

**ST. ELIAS COMMUNITY  
GREENLAWN, NY  
REGION 3**

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**NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup> (SIXTH SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME & QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY)**

**Phase II Year II Instructor - Diane with Stephanie and Neil**

**Mentoring Year I Instructor –Luciana with Rose, Aurea, Mary Ellen, Lisa S. (Call Luciana)**

**Mentoring Year I Instructor – Ellen with Teresa (Talk to Ellen to set up your Mentoring)**

**Mentoring Year I Instructor – Linda with Lisa M. (Next Mentoring is in May)**

**Mentoring Year I Instructor – Michael with Bill (Talk to Michael to set up your Mentoring)**

**Mentor Year II Instructor – Michael with Tom (Talk to Michael to set up your Mentoring)**

**Mentor Year II Instructor – Linda with Annabelle R. (Talk to Linda to set up your Mentoring)**

**Mentor Year II Instructor - Ellen with Annabelle S. (Talk to Ellen to set up your Mentoring)**

**Mentor Year III – Luciana with Leonora, Margaret and Durney (Talk to Luciana to set up  
Mentoring)**

**PLEASE CALL YOUR MENTOR - ALL MENTORING MUST BE DONE IN THE CHURCH EVERY THREE MONTHS**

**12:00 – Mass & then the Angelus in front of the statue of Our Blessed Mama**

**1:00 - Social/Refreshment**

**1:30 – The Mysteries of The Holy Rosary**

**OPENING PRAYER AND SCHEDULE FOR THE MEETING:**

**2:00 – (LOTH) Midafternoon Daytime Prayer – CANTOR 1 ANNABELLE R.  
CANTOR 2 - ROSE**

**2:30 – Business and updates of Our Community READER - BILL**

**3:00 - ONGOING FORMATION: THE GLORIES OF MARY – PLEASE READ PAGES 349-362  
& NEW CARMEL’S CALL – PLEASE READ PAGE 14, CHAPTER 21  
READER FOR CARMEL’S CALL – LISA S.**

**4:00 – Lectio Divino**

**4:15 - Closing Prayer**

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**



### **CARMEL AND LOURDES – A SIGNIFICANT SITE**

**The Carmelite Monastery in Lourdes occupies a spiritually significant site for all of us Carmelites. It is a very important place in the history of apparitions. The 18<sup>th</sup> and final apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Bernadette Soubirous took place on July 16, 1858, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. At that time the civil authorities in Lourdes had prohibited access to Massabielle Grotto, and so instead Bernadette saw Our Lady from “La Ribere”, the slope overlooking the cave from the other side of the River Gave. Despite being physically far away, the**

encounter between Bernadette and Our Lady was more intimate than ever. Bernadette said that “On this occasion Our Lady, who appeared in silence smiled and looked “More Beautiful than ever’.” One of the ancient titles under which the Carmelite Order reveres Mary is “BEAUTY OF CARMEL.”

Since that day in 1858, the site of “La Ribere” has been of particular significance, linking the “MESSAGE OF LOURDES” and the spirituality of CARMEL. The site where Bernadette prayed on her knees before Our Lady on July 16<sup>th</sup> is now in the Garden of the Carmelite Monastery. The nuns consider it their vocation to continue Bernadette’s prayer, and to pray for the millions of pilgrims who come to Lourdes today and every day. The Grotto of Massabielle which the Carmel overlooks is reminiscent of the cave where the prophet SAINT ELIJAH, SPIRITUAL FATHER OF CARMELITES, BURNED WITH ZEAL FOR THE LORD.

When considering her vocation to the religious life, Bernadette Soubirous had wanted to join the Carmelite Order but was told that her poor health precluded this possibility. There was no Carmel in Lourdes at the time of the apparitions. The Carmelite Monastery in Lourdes was founded 18 years after the apparitions on 16 July 1876 by nuns from the Carmel of Tulle in central France. The Mother Foundress, coming to Lourdes to find a suitable site for the future monastery, was very attracted by the land facing the Grotto on the other side of the River Gave. However, the terrain was on a narrow band of rock where any construction would be very difficult. Despite its proximity to the Grotto, previous visitors to the site had decided against anything being built there. The Mother Foundress had the idea of transporting soil to even out the level of the slope. This idea was accepted by the building contractors and so the Monastery was built in a very privileged location overlooking the Grotto.

In the years following the foundation, the number of vocations grew considerably. The community swelled to such a size that in 1893 a number of sisters went to found a Carmel at “Le Havre” in northern France. (The British Province of Carmelite Friars)

**IMPORTANT - DUES ARE DUE THIS MONTH – PLEASE GIVE YOUR \$50  
CHECK TO ANN MERENDINO**

### **A HEAVENLY SURPRISE**

I was just informed that our dear littlest Carmelite Sister, and my precious daughter, Mary Elizabeth Therese is on the Home page of the website in Middletown. Edith Matlock informed me that Father Francis used her beautiful picture from her Temporary Profession 2024, and this is what he said about her, “We give thanks to her faithful “Yes” her love, and her witness that she leaves behind. May she rest in God’s peace.” A big thank you to Father Francis for honoring and seeing the purity and childlike beauty in our dear sister in Carmel.



Mary Elizabeth Setti from St. Elias Community - Greenlawn, Long Island making her Temporary Profession August 2024. Mary Elizabeth passed on May 31, 2025. We give thanks for her faithful "yes," her love, and the witness she leaves behind. May she rest in God's peace.

**CARMELITE & SPECIAL FEAST DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY CAN BE FOUND ON OUR NEW WEBSITE: [steliaslaycarmelites.com](http://steliaslaycarmelites.com)**

**LAY CARMELITE LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER  
NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
MARCH 14, 2026**

**Presenter: Father Francis Amodio, O. Carm Time: 9:00am-3:00pm  
Day includes a continental breakfast, Morning Prayer, (Bring your LOTH),  
Mass, presentations, lunch and closing prayers**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2026 – Cost is \$50.00**

**If you would like to attend, please let me know. Also, forms will be given out at our February meeting.**

**MARIAN DAY OF PRAYER  
NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
MAY 2, 2026**

**This is always such a beautiful day and our sister in Carmel Edith Matlock, our Lay Carmelite Web Master for our Region has arranged for all communities to come by bus to take all communities to Middletown in such a wonderful and safe way. There will be a pickup on that morning at the Park & Ride Exit 49 on the Service Road at 6:30 am. If you are interested in going or wanting more information, please let me know at our February meeting.**

**OUR NEW SECRETARY NICOLE MIRANDA  
IN THE LAY CARMELITE OFFICE IS IN NEED OF OUR HELP**

**She was in the hospital due to complications in her pregnancy. Because of this situation she could not properly prepare for the needs of her baby. She has given birth to a baby boy, and he must remain in the hospital while awaiting surgery. They have set up a baby Registry on Amazon under her name, Nicole Miranda. We will decide whether we want to donate from Amazon or just send a gift to her home. Her new baby boy is Oziyah. Please pray for both Nicole and baby.**

**SAVE THE DATE – PROFESSION DAY – AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>  
ST. AGNES, ROCKVILLE CENTRE**

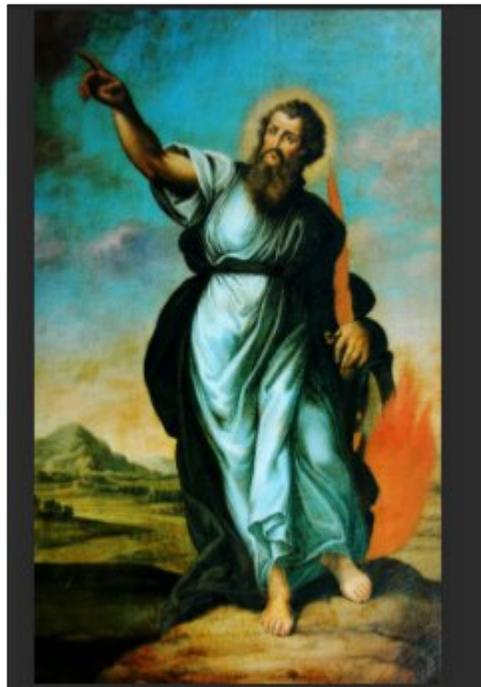
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Father Justin, Our Prayer Brother John Viet Nguyen, O. Carm, All of our Carmelite members, The Unborn, Conversion of Americas Heart to end Abortion, All Persecuted Christians, All Lay Carmelite Office Prayer requests, All of Our Inactive Members, Protection of Our ProLife Centers & Rosary Warriors, Mary Elizabeth (Three years ago - Thanksgiving for Healing – from the Holy Face of Jesus on Shrove Tuesday), Krisiti & Baby, Jennifer & Baby Alex (Fran’s Granddaughter & Great Grandchild), Mary Elizabeth (In Thanksgiving, Two Miracles - Our Sorrowful Mother & Mother of God), Jacqueline, (Marge Little’s daughter), Fran, Britney (Anna C. granddaughter), Pedro (Brain damage), Anne Merendino (Lung Cancer survivor), Evelyn Campfield, Marge Little, Diane Lake, Carmen Martir, Danielle (Ovarian Cancer), Eileen (Ann M. friend), Marin Rose, (Epilepsy), Ellen & Mike’s granddaughter, Michael, (Sarcoidosis), Bill’s brother, Veronica (Colitis), Cindy (Fourth stage Cancer), Ellen’s friend, Wayne, (Severe injuries), Bill’s friend, Ann (Bladder Cancer), Gino & Family, Cheyenne and newborn baby, Lizette, Linda & Bob (Healing), Ellen & Michael (Healing), Aurea, George & her son Joseph and family, Rose, Her daughter, Grandsons & Sean, & son Christopher (Protection), Steve – Mary Ellen’s brother, Marge Garafano & son Michael, Msgr. Joe DeGrocco (Parkinson Disease), Eugenia, (Thanksgiving - Cataract surgery), Linda (Hernia surgery still on hold), Mary Murphy (Thanksgiving - two successful surgeries), Tom & Caroline (Linda’s dear friends – In Thanksgiving -Tom had a successful five stents put into the heart), Jessica (Linda’s parish -Our Deacons daughter who has special needs and couldn’t breathe had a tracheotomy and is on a feeding tube is doing better), Father Francis Amodio (Flu), Catherine Grace (15 year old) on a feeding tube, Freddie (Rose’s grandson who is going in for surgery on 2/24), Leonora, Michael & Maria (Healing from car accident), Jenna (Lisa M.’s friend) who has a very aggressive Cancer. Please also pray for her husband Doug and their three little girls. Nicole Miranda and new baby boy Oziyah (awaiting surgery), Charlie (Lisa M. husband who has heart complications)

**Pray for our beloved Deceased- May they rest in the arms of Jesus and Mother Mary**

All of our Deceased members of our community & province. Fr. Brocard Connor, Sr. Joan Kellenberg RC., Steve Dondero, Mark Farina, Dora & Pat Macchia, David Campfield, Clem Cote., Serafino Giorano, TOC, Jean DeVito, John Martir, Winnie, John Paul, Marge Kulik, Jeanne R. Calise (Linda’s Mom), Lillian Setti (Linda’s Mother in Law), Father Paul G. Driscoll (Spiritual Assistant), Mary, Matilde Innusa, TOC, Jane Wigutow, Robert Little, Christine, Charles Porto (Ellen’s Father), David (Rose’s cousin), Jenny Bey (Carmen’s sister in law), Anthony Cantone, Gertrude Deegan, Marjorie Pozderek (Carmelite Sister), Peter, (Fran’s son-in-law), Stefan Kazic, William (Rose’s Cousin), Barbara

(Tom's sons Mother-In-Law), Christine (Ellen's Friend), Mary Connolly (Bill's Mom), Roger (Friends of Charles & Annabelle Rufino), Leslie Malone-Walker, TOC (Carmelite Sister), Rosemary Hall, Edmund Martir (Carmen's Brother-in-law), Jessica Lancellotti (Rosemary & Jim's daughter), Madonna Roney (Friend of Lisa M. Family), Lorena Gregory, (Carmen's cousin) Our Sister in Carmel, Rosalie Fabrizi, TOC, Margaret Carnovale, TOC, Mary Elizabeth Therese of the Divine Child Jesus Setti, TOC (Our Littlest & Purest Pearl in our Carmelite Community), Anna & Gilbert Lorenz, TOC, Our Dear Father Joseph in Nigeria died of Malaria, Rose Curto, T.O.C. Margot Mladinich (Lisa M.'s Mother-in-law), George Pozdrec, T.O.C., Yolanda Flecha (Aurea's Mom)



#### OUR CARMELITE MOTTO AND MISSION

“WITH ZEAL I HAVE BEEN ZEALOUS FOR THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS IN WHOSE PRESENCE I STAND”

MAY WE EMBRACE MARY'S PURITY OF HEART (PURITAS CORDIS), AS SHE HELPS US TO PONDER THE LAW OF THE LORD DAY AND NIGHT ASSISTING US TO BE CONTEMPLATIVES AND TEACHING US TO LISTEN. AS WE WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR FATHER AND LEADER ST. ELIJAH; WITH HIS FLAMING ZEAL AND COURAGE WHICH ALLOWED HIM TO COMBAT THE EVILS OF HIS DAY. MAY WE PRAY THAT HIS PROPHETIC SPIRIT BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CARMELITE LIFE.”

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