

**Subject:** Easter Blessings! Parish Update: April 19, 2022

**Date:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 3:41:37 PM Eastern Daylight Time

**From:** Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church

**To:** Cristina Folan



## Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church



*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

It was a great blessing to gather as a faith community to accompany our Lord in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. With great joy, we celebrate our Risen Christ, the Light of our present, and the hope of our future! We observe that light and hope with our newly initiated members of the Catholic Church, **Tricia Yeung, Allie Ferenc, Michael Nemeth, Felicia Apito, and Gianna Korpita.**





Our Lenten and Easter celebrations could not have happened without the generous support of so many who give of their time, talent, and treasure. Thanks for the faithful commitment to **Investing in Our Faith and Investing in Our Future!**

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.

### Holy Thursday



Click [HERE](#) to view more Holy Thursday memories...



## Good Friday



Click [HERE](#) to view more Good Friday memories...

## Easter Vigil



Click [HERE](#) to view more Easter Vigil memories...

# *No Chocolate, Know Chocolate: Easter Sunday*

By Diane Byrne

For the past seven weeks, we have been getting to know chocolate and also ourselves, as followers of Jesus! On Easter Sunday we ended our *No Chocolate, Know Chocolate* journey by talking about white chocolate!

When cacao beans are crushed, the cocoa butter is separated from the nibs. Manufacturers will then add as much of the crushed nibs back to the cocoa beans as they would like. But sometimes they don't add any nibs at all and if they add sugar and other flavorings to the cocoa butter, we get white chocolate. Just like white chocolate looks different from regular chocolate, Jesus looked different after his resurrection. In fact, in the Gospel of John, Mary Magdalene did not recognize Him at the tomb on Easter Sunday, she thought he was a gardener!



Sometimes we have difficulty seeing Jesus today, but He is with us in the scriptures, the Eucharist as well as in others!





Click [HERE](#) to view more Easter Sunday Family Mass memories...

## Prayer? Ready for Virtual Alpha!

Virtual Alpha begins this Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Many logistics must be taken care of in preparation for a new series: team recruiting, promotion, registration details, schedules, breakout room assignments, team training, etc. However, no amount of preparation will be fruitful without prayer!

*"Alpha is exciting; it's amazing; it's life-changing, but only when it is powered by prayer!" Pete Craig, Alpha Team Training*



Last Wednesday, the Alpha Team gathered for a special prayer service, facilitated by **Fr. Paddy and Fr. Aflex**, before the Blessed Sacrament. This opportunity allowed the team to bring before Jesus the names of the Alpha guests and pray that they would connect with God and experience His love in a life-changing way. In addition, while humbly offering their service and commitment to this ministry and our mission of evangelization, each team member brought before Jesus the names of loved ones who need to draw close to Him.







Following the prayer service, the team enjoyed food and fellowship. Finally, the session closed with a review of key values to live by in welcoming and accompanying guests through this extraordinary experience!

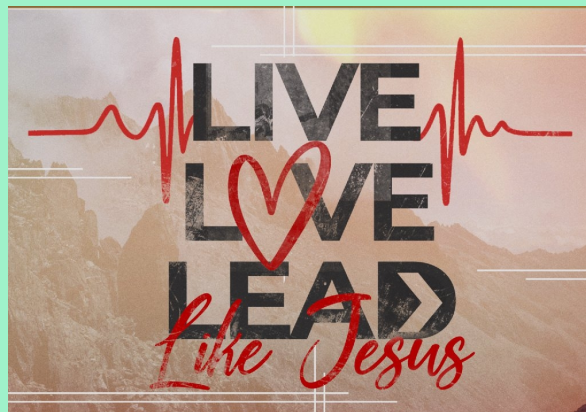


**There is still time to register for the next Alpha series beginning tomorrow, Wednesday! Click [HERE](#) to register today!**

## Lenten Discipleship Groups:

### Final Leaders' Sharings

We are grateful for the gift of time and talent offered by the 21 leaders of our 17 Lenten Discipleship Groups. Below is the last installment of leader sharings. We pray their journeys as leaders inspire others to journey through a discipleship group in the future and, more importantly, consider a journey of leadership!



### **Angels on Assignment:**

*"I often wonder if I am alone in my curiosity about Angels. Having recently read several books on the subject, I decided to explore another book, Angels on Assignment, with like-minded disciples during the weeks leading up to Easter. As we were becoming more comfortable in our discussion, I believe several of us provided thought-providing discussion and biblical readings to validate the teachings of the Catholic Church. Each week was met with lively conversation, and I feel the group knew this was a safe space for questions and discussion. It was a blessing to share this journey."*

*- Carol Critchley.*



### **God in the Workplace:**

*"When nudged to consider hosting a group, I was intrigued but admittedly uncertain. Then, after praying and thinking about it, the words "spirituality at work" popped into my mind one day. I was thrilled when I asked Nancy to lead with me, and she agreed! What a journey it has been. It is so refreshing to have a group of people with whom to dive into topics such as decision making, purpose, work-life integration, and stress and look at them through a Christian lens. Our group has prayed together, laughed, shared personal stories, and pondered serious topics. We are learning*

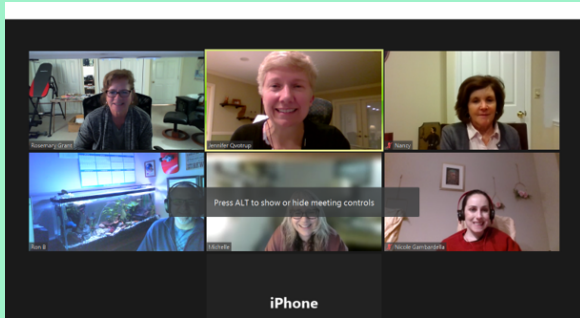
*"I was hesitant to take on a leadership role, but having known Jen for many years, I knew that the experience would be worthwhile. Our group has benefitted from various perspectives on keeping God and prayer at the center of our lives, including at work. Our sessions have allowed for a safe place to share the struggles of the day, be they work or otherwise. As a co-leader, I have been challenged to move outside my comfort zone and contribute in ways that I would not ordinarily do. Lent has been the perfect time for this growth. I am so grateful for the opportunity to cultivate my faith and to learn from our faith-filled participants."*



*from each other and growing together."*

*-- Jen Qvotrup*

*-- Nancy O'Donnell*



### **Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible:**

*This past weekend we shared in the sorrow of Jesus' passion and then experienced the ultimate joy of his resurrection on Easter Sunday. What is this story of our salvation all about? Throughout our journey and reading the 14 narrative books, we learn about the twelve periods of Bible history, the key people and events of each period, and the importance of each period. This quick journey, a helicopter view, so to speak, has led the group to express an interest in deepening their journey by participating in the extended version of the Bible Timeline Study. We have been privileged and blessed to journey with this faith-filled group during this Lenten season and share each other's stories while deepening our faith and relationship with our friend and brother, Jesus Christ.*



## HAPPENING...

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

**Parishioner  
Announcements**

## Alpha countdown



**Starts Tomorrow!**  
**[www.ndcarmel.com/alpha](http://www.ndcarmel.com/alpha)**

We've all had the experience of putting something together only to have to take it apart and start over. That's ok if it's only a gas grill, but it's not okay if it's your life.



Your career... Your marriage... Your dreams.....

# STARTING OVER

The 4-session series begins  
Wednesday **April 20, 7:00 to 8:30 pm**  
in the Upper Room  
with remaining sessions held every other Wednesday,  
**May 4th, May 18th, and June 1st.**

***Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church***

75 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ | [www.ndcarmel.com](http://www.ndcarmel.com)

The Marriage Ministry  
Invites you and your spouse to join us for:

## *Weathering the Seasons of Our Marriage*





**Friday, April 22, 2002 7-9:30 pm**

At the home of parishioners Sean and Kate Parkot,  
Morristown, NJ

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

*Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church*  
75 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ | [www.ndcarmel.com](http://www.ndcarmel.com)

# MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



Upcoming:  
**April 23 & 24, 2022**

*Note: This is a food collection only.  
Please do not bring clothing bags  
into the church building. We  
appreciate your cooperation!*





*Divine Mercy Prayer Service*  
**Sunday, April 24th, 3pm**  
**in the Church**  
*Please join us*



# ***DRIVE-THRU DROP-OFF CLOTHING DRIVE***

Saturday  
April 30, 2022  
9 - 11 am

**Back Parking Lot**  
Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church



75 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ

Marriage Ministry sponsors:

# A COUPLES HIKE WITH OUR LADY

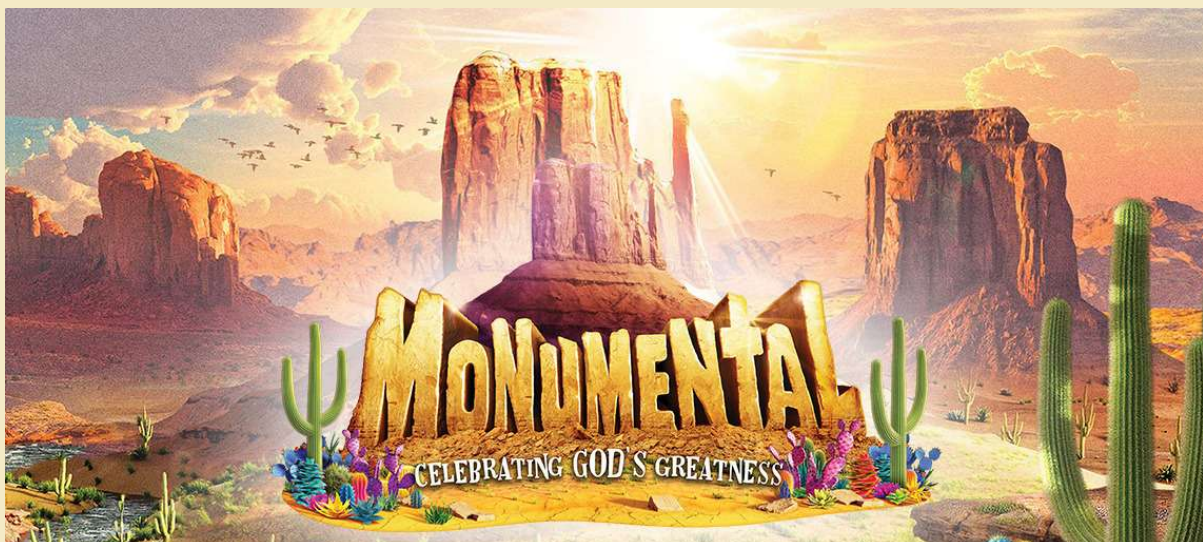
SATURDAY,  
APRIL 30, 2022  
9:00 AM

Hike/walk a 4-5-mile, easy  
asphalt, packed stone, dirt,  
and grass trail.

RSVP Ann & Joe Bono -  
annbono@verizon.net or  
joebono@verizon.net

[Click here for details](#)

**Registration is open for this year's Vacation Bible School!**  
Click below to find out more.







## JOB BOARD & LOCAL AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sent by Cristina Folan - Communications

[Reply](#)

Direct replies to this email can only be seen by admins. Click the blue Reply button above to leave a public comment.

Email me when people reply to this note

To ensure that these emails land in your inbox and do not go into spam, please add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your email address book or safe senders list.



[my info](#) • [unsubscribe](#)

75 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 • [ndcarmel.com](http://ndcarmel.com)