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NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st.

Phase II Year II Instructor - Diane with Stephanie and Neil
Mentoring Year I Instructor – Luciana with Rose, Aurea, Mary Ellen, Lisa S. (December)
Mentoring Year I Instructor – Ellen with Teresa (Will meet in November)
Mentoring Year I Instructor – Linda with Lisa M. (Will meet in December)
Mentoring Year I Instructor – Michael with Bill (Will meet in November)
Mentor Year II Instructor – Michael with Tom (Will meet in November)
Mentor Year II Instructor – Linda with Annabelle R. (Will meet in December)
Mentor Year II Instructor - Ellen with Annabelle S. (Will meet in December)
Mentor Year III – Luciana with Leonora, Margaret and Durney (Will meet in December)
PLEASE CALL YOUR MENTOR – ALL MENTORING IS DONE IN THE CHURCH

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

1:00 - Social/Refreshment

1:30 - The Joyful Mysteries of The Holy Rosary

OPENING PRAYER AND SCHEDULE FOR THE MEETING:

2:00 – (LOTH) Midafternoon Daytime Prayer – CANTOR 1 ANNABELLE S.

CANTOR 2 DURNEY

2:30 – Business and updates of Our Community READER -MARY ELLEN

3:00 - ONGOING FORMATION: THE GLORIES OF MARY– PLEASE READ PAGES 253-280

& CARMEL’S CALL– PLEASE READ PAGE PAGE 13, CHAPTER 20

(READER FOR CARMEL’S CALL -MARGARET)

4:00 – Lectio Divino

4:20 – Closing prayer



“AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US”

In the Gospel of St. John, the Beloved, we hear a hauntingly mysterious and awesome declaration which has brought Christians to their knees in adoration for 2000 years: “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” This same beloved disciple also wrote in his first letter: “God is Love” (1 John 4:16b). If God is Love and “the Word was God,” then we can also declare, “And Love was made flesh and dwelt among us!” This is a mystery beyond our comprehension – Love has a living, beating Heart. Love has become Someone who we can wrap our arms around, see with our eyes, consume in the Bread of Life and be consumed by in Love! Love is a person – the real Person of Jesus Christ. The Carmelite Saints and mystics express this truth in words that help us understand that this mystery belongs to me and you! He came for YOU!

The Saints also remind us that, if we allow Him, Jesus can make this experience of His Presence within us so intense that we would desire to echo the words of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity: “O consuming Fire, Spirit of Love, ‘come upon me,’ and create in my soul a kind of incarnation of the Word: that I may be another humanity for Him in which He can renew His whole Mystery.”

Let us join our adoration of the Mystery to that of Mary, who teaches us how to allow the Word, Love Incarnate, to be formed and nurtured within us. And let us sing with Holy Mother Church, that ancient hymn which sends our souls toward that same Mystery:

“O Magnum Mysterium et admirabile sacramentum...Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Iesum Christum.

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament...Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!”

To my Dear Family in Carmel,

May the peace of The Divine Child Jesus & His Most Sacred Heart be with you and the Love of Our Mama Mary wrap you in her mantle. “Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, for in Him our hearts rejoice; in His Holy name we trust (Psalm 33: 20-21). Mary and Elizabeth trustingly waited on the Lord. Little did they know that in answer to their prayers, they would both play a significant role in the coming of the promised Messiah. Our Lord chose each of them to be a part of His plan of salvation: Mary’s young virginal womb as the first tabernacle of Our Lord and Elizabeth, who was barren and past child-bearing years, was now in her sixth month of pregnancy. Elizabeth humbly contemplated the mystery unfolding in her life during her time of solitude and prayer as she remained hidden for five months. This opened her to the gentle promptings of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Like many things that happen in our own life, God knows His plan that “stands forever, the design of His Heart, through all generations” (Psalm 33:11). Our Lord knows our need to journey together with others, and He gives us companions to support and encourage us in our walk of faith. It was no different for Mary and Elizabeth. Mary went “in haste” with the intent to help her cousin. Yet when Mary arrived, she was consoled by Elizabeth’s JOYFUL reception. The gift of PRESENCE Mary gave to Elizabeth was reciprocated as Elizabeth, filled with the HOLY SPIRIT, humbly proclaimed Mary as “THE MOTHER OF MY LORD.” They both TRUSTED in the POWER of GOD and BELIEVED WITH FAITH that, “THE WORD OF THE LORD WOULD BE FULFILLED.” Let us continue on our journey in Advent joyfully and trusting as Mary and Elizabeth, running to help all in need in our community and to sing the praises of our Lord forever! As always you are all in my heart and prayers every day.

**In Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s Love,
Linda**

CARMELITE & SPECIAL FEAST DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER CAN BE FOUND ON OUR NEW WEBSITE: steliaslaycarmelites.com

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Fr. Francis Amodio, Father Justin, Our Prayer Brother John Viet Nguyen, O. Carm, All of our Carmelite members loved ones, 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 Pro-life Centers & Rosary Warriors, Mary Elizabeth (Thanksgiving for Healing - the Holy Face of Jesus), Krisiti & Baby, Jennifer & Baby Alex (Fran's Granddaughter & Great Grandchild), Protection of Students for Life, Mary Elizabeth (In Thanksgiving, Two Miracles - Our Sorrowful Mother & Mother of God) Nicholas (3Years old), Jacqueline, (Marge Little's daughter), Fran, Britney (Anna C. granddaughter), Pedro (Brain damage), Kevin (Cancer), In Thanksgiving to Our Sorrowful Mother for Anne Merendino (Lung Cancer survivor), Evelyn Campfield, Elizabeth (Mary Ellen's friend), Marge Little, Diane Lake, Carmen Martir, Danielle (Ovarian Cancer), Gerry (Breast 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, Anne Robinson, (Car accident), Ann (Bladder Cancer), Gail (Surgery), Annette, Evelyn Campfield neighbor, Gino & Family, Cheyenne and newborn baby, Lizette, Linda & Bob, Ellen & Michael (Healing), Aurea, George & her son Joseph and family, Rose, Her daughter, Grandsons & Sean, & son Christopher (Protection), Steve – Mary Ellen's brother, In thanksgiving for Linda's new great Niece, Shelby Ray, Rose Curto (Hospice), Marge Garafano & son Michael, Msgr. Joe DeGrocco (Parkinson Disease), Eugenia (Cataract surgery on December 17th), Linda (Gallbladder surgery – continued healing and Hernia surgery is on hold right now), Mary Murphy (Surgery on December 17th & December 22nd), Margot is in the Hospital (Lisa M.'s Mother-in-law)

Pray for our beloved Deceased

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), All of the souls of our Family and Friends in Purgatory, 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) Pope Francis, 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.



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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