



ST. ELIAS COMMUNITY

GREENLAWN, NY

REGION 3

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NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th (FOURTH SUNDAY)

Phase II Year II Instructor - Diane with Janet, 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 Annabelle S. (Will meet in December)

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

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

1:00 - Social/Refreshment

1:30 - The Glorious Mysteries of The Holy Rosary

OPENING PRAYER AND SCHEDULE FOR THE MEETING:

2:00 – (LOTH) Midafternoon Daytime Prayer – CANTOR 1 TERESA CANTOR 2 - DURNEY

2:30 – Business and updates of Our Community READER – LISA S.

3:00 -ONGOING FORMATION:THE GLORIES OF MARY–PLEASE READ PAGES P.421-439

& CARMEL'S CALL – PLEASE READ PAGE 13, CHAPTER 18

4:00 – Lectio Divino 4:15 - Closing Prayer



“I AM YOUR SISTER & YOUR FRIEND AND I WILL ALWAYS WATCH OVER YOU”

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS AND THE HOLY FACE



**“SWEET LADY OF CARMEL THAT LIVES WITHIN THE SOUL” & “GOD IS ALL GOODNESS” -
MARY ELIZABETH THERESE OF THE DIVINE CHILD JESUS**

THE FIRST KISS OF JESUS

Oh, how Sweet the First Kiss of Jesus was! It was a kiss of Love. I knew that I was loved, and I declared: I love you and I give myself to you forever!... On that day it was no longer a matter of gazing: it was union. There were no longer two of us.

St. Therese had disappeared like a drop of water in the depth of the ocean only Jesus remained. In Mary Elizabeth's case it was Mary Elizabeth who had disappeared like a drop of water in the depth of the ocean only Jesus remained. And we saw this so clearly in her First Holy Communion and each and every time she received the Eucharist.

ST. THERESE STARTS READING THE EPISTLES OF ST. PAUL AND IN HER OWN WORDS SHE SAYS:

Set your desires on the greater gifts. And I will show you the way which surpasses all others. For the Apostle insists that the greater gifts are nothing at all without love and that this same love is surely the best path leading directly to God. At length I had found peace of mind. When I looked upon the mystical body of the Church, I recognized myself in none of the members which Saint Paul described, and what is more, I desired to distinguish myself more favorably within the whole body. Love appeared to me to be the hinge for my vocation. Indeed, I knew that the church had a body composed of various members, but in this body the necessary and more noble member was not lacking; I knew that the Church had a heart and that such a heart appeared to be aflame with love. I knew that love drove the members of the Church to action, that if this love were extinguished, the Apostles would have proclaimed the Gospel no longer, the martyrs would have shed their blood no more. I saw and realized that love sets off the bounds of all vocations, that love is everything, that this same love embraces every time and every place. In one word, that love is everlasting.

Then, nearly ecstatic with the supreme joy in my soul, I proclaimed: Jesus, my love, at last, I have found my vocation. My vocation is Love. In the heart of the church, my mother, I will be love, and then I will be all things.

St. Therese knew why the martyrs laid down their lives; she realized the love sets off the bounds of all vocations. She knew that love was everything. Didn't we see that so beautifully also in Mary Elizabeth that Joy and love. She knew that love and joy was the heart of the church.

Jesus said to His Heavenly Father: “I thank you Heavenly Father for what you have kept from the learned and the cleaver you have revealed to the little ones.” How grateful we all are for those beautiful little ones that have gone before us and have been in our lives and have been beautiful witnesses of God’s love and joy.

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. What a beautiful month we are in. October is Pro-Life Month and we Honor Our Lady of the Rosary, our two Women Doctors of the Church, St. Therese, St. Teresa & Pope St. John Paul II. Please take note of our CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY MEETING which will be on the FOURTH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th this month. A big thank you goes out to Tom and Lisa M. that came out and supported my Witness talk on Mary Elizabeth – Joy through Suffering. Also please check out our NEW WEBSITE THAT TOM HAS WORKED SO HARD ON WHICH IS: steliaslaycarmelites.com. Bravo Tom! As always you are all in my heart and prayers every day.

In Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s Love,

Linda

IMPORTANT CARMELITE EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH AT 7:00pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst

ST. TERESA OF JESUS (AVILA)

SUFFERING WITH CHRIST, DEEP FRIENDSHIP WITH CHRIST

AND TOTAL UNION WITH CHRIST

Come along and travel back in time to learn about one of the most powerful Carmelite Saints, St. Teresa of Jesus – Spanish mystic, Religious founder, writer, Patron Saint of Catholic Writers, teacher in the art of prayer, reformer, and Doctor of the Church. Perhaps the most fitting description for Teresa is the one that she used on her deathbed when she uttered the words, “I am a daughter of the Church.” All are invited to come.

2025 CARMELITE RETREATS

NOVEMBER 14-16th

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

440 W. Neck Road

Huntington, NY 11743

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FORMS AND CHECKS ARE SENT IN ASAP.

It is very important that we attend a Carmelite retreat each year to pull away from the world and to spend time with our dear Lord Jesus and with our other family members in Carmel to pray.

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

DECEMBER 6th

National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Time: 9:00 – 3:00

Cost: \$50.00

Day includes continental breakfast, Morning Prayer (bring your breviary) Mass, Presentations, Lunch and Closing prayers

Registration Deadline is November 25th

If you have never been to the Shrine, it is very beautiful up there and worth the trip.

CARMELITE & SPECIAL FEAST DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 1st – St. Therese of the child Jesus & the Holy Face

October 2nd – Our Guardian Angels

October 4th - St. Francis of Assisi

October 5th - St. Faustina

October 7th – Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

October 8th – St. Bridget

October 11th – Pope St. John XXIII

October 12th – St. Carlo Acutis (New feast day)

October 13th – “The Miracle of the Sun” & The Sixth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917 this year is the 100th year for Our Lady’s request for First Saturday devotion

October 15th – St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

October 17th – St. Ignatius of Antioch

October 18th – St. Luke

October 19th – World Mission Day & Canonization of Blessed Bartolo Longo

October 20th – St. Paul of the Cross

October 22nd – Pope St. John Paul II

October 23rd – St. John of Capistrano

October 24th - St. Anthony of Claret

October 28th - St. Simon & St. Jude

October 31st. – All Hallows Eve

November 1st. – St. John Newman will be made the 38th Doctor of the Church

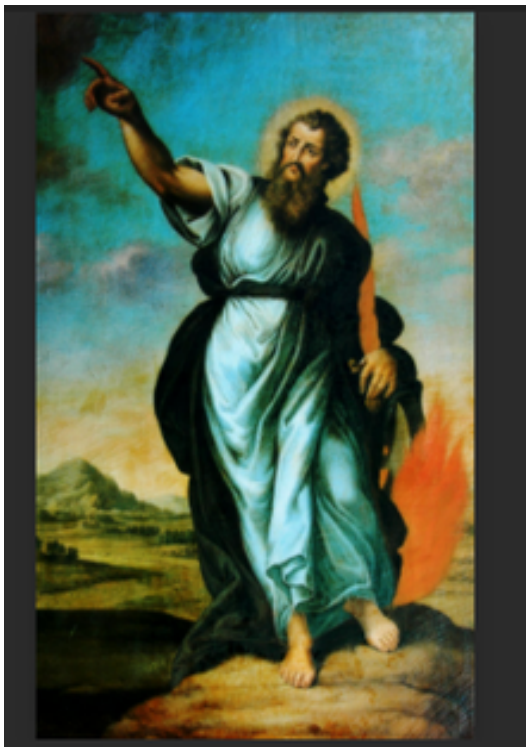
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, SPECIAL PROTECTION & INTENTIONS

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, Marge Garafano & son Michael, 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, Msgr. Joe DeGrocco (Parkinson Disease), Gino & family, Danielle (Ovarian Cancer), Gerry (Breast Cancer). Father Joseph (for safety & protection in Nigeria), Eileen (Ann M. friend), Marin Rose, (Epilepsy), Ellen & Mike’s granddaughter, Michael, (Sarcoidosis), Bill’s brother, For the remaining 59 Hostages for their Freedom, Protection & Healing. Rose Curto (Cancer), 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, Parents who have children in Heaven

PRAY FOR OUR 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 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.”

