



ST. ELIAS COMMUNITY

GREENLAWN, NY REGION 3

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NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

(FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT)
Phase II Year II Instructor - Diane with Stephanie and Neil

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

Mentoring Year I Instructor – Ellen with Teresa (Will meet in November)

Mentoring Year I Instructor – Linda with Lisa M. (Will meet in November)

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 Annabellle S. (Will meet in December)

Mentor Year III – Luciana with Leonora, Margaret and Durney (Will meet in November)

(ALL MENTORING MUST BE 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 Brigittine/Carmelite Six Decade 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 - DEANNA

3:00 - ONGOING FORMATION: THE GLORIES OF MARY – PLEASE READ PAGES 439-451

& NEW CARMEL'S CALL – PLEASE READ PAGE 13, CHAPTER 19

(READER FOR CARMEL'S CALL – MARGARET)

4:00 – Lectio Divino

4:15 - Closing Prayer

ALL CARMELITE SAINTS – PRAY FOR US



WE BELONG TO A RACE OF SAINTS

All of us who wear this holy Carmelite habit are called to prayer and contemplation. This is what we were founded for. We are descended from those holy fathers of ours on Mount Carmel, those who went in search of that treasure – the priceless pearl we are talking about, in such solitude and with such contempt for the world.

We must remember those holy fathers of ours who have gone before us, the hermits whose lives we are trying to imitate. We must remember our real founders, those holy fathers who descendants we are. It was by way of poverty and humility, we know, that they came to the enjoyment of God.

On the subject of the beginnings of orders, I sometimes hear it said that the Lord gave greater graces to those who went before us because they were the foundations. Quite so, but we too must always bear in mind what it means to be the foundations for those who will come later. For if those of us who are alive now have not fallen away from what they did in the past, and those who come after us do the same, the building will always stand firm. What use is it to me for the saints of the past to have been what they were, if I come along after them and behave so badly that I leave the building in ruins because of my bad habits? For obviously those who come later don't

remember those who have died years before as they do the people, they see around them. A fine state of affairs it is to insist that I am not of the first, and do not realize what a difference there is between my life and virtues and the lives of those who God has endowed with such graces!

Any of you who sees your Order falling away in any respect must try to be the kind of stone the building can be rebuilt with – the Lord will help to rebuild it. For Love of our Lord I beg them to remember how quickly everything comes to an end, and what a favor the Lord has done in bringing us to this Order, and what a punishment anyone who starts any kind of relaxation will deserve. They must always look at the race we are descended from, that race of holy prophets. What number of saints we have in Heaven who have worn this habit of ours! We must have the holy audacity to aspire, with God's help, to be like them. The struggle will not last long, but the outcome will be eternal.

From the works of St. Teresa of Jesus

From The Interior Castle, The Way of Perfection and The Book of Foundations

AUGUST 14TH 1897 – ST. THERESE SIX WEEKS BEFORE HER DEATH

At the moment of appearing before the Good Lord, I understand more than ever that there is only one thing that is necessary: to work only for Him, and to do nothing for ourselves or for created beings. Jesus wants to possess your heart completely. For that to happen, you must suffer a great deal... but also what JOY will flood your soul when you have arrived at the happy moment of your entrance into Heaven!

I am not dying, I am entering into life...and all that I cannot tell you here below, I will make you understand from up above in Heaven.

Image the JOY that our CARMELITE SAINTS, and God willing our Beloved CARMELITE SOULS that have gone before us are now experiencing in Heaven. Well, the HOLY SPIRIT HAS GIVEN US A TREMENDOUS MARVELIOUS GIFT BY APPEARING AT MARY ELIZABETH'S GRAVESITE AND SHOWING US THAT SHE IS IN HEAVEN AND HAS SHOWERED DOWN SUCH CONSOLATION AND JOY!!! WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL!!



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 the Sorrowful/Immaculate Heart & Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel surround you. This month is dedicated to All Saints/Carmelite Saints & All Souls/Carmelite Souls. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." This death has been justly defined: "dies natalis," the day of birth to eternal life. Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them and may their souls and all the souls of the Faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Let us keep our eyes and hearts fixed on Heaven. Amen! In Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Love,

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER – DECEMBER 6TH NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Cost: \$50.00 - Registration Deadline is November 25th – If interested please let me know ASAP.

CARMELITE & SPECIAL FEAST DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER ALL OF OUR FEAST DAYS, SAINTS AND CARMELITE SAINTS 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 Prolife 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, Gino & family, 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), 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 (Parkingson Disease), Mary Murphy (Pet Scan & other tests), Eugenia (Cataract surgery) Linda (Hernia surgery & Gallbladder surgery)

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 Pozderec (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 (died of Malaria in Nigeria)



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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