

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 16-17, 2011

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011

12:05PM- Communion Service

12:30-3:00PM- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00PM- Divine Mercy Chaplet,

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Devotion and Benediction

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011

12:05PM- Robert Tauro by family

7:00PM- Communal Reconciliation Service at Our

Lady of Mount Carmel Church- All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011

12:05PM -Jack Lorenzetti, Sr.; Concetta and Gregory

by Theresa and family

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011

“Mass of the Lord’s Supper”

No 12:05PM Mass

7:00PM- Helen Mardel Bassett

by Elizabeth Tobin and family

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2011

“Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion”

12:00PM- Ecumenical Stations of the Cross-*at*

McKinley Memorial

3:00PM- Good Friday Service- (*in church*)

7:00PM- Good Friday Service- (*in church*)

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2011

“Easter Vigil”

10:00AM- Blessing of Easter foods

No Confessions

No 5:00PM Mass

8:45PM- Joseph J. Nardo and daughter, Rita

by daughter and sister, Antoinette

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2011

“Easter Sunday”

9:30AM- Dominick Raschilla and Carmela Caldron

by Robert and Linda Raschilla

11:30AM- Frances Ross by family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

IN MEMORY OF:

Carmen Butto

REST IN PEACE

Ann M. Nuzzi

NEW MEMBERS

Miss Kerri Rickard

Niles Community Service is collecting peanut butter and jelly during the month of April. Baskets are located in the back of the church.

April 9-10 collection.....\$ **6,966.25**

We really appreciate it when you give us your contribution for the weekends you missed in addition to the contributions given when you are here.

Community Suppers for the month of April will be held at St. Stephen Church on Thursdays. Serving hours are 4:45-6:00PM.

The parish office will be closed on Friday, April 22 for Good Friday and Monday, April 25 for Easter. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 26 at 9:00AM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kathy Zuppo’s email address:

kathyzuppo@yahoo.com

First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30, at the 5:00PM Mass and on Sunday, May 1, at the 11:30AM Mass. Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers.

Religious Education Registrations Grades K-8:

Formal Religious Education classes are provided in our parish for those students who attend public schools (Grades K-8). Classes for the 2011-2012 Catechetical Year will be held on Sunday mornings 10:30AM-12:00 (noon), grades K-8 from September-April. **NEW** registrations are now being accepted. Forms may be obtained in the parish office weekdays and the Church Annex Sunday mornings. Parents/Guardians must complete a registration form for each new child entering the program prior to the opening session in September. Please register early!! If you have any questions please contact Kathy Zuppo.

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE 1/3/09 THROUGH 4/10/2011

This data is from 1/3/09 through 4/10/2011

Our church seating capacity is listed as 374.

A crowd of **188** or more equals more than half-filled.

5:00 PM Mass: Here on 4/9/2011 = 241 = 64.4%

Average crowd = 201.2 (23,738 people divided by 118 Masses.)

Average % of capacity = 53.8

73 crowds of 118 Masses have had at least 188 people.

9:30 AM Mass: Here on 4/10/2011 = 242 = 64.7%

Average crowd = 237.3 (22,239 people divided by 119 Masses.)

Average % of capacity = 63.4

105 crowds of 119 Masses have had at least 188 people.

11:30 AM Mass: Here on 4/10/2011 = 168 = 44.9%

Average crowd = 184.3 (21,934 people divided by 119 Masses.)

Average % of capacity = 49.3

38 crowds of 119 Masses have had at least 188 people.

On April 9-10, 2011, 651 people came to Mass.

This averaged exactly 217 people per Mass.

The church was 58.0% filled April 9-10, 2011

Totals of all weekend Masses 1/3/09 through 4/10/2011:

Average crowd = 207.6 (73,911 people divided by 356 Masses.)

Average % of capacity = 55.5

216 crowds of 356 Masses have had at least 188 people.

Palm Sunday: Your Attitude Must Be Christ’s

We hear in sacred scripture this weekend how Christ redeemed us not by a one-time small gift, but by becoming one of us and giving His whole self even unto death on a Cross. Through our support of Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services gives more than short term assistance to poor countries; it establishes long term, person-focused, sustainable programs that provide better opportunities for each individual, and it remains in communities to help those efforts succeed.

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity’s holiest places. Please be generous.

Lenten Regulations Catholics are reminded that the six Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The law on abstinence requires Catholics over 14 years of age not to eat meat. Fasting is required of all Catholics between the ages of 18-60 years. The law on fasting requires taking one full meal each day; it does not rule out taking some food in the morning and evening. Although not required by law, Catholics are encouraged to fast on additional days of their own choosing during Lent, especially because the entire Church prepares to celebrate the sacraments of initiation.

We gladly publish in our church bulletin the names of family members and friends who are currently serving our country in the military. We pray for their safety and for an end to conflicts in the Middle East and elsewhere. Please call the parish office with the individual's name and branch of service.

Ryan Estes- Army; **Joshua Lewis-** Military Intelligence; **Nicholas Perrone-** Navy; **David Mickey-** Army; **Josh Nutt;** **Michael Donadio-** Navy; **Patrick Betteridge-** Army; **Robert Infante-** Navy; **Frank Pezzano-** Marines; **Tim Zysk-** Navy; **Guy Martin Capito-** Marines; **Keith Sponseller-** Air Force; **Jonthan Augusta-** Army; **Ronald Ranalli-** Army; **Vito J. Abruzzino-** Army; **Danny Bennett-** Marines; **Curtis Coole-** Army; **Brad DeRubba-** Army; **Rob Whited-** Army; **Gary Lashley-** Navy; **Michael Loychik-** Air Force; **Paul Brown-** Air Force; **Brad Gordon-** Army; **Nicholas Marchese-** Marines; **Philip Ledbetter-** Army; **Mark A. Selak-** Marines; **Timothy Edwards-** Marines.

OLMC Festival:

It's hard to believe the OLMC Festival is just four months away. The Basket Raffle is in need of NEW UNUSED donated items: Italian Basket: Bocce Balls, Pasta Maker, Pasta Sauce, etc. Office Basket: Paper Shredder, Paper, Pens, Desk Set/Organizer, etc. The Scrapbook Basket- embellishments, paper, glue, scissors, Cricut, scrapbooking rolling case, scrapbook, etc.

Gift Cards are a great donation, also! Donations may be brought to the Parish Office weekdays, 9:00AM-4:00PM. Please label all donations to the Basket Raffle.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 381 Robbins Ave., Niles is sponsoring a Fish Dinner on Friday, April 22 from 4:00-7:00PM in Marian Hall. Cost is \$8.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children. Dinner includes: baked or fried fish, choice of French fries or macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, cake and beverage. Take-outs are available.

<u>Fish Dinner of April 8, 2011</u>	
Dinners served:	213
Estimated Profit:	\$871.20

Congratulations to *Cindy Cuchna* who was the winner of the 50/50 drawing at the fish dinner on April 8!

Congratulations to *Louis and Phyllis Ronghi, Sr.* who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last week!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 381 Robbins Ave., Niles is sponsoring a Cavatelli dinner this Sunday, April 17 from 12:00-5:00PM in Marian Hall. Cost is \$7.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children under 10. Dinner includes: 2 meatballs, salad with Italian dressing, bread and butter, cake and beverage. Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Mount Carmel Scholarship Fund.

From the Pastor:

We begin Holy Week. It is remarkable that Palm Sunday has arrived. Even though Easter is so much later this year than it usually is, it seems like we just celebrated Christmas, doesn't it? Maybe our tough winter has something to do with this.

In the bulletin of March 5-6, 2011, my Pastor's Column explained why Lent began so late this year and the article explained how we calculate the date of Easter each year. You can access this by visiting our parish web site. Go to mountcarmelniles.org and visit the bulletin page. Look for the bulletin of March 5-6, 2011 in the bulletins link.

As Holy Week starts, we hope that all of us might pray for a deeper appreciation for who Jesus is and what He continues to do in our everyday lives. Holy Week is a great opportunity to remember that Christ lived and died to teach us to love one another and to live for one another.

We hope you will join us in prayer often this week. The schedule of prayer services is provided in this bulletin.

Please note: The Niles Clergy Association invites everyone to participate in Outdoor Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon on Good Friday, April 22. We will begin and end at the McKinley Memorial. We will process to various stations in the area of the McKinley Memorial, First Christian Church, St. Stephen Church, the Edison Place Senior Living Apartments, and Trinity Lutheran Church. We will pray and sing hymns together with followers of Jesus from our community belonging to various denominations. We hope that our participation of parishioners from this parish makes us proud. If the weather is inclement the entire service will be held inside the McKinley Memorial Auditorium. Dress appropriately for weather conditions. This is the third consecutive year our churches are working together for this special testimony of our appreciation for the love of the Lord. Participation grew last year compared to 2009 and we are hoping it will grow this year. I hope to see you there!

We also hope that you will note that the Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:45 PM on Holy Saturday, April 23. Our parish is following the expectation of the Church that the service should not start until after civil twilight ends. My research reveals that the sun sets at 8:11 PM in Niles that night and civil twilight ends that night at 8:41 PM. The Easter Vigil Mass features a beautiful candlelight service, the welcoming of new members, and the highlight of the Church Year. There is no 5:00 PM Mass that evening. Be sure to pray with us at the Easter Vigil. Be proud to welcome new members. The Lord will reward you for it. Although the Easter Vigil Mass is longer than most Masses, it is a very enriching spiritual experience. I hope to see your radiant face glowing in the candlelight that Holy Night!

~Father Larry Frient

Men's Fellowship Group meets every other Sunday Morning at 8:00AM in Marian Hall and concluding in time for 9:30AM Mass. Our next meeting is May 1. Open to all men! For more information contact Dave Schmidt at dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com or (330) 652-5825.

In the Wilderness...with WiFi: A Lenten Journey for Young People: High school age youth and newly confirmed 8th Graders are invited to make Easter special this year! Join us on Sunday, April 17, from 10:30AM-Noon (after the 9:30AM Mass) in the rectory dining room. We will have a light breakfast and some food for thought based on clips from YouTube, GodTube and other internet sources. For more information contact Dave Schmidt at (330) 652-5825 or dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com

“Relating to Others as Jesus Would”- A Bible Study

The Gospels give plenty of examples of how Jesus related to others: family, seekers, sinners, people he met along the way, those who rejected him, and his friends. This six-week Bible Study will explore how Jesus related to other people and challenge us to follow his example. It is being offered on Wednesdays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, in Marian Hall, at two times:

~10:00 to 11:30AM

~7:00-8:30PM

Participants are asked to contribute \$8 toward the cost of the book. To obtain a book contact Dave Schmidt at (330) 652-5825 or dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com

Soul Surfer

Join high school age youth of our parish (plus those recently Confirmed) as they go to the movie “Soul Surfer.” This PG rated movie tells the story of Bethany Hamilton, a talented teenaged surfer who nearly lost her life in a shark attack, but who recovered to become one of the best female surfers in the world. We will meet Sunday, April 17, at 1:30PM at the Regal Cinemas on Boulevard Center. Ticket prices are uncertain, but are expected to be between \$6-10. After the movie, we will get something to eat at the Steak n’ Shake, where parents may pick-up their teenagers at 5:00PM. All young people will need to have a signed parent permission form in order to participate in this event. For more information contact Dave Schmidt at (330) 652-5825 or dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com

Our Gratitude in Memory of Father Nick Arioli, C.P.P.S:

We express our appreciation for the very generous donation to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Scholarship Fund from the Father Nick Arioli, C.P.P.S Scholarship Fund. (Incidentally, we learned that Father Nick would be celebrating his 87th birthday this Sunday, April 17th, if he were still alive.) As it is, Father Nick’s wonderful legacy of helping young people continues to bear fruit. We received the amount of \$31,375.58 (thirty-one thousand three hundred seventy five dollars and fifty eight cents) on April 4, 2011. Only the earnings from this principal amount will be used toward scholarship awards beginning in 2012. The entire principal will not be touched and will continue to be invested so that future earnings may be used to award scholarships even beyond 2012. The Scholarship Committee is in the process of discerning scholarship awards for 2011. The Scholarship Committee will award part of the money already in the fund from fundraisers and donations that we have reported in previous bulletins. As you know, the deadline to apply for a scholarship in 2011 passed on April 1, 2011. You will be hearing more about the Scholarship Fund and its awards in the near future. We appreciate your contributions to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Scholarship Fund and encourage you to help support this worthwhile cause. If you have questions about the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Scholarship Fund, please contact Dave Schmidt at the church office.

Take Advantage of the Parish Lending Library! Over 400 items are available in Parish Lending Library, found in cabinets in Marian Hall. Stop by and sign-out a book, CD or video. For more information, contact Dave Schmidt at (330) 652-5825 or dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com

Niles Interfaith Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 1 at Ciminero’s Banquet Center, 123 N. Main St., Niles. Doors open at 5:00PM; “The Event” begins at 6:00PM; Social Time until 6:30PM. The guest speaker is Christopher McKee from the Christian Revival and Discipleship Center of Youngstown, Ohio. Musical Entertainment provided by First United Methodist Church. **Tickets are now available in the parish office.** Cost is \$12.00. Choice of Dinner menu: Menu #1: Plated salad/with house salad dressing, vegetable lasagna in red sauce, string green beans, homemade bread...rolls, strawberry shortcake, coffee, tea and punch. Menu #2: plated salad/with house salad dressing, stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, string green beans, homemade bread...rolls, strawberry shortcake, coffee, tea and punch. **When you pick up your tickets please let us know which menu you will be choosing.** At the request of Niles Interfaith Committee please bring a canned good to donate to the Niles Community Service. **Last day to purchase tickets is on or before Wednesday, April 20.**

Ladies of the parish, mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 3 and join us for the Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at Ciminero’s Banquet Centre. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and may be purchased through your respective Societies by Thursday, April 21, 2011. Infant of Prague should contact Fil (330) 652-9834; The Immaculate Conception will contact Eileen at (330) 544-0431. Mount Carmel Society members will be contacted by their committee captains, who will submit names and payments to Geri at (330) 727-7843. All checks are payable to The Immaculate Conception this year. If you are not a society member, you may contact anyone listed above, as all ladies are welcome!

25th, 40th, 50th and Over Wedding Anniversaries

The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor a Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over, Wedding Anniversary in 2011. The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 2:00PM at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown and includes Mass with Bishop Murry, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple, and a reception for the couples and their families. Registration forms are available in the parish office. Deadline to register is Friday, April 22nd.

Niles Knights of Columbus will have the Measure Up Campaign on April 29 & 30. This year as we do each year we will be campaigning at Niles Sparkle Market and McKinley Heights Handyman Hardware Store, our two great supporters, we thank for all our support.

Niles Knights of Columbus 400 Club will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 6:30PM at the K of C Hall on Vienna Ave., Niles (downstairs will be open at 5:30PM). Tickets are on sale from any K of C Member or at the door. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

First Christian Church, 33 N. Arlington Ave., Niles will present “It Is Finished” A Passion of Christ Drama on Sunday, April 17 and Thursday, April 21 at 7:00PM. Free Admission and nursery care. Refreshments will follow the performance.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society is hosting a Bus Trip to Seneca Allegheny, NY on Tuesday, May 24. The cost is \$32.00 per person. You will receive \$25.00 in slot play and \$10 in food comp. There will be a stop in between for a few minutes. The bus will depart the church parking lot at 7:30AM; please be here at 7:15AM and depart the casino at 5:00PM for home. Do not forget you ID to receive comps. For more information or to sign up call Mary at (330) 544-6085.

Woman's Heart Day: Humility of Mary Health Partners, Heart & Vascular Services and Laboratory Services present Woman's Heart Day on Thursday, May 12 from 6:30AM-2:00PM at the Covelli Centre in downtown Youngstown. Admission and screenings are free. Available screenings include blood pressure, bone density, body fat, glucose/lipid panel (appointment required), stroke risk and much, much more. Woman's Heart Day also features free health and wellness presentations, salon services, massage therapy, refreshments and door prizes. Registration is required. Register today by calling (330) 480-3151 or go online to HMpartners.org

St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society Spring Card Party will be held on Tuesday, April 19 from 6:00-9:00PM at St. Mary's Church Hall, Corner of High St. and Seneca St., Warren. Donation is \$5.00 at the door; featuring our famous "Salad Bar", raffles, 50/50 drawing, door prizes and table prizes.

Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Carribean: Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Carribean Cruise with Fr. Martin Jones on September 18-25, 2011 on the Carnival Valor out of Miami, FL. Ports of Call: Grand Caymen Caymen Island, Isla Roatan, Belize, Cozumel (Mexico). Prices begin at \$1,112 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. For more information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at (860) 399-1785 or dpaytc@aol.com

Life Line Screening will be coming to St. Stephen Church on Tuesday, April 26 to offer ultrasound screenings to scan for Stroke, Vascular Disease and Osteoporosis. These simple non-invasive tests detect abnormalities BEFORE they cause a stroke or other serious event. Screenings for Atrial Fibrillation (irregular heart rhythm) and Blood tests for complete lipid panel, high sensitivity C-Reactive Protein and diabetes are also offered. These are all health factors that put us at higher risk of developing vascular and heart disease. Pre-registration is required. To schedule an appointment, call 1-888-653-6441.

The 2011 JFK Rostro de Cristo Mission group would like to thank the parishioners of Mount Carmel! Your generosity and kindness is overwhelming. Because of you we were able to raise \$970.00 towards our mission trip to Duran, Ecuador.

Help Our Marriage: If your marriage has grown cold and uncaring, Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples heal their marriages. The next program will begin June 10, 2011 at the Cambria Suites in Green (near the Akron-Canton Airport). For confidential information on our Youngstown diocese program call (330) 979-7787 or www.retrouvaille.org

First United Methodist Church, 608 N. Crandon Ave., Niles is having its Spring G.A.B Sale (Garage, Attic and Basement) on Friday, April 29 from 9:00AM-4:00PM; Saturday, April 30 from 9:00AM-12:00PM (\$2.00 Bag Day). Come and bring your friends. Something for everybody, collectables, household items, crafts, family clothing and much more.

Marriage Encounter Anniversary Weekend

Husbands and wives: Do you remember your "original" Marriage Encounter Weekend? That Weekend when you rekindled your love for each other and that Weekend where you learned the special techniques to enhance communication. Well, guess what? You now have the opportunity to recharge your love relationship by attending the long-awaited Marriage Encounter "Anniversary" Weekend. What a wonderful way for you to celebrate and enrich your marriage. Plan now to attend another Weekend, filled with more beautiful discoveries about the person you chose to love for a lifetime. The Anniversary Weekend will be held at St. Paul's Church in North Canton, June 25 & 26. The Weekend will be two days and is a "go home" experience. The early registration fee is only \$25.00 until May 15, and \$50.00 after May 15. Please register early since space is limited. For those who wish to avoid travel time, there will be limited community housing and there are hotels nearby. To register or for more information, please call (330) 305-9963 or email WorldwideME@sbcglobal.net

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center will have a program on "Soil: The Heart of it All" on Saturday, April 30 from 10:00AM-3:00PM. Presenters, Sr. Barbara O'Donnell, HM and Frank Romeo will talk about soil being the heart of our system. As concern for safe and healthy food increases, growing organic produce is a priority. The day includes a talk by Frank Romeo, the film "Dirt! The Movie" and a mindful walk of a portion of Villa Maria and ritual. Cost is \$15.00. For additional information, directions or to register on-line: (724) 964-8886 or www.villaprograms.org

The Mahoning Valley Ulster Project hosting an evening with Cahal Dunne on Saturday, May 14 at St. Luke Banquet Center in Boardman, Ohio. Dinner will start at 6:00 to 7:00PM with his performance to start at approximately 7:15PM. Dinner by Loretta's Catering with the menu of Chicken Francais, Glazed Pork Roast, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Bean Almondine, Toss Salad, Rolls and butter, light beverages. Cash Bar. Cost is Combo ticket of dinner and concert is \$27.00 and concert only is \$15.00. Call (330) 758-8546 or email leojay@zoominternet.net for ticket reservation or visit The House of Erin on Southern Blvd. to purchase tickets. Additional information is on our web site at www.ulsterprojectmv.com

God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage is a day-long marriage preparation workshop designed to assist engaged couple in preparing for their life-long vocation of marriage. It is a day to study, review, and learn the truth, beauty and joy of God's plan for marriage. There will be time for couples to focus on their relationship with each other, with Christ, and with His Church. The retreat day begins at 9:00AM and concludes at 4:00PM; consists of a series of short presentations providing basic instruction in the nature of the Sacrament of Marriage- its' essential elements, marriage as a Christian vocation, as well as couple discussion and prayer. In addition, couples will receive a clear understanding of Christian sexuality and the role that God desires to play in marriage and family life. The next retreat is Saturday, June 18 at St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W. Wood Ave., Youngstown. Cost is \$60 per couple and includes lunch. Registration forms are available in the parish office. Deadline to register is Friday, May 27. Space is limited so register early!