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Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church



## Welcome Home to Healing Lenten Reconciliation



**Mondays: March 7 – April 4**

**From 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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also available at these times.

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## ***What is God saying to the Church?***

On Tuesday, March 1st, Divine Renovation hosted an impactful conversation via Zoom with **Bishop Robert Barron** (Word on Fire), **Father James Mallon** (Divine Renovation), and **Rev. Nicky Gumbel** (Alpha). Thousands from over 80 countries joined the webinar, including our staff and several of our parish leaders. The conversation focused on "*What is God saying to the Church,*" in terms of our mission of evangelization, in light of the continuing impact of the pandemic and most recently, the war and crisis in Ukraine.



These key presenters and leaders each offered a particular focus on critical aspects of our mission: **the essentiality of educating ourselves** in matters of our faith, **the vital need to care for and renew our communal (parish) approach to evangelization**, and **the primacy of inviting the Holy Spirit into our mission** -- to guide us as individuals, in our Church communities, and united as the Body of Christ.

Fr. Paddy invites us all to listen to this conversation [HERE](#), to be both challenged



and inspired, and to be filled with great hope for our mission moving forward.

## A Blessed Start to our Discipleship Groups!

Eight of our Lenten Discipleship Groups began their journey last week, and the remaining nine groups start this week. First sessions allow for introductions and extend a sense of comfort, trust, and belonging. Moving forward, through the prayers of our faith community, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the guidance of our amazing leaders, friendships will grow and hearts will draw closer to Christ!



*"At our first session, the chapel was dimly lit but the Holy Spirit was on fire! Our circle of meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary was powerful yet subtle. Hums of prayer were paired with guided meditations and visuals on the fruits of the Sorrowful Mysteries and how they applied to our lives, either directly or indirectly. The evening gave us a chance to meditate together in a Holy place and in the presence of God and then to share those challenges and triumphs with each other.*



*"Together, we helped conquer the difficulties of staying focused on prayer. Together our voices were heard by God while simultaneously warding off the devil. It was truly a blessing to have been graced with a great group who value the powers and promises of the Holy Rosary. May we pray it every day, and may we imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise!"*  
Caterina Viscomi, *The Rosary: Meditating on the Fruits of the Mysteries.*

## **Rite of Election on Sunday, March 6, 2022**

By Laura Balogh, Family Faith Formation Director

As you heard before, we have a group of five faith-filled individuals on a spiritual journey in our OCIA (formerly called RCIA) Program. On February 20, at 11:30 a.m. Mass, **Tricia Yeung**, born in the Buddhist faith and seeking all three Sacraments of Initiation, including Baptism, was introduced to the parish in the formal Rite of Acceptance.

This past Sunday, March 6, Tricia experienced the Rite of Election, the next step in her journey, with Bishop Kevin Sweeney, at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Those seeking Baptism in our Diocese placed their names in a *"Book of the Elect,"* signaling their willingness to prepare for full incorporation into the Church. This step marks their entry into the final phase of their preparation to receive the Sacraments, which will occur at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, April 16. Claire Matlon, who co-leads the OCIA program with her husband, Jim, accompanied Tricia as her godparent.

Congratulations, Tricia, on this exciting and important step in your faith journey!!





Let us continue to hold **Tricia, Allie Ferenc, Michael Nemeth, Felicia Apito, and Gianna Korpita** in prayer as they continue their formation to receive their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Don't hesitate to contact Laura Balogh at: [lbalogh@ndcarmel.com](mailto:lbalogh@ndcarmel.com) or 973-538-1358, ext. 121.

## **No Chocolate, Know Chocolate!** **First Sunday of Lent**

*by Diane Byrne, Elementary Family Faith Coordinator*

On Sunday, for our Know Chocolate for Lent journey, we learned that chocolate comes from the cacao tree, which grows near the equator in the rainforest. The rainforest environment provides the warmth, moisture, and protection the cacao tree needs to grow.



Just as chocolate grows in the rainforest, Christians grow in the church, and each of us plays an essential role in the church's ecosystem. However, unlike chocolate, the church doesn't only exist near the equator; God's church is scattered all over the world, and to survive, the church must remain close to God.



Click [HERE](#) to view more pictures from our First Sunday in Lent Celebrations!

**Special Experience for First Communion Prep Families**



by Diane Byrne, Elementary Family Faith Coordinator

Families of children preparing for First Communion experienced a special session on Sunday. The focus was Passover and the Last Supper. Families made bread, learned about how Passover and the Last Supper, and the Mass are connected and participated in a Last Supper reenactment.



A special thanks to Marco Sebolao for agreeing to be Jesus!







Click [HERE](#) to view more links from our First Communion Prep. Session!  
Special thanks to Chris Zeris for capturing these special memories!

## ***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 [HERE](#) to find out more and to sign up today.

## HAPPENING...

### Lenten Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday: 12 Noon and 5:30 pm

Saturday: 12 Noon and 5 pm Vigil

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 6 pm

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

**Parishioner  
Announcements**

## Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, March 12, 2022

at the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass



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**EVERYTHING  
MUST GO!**

**March 19 & 20th  
after all Masses**

**CHRIST'S CORNER  
GIFT SHOP**



**CLEARANCE**  
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*Women's Guided Meditation*

**WEDNESDAY, March 16th, 7:30 pm**  
Downstairs in the Resource Library







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

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

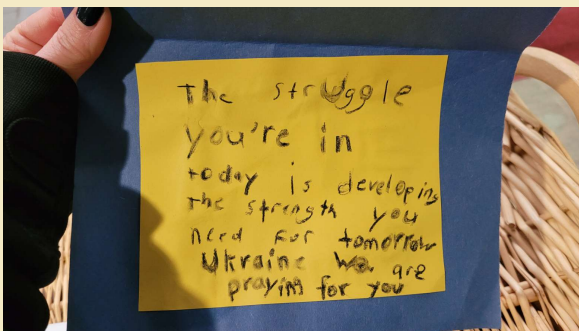
### ***Memories that tell our story...***

#### **Ash Wednesday:**

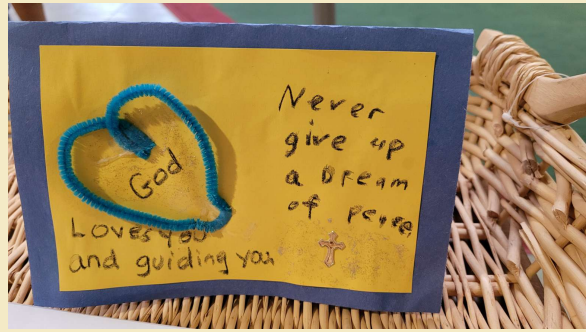
*"Thank you, Father Paddy, Marc & all who assisted in making this First day of Lent most memorable. Truly was a very special, warm feeling today at 12 o'clock Mass. The Holy Spirit was definitely present as you could feel the love surrounding us. The voice of an angel sang the songs of our Loving Lord Jesus, creating the feeling of, yes, everyone belongs ....this is our home...God's home." Gina Marie Christine*



## First Sunday in Lent:







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