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"Investing in Our Faith, Investing in Our Future"

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend! Your commitment to our parish through our ***"Investing in Our Faith, Investing in Our Future"*** initiative will continue to bring life to our community. **If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may do so online [HERE](#), or you can mail your card to the church. Our goal is 100% participation!** Thank you for your generosity and support of Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel!

Below are some brief remarks from Fr. Paddy, as well as an inspiring testimonial shared by parishioner Michael Connor this past weekend.





Click [HERE](#) to view equally inspiring testimonials shared by Jessica Tar at the Family Mass and Andrew Genovese at the 11:30 Mass.

If you did not receive the ***Investing in Our Faith, Investing in Our Future*** mailing this week, it is likely that you are not registered with our parish. Please contact Cristina Folan at 973-538-1358, ext. 105 / commsupport@ndcarmel.c... to be welcomed as an official member of our parish! In the meantime, the mailing materials are available on our website [HERE](#) and in our Gathering Space.

Oh, what a night!

by Marriage Ministry Chairs Eric & Debby Kispert and Joe & Ann Bono

The Couples Dinner Dance on Friday night was a wonderful expression of fellowship, faith, and fun! It was a beautiful opportunity to connect with old friends and to make new ones. At a time when relationships are more important than ever, Friday was a memorable night!





Click [HERE](#) to view more special memories from this wonderful event!

Generous Giving: Without the time, talent, and treasure of so many, the evening would not have occurred. THANK YOU for your support of the parish, the Marriage Ministry, and of each other. All of you are incredible examples of missionary disciples!





The awesome adults and teens who provided childcare while parents enjoyed their night out!

What People Are Saying...

"Wow, what a great celebration! I'm thankful to all on the team who helped make it a huge success. Teamwork is an essential path forward in our renewal and developing pastoral leadership." Fr. Paddy

"We had so much fun at the Marriage Ministry Dinner Dance. Prior to that night, we had not been a part of any marriage ministry activities. We heard about the dinner dance and it sounded like fun, so we decided to sign up. We were not sure if we would know anyone but still decided to give it a go. When we entered the room, we were immediately greeted by one of the organizers. He immediately made us feel welcome. The food was great, and the music was fun. We even got some excellent pictures at the photo booth. It turned out that we knew several people there, but it was also a great opportunity to meet others. Couples from the ministry spoke about their planned activities, but they did not make anyone feel obligated to

join future activities. It was a great night of food, fun, and fellowship and we look forward to participating in other events!" The Dickers

"It was wonderful to be at the Marriage Ministry dinner dance. The food was delicious, the music and dancing were fun, but most of all, it was great to be with so many couples of faith of all ages." Shirley & Jim

"The Marriage Ministry dinner dance was an unforgettable evening filled with fun, friendship, food, and faith. And, let's not forget about the dancing! This amazing event brought us together to share our faith with one another in an extraordinary way. This is why we love our church, or as we like to say, our second home." Lauren & Chris

"A very beautiful event to celebrate our marriage. It allowed us to share in a way we had not in some time. Thank you for a very nice evening!" Javier & Virginia

The Gift of Vocation

by Fr. Alex Nevitt

What do you want to be when you grow up? How many of you can remember that question as a child? Perhaps the answer was a firefighter, maybe a pilot, or even a teacher, but you probably saw yourself as getting married and having children of your own. And the reality is why wouldn't you, we often look to those around us as examples of what we can be. This is why it is so important for our parish to have examples of ordained and religious life, people that our young people can look up to and say, "Yes! I want to follow God's call in that way."



Seminarian Lucas Folan grew up in our parish and Notre Dame will always be his home parish wherever his journey will take him. Many of you knew him when he was younger as an Altar Server or when he was making his Confirmation. He serves as an example to many of our young men that priesthood is something that they can be called to. We need more young men from our communities to answer God's call to serve His people.

Yet we must remember that while Seminarian Lucas might look like a priest in his cassock, he is still in formation and his vocation must be nurtured. And just as the parish nurtures all of us in our different vocations, we do the same for Seminarian Lucas. We must always keep praying for him, but also take the time to let him learn from experience how to minister in the parish. And occasionally, and always in charity, give him some advice too. We as a community help to guide him along his path as one day he will guide a parish community in the future. It is thus always a pleasure to have Seminarian Lucas with us and we continue to pray for his discernment and his time in the seminary.



Click [HERE](#) for more special memories from this past weekend's Family Mass.

Multiplying Disciples

Last week we shared a photo of young Lucas as a solo member of our Joyful Noise Choir. This week he was joined by two new and inspired members!



Parents, please encourage and support your children's engagement in the faith. Whether singing as part of our Joyful Noise Choir, Lectoring, Altar Serving, bringing up the Offertory gifts, helping welcome people at the doors, there are many opportunities for our young children to be an active part of our celebrations and ministries. Our young children and their generosity are of great value to the Church!

Shepherd's Call: Adult Volunteers Needed

Our Shepherd's Call ministers provide a safe, Christ-centered environment (downstairs in the Shepherd's Call Room) for little ones, 1-4 yrs. old, while parents attend the 9:30 am Mass. In order to serve our young families in need of this ministry, we need a few more volunteers!

Faith Leaders/Caregivers serving in our Shepherd's Call ministry are kind, caring, and faithful **adult parishioners** with Early Childhood Education experience or experience caring for little ones. If you are interested in serving our community through this ministry, please contact



Patty Strunk at pstrunck@optonline.net
or Mary McGovern at
maryemcg19@gmail.com.



Blessing Bags: Can You Help?



We are asking parishioners and friends to donate from the list below to our project which fills blessing bags for homeless people in Morris County. These are distributed by the Hope One van as they go on their monthly visits to enclaves, encampments, and under bridges to serve those in need. Collection bins will be available this weekend inside the doors to the church.

Collection Deadline: October 10

Items Needed:

- Single-packed toothbrushes
- Toothpaste (any size)
- Deodorant
- Bar soap
- Shampoo
- Gum

Notre Dame Food Rescue Ministry thanks you for your generous support!

UPCOMING

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

**Welcoming Help
Needed for
Weekend Masses**

SS LIFE TEEN *Youth Mass & Life Night*

Youth Mass, Sundays, 6:00 pm

All are welcome!

Food & Fellowship, 7:00 pm

Following Mass, high school teens are invited to share a meal, grow closer in existing friendships, and make new ones!

Life Night, 7:30 -8:30 pm

Life Nights are the heart of our Youth Ministry. Here the teens are drawn closer in their relationship with Jesus and are challenged to grow and witness a renewed commitment to faith, in service to others.



Blessing *of the* Pets



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, you and your pet(s)
are invited to join us at our Annual Pet Blessing!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 2021
At 12:45 PM on our Front Lawn

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS



Join one or more of the small faith-sharing groups beginning in October. The menu of offerings includes a variety of topics and meeting dates/times.

**Review the options and register online at
ndcarmel.com**

A person is walking away from the viewer on a dirt path that winds through a forest. The ground is covered with fallen red and orange leaves. Tall, thin trees line the path, and the background is slightly blurred, creating a sense of depth. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

GRIEVING WITH HOPE

*An opportunity to learn from practical wisdom about
moving through grief, as we lean into Christ
for healing of our hearts.*

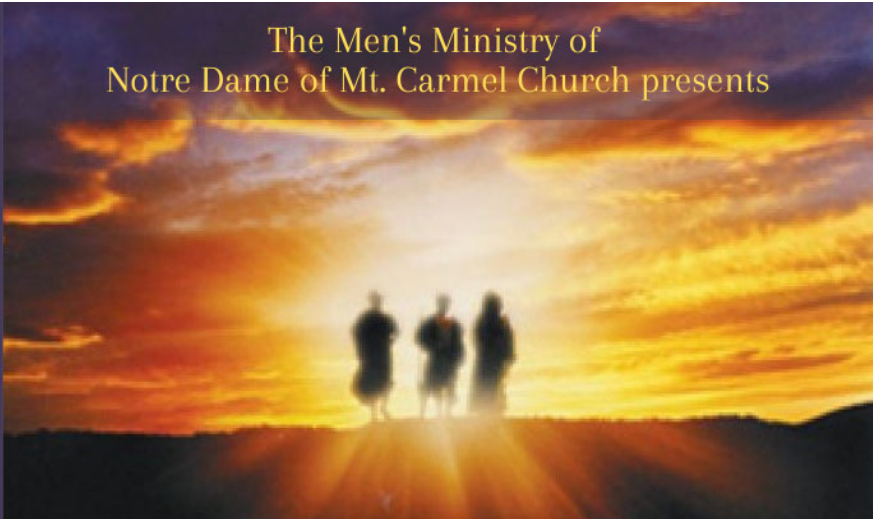
**A six-week virtual series beginning
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021, 7:00-8:30 PM.**

*Contact Peg Buck to register today:
973-267-8290 / mmmbuck@gmail.com*

*Men,
Continue on
your faith
journey and
deepen your
relationship
with God!*

Find out more
and register
online at
www.ndcarmel.com

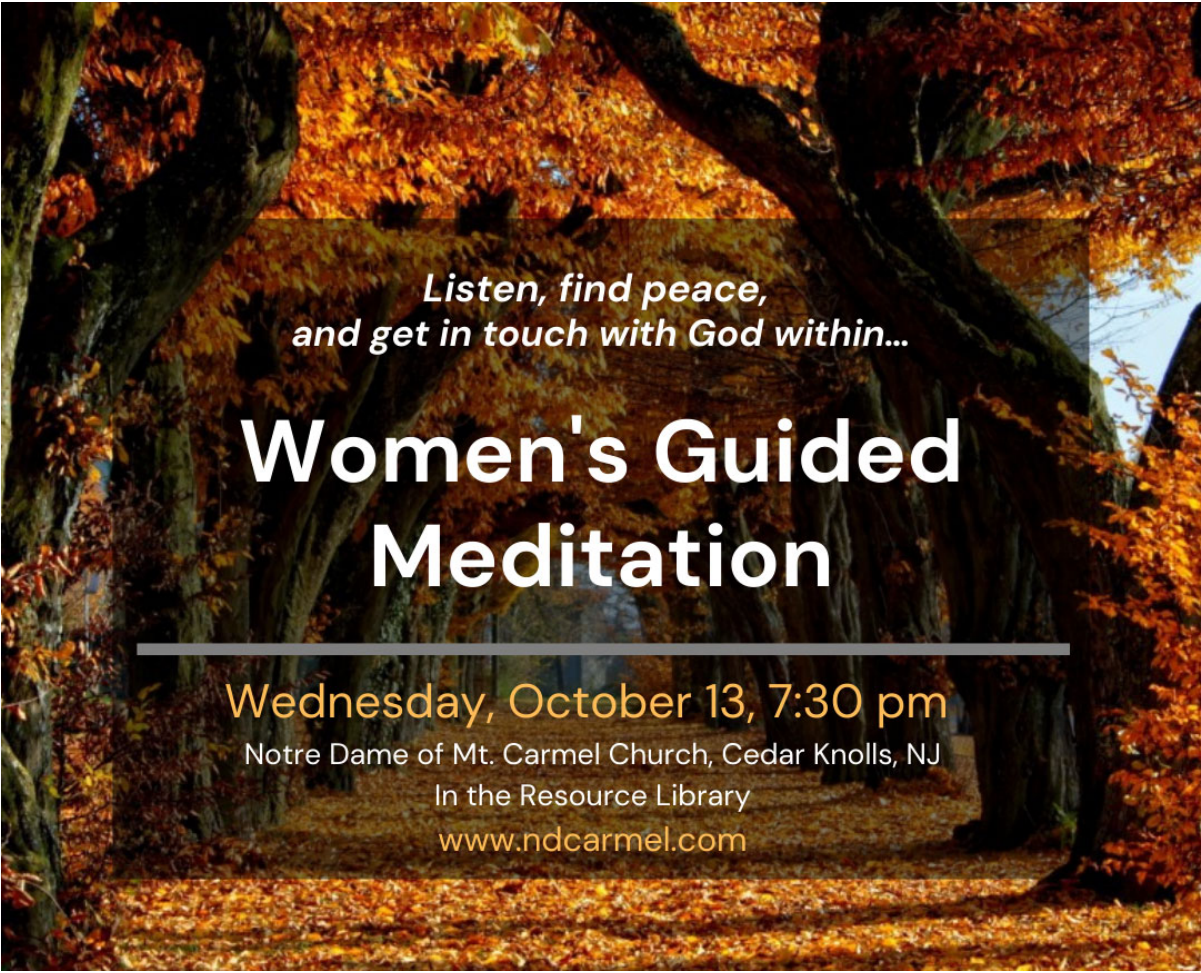
The Men's Ministry of
Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church presents



ROAD TO EMMAUS

OCTOBER 15-17, 2021

St. Mary's Abbey, Morristown, NJ



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

Women's Guided Meditation

Wednesday, October 13, 7:30 pm

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

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