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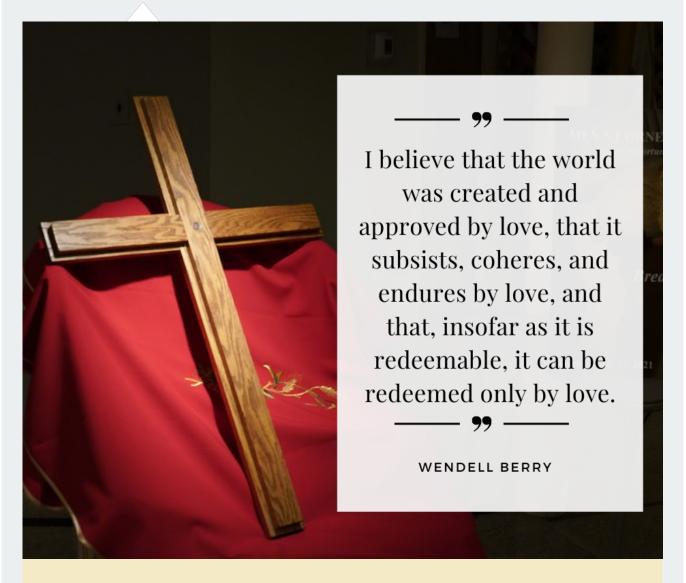
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We had celebrated the Renewal of Wedding Vows in past years at the Saturday Vigil Mass closest to St. Valentine's Day. We are now called to celebrate a **Blessing of Married Couples in the updated Order of Matrimony**. We kicked off this new tradition this past weekend at the Masses.



"It was so nice to receive the blessing and to see other couples blessed in the same way. We happen to be at the Family Mass, and it was also special for all the kids to see this important blessing of marriages."



BLESSING OF MARRIED COUPLES

The husband:

Blessed are you, Lord, for by your goodness I took N. as my wife.

The wife:

Blessed are you, Lord, for by your goodness I took N. as my husband. Both:
Blessed are you, Lord,
for in the good and the bad times
of our life
you have stood lovingly by our
side.
Help us, we pray,
to remain faithful in our love for
one another,
so that we may be true witnesses
to the covenant you have made
with humankind.







Click <u>HERE</u> for more pictures from our 7:30 am Mass (Thanks to Melissa for capturing the early morning memories!)

Journey through one of our

Lenten Discipleship Groups

Deepen your faith, grow closer to Christ, and connect with others as you follow a path of purposeful discipleship.



Thanks to great leaders on mission, we have a menu of 17 Discipleship Groups leading us in small group faith-sharing. There are many different themes and meeting dates and in-person and virtual options. Unfortunately, space is limited, so

please click **HERE** to register as soon as possible!

Our Lenten journey begins Ash Wednesday, March 2, 222

Not So Newlywed Game

By Ministry Chairs Eric & Debby Kispert and Joe & Ann Bono

On Saturday night, four courageous couples and dozens of spectators filled Parish Hall for The '*Not So*' Newlywed Game. Back by popular demand, The Marriage Ministry held a live version of the game show on television in the 1960s - 1970s.



Dan & Marie Arcuri, Brian & Jenifer Dicker, Dan & Julia Rizos, and Erwin and Tanya D'Souza were the contestants who bore their marital souls as they answered questions related to their 'not so' new marriages. Everything from their first kiss to their common fights was covered in the two rounds of questions posed to the couples.

While most of the questions were fun in nature, as in the original show, some were a bit risqué. Fortunately, the 15 children for whom childcare was provided were not within earshot of their parents' responses!









Congratulations to the winners of the game: Dan and Julia! Although one of the younger couples on the panel, they demonstrated a true knowledge of each other and the important parts of their marriage.

In addition to the game, there were door prizes, dinner, fun had by all, and a special birthday cake for Ann Bono.









Click <u>HERE</u> for more memories captured at this special event!

The Marriage Ministry is deeply grateful to those who continue to help make nights like this a true success! The Ministry also wants to thank Fr. Alex for his attendance, sense of humor, and continued support of our parish family.

Thank you for your support of Our Parish Mission!

All that takes place at ND and beyond through the works of our ministries is made possible through the generous giving of our parish community.





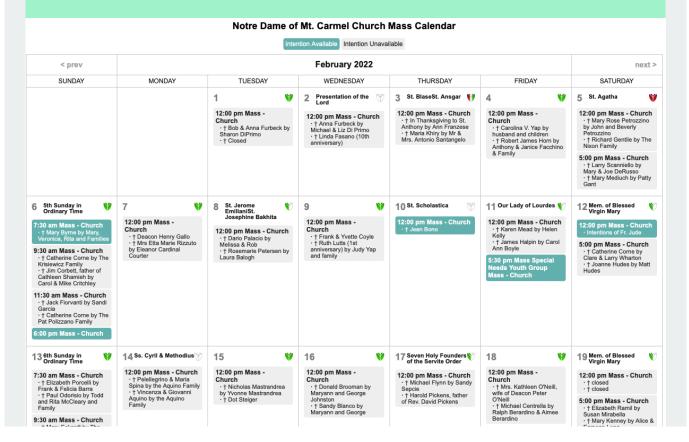
If you are not participating in **Regular Offertory Giving**, we invite you to support our mission. Click <u>HERE</u> to find out more and to sign up today.

New and Improved Platform for Requesting Mass Intentions!

By Melissa Fasano



We are happy to announce a new process for dedicating Mass & Lamp Intentions! The new system, accessible from the homepage of our website, is easier, more efficient, and reliable (less room for error or technical glitches). You will also be able to request multiple intentions within one sitting with just a few clicks of the mouse.



Please note:

- Lamp Intentions are referred to in the new system as "Memorials." Requesting a Memorial (previously called Lamp Intention) is as simple as requesting Mass Intentions.
- The suggested donation for a Mass Intention or Memorial is \$15. When you process your payment, you will also have the option to cover the credit card processing fees or make an additional donation to the parish if you so wish to do.
- The new system can only process requests where payment is made online when the request is placed. Therefore, if you would like to pay with a check or cash, you will need to call one of our helpful volunteers in our parish office at 973-538-1358 x 100 or send an email to volunteer@ndcarmel.com.
- When you process your request online, please be sure to use the "Notes" field on the form to indicate if you would like a Mass Card. Mass cards will be left in the basket in the Gathering Space once you receive your receipt confirming that your request has been processed.

If at any time you need assistance, please send an email to <u>volunteer@ndcarmel.com</u>, or call our parish office at 973-538-1358, ext. 100.



Special thanks to Volunteer Staff Member **Patty Gant** for her invaluable assistance with the research of the new software, testing, and implementation of this new system.

Friday Night Family Date: Pizza & Bingo!

by Elementary Family Faith Coordinator, Diane Byrne

On Friday evening, 25 families in our Elementary Family Faith program gathered for Pizza and Bible Bingo. After pizza and fellowship, the game began. Families were asked questions such as, "Who did David hit with a stone in a sling?" (Goliath) and, "What part of the Bible tells the story of Jesus?" (New Testament). Children volunteered the answer for each question then everyone searched to see if they had that word or phrase on their bingo card. Winners got to choose a prize.

















A huge thank you to the Special Needs Youth Group for helping to set up our parish hall by putting on tablecloths.

Click <u>HERE</u> for more captured memories from this fun family event!

On Mission at the Family Mass: Join Our Team!



We seek to expand our **Children's Liturgy Team,** which plans the engaging themes and activities surrounding our Family Mass. There will be a meeting on **this Wednesday, February 16 at 7:30 pm in Room 201**. Please join us to find out how your faith and gifts can impact the lives of our young families!

Contact Diane Byrne, Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator, at



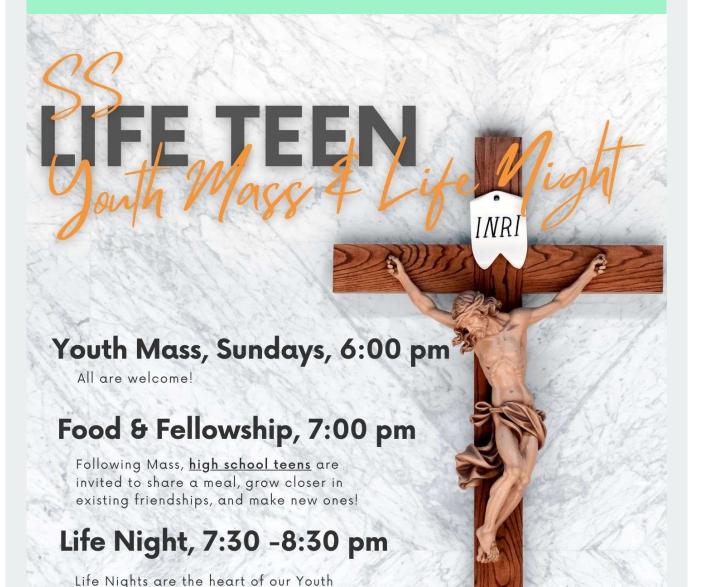
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HAPPENING...

This week's Mass & Lamp Memorial Intentions

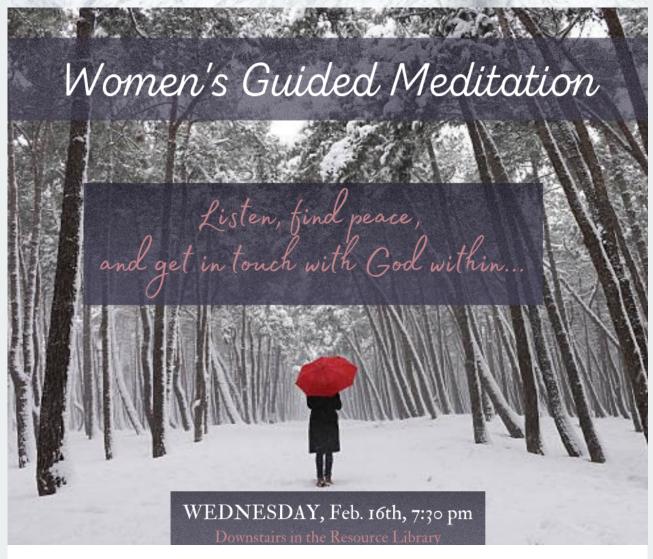
Ministry Here the teens are drawn closer in

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their relationship with Jesus and are challenged to grow and witness a renewed commitment to faith, in service to others.









Come to a rehearsal Thursday, Feb. 17th at 5:30 pm in our Parish Hall.

The Cherubs will sing a prelude song at the 9:30 am Family Mass on Sunday, Feb. 20th.

Let us know your Cherub(s) will be joining us! RSVP: Nicole Payne at nicole.danielle313@gmail.com

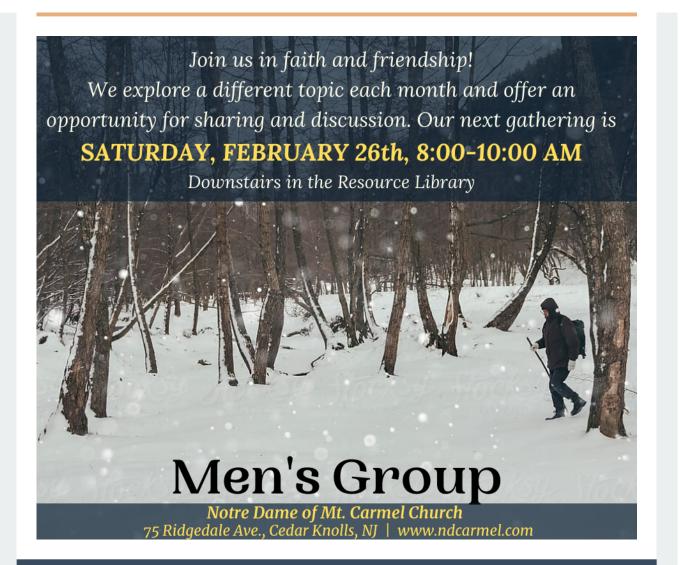
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Join us in faith and friendship

MONDAY, February 21st, 5:00 - 6:30 PM In Room 203

Bring your favorite game: Cards, Scrbble, Clue....



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