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Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church

## **Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2021**

This past weekend at all Masses, the congregation experienced, in a sense, the extraordinary works by our Diocese which are impacting larger communities. If you did not have an opportunity to view the video, please click below.



The ministries and efforts reflected on the video are a few of the many works led by our Diocese of Paterson. They are all possible through the generosity of the various parish communities in the Diocese. If you have not done so already, please consider joining this community of generous hearts. Visit the table in our Gathering Space for details and materials, or click [HERE](#) to lend your support online.

## The Holy Spirit in Action

At our Family Mass this past Sunday, Fr. Paddy was inspired by the Diocesan Ministries Appeal and the children on the video singing "*This Little Light of Mine.*" Moved by the Holy Spirit, he summoned the children to the Altar, and here is what followed:



What a wonderful expression of voices, faith, engagement, and hope!

Our outreach to young families is part of our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. ***Investing in Our Faith, Investing in Our Future*** will ensure these efforts continue to bear fruit in the life of our parish and the lives of all the domestic churches in our community. If you did not have the opportunity to fill out a Commitment Card, please do so this week. Click [HERE](#) for details, or visit the table in our Gathering Space.

## Welcoming Bishop Kevin this Saturday!

**This Saturday, November 6, Bishop Kevin Sweeney** will be spending the day with us. We are most excited about Bishop learning about our renewal and experiencing the great community of Notre Dame. **Bishop will celebrate Saturday's 5 pm Vigil Mass, and there will be hospitality in our Gathering Space after Mass.** Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to connect with the shepherd of our Diocese!



## **Virtual Alpha 4 Half-way Check-in**

by Ministry Co-Chair Dan Balogh

We are almost halfway through our fourth Virtual Alpha journey, and the feedback from our guests is overwhelmingly positive! This time a third of our guests are joining us from out of state, a big benefit of the virtual format.

One pastor from New York, who plans to bring Alpha to his parish, said *"I am so grateful that I was invited to participate in your Alpha at this time. I have been enjoying each session. I am anxious to simply continue to participate in Alpha and see where it leads me personally. It is a blessing for me to be with you each week."* Another participant shared: *"The presentations are really well done and open doors to discussion and questions. I also have a wonderful group and believe we are all getting comfortable with each other. My Wednesday nights will never be the same!"*

A guest from Ohio told us that Alpha has *"been terrific, the highlight of my week. Wouldn't change a thing!"* adding that he believed the program could be defined as:



The feedback from our younger guests is also inspiring. Our youngest guest had this to say: *"I am greatly enjoying Alpha so far. My group has meshed very well, and we have had great thought-provoking conversations."* And a second told us: *"I am really enjoying it! It's a great place to learn and share."* Finally, one young guest who is taking Alpha with his wife said: *"My experience so far has been overwhelmingly positive! My wife and I have both found ourselves talking about some of the ideas discussed for at least an hour or so after the close of each meeting."*

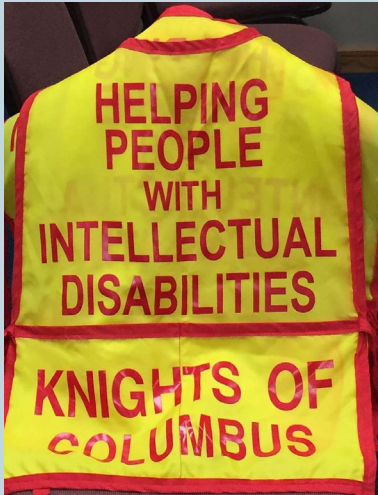


Our team is currently preparing for the Alpha Retreat which occurs next week (Nov 10 and Nov 12). This is usually cited as the highlight of the entire journey by most of our guests. Please pray that our guests and team members continue to be filled with the peace, the love, and the joy of the Holy Spirit.

## ***A Thank You Message from our Knights of Columbus***

*On behalf of the Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 6904, I wish to thank Fr. Paddy for allowing our Brother Knights to collect funds at the end of the Masses the weekend of October 23-24.*

*We appreciate the kind words spoken by him to recognize the good works the Knights do for the community and throughout the country and world.*



*We would like to thank all those charitable parishioners who filled our buckets with donations, totaling \$1,238! This money, combined with what was collected at other locations around Hanover, will enable us to support the following organizations helping those Intellectually Challenged: PG Chambers School, Employment Horizons, Allegro School, The Rose House, Arc of Morris County, and Department of Persons with Disabilities. Please know that Council 6904 is here to support Notre Dame in its charitable and spiritual endeavors.*

*God Bless, Dennis Fashano,  
Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 6904*

## **Welcome: An Act of Gratitude**

*"Being welcoming is an act of gratitude and courage." Rachel Peric*



Let's reflect our gratitude and courage in or welcome of those who choose to start or continue their journey here at Notre Dame. Please consider offering 15 minutes before Mass every so often to help welcome our visitors and parishioners. Contact Debbie White at [luvmorgan@optonline.net](mailto:luvmorgan@optonline.net) or Carolyn Tortorello at [ctort327@gmail.com](mailto:ctort327@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING

**This week's Mass  
& Lamp Intentions**

**Welcoming Help  
Needed for  
Weekend Masses**

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# LIFE TEEN

## Youth Mass & Life Night

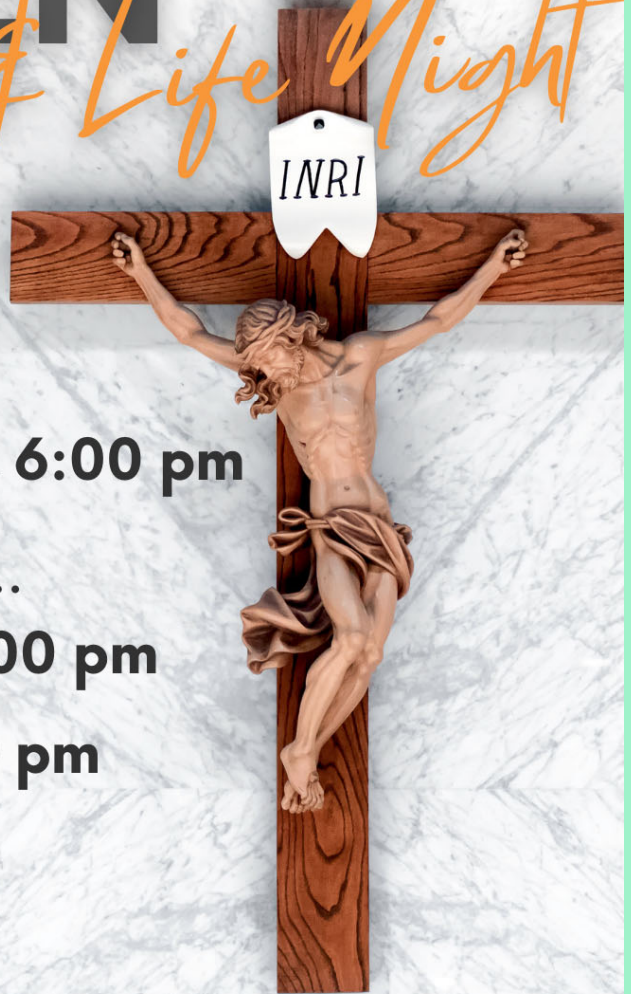
All are welcome!

**Youth Mass, Sundays, 6:00 pm**

For High School Teens...

**Food & Fellowship, 7:00 pm**

**Life Night, 7:30 -8:30 pm**





*An Evening of Marriage Enrichment*  
**Finding Joy & Contentment**  
**in Your Marriage**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021, 7:00-9:30 PM**  
*Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel • Upstairs in Room 201*  
*On-site childcare provided!*

*Register at [www.ndcarmel.com](http://www.ndcarmel.com)*

# **DRIVE-THRU DROP-OFF**

## *Clothing Drive*

*Gently used clothing (in plastic bags)*



**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](http://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!**

# THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE



**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!**

# WIDOWS *Circle*



*Game  
Night!*

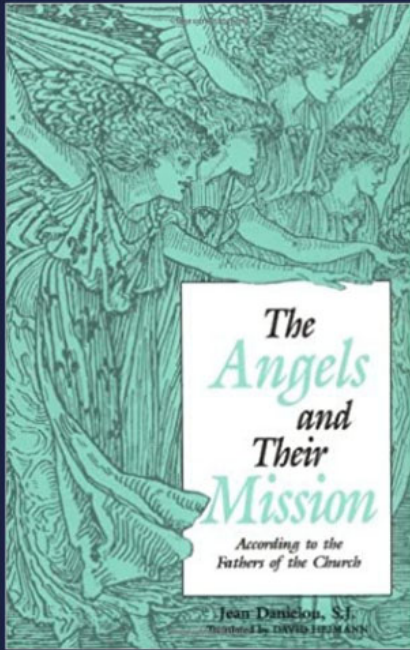
**Join us in faith and friendship**

**MONDAY, NOV. 15th, 5:00 – 6:30 PM**

**In Room 203**

*Bring your favorite game:  
Cards, Scrabble, Clue....*

# 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.*

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**



*Listen, find peace,  
and get in touch with God within...*

# Women's Guided Meditation

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Wednesday, November 17, 7:30 pm

Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church, Cedar Knolls, NJ

In the Resource Library

[www.ndcarmel.com](http://www.ndcarmel.com)

# Catholic Spiritual Warfare

**Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel  
Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021  
7:00-8:30 pm  
in the church**



***What is Catholic Spiritual Warfare?  
Does the Devil really exist and how  
does he tempt us today?***

Join Father John Gordon, Coordinator of the Office for Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Newark, as he explores the issue of Catholic Spiritual Warfare and its relevance in today's society.

All are welcome!

**Questions?**

**Contact Family Faith Director Laura Balogh at [lbalogh@ndcarmel.com](mailto:lbalogh@ndcarmel.com)**

## **JOB BOARD & LOCAL AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Memories are special moments that tell our story...***

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*





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