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A Night of Contemporary Worship

By Melissa Fasano

This past Friday was the first in a monthly series of praise and worship events hosted by Q, our Director of Youth Ministry and Contemporary Worship. The evening promised music, prayer, witness, and fellowship, which did not disappoint!

Going in, I wasn't sure what to expect. Sure, I listen to The Message on Sirius XM. I know what praise and worship music is, but I didn't know what a night of it would look like. Upon arrival at the church, there was a buzz of excitement, people greeting and catching up with each other. When the music started, I excused myself to take a few pictures. I fully expected to return to my pew, but I was mesmerized by what I saw happening from the back of the church.

As Q and Luke played, the congregation was entirely in the moment. As the night went on, it was evident that the Holy Spirit was with us. Those present were so visibly moved. Q encouraged us to take whatever prayerful posture we felt called to take. Some stood, knelt, or sat soaking it all in; some danced, arms high in the air, while others were so filled with the Spirit that they held their heads in their hands.

"Q's Friday Night of Worship was the first time I experienced the Holy Spirit through music. Singing along with fellow Christians as a form of prayer was very new to me and emotionally uplifting. This was an awesome experience, and I recommend all who are used to the traditional form of worship to give this 'Worship Through Music' a try."

Tim McCloskey

The Spirit was so strong in the church. When Sean gave his witness, you could hear a pin drop. An incredible telling of how our God is so good. He loves us no matter what, and he will forgive our sins; we just need to be open to his love for us.

After his witness, participation in the music grew. To hear everyone singing along was something I'd never heard in our church. The voices were so audible; the people were definitely feeling the Spirit. I have to admit I was overcome with emotion in the back of the church. Seeing our Pastor so moved was something I will never forget. It was an incredibly beautiful evening, and I look forward to next month.

"God loves when we sing to Him and about Him. When we join our voices with friends, and fellow parishioners for praise, a feeling of love and joy fills our hearts! I left the Worship Service renewed, happy, and feeling truly blessed! It was a wonderful experience!" Kathy Bogwald.

"I thought it was nice. I liked the songs a lot, and I liked that the words were up on the screen for us to sing along. My mom and I were really belting them out. When I left, I felt calm and very close to Jesus. I want to go to the next one." Teen parishioner.

If you missed it Friday, I encourage you to try to attend one of the upcoming evenings. **The next one is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, at 6:30 pm.** Check our website and future Parish Updates for more information. If you can not make it, they will be live-streamed. It is something that should not be missed.

Youth Ministry Life Night

Following the 6 PM Contemporary Mass Sunday evening, teens gathered in our parish kitchen in a simple yet meaningful way, giving a great start to their Youth Ministry Life Night.

May we never take for granted the precious gift these young people are to the life of our parish and our Church!

Divine Renovation:
Reflecting on their visit to Notre Dame

Last week, we had the pleasure of hosting Kurt Klement (Executive Director of Divine Renovation USA) and Angie Glendinning (member of the DR USA team). In just a few days, they had the opportunity to experience parish life at Notre Dame, including weekend Masses, meetings with our Pastoral Council, our Staff, and a few other parish leaders, as well as meeting with Bishop Kevin Sweeney and a few other diocesan priests. Below, Kurt shares their experience of Notre Dame parish life.

"As the director of Divine Renovation in the US, I had the opportunity to visit Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel along with my co-worker, Angie Glendinning. It was such a blessing to see real-life renewal on the ground. We were so impressed with the parish's amazing culture and innovative spirit!

*Pope Francis said in Evangelii Gaudium, "**I dream of a missionary option**, a missionary impulse **capable of transforming everything**, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times, and schedules can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than her self-preservation."*

"NDMC is boldly living out this dream! NDMC is one of a handful of parishes around the country that Divine Renovation sees as "lighthouses," examples of parishes embracing the call of Jesus to "go out and make disciples." NDMC is an early adopter in the changing culture of Catholic parishes.

"THANK YOU for your bold witness to what is possible in a Catholic parish. And thank you for your incredible hospitality during our visit! We look forward to continuing partnering with you to help other parishes and dioceses be open to the new thing that the Lord is doing in His church. Come, Holy Spirit!"

Kurt Klement, Executive Director, DR USA

Lifting Our Voices to the Lord!

Whether in celebration of liturgies or special events, we are feeling the movement of the Holy Spirit powerfully lifting our voices in praise to our Lord! And what a blessing we have in our ND Choirs inspiring and leading us in this beautiful form of worship and praise!

Our Adult Choir is particularly seeking those voices that can help lead us at the 11:30 Mass! If you love music and have some experience singing, please reach out to our Music Director, Jim Keefe, at jkeefe@ndcarmel.com.

Supporting our Marriages and Families

One of the Church's most visible signs of renewal and growth is the presence and engagement of young families. Looking through the beautiful photo archives that capture in many ways the spirit of parish life here at ND, we see the fruitfulness of renewal before our very eyes. We are grateful for the movement of the Holy Spirit and the unwavering efforts of so many who are committed to implementing changes that could bring about that great gift of young families in our midst.

The **Marriage Ministry** has been invaluable in its missionary zeal to bring those young couples and parents to connect to their faith and nurture their marital and family relationships. As **Ministry Co-Chair Ann Bono** shares below, the ministry needs our community's support to continue on this invaluable mission!

The Marriage Ministry Wants/Needs You!!

By Marriage Ministry Co-Chair, Ann Bono

For the last few years, the Marriage Ministry has been so blessed to offer childcare for our on-site events held at the church. It is a blessing to offer this simple opportunity that allows couples with children to attend and forge new relationships with or find mentors in other married couples. Let's hear what a few couples say about their experiences having childcare provided...

"Our participation in Marriage Ministry events has undeniably been made possible by ministry-provided childcare. In our busy lives, it is so wonderful to head to church as a family, knowing that our kids will be cared for and loved while we take part in the fun and meaningful events of the Marriage Ministry. Our girls affectionately refer to the childcare as "the babysitting club" and look forward to it days in advance. We appreciate the Marriage Ministry and all the babysitting volunteers prioritizing the center of our marriage, our family."

Dan and Julia Rizos

"Having on-site babysitting has been a wonderful experience for us. Knowing our girls are being cared for down the hall while Ellen and I enjoy a night of marriage ministry with friends has been most convenient. Without it, there would be events that we otherwise would not be able to attend. Our daughters benefit as well, creating friendships with many other Notre Dame children while babysitting.
We are most appreciative of the babysitting services that are offered at many of the marriage ministry events."

Scott and Ellen Kobil

This year, we no longer have the resources we once did. We need additional support. Therefore, we are putting together a team of adults from the parish who are VIRTUS-trained (or are willing to become VIRTUS-trained) to assist the Marriage Ministry in replenishing our resources of teen volunteers and adult chaperones.

If you are interested in joining our team (or learning more about it) or know anyone who would be interested in helping, please contact us. Additionally, please share the contact details if you know of a high school teen willing to support our adults. Please reach out to Ann Bono to share your interest. She can be reached at: annbono@verizon.net / 973-285-0335.

May those needed come together and respond to this call to missionary discipleship!

Confirmation Leaders Rising Up!

Last week we shared how one of this year's goals for Family Faith Formation is that of empowering and raising new faith leaders. No sooner was the goal articulated by Family Faith Director Laura Balogh that the Lord opened up the opportunity to bring it into reality! Unfortunately, Laura was not available for this past Sunday evening session. Yet, her amazing team of leaders came together and set forth an extraordinary session for the candidates and parents!

And leaders of all ages are indeed rising! Teen **Elizabeth Gillen** gave a powerful witness talk during the session about the role of faith in her childhood and now teenage years.

"Hi Laura -- I could hardly wait to get home and email you. Elizabeth was an amazing witness speaker! She was so enthusiastic and engaging. When I looked around while she was speaking, it looked like almost all of the teens were fully engaged in her talk. We even had some questions. I think the session went well too. Overall, this group seems to be more participative than last year's. Thank you for all of the preparation you gave us. Please take care of yourself."

Jenifer Dicker

"Witnessing someone, let alone a teen, speak passionately about God is rare. Even rarer is to hear a teen deliver a message so eloquently. This past Sunday, I had the pleasure of listening to such testimony. Elizabeth was authentic, humorous, and engaging. I found myself nodding in agreement as she indicated faith gave her strength in difficult times. Elizabeth emphasized the benefits of belonging to a church community, the foremost being surrounded by people of faith. Her talk captivated parents, Confirmandi, and faith leaders alike. Her sharing was the ideal tie-in for the session topic: 'What Makes Me Happy? Discovering God as the Source.' Elizabeth showed the Christian life can be joyful even though the world might try to convince believers otherwise." Christa Cottone

"I want to stress that the Faith leaders led everything last night. Almost everyone had a responsibility or presented part of the program. This is the new focus this year, but in my absence, people really stepped up even more, and everything proceeded without a hitch! I am so incredibly proud of the team!! Go TeamConfirmation!! 🙏🙏🙏❤️*" Laura Balogh*

Family Mass: "Loaves & Fishes"

The Family Mass "Bread" series continued this past Sunday with Patty Strunk and Jen Cohan, assisted by young Braiden, sharing the story of Jesus and the multiplication of loaves and fishes. This feeding of those who are hungry continues to this day and in a particular way through the works of the Diocesan Ministries Appeal and our Food Rescue Ministry. Families were invited to listen to "the cry of the poor" and take action by supporting a special food collection.

Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel
Family Mass

SPECIAL FOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 30, 2022

Bring any food items listed below!

NEEDED ITEMS:

- Larger cans of tuna fish in water
- Smaller jars of peanut butter
- Cases of shelf-stable milk (regular or chocolate) in individual boxes (i.e. for lunch boxes)
- Cases of individual bottles of water

Please bring items in the reusable bag next Sunday when you come to Mass!

These items will be used to feed those who often go to bed without food!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."

Matthew 25:35

Special Thanks from Food Rescue Ministry

By Patty Gant, Food Rescue Ministry Leader

Dear Parish Friends,
A few weeks ago, we asked for donations to help support the parish's Food Rescue Ministry work. The ministry prepares sandwiches and bags of bread and bagels to deliver to organizations such as Hope One, Interfaith Food Pantry, and others. We asked for tuna fish, mayonnaise, peanut butter, bread crumbs, gallon zip lock bags, kitchen drawstring bags, and monetary donations.

A great big THANK YOU to all who donated the much-needed food, storage bags, and monetary donations. Your generosity is so appreciated!

HAPPENING...

This week's Mass & Memorial Lamp Intentions

Parishioner Announcements

OUR CHERUBS ARE BACK!

WE'LL PRACTICE THIS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 AT 5:30 PM

CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS OLD ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

WE'LL SING THE PRELUDE AT THE 9:30 FAMILY MASS, SUNDAY, OCT. 31!

RSVP: Nicole Payne-Venezia at nicole.danielle313@gmail.com

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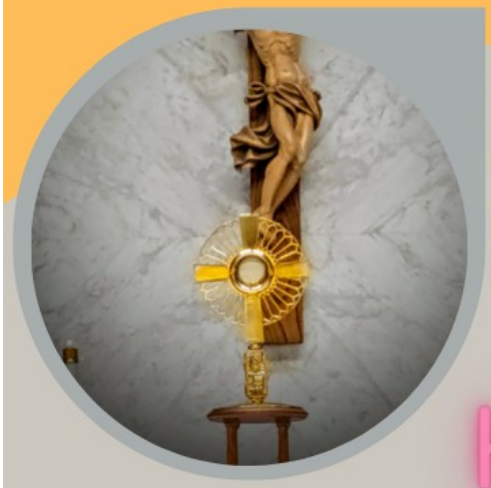
YOUNG ADULTS

Ages 21 to 39



HOLY HOUR

6 - 7 PM

In the church

Silence, prayer, reflection...

HAPPY HOUR

7 - 8 PM

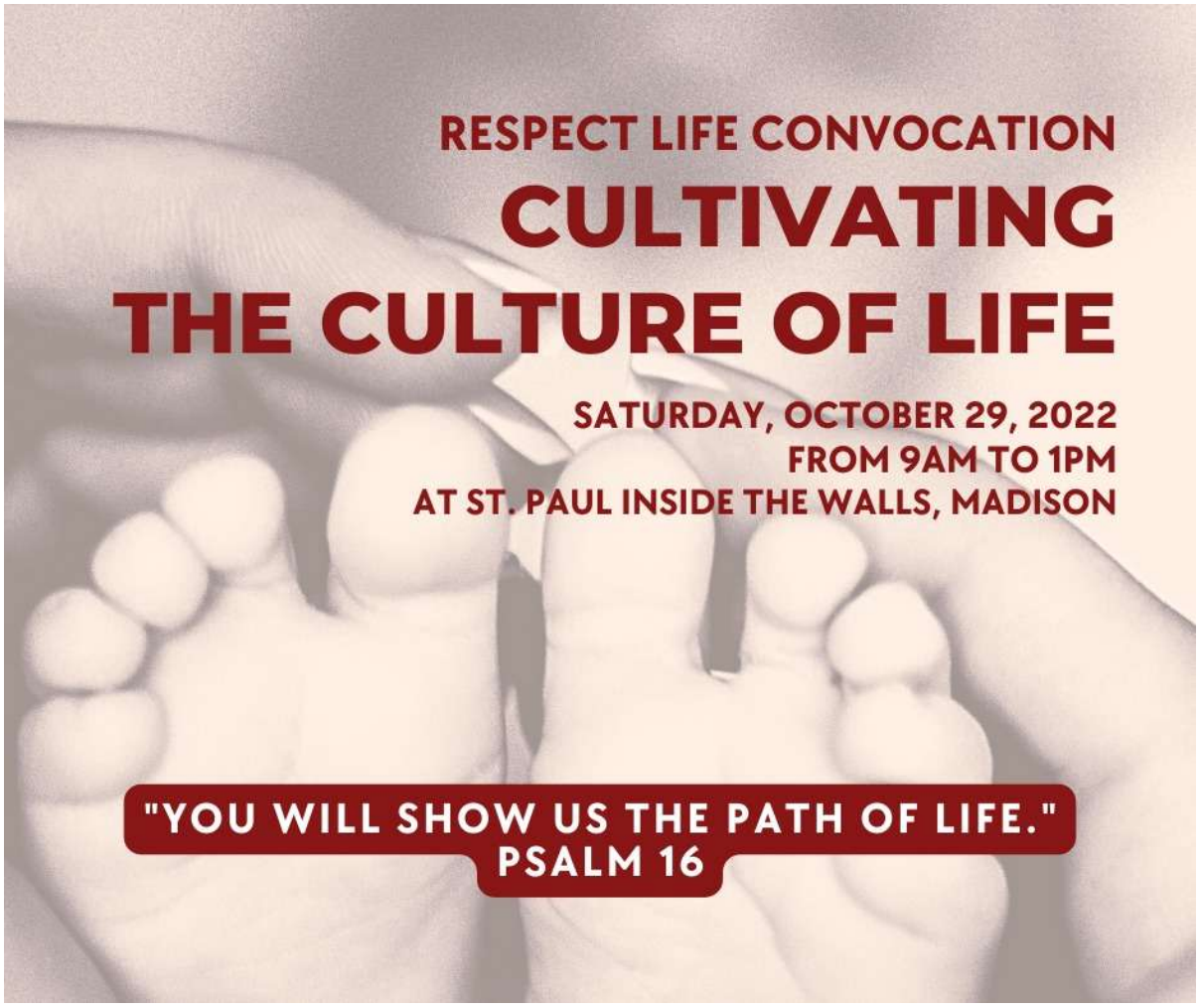
In the Upper Rm.

Snacks, drinks & fellowship

Weekly on Thursdays

Come for one or both, stay as long as you'd like!!

More info? Contact Fr. Alex Nevitt at fralex@ndcarmel.com



Bishop Sweeney will welcome people from around the diocese for this event. Attendees will hear a keynote talk from Jennifer A. Ruggiero, Director of the Office of Human Life and Dignity for the Diocese of Metuchen, participate in two breakout workshops of their choosing, and attend Mass presided by Bishop Sweeney. Register in advance by visiting insidethewalls.org/res....

Drive-Thru
Drop-Off
Clothing Drive
Saturday, October 29th
9-11 am ONLY
in our rear parking lot
Please do not bring bags outside of this time.

Marriage Ministry Sponsors:

Autumn Couples Hike

Saturday,
October 29th,
9:00 am

Raindate, Sunday, October 30th
@ Noon

RSVP to Joe and Ann Bono
at joebono@verizon.net

Tourne County Park in Denville & Boonton with the opportunity for a beautiful two mile hike with an additional more adventurous mile after. For those that wish to join in further fellowship, we will stop at a local diner for lunch after our hike.

TREATS FOR TROPPS!
NOVEMBER 1 – 14, 2022
Bring your leftover candy and place into the plastic bin inside the doors of the main parking lot

JOB BOARD & LOCAL AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memories that share our story…

Sent by Cristina Folan - Communications

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