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Ready to Welcome Alpha@Home Participants!

By Ministry Co-Chair Dan Balogh

On Wednesday last week, the Alpha team met for our team training in anticipation of the first session of Alpha@Home this coming Wednesday, September 28. Since Alpha will now be offered at the local homes of Alpha team members, it seemed fitting to hold the training at one of those homes! We started the training as we expect a typical Alpha session will begin: with radical hospitality, including wine, crackers and cheese, assorted snacks, and wonderful conversation!



While we did manage to do a bit of training, we focused a large part of the evening on something more important: **prayer**. We started by inviting the Holy Spirit to come and fill our hearts with His love, joy, and peace. And He didn't disappoint. The room became a sacred space as the entire team prayed together for the success of this new flavor of Alpha, for guidance through potential challenges, and for deep joy while accompanying a new group of souls on this beautiful spiritual journey. In the longest and most touching part of the evening, we prayed for every registered guest **by name**, and for our loved ones who have fallen away from the faith, also by name.



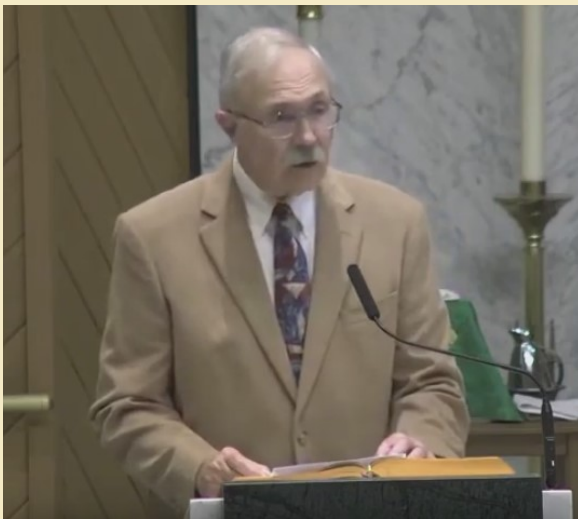
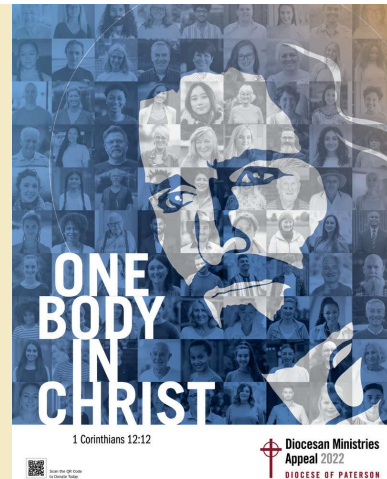
With a feeling of being renewed, the team is now ready to welcome all of our Alpha guests with open arms! But we'd like to ask for **two favors**. **First**, would you please pray for the success of Alpha @ Home? This is the first time we're doing this, and your prayers would be most appreciated!

Second: While our Young Adult home is at capacity, we still have room for more seasoned souls in the other homes. Would you please invite someone you know who has questions about faith, meaning, and purpose or who has fallen away from the faith? We would love to journey with them. Click the red button to register!

Alpha@Home

Diocesan Ministries Appeal: Supporting the Works of our Church

Your support for the Diocesan Ministries Appeal is a tangible example of how, when we share the responsibility of caring for one another, we are One Body in Christ.



This past weekend at all Masses, Parishioner Pat Madden shared with us about the great works of our Diocese as he invited all of us to support the many outreach efforts made possible through the Diocesan Ministries Appeal.

In the next few weeks, we will share specific examples of how your generosity impacts the lives of many in our Diocese.

Food Pantries:



"Catholic Charities Food pantries are accessible in Passaic, Sussex, and Morris Counties. Out of all these food pantries, over \$20,000 people are served monthly. To run a food pantry, there needs to be a cohesive effort and teamwork to serve food quickly and efficiently to those in need. However, Catholic Charities has designed a system that is not only efficient but respectful. Carlos Roldan, the Food Pantry Director for Catholic Charities, has created an efficient system for all three locations. Roldan says he wants to

make the pantries as welcoming as possible."

For your convenience, you can now support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal by making an online gift. Go to www.2022appeal.org and follow the instructions.

Family Faith Formation - Off to a Great Start!

This past weekend, we welcomed a new ministry year of Family Faith Formation. With the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of our Catholic faith, participation in Mass is paramount to the spiritual journey of our families. While all are welcome to join any of our Sunday liturgies, we especially encourage families with children in Elementary grades to join us for Sunday's 9:30 am Family Mass. and those in Middle School and Confirmation Preparation to join us for Sunday's 6 pm Contemporary Mass.





This ministry year, we are excited to announce a new initiative, **Pathways**, which we are introducing as a pilot program with 15 of our Faith Formation families. Pathways is intended to help equip parents as faith leaders in their homes -- their Domestic Church -- as they nurture their spiritual journey as a family and as disciples of Jesus on mission.

This past Friday evening, families who will be piloting Pathways came together for an orientation session on the first leg of their journey, called Seek. In the coming weeks, we will be hearing more about this exciting initiative!





This past Sunday, following the Family Mass, the journey for families with children preparing for First Holy Communion began. As done in recent years, parents have their own sessions while faith leaders guide the children in their preparation sessions. Parents and children come together for an activity during the latter part of the session and will also have projects and activities to complete at home.





Let us keep our families and faith leaders in our prayers. May the Holy Spirit continue to illuminate our Faith Formation path as we continue to seek fruitful ways of supporting the faith formation of our families.

Convocation of Priests 2022: The Eucharistic Heart of The Priest

Let us keep in our prayers Bishop Kevin Sweeney and all the priests in our Diocese, especially our own Fr. Paddy and Fr. Alex, as they embark on a Convocation for Priests this week. May the Lord bless their gathering and make their experience fruitful in their hearts and in their ministries moving forward.

**"THE EUCHARISTIC
HEART OF THE PRIEST"**



Time is running out to register for Fall Discipleship Groups!

Check out one or more of these great opportunities to grow in your faith!



Several themes, various meeting times, and formats. Click the button for details and to register.

Register today!

Coming Soon!

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



Beginning Thursday, October 13, 2022

Weekly Gatherings at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church, Cedar Knolls, NJ

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

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

HAPPENING...

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

**Parishioner
Announcements**

Click the images below to link to details and registration, as appropriate.

IN HONOR OF ST. FRANGIS OF ASSISI,
YOU AND YOUR P&T ARE INVITED TO
JOIN US AT OUR:

Annual Pet Blessing

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

AT 12:45 PM ON OUR FRONT LAWN
(FOLLOWING OUR 11:30 AM MASS)



Come Join Us!

Autumn Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 8th - 6:30 pm

in the Parish Hall

Music & Dancing
with special DJ,
our very own
Q Furnald

\$50
per couple
payable
at the door

On-site Childcare
provided for children
2-10 years old

Buffet
Dinner by
Sergio's
of Denville

BYOB

Space is limited - Register at ndcarmel.com today!

Hosted by the Marriage Ministry

Questions? Contact Debby Kispert: dkispertmsrd@aol.com / 973-945-0456



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VitalToLife

Gerald A Martino Blood Drive

Sponsored by: K of C #6904

Saturday, October 1, 2022
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy Church- Parsh Center
90 Whippany Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Appointments strongly recommended.

You may make an appointment using the link below or QR code:
https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/54394



For more information or to schedule a donation,
call 1.877.258.4825 or visit us at vitalant.org
Find us @vitalant



Donor Guidelines:

- Weigh at least 110 lbs
- Bring ID
- Eat a meal before donation
- Drink plenty of water before and after donation

Ann BLOOD RECIPIENT:

"I wish I could tell my donor how grateful I am for your selfless act. You may have wondered what became of your donation well, it saved my life."



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ROAD TO EMMAUS RETREAT

FRIDAY EVE. OCTOBER 14 TO SUNDAY NOON, OCTOBER 16, 2022

At St. Mary's Abbey Retreat Center, Morristown



For more details, and to Register online visit www.ndcarmel.com

JOB BOARD & LOCAL AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memories that share our story...



Parishioner Nick Cetrulo received a special gift when his darling grandson came by the church on Sunday to surprise his beloved grandpa! *Thanks to Fr. Paddy for capturing this special memory!!*



Congratulations to Rich & Kathy Sannito, who celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary this month! May our Lord continue to bless their sacramental journey as husband and wife and pour abundant blessings upon their family!



And best wishes to our Melissa Fasano, who is celebrating the BIG 50! May our Lord bless you abundantly as you enter this next season of your life!



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