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NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING: SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

11:00 – Phase I Instructor –Ellen

Phase II Year I Instructor - Diane with Janet, Stephanie and Neil

Phase II Year II Instructor –Luciana with Aurea, Rose, Mary Ellen, Teresa & Bill,

Lisa M., Lisa S.

Mentor Year I – Michael with Tom (Will meet in August)

Mentor Year I – Linda with Annabelle R. and Mary Elizabeth (Will meet in July)

Mentor Year I - Ellen with Annabelle S. (Will meet in July)

Mentor Year II – Luciana with Leonora, Margaret and Durney (Will meet in August)

Mentor Year III – Linda with Lousie (Will meet in July)

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 ANNABELLE R.

CANTOR 2 DURNEY

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

3:00 - ONGOING FORMATION: PLEASE READ FROM THE BIBLE 1 KINGS: 18-19

ELLEN WILL BE DOING A TALK ON ST. ELIJAH

& NEW CARMEL'S CALL – PLEASE READ PAGE 12, CHAPTER 13

4:00 – Lectio Divino

4:15 - Closing Prayer

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE DETERMINED AT OUR JUNE MEETING



**ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY
A PROPHET OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD, SPIRITUALITY OF PRESENCE**

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity has been called many times the Prophet of the Presence of God. This refers principally, although not exclusively, to the essence of a personal being perceived by Elizabeth that exists in the interior of her spirit, primarily but not exclusively. She is aware that in her most profound center there is someone, a person, who is truly alive, a person that desires, that expects a response from her, a Person who wants to establish, and it gives unity to her whole life. It is her *raison d'être*, her reason to exist. For her what is important, and it should be for us as Carmelites, is to live from God and for God, to live in permanent communion with Him.

What characterizes Elizabeth the most is her fidelity to the grace of Intimacy. A grace that is offered to each one of us baptized persons called by name, specially loved, separated and consecrated by God. So, the existential question is: "WHAT ARE WE DOING?" Her attitude is to become a receptive capacity to the creative and sanctifying action of God that goes on inside her every second of her earthly existence. St. Therese tells us, "Make room to receive."

Elizabeth also says, copying from St. John of the Cross, her spiritual father, "We obtain from God as much as we expect from Him." Her faith in the presence of God is also her spiritual testament. Elizabeth is telling us that, "He's alive and He's there, living and active inside of me in the measure and in the degree that I allow Him to do so." Again from St. John of the Cross we are reminded that our existential need is to become an "empty vessel." The spirituality of presence in St. Elizabeth of the Trinity is really a story of love that has very concrete determined moments throughout her earthly existence.

An important subtitle for the Spirituality of Presence is the mystical awareness of the presence. The essence of Christian mysticism consists in the awareness, in the consciousness of the indwelling of the Holy Trinity. The more aware we become of that most central of all realities, the more mystical we become. Our awareness of the Trinity within us and living a life of love in response to the immense, immeasurable love of God; this is what makes us saints! This mystical awareness of the Lord's presence, which Elizabeth experiences when she's an adolescent, stays with her throughout the rest of her life. There are four main realities that will dominate her after that experience.

The first one is a passionate love for Jesus Christ accepted as Lord of her life, with all that it implies. This includes a sacrificial gift of herself to God without counting the cost. Following in the footsteps of Our Holy Mother St. Teresa of Jesus, Elizabeth determined with a very determined determination that she was going to do it, no matter what. And she did! Second, Elizabeth has a permanent thirst for the salvation of souls. Love, as St. Paul said, urges us to go out of ourselves and do it for others. Third, another element that dominates her life is an intense and constant contemplative prayer: a loving knowledge of God done in silence, in recollection, in solitude, naked before the Lord is utter openness. Fourth, there was utter amazement in her because she felt her flesh was invaded and possessed by God.

St. Teresa of Jesus exercised a tremendous influence on Elizabeth's thought and spirituality. She gave Elizabeth the key and central point of her spiritual life. St. Teresa taught her that God is everywhere and wherever God is, that is Heaven. This is exactly why Elizabeth mentioned many times in her writings, "the Heaven of my soul." She teaches us that it is necessary to enclose ourselves in this small heaven of our soul. St. Teresa said this in "The Way of Perfection", Chapter 28. Further, this brings to mind the most beautiful and passionate love story, which is "The Song of Songs" from the Old Testament. In it the lover speaks about the enclosed garden and the sealed fountain, that is our heaven, our innermost mansion.

The Trinity for Elizabeth is the starting point of her personal spirituality, and also the end, the goal and objective of her spiritual life. Elizabeth's Trinitarian spirituality is founded on two realities: 1) the indwelling of the Blessed Trinity within her spirit, and 2) her being an image of God, created in His own likeness, made from the start to become absolutely intimate with Him. Elizabeth is shaken to the roots of her being by His imminence, knowing that God is really truly

personally present within her. The object of our life is union with God, becoming one with the Father through the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. St. Teresa of Jesus referred to it in two ways. She called it friendship, and she also called it Spiritual Marriage. The greatest theologian of all time, St. Thomas Aquinas, said, “The best existential term that can explain the union of the Divine with a human is called friendship.” Elizabeth realized that the project of a Trinitarian life, within a spirituality of interiorization, is what every Carmelite must pursue because this is the legacy of St. Teresa of Jesus and St. John of the Cross.

So, I will ask the question again, **WHAT ARE WE DOING?”** Are we willing to allow the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to take us from where we are at, right here, right now, to our own land? (Carmel Clarion, by Elda Maria Estrada, OCDS)

**HABEMUS PAPAM
POPE LEO XIV**



To my Dear Family in Carmel,

We have a new POPE! Let us pray and give thanks to God! What a beautiful month that we are in and one of my favorites. June has always been considered the month to honor The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us totally surrender our hearts to their most tender hearts “Jesus and Mary”. Please be aware of our change in dates for our Next Carmelite meeting this month. Let us keep praying for our dear beloved sister in Carmel, Rosalie who went home to our Lord on May 14th. As always you are all in my heart and prayers every day.

**All through the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary, All through the Most Pure Chaste Heart of St. Joseph, in union with The Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Linda**

IMPORTANT CARMELITE EVENTS

PREPARATION DAY ON JUNE 7TH -

FOR ALL OF OUR CARMELITES THAT ARE BEING TEMPORARY & FINAL PROFESSED

8:30 – 1:00 – Mass and Light breakfast will be provided

Feel free to bring lunch

Cost: \$10.00 (bring cash that day)

Location: St. Mary's Nativity Parish Center, 46-02 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, NY 11355

Entrance to the Parish Center is located at the side of the church on Jasmine Blvd. and Parsons Blvd. You may park on the street. Extra Parking is located opposite the entrance to the Parish Center, next to the school. The mass will be in church.

PROFESSION DAY FOR REGIONS 3 & 4 – SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Location: St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

***INFORMATION ON TIME OF MASS, LUNCH AND COST FOR THE DAY WILL BE COMING SHORTLY. FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO COME TO THE PROFESSION/MASS AND LUNCH TOO!

CARMELITE & SPECIAL FEAST DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

June 7th – Blessed Anne of St. Bartholomew (Nurse of St. Teresa of Jesus)

June 8th – Pentecost Sunday

June 9th - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

June 12th – Blessed Alphonsus Mary Mazurek

June 13th – St. Anthony

June 14th St. Elisha and Blessed Maria Candida of the Eucharist

June 15th – The Most Holy Trinity & Father's Day

June 21st – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

June 22nd - Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ), St. John Fisher & St. Thomas Moore

June 24th - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 27th – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 28th - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 29th - SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 30th – First Martyrs of the church of Rome

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 (3 Years 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, Rose, her daughter, and baby in the womb and Grandson and her son, Christopher (Protection), Francesca (Radiation), Msgr. Joe DeGrocco (Parkinson Disease), Gino & family, Danielle (Ovarian Cancer), Gerry (Breast Cancer). Father Joseph (for safety & protection in Nigeria), Eileen (Ann M. friend), George & Aurea Maley, KarenLee, our Regional Formation Director, Helena & Rudy (House Fire), Friends of Linda, 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), Bruce (healing from surgery), Aurea's son, 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, Steve, (Surgery- some of his colon and intestines removed), Linda's brother-in law, Gino & Family, Cheyenne and newborn baby, Anna Cantone's Granddaughter, Lizette (In Hospital, possible stroke), Our newly elected 266th successor of Saint Peter, Pope Leo XIV.



Pray for our beloved Deceased

All 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 (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

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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