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Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church

Investing in Our Faith, Investing in Our Future

Yesterday morning, our Family Faith Formation program hosted a "Strongman Family Event." Bending steel bars and frying pans, breaking chains, and more, Strongman Eric Moss shared these as a metaphor for the struggles and challenges that hold us back in our lives.



"Eric did a fine job with combining his demonstration of strength with a faithbased message that is highly inspirational to children and adults alike. He witnessed his challenges and struggles and how he overcame them, stressing the importance of not giving up. He spoke of everyone being made in the image of God and that, with faith, all things are possible, and not to hold back, due to fear of failure." Diane Byrne, Elementary Family Faith Coordinator





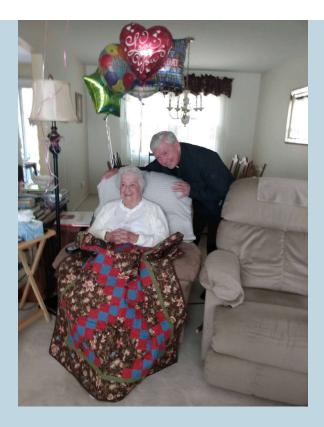
Special thanks to Dan Bozza for capturing these memories. Click <u>HERE</u> for more pictures from this special event!

These events -- and all that is offered for our community's spiritual growth and engagement -- can only happen through the movement of the Holy Spirit and the generosity of our parishioners and friends.

We are grateful for the response thus far to our *Investing in Our Faith, Investing in Our Future* initiative. If you have not committed to regular Offertory Giving in support of our mission, please consider this new journey of lifegiving generosity. We seek 100% support. Click <u>HERE</u> to find out how to get started!

A Special Milestone Birthday Celebration!

On Thursday, October 21st, parishioner Phyllis Cardiello celebrated her 100th birthday and our pastor Fr. Paddy was there to offer her a birthday blessing and our parish's happy birthday wishes!!





Pictured with Phyllis are also parishioners Chet and Mary Kochan. Mary visits Phyllis twice weekly to bring her Eucharist and share faith and conversation.

Our **Outreach Ministry to the Homebound** brings Jesus in the Eucharist and also a sense of community and belonging to many parishioners not able to join us in person. If you are called to be on mission in this special way, please contact Jack Vales at vales.john@yahoo.com.

Sacred Space

What a great blessing it is to see more and more joining us for the celebration of liturgies, reconnecting with old friends, and making new ones! We invite everyone to gather for conversation **in the Gathering Space**. This will help us preserve the **sacredness of our worship space** and allow for quiet prayer and reflection for those wishing to do so before and after Mass.



SS Life Teen Night: Let the good times roll...or should we?

"The theme for this past Sunday evening's SS Life Teen Life Night was **Under the Influence**, focusing on the destructiveness of drugs and alcohol. To capture the teens' attention, the **Cross the Line** activity allowed them to share a more serious side of their experiences without speaking a word.



The **Proclaim** that followed was the highlight of the evening (this is the teaching portion of the night, making the Word of God relevant to teens). An adult who struggled with drugs and alcohol gave a powerful witness of how their life drastically changed only after surrendering their life to Christ. The subsequent small group discussion (referenced as **Break**) posed some tough questions and gave the teens the opportunity to share their personal insights. To close our night (referenced as **Send**), the teens were given the opportunity to Cross the line for Christ by staying committed to their faith and saying "no" to peer pressure or temptation to use drugs and alcohol. We ended with the beautiful Serenity Prayer." Maria Cascio, SS Life Teen Core Team Member

Life Teen Nights are filled with purpose and deal with real issues teens are facing today. Invite a high school teen in your life to experience community, be challenged, and renew their love and commitment to Christ. Click <u>HERE</u> to find out more.

Widows Circle: The Journey Continues...

By Marge Collins, Ministry Co-Leader

Widows Circle began the autumn of 2019, with the goal of gathering our widowed sisters once per month, to exchange information, celebrate, and be a support to one another. We met personally, switched to Zoom meetings during the pandemic, and are now meeting at the

church. Our last meeting (pictured), included a guided meditation by parishioner and retreat leader Gail Mertz; we also planned for future meetings.



All widows are invited to join us on **Monday, November 15 at 5:00 pm** in Room 203 for a Game Night! Bring your favorite game - cards, Scrabble, Clue, Dungeons & Dragons (just kidding) and bring another widow to share hospitality. If you have questions, please call Marge Collins at 973-830-7956.

Road to Emmaus Men's Retreat

By Retreat Coordinator Mickey Guerriero

The Men's Road to Emmaus Retreat, which was held the weekend of October 15-17, was a deep, Spirit-filled experience. Throughout the weekend the presentations and the discussions which followed strengthened the faith and fellowship of all and encouraged a deeper relationship with Christ. The power of prayer and brotherhood was very evident.



"I would encourage others to attend a future Emmaus weekend. It was a very valuable spiritual development for my life.



"The speakers were all excellent; very well prepared with profound messages. The discussions were very helpful in bringing each person's thoughts and feelings into focus."



Welcoming & Hospitality: A lasting impression for the journey forward

A couple of years ago we welcomed an engaged couple into our parish community. They have recently moved out of our area and sent us this note: "Although we have only been back to the parish a few times since COVID began (we had moved down the shore for almost a year), we truly cherished our time at Notre Dame in particular the time leading up to our engagement and the first few months engaged. The hospitality at Notre Dame is second to none and we still plan on attending Mass here from time to time."

Your SMILE is your LOGO,
your PERSONALITY is your BUSINESS CARD, how you leave others feeling after having an experience with you becomes your TRADEMARK.

To ensure our values of welcome and hospitality remain strong and fruitful, we need the support of all in our community. Please consider offering 15 minutes before Mass every so often to help welcome our visitors and parishioners. Contact Debbie White at luvmorgan@optonline.ne... or Carolyn Tortorello at ctort327@gmail.com.

Moms & Tots: What a Journey!

Our **Moms & Tots** ministry has been welcoming little ones and their caregivers for over 20 years! Faith Leader **Lisa Vecchio** used to bring her kids when they were little. Through her participation, she found a calling to "be on mission" and give what was given to her and her children.



For over 15 years now, from September through mid-June, Lisa comes in on Wednesday mornings and leads little ones (and their caregivers) in a special time of music, dancing, and stories that strengthen their faith and love for Jesus. While COVID forced a pause for about a year and a half, Lisa stepped in to help with the Food Rescue outreach (and still does ©). Last month, she was able to safely resume this special outreach to little ones and their caregivers.

If you are a mom, dad, or caregiver for a little one, be sure to join us on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall, from 9:30-10:15 am.







Support Right to Life

Morris County Right To Life representatives will be selling car raffle tickets at \$10.00 each after Mass (except for Sunday's 6 pm) this coming weekend, October 30 & 31.

- 1st Prize: 2022 Volvo XC40 All Wheel Drive SUV valued at \$41,340.
- 2nd Prize: \$1,000 Shoprite gift card.
- 3rd Prize: \$750 Shoprite gift card
- 4th Prize: \$500 ShopRite gift card



The winning ticket will be drawn on Nov. 19th, 2021 at Maggiano's Little Italy, 600 Commons Way, Bridgewater (winner need not be present. Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

UPCOMING

This week's Mass & Lamp Intentions

Welcoming Help
Needed for
Weekend Masses







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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021, 9-11 AM

Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church 75 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ Back parking lot www.ndcarmel.com

Note: Please be sure to include gently used coats and jackets in your donation bags which will be so helpful to those in need in the upcoming winter months. Thank you!



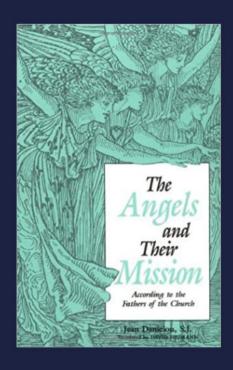


Weekend of Nov. 13 & 14, 2021

Please bring your frozen turkey to the truck in the back parking lot before the 5 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, or by 11:30 am on Sunday.

Let's do our best to help bring Thanksgiving joy to those in need!

ADVENT DISCIPLESHIP GROUP



A 5-week journey through Advent exploring the book

The Angels and Their Mission

(According to the Fathers of the Church) by Jean Danielou, S.J

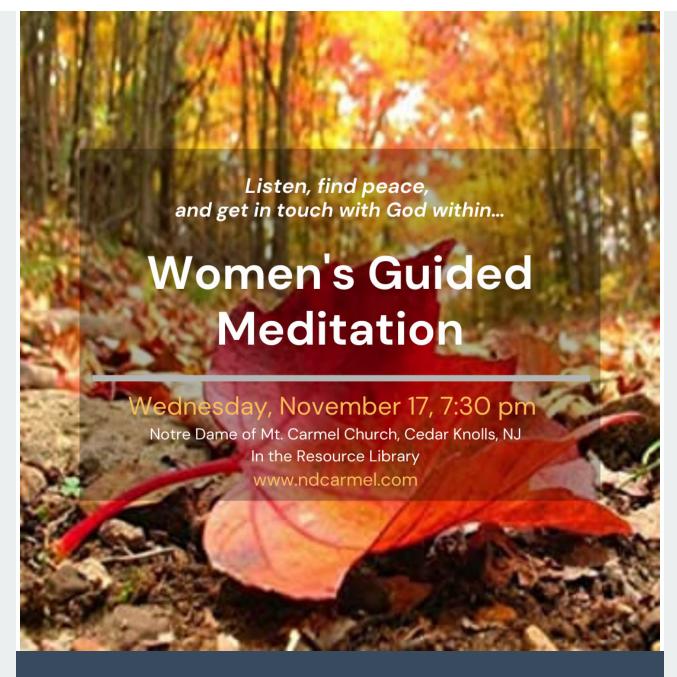
Facilitator: Carol Critchley

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm Nov.16 - Dec.14, 2021

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If unable to attend in person, we will also provide a Zoom link on a weekly basis.

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