo de duración de 4 semanas. El Adviento es un tiempo de oración y de reflexión caracterizado por la *espera vigilante - de esperanza*, de arrepentimiento, de perdón y de alegría. Durante el Adviento colocamos en las Iglesias y también en las casas una corona de ramas de pino, llamada corona de Adviento, con cuatro velas, una por cada domingo de Adviento. Es nuestra tradición de Adviento, que a cada una de esas cuatro velas se le asigna una virtud que hay que reflexionar, por ejemplo: la primera, el amor; la segunda, la paz; la tercera, la tolerancia y la cuarta, la fe. Cada domingo de Adviento, la liturgia se abre con la comunidad que se reúne en oración en torno a la corona de Adviento encendiendo un cirio morado o rosa simbolizando la luz que el Niños nos viene a traer como Señor de la Luz. Es también un tiempo de conversión y meditación con los personajes propios del Adviento, como son las figuras del profeta Isaías, de Juan el Bautista, de María, madre de Jesús, y de José de Nazaret. Los invitamos también en estos días a poner el Pesebre, signo de sencillez, y el Árbol, símbolo de la vida; aprovechando así de explicar a los niños el gran significado del Adviento. Vivamos el Adviento, recordándonos que más que nada, es tiempo de dar y recibir. Es tiempo de perdonar y de enmendar. Es tiempo de confiar en que la semilla del Yo divino, hace rato que ha empezado a germinar y va produciendo abundantes frutos. ¡Amen!

NOVENA A LA VIRGEN. Este tiempo, también es rico de celebraciones. Abraza dos solemnidades marianas muy significativas para nosotros: **Fiesta de la Virgen Inmaculada y de la Señora de Guadalupe.** Ojalá que tu y yo nos preparemos con María a recibir al Salvador como Ella lo acogió en la Anunciación que el ángel Gabriel le encomendó. Los esperamos **todas las noches del 3 al 11 de diciembre a las 7:00PM** participando en el **Novenario** que será guiado del Padre Mario Geremia, c.s. misionero scalabriniano, que viene desde Roma, para un buen camino espiritual. **Anímate y Bienvenido P. Mario!**

FINANCIAL REPORT

We present to you the financial report of our parish community. We invite you to take a copy of the bulletin and take a look at the journey we are doing as a community of faith, in which you are a part of and are contributing with your participation, services, gifts and resources. While I thank you for your generous donations, I encourage you all to an ever more generous commitment to continue providing to our community what it is needed.

REPORTE FINANCIERO

Le presentamos en seguida el reporte financiero de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Los invitamos a llevarse una copia del boletín y tomar visión del camino que estamos haciendo como comunidad en las que tú eres parte y aportas con tu participación, servicios, dones y riqueza. Mientras le agradezco sus generosas donaciones los animo a todos a un compromiso siempre más generosos para seguir sirviéndolos con fidelidad.

Income 2019

Ordinary Income: Sunday Collection & Holy Days	\$ 294,750.89
Christmas Collection	\$ 8,144.00
Easter Collection	\$ 5,225.00
Second collections for Parish	\$ 31,306.69
Religious Education Registration	\$ 52,711.63
Lease and Rental Income (School, Community Center, Hall, Others)	\$ 112,952.12
<u>Fund Raising</u>	
Varia: Religious Articles, Spanish Auxiliary groups, Parish Fund Raisings, Other doantions.	\$ 1,100,066.08
Miscellaneous: Stole fees-Sacramental Sevicees, and Candles.	\$ 78,421.33
Outside Funding Sources (Grants)	\$ 233,607.06
Total Income	\$ 1,917,184.80

Expenses 2019

Ordinary Expenses: Salaries	\$ 570,135.56
Employee taxes & benefits	\$ 132,278.60
Books, Supplies & Administrative	\$ 66,452.96
Groceries, Catering, Meals & Janitorial Supplies	\$ 20,037.79
Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Water, Telecommunications)	\$ 101,151.67
Maintenance & Building Repairs	\$ 66,342.99
Transportation costs (Repairs:Cars, Vans & Minibus)	\$ 9,250.57
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$ 24,435.12
Furnishings & Equipment	\$ 2,600.48
Archdiocesan & Lease Assessments	\$ 69,110.76
Property, Casualty & Other Insurance	\$ 29,924.28
Ministry formation, Meetings & Speakers	\$ 15,210.56
Miscellaneous (Public Relations, Hospitality, Gifts, Subscriptions)	\$ 28,095.31
Total Expenses	\$ 1,135,026.65
Net ordinary Income	\$ 782,158.15

Other Income	Archdiocesan Required Second Collections	\$ 29,730.00
	Religiuos Ed. 19/20 Registrations	\$ 1,450.00
	To Teach Who Christ Is	\$ 256.20
	Total Other Income	\$ 31,436.20
Other Expenses	Payment of Archdiocesan required second collections	\$ (27,804.00)
	Capital Improvements -Church & Rectory HVAC-Partial	\$ (115,000.00)
	Church lighting Upgrades and Control	\$ (43,017.64)
	Total Other expenses	\$ (185,821.64)
	Net Other Income	\$ (154,385.44)
	Net Income	\$ 627,772.71

Collection totals per Mass:	5:30 PM	\$ 24,092.00
	7:45 AM	\$ 15,947.00
	9:00 AM	\$ 78,035.00
	10:30 AM	\$ 22,852.00
	12:00 PM	\$ 36,305.00
	1:30 PM	\$ 68,686.00
	5:00 PM	\$ 37,167.00
	Varia - Children Donations & Holidays:	\$ 35,090.00
		\$ 318,174.00

Status Animarum

July 2018 - June 2019

Baptisms:	147	The Parish in numbers...	
Initiation of Children:	2	July 2018 - June	
Confirmation teenagers:	91		
Confirmation adults:	20	Registered Families	571
First Communions (Children):	151	Sunday Attendance	2,700
First Communions (adults):	12	CCD Students	580
Weddings:	23	RCIA Students	20
Quinceañeras:	40		
Funerals:	54		
Reception - Full Communion	0		

Improvements:

1.-Heating and Cooling System in Church and Rectory	\$ 352,863.00
2.- Church lightning and Control Panel Upgrade	\$ 43,017.64
3.- Electrical Panel outside of Church	\$ 14,905.00
4.- Wheel Chair Lift in Carmel Hall	\$ 22,300.00



Coming together every Sunday and celebrating the Eucharist is the best expression of what it means to be an active members of the Church. It is when the baptized children of God gather to celebrate the memorial of Jesus' passion, death and Resurrection that we can best express being living members of the body of Christ, called to worship the Lord of life.

However, belonging to a church group allows the person to grow in faith while striving to establish in the world the presence of our Savior. Here at OLMC we can encounter a variety of groups and societies that gift our community with a diversity of charismas where the action of the Holy Spirit is best expressed.

Parish Groups

Holy Name Society: English-Open to all men of our Parish-1st Sunday of the Month-St. Anthony's room 8:30-10:00 a.m

Altar and Rosary Society: English-open to all women of good faith-Last Tuesday of the month. St. Anthony's room 7:00-9:00 p.m

St. Anthony's Society: English/Italian-open to men and women-3rd Thursday of the month-St. Anthony's room-7:00-9:00 p.m

Knights of Columbus: English-open to all Catholic men-1st Thursday of the month-St. Anthony's room- 7:30-9:00 p.m

Santo Nino: English-Open to all men and women of goodwill-2nd Saturday of the month-St. Anthony's room 1:00-4:00 p.m

Jornadas Matrimoniales: Spanish-open to all men and women-Every other Friday-Pastoral Center room 4-7:00 -9:00 p.m

Charismatic Prayer Group: Spanish-open to everyone-Every Monday-Pastoral Center room 4-7:00-8:30 p.m

Financial Committee--: English-Chosen responsible Parishioners-Varying Tuesdays-Rectory basement- 7:00-9:00 p.m

Feast Committee: English-Chosen Parishioners-Varying Thursdays-St. Anthony's-7:00-9:00 p.m

Pastoral Council: English/Spanish-1st Tuesday-Rectory Basement-7:30-9:30 p.m

Spanish Choirs: Participating on Sunday Masses (three of them) meeting for rehearsals once a week

Ushers: Serving during Sunday Masses. English/Spanish-3rd Wednesday-Rectory Basement- 7:00-8:30 p.m

O.L.M.C Programs

Folkloric Dance Group: English/Spanish-All ages-Tue/Wed/Thur-Carmel Hall-6:00-9:30 p.m

Scouts: English-Spanish Open to all boys and girls in the community-Every Friday-Gym/Carmel Hall-7:00-8:30 p.m

Senior Meals: English/Spanish-All seniors and disabled people-Monday-Friday-Carmel Hall-10:00-1:00 p.m

Food Pantry: English/Spanish-Open to residents of Melrose and Stone Park-Every Wednesday-3:30-5:30 p.m

As you can see, there is a place for each one... there is space for all. Inquire about the possibility of joining us and help us to make out of Our Lady of Mount Carmel the vibrant, spiritual and welcoming community we are called to be. Find a spot for your Spiritual Growth and discover the joy of becoming an active member of our Church.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community Center

VISION:

Our vision is to achieve a safe and supportive community where individuals and families can reach their fullest potential.

MISSION:

Our mission is to provide comprehensive service within an arm's length of the community in which every individual is cared for spiritually, morally, intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally in a linguistic and culturally friendly environment.

Through the Community Center, Our Lady of Mount Carmel leads the outreach work with different organizations to bring together direct services that alleviate the necessities of our communities. Our Lady of Mount Carmel now houses over seven partners on its premises as follow:

- Sarah's Inn for Domestic Violence Assistance,
- HAS Health Alternative Systems for Substance Abuse Assistance,
- Amita Health for Mental Health Assistance,
- The Resurrection Project for Financial Coaching and Home Purchase,
- Solutions for Care for Senior Services,
- Age Options for the Senior Meal Program,
- CEDA for Liheap Assistance
- CEDA WIC
- Catholic Charities for Immigration Services
- Family Focus for Family and Early Childhood Services
- Complement the direct services and referral assistance for state services such as:
 - = All Kids = SNAP = Medicaid = Medicare = Savings Program = Child Care
 - = Child Support = Benefit Access Program and Unemployment

These partners help support Direct Services and Outreach Activities in Proviso Township and surrounding communities.

In addition, through several partners including:

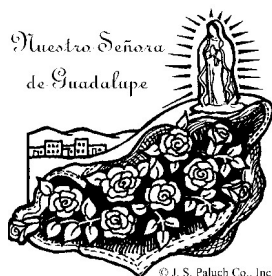
- Triton College,
- Melrose Park Village, Police Department and Chamber of Commerce
- Veterans Park District
- Fire Department
- Loyola Hospital
- School Districts 89 and 209

Together we host different activities including our own, Caring and Sharing Food Pantry which distributes food to over 400 Families a month with the assistance of the Greater Chicago Food Depository and CEDA.

OUTCOMES FOR FISCAL YEAR '19

- Over 2,000 group participants for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.
- Over 6,000 phone calls for service assistance.
- Over 700 Intakes and Case Managements.
- 13 Workshops with over 500 Participants
 - 12 Community Alliance Meetings.
 - 1 Community Outreach Day Event.
- 1 Health Fair and Back to School Fair.

CELEBRACIONES EN HONOR DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



- Mar. Dic. 3:** 7:00pm Comienzo de la Solemne Novena
- Lun. Dic. 9:** 6:00pm Presentación de las Rosas a La Virgen Morena
- Mier. Dic 11:** 10:00pm Serenata a la Virgen Santísima con el Mariachi *Perla de México*.
11:00pm Misa Solemne con Mariachi
- Jue. 12 Dic:** 12:00am Mañanitas a Ntra. Madre del Cielo con Banda
- Al termino de las mañanitas se ofrecerá Menudo gratis y café a las personas que gusten pasar al Carmel Hall.
- 4:00am Mañanitas Festivas a La Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe
- 5:00am Misa solemne de Acción de Gracias por todas las Familias Migrantes
- 6:00am Desayuno con Menudo gratis para todos y la rifa en el Carmen Hall
- 7:00pm Santa Misa Bilingüe en Honor de los no-nacidos y de los migrantes recordando que la Virgen Stma. de Guadalupe es Madre de Todos.

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O PASAR A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and Shrine
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Advent Evening of Recollection



Father Ed Shea OFM

Franciscan Father Ed Shea is the third of eight children from St. Giles Parish in Oak Park. He is a Franciscan priest who loves to sing and tell stories; more than anything he thrives on celebrating the sacraments of the church. A true follower of St. Francis, Father Ed finds reasons to rejoice often in the goodness of God's presence in our world.

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
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22nd Avenue and Cortez, Melrose Park,
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MASS: 6:00 PM followed by dinner and
reflection from Father Ed
\$15.00 donation

For tickets or more information contact
an Altar & Rosary member or
call the Rectory at 708-344-4140

GRAN RIFA!

AUN TENEMOS BOLETOS PARA LA FIESTA DE LA
VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE.

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OBTENER SUS BOLETOS, POR FAVOR DE
PASAR A LA OFICINA.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE RAFFLE TICKETS

TICKETS FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
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SELL OR OBTAIN YOUR TICKETS, THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN
THE PARISH OFFICE.

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

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Judith Escamilla	Margarito Flores
Jacob Duda	Guadalupe Rico
Kristie & Linna Goldi	Ann Yench
Susan Humpf	Damian A. Velasquez
Vandy Liala	Fred & Chad Ballog
Joseph Pulido	Dayan Del Valdivieso
Luke Westrick	John S. & Mary S.
Alexandra Vitali	Jennifer Sanchez
Anna Baffa	Rosa Castro
Jan Clark	Miriam Mendez
Sara Zonca	Peggy Marro
Nancy Oshea	Helen Severino
Madeline Vittori	Virginia Frulla
Nico Felice	Ross Urso
Nell Baker	William A. Aliperta
Isabel Pintor	Lena Martymel
Marie Torchia	Richard Baffa
Kelly Ann Haymaker	MaryAnn Maloberti
Macy Grace Giaccone	Julia Valles
Josephine Grasso	Margaret Cercone
Conny Rico	
John Sepka	

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 3rd

+ 7:00pm Novena

Virgen de Guadalupe

Monday, December 9th

+6:00pm Rose Presentation

Tuesday, December 10th

+6:00pm Night of Recollection



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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP A Strong sign of our discipleship

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace"*

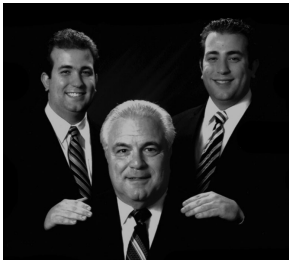
What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures.

At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward. It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.
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USCCB Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

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