



## ST. ELIAS COMMUNITY

GREENLAWN, NY

REGION 3

### SEPTEMBER 2025 Newsletter

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**NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>.**

<b>Phase II Year II Instructor - Diane with Janet, Stephanie and Neil</b>
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<b>Mentoring Year I Instructor – Luciana with Rose, Aurea, Mary Ellen, Lisa S. (November)</b>
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<b>Mentor Year III – Luciana with Leonora, Margaret and Durney (Will meet in November)</b>
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**12:00 – Mass & then the Angelus in front of the statue of Our Blessed Mama**

**1:00 - Social/Refreshment**

**1:30 – The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary**

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

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

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

**3:00 - ONGOING FORMATION: THE GLORIES OF MARY- PLEASE READ PAGES 393-421**

**& NEW CARMEL’S CALL – PLEASE READ PAGE 12, CHAPTER 17**

**4:00 – Lectio Divino**

**4:15 - Closing Prayer**

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH at 1:00 pm**



### **THE IMPORTANCE OF HER BIRTH, HER HOLY NAME AND HER PRECIOUS TEARS**

**As we journey back to look at Mary’s birth we look upon her mother, St. Ann. We reflect upon how she knew that Mary was chosen and would suffer. When we look at the Book of “The Poem of the Man God” this is what is said when she is born.**

**Ann smiles at one of her thoughts, “She is the Star”, she says. “Her sign is in Heaven. Mary arch of peace! Mary pure moon! Mary our pearl!” The woman asks, “Are you calling Her Mary?” Ann replies, “Yes”! Mary star and pearl and light and peace...” The woman replies, “But it means also bitterness...Are you not afraid of bringing her misfortune?”**

**Ann replies, “God is with her. She belongs to Him before She existed. He will lead Her along His ways, and all bitterness will turn into Heavenly honey. Now be of Your Mummy...for a little longer before being all of God.**

**How beautiful are the words of St. Ann to enlighten us that Mary was chosen by God to suffer.**

**As we ponder the Holy Name of Mary this is what is said about Her name in the Mystical City of God by Venerable Mary of Agreda: The holy angels heard a voice from the throne speaking in the person of the Father: “Our Chosen One shall be called “MARY”, and this name is to be powerful and magnificent. Those that shall invoke it with devout affection shall receive most abundant graces; those that shall honor it and pronounce it with reverence shall be consoled and vivified and will find in it the remedy of their evils, the treasurers for their enrichment, the light which shall guide them to Heaven. It shall be terrible against the power of hell, it shall crush the head of the serpent, and it shall win glorious victories over the princes of hell.**

**As we journey forward and contemplate the Sorrows of Mary, she is often presented either as standing beneath the Cross, or as holding the lifeless body of Jesus on her lap, her heart transfixed by seven swords, as foretold in the prophesy of Holy Simeon at the presentation: “Thy own soul a sword shall pierce.”**

**The Sorrowful & Immaculate Heart of Mary is a very deep and profound love that we all need to cultivate in our own hearts. I have been very blessed in my own life to have such a beautiful love of the heart of Mother Mary. Jesus and Mother Mary have brought me so deeply into their most sacred hearts, wounds, tears and sufferings which amazes me and how I treasure this most intimate gift. Jesus loves it when we shed tears for His sufferings but the tears that we shed for His Mother is even more precious to Him and He tells us so:**

**Jesus himself tells Blessed Veronica of Binasco, “My daughter, the tears which you shed in compassion for My sufferings are pleasing to Me, but bear in mind that on account of My excessive love for My Mother, the tears you shed in compassion for her sufferings are still more precious.” Did we just hear what Jesus has told us? He loves when we contemplate his sufferings, but because of His excessive Love for His Mother, the tears that you shed in compassion for HER SUFFERINGS ARE STILL MORE PRECIOUS. So, our tears can be united to her tears, Our sufferings to her sufferings.**

**When we enter Our Mother Mary’s heart this is a special and unique encounter. Are we taking the time to enter Mary’s heart? St. Therese of the child Jesus tells us, “The loveliest masterpiece of the Heart of God is the love of a Mother.” Are we standing at the Cross and looking through Her Eyes and Heart? Our Mother Mary who gave birth without labor pains would experience the greatest labor pain under the cross. Giving birth to the church. Why did Mary have to suffer so much? Because God wanted Her heart to expand so it could hold all the love, he wanted to give her and the only way that could be done was through suffering. Mother Angelica tell us, “A Mother’s vocation is complete when she freely gives her child to God.” We need to be open, allowing the Lord to cut and expand our hearts so that we can hold all the love that he wants to give us in the same way.**

**The center of civilization is the Mother and her child or there will be no civilization. Mother's, Women, Spiritual or Maternal Mothers have the capacity and can more easily communicate with God in the highest level of communion which is always through Calvary. St. Teresa of Jesus tells us, "Women are the key to our culture because they are the guardians of Purity."**

**As we contemplate and quiet down our souls let us open our hearts, unite our tears, and enter Her heart and tears and journey with Mary to Golgotha wiping away her tears from her eyes. Amen.**

**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. Congratulations to our Newly Final Professed Louise and our Newly Temporary Professed Rose, Aurea, Teresa & Bill, Lisa M., Mary Ellen, Lisa S. Let us always remember what our dear littlest Carmelite, Mary Elizabeth has taught us about our Carmelite vocation: She was always so joyful in her sufferings and how she loved being a Carmelite. She always said "Yes" to our dear Lord Jesus to whatever he asked of her. As always you are all in my heart and prayers every day.**

**In Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Love,**

**Linda**

### **IMPORTANT CARMELITE EVENTS**

#### **A WITNESS OF JOY THROUGH SUFFERING**

**Mary Elizabeth Therese of the Divine Child Jesus – Pure Love from Heaven**

**Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst, NY**

**Join us for an evening of a Witness Talk from her Mother on the Life of a young woman (her daughter) who touched the hearts & souls of so many during her short life on earth. A Leukemia survivor, who had Down Syndrome, stomach surgery, Heart surgery, ENT and Pulmonary issues all her life, who made such a loving gentle witness of how to have joy through her sufferings and how to save souls along the way. This evening is a combination of her sufferings and her joys and how many amazing miracles along the way. It will include singing, poetry, art and writings of the Saints that she loved. Learn about the song that she wrote for Our Mama Mary. Her love of the Eucharist. Her artwork, her love of music, love of poetry and writings of St. Therese. The calling for her to be a Third Order Carmelite and her departure on the feast of the Visitation and entrance into Heaven.**

### **2025 CARMELITE RETREATS**

**November 14-16<sup>th</sup>**

**Seminary of the Immaculate Conception**

**440 W. Neck Road**

**Huntington, NY 11743**

**If you need a form please let me know**

**It is very important that we attend a Carmelite retreat each year to pull away from the world and to spend time with our Lord and with our other family members in Carmel to pray. If you are planning on going your forms and your \$35.00 deposit needs to be in this month. Final payment is one month before the retreat.**

### **ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

### **CARMELITE & SPECIAL FEAST DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

**September 1<sup>st</sup> – St. Teresa Margaret Redi of the Sacred Heart, OCD**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

**September 5<sup>th</sup> – St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> - The Nativity of the Blessed Mother Virgin Mary**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> –The Most Holy Name of Mary & Blessed Mary of Jesus, OCD**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> - The Triumph of the Holy Cross & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Sorrows**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>- St. Albert of Jerusalem, Bishop and Lawmaker of Carmel, Martyr & St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Martyr**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Janarius, Bishop & Martyr**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>– Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

**September 30<sup>th</sup> - St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

### **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, 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

### **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 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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