

# The Scapular

The monthly newsletter of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



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70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY 10940

## A bounty of gifts to the National Shrine



The Discalced Carmelite Nuns with Cardinal Dolan in Beacon, NY

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Beacon (NY) faced the same problem confronting a growing number of religious communities. Founded at a time when vocations were plentiful, most religious orders established magnificent monasteries in the most beautiful locations across America. With the steady decline of vocations many religious communities joined with other communities to remain viable. However, it became impossible for most of them to maintain large monasteries. Difficult choices were made.

This became a reality for the Carmelite nuns in Beacon. They had to close their monastery, but not before sharing their gifts with the National Shrine at Our Lady of Mount Carmel helping to enhance the beauty of our property.

**A little bit about our benefactors:** The Carmel of the Archdiocese of New York was the fourteenth founded in the United States and the last foundation of Baltimore Carmel. The five foundresses arrived in New York City on July 15, 1920. They lived for several months in a brownstone apartment until relocating to the Bronx.

In 1982 the Bronx Carmelite community relocated to Beacon, New York. Early in 2001 the three monasteries of Barre, Beacon and Saranac Lake united to form a new community, the Carmel of the Incarnation. The Beacon monastery was chosen as home for the new community.

Although the decision to close the Beacon Monastery, where the New York Province of St. Elias often gathered for their Annual General Meetings, was most difficult, the community met with Fr. Gerard Tang Choon, O. Carm, Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to help find a home for the many treasures that had adorned their monastery.

Fr. Gerard, who has an appreciation for religious art and artifacts, marveled at the eclectic collection of paintings, statues, photographs, furniture, etc. at the Beacon monastery. It didn't take him but a few minutes to accept the offer to find a new home for these treasures.

It took many trips for Fr. Gerard and Anthony Annunziata, a Shrine Associate who has dedicated himself to helping beautify the Shrine, to move the donated items to Middletown. What Fr. Gerard and Anthony couldn't fit in their cars, outside helpers completed the job.

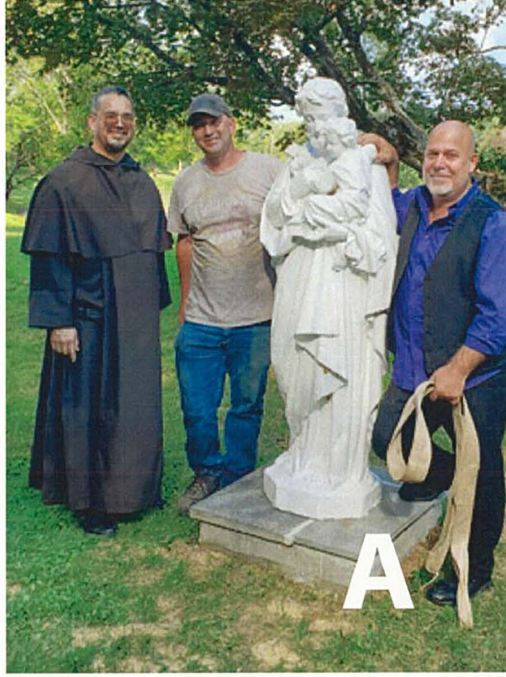
Visitors to the Shrine will begin to recognize the addition of new artwork and statues both inside the Shrine and on the grounds. (Photographs of many of the new treasures can be found on the second page of the bulletin.)

Fr. Gerard asks your prayers for the kindness of the Carmelite nuns of Beacon as they enter yet another stage in their transformation as a religious community.

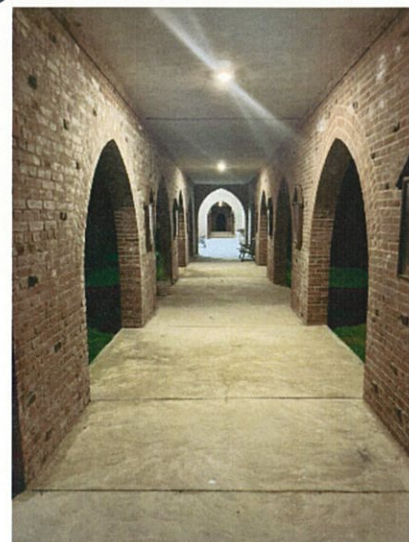
*"Our desire for God leads us along the path of personal transformation whereby we hope to advance the healing and transformation of our world." The Carmelites of Beacon*

# Some of the National Shrine's New Treasures

From art to artifacts, the Carmelites of Beacon gifted us with treasures that will add to the growing beauty of the Shrine. We are deeply grateful to DM Primo Tree Land Water Design, who not only helped transport the gifts from Beacon to the Shrine, but who helped in erecting the statues on the property. Our deepest thanks go to Gene Murphy (A) and David E. Murphy...on the tractor (B) of DM Primo for their labor. The Murphys were assisted by the Shrine's Fr. Gerard and Anthony Annunziata.



# Let there be light at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel!



The dream of improving the outdoor lighting at the Shrine came true thanks to the kindness of a generous benefactor who arranged with the local lighting company, Kandel Brothers, Inc. to donate the lights. On behalf of all of us at the Shrine, we thank our benefactor and Kandel Brothers – Fr. Gerard Tang Choon, O. Carm., Rector.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

13 Mon. - 11:30 am - **COLUMBUS DAY–Mass** – Shrine closes after Mass  
Gift store closed today.

15 Tues. - 10:15 am **PRAYER CONFERENCE** – “Saint Teresa of Jesus” - Presenter:

Fr. Maurice Cumming O. Carm. -Edith Stein Conf. Rm.– followed by 11:30 am Mass  
17 Thu. -12 noon Greater Middletown Interfaith Council Meeting– Edith Stein Conference Room

**OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY OF MANAOAG** will be at our Shrine  
October 18 thru 21st

18 - 12 noon **MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF MANAOAG**

7:00 pm - **SPANISH HEALING MASS**

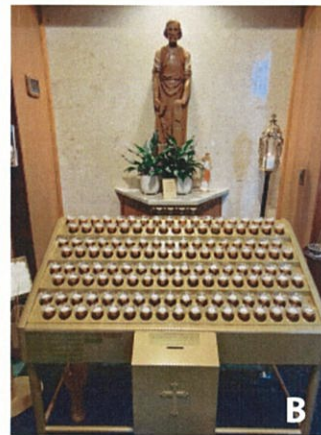
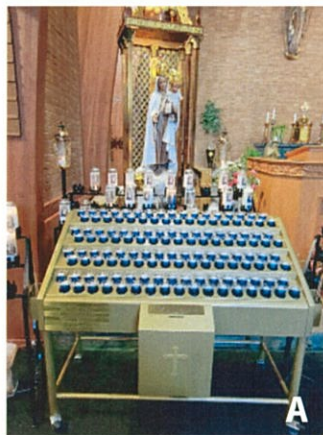
1:00 – 5:30 pm - LAY CARMELITE FORMATION MEETING – Pilgrim Hall & Shrine

22 Tues. - 10:15 am - **PRAYER CONFERENCE**–“The Rosary” – Presenter: Sr. Peggy Murphy, OP - Edith Stein Conference Room – followed by 11:30 am Mass

24 Thu. - 7:00 pm **ENGLISH HEALING MASS**

31 Thu. - 4:30 pm - **VIGIL MASS – ALL SAINTS DAY**

If your church group is interested in hosting a retreat, day of prayer, etc....  
please contact:Carol Bezak, Shrine Administrator at [cbezak@carmelites.com](mailto:cbezak@carmelites.com)



The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel extends our thanks to the Fil-Am Catholic Community (A) and the Italian-American Community (B) for generously sponsoring the OLMC and St. Joseph votive candle stations. These faithful communities are a blessing to us.

## Maxine Martin brings her love of music to the National Shrine.



Born in the United States, Maxine lived in Salzburg, Austria as a young girl before settling in Bullville (NY) when she was nine years old. It was there that she first encountered the Carmelites, as a member of St. Paul’s choir in Bullville (NY). Maxine says she remembered two women who sang in the choir. “They would sing the most wonderful duets like Mozart’s *Ave Verum Corpus* and Cesar Franck’s *Panis Angelicus*. Their singing inspired me. I owe my love of Church music to them and also to my time as a young voice in the choir.”

Maxine joined the Carmelite’s Our Lady of the Assumption (Bloomingburg) choir in 1978, and a year later was then named the Choir Director. At the request of Fr. Sean Harlow, O. Carm. Maxine expanded her choir work at St. Paul’s at Saturday Night Masses. Throughout her tenure as choir director, her choir joined in singing at the Shrine at simple professions, ordinations and other special services. Since 2004 Maxine has been at the helm of the Shrine as the choir director.

“I don’t think of myself as the boss, being the choir is a team effort to create beautiful, inspiring music. Our collective goal is to touch the hearts of the people to whom we are ministering.”

Maxine added that everybody in the choir is valuable. “I recognize my gifts and my limitations,” Maxine said. “Where there is talent, I want to encourage it to grow.”

When not in the choir loft, Maxine serves as the bookkeeper for four different Catholic churches in the area, one of them being here at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Maxine is blessed with a son and two daughters, four grandchildren here in the United States and a brother and mother, who just turned 100 years old, living in Vienna, Austria.

When not working, Maxine’s favorite pastimes are vegetable gardening and simply being outdoors to revel in nature’s beauty.

# The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

A Ministry of the Carmelite Friars of St. Elias Province

## MASSES

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am  
Saturday & Sunday: 12 Noon

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 10:45 - 11:45 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Every Friday: 10:00 - 11:20 am

## SHRINE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 7 am to 4 pm

Sat: 10 am to 4 pm Sun: 10 am to 3 pm

## GIFT STORE

Mon-Sat: 10 am to 4 pm

Sun: 10 am to 3 pm

# OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FEAST OF ST. THERESE

1 - Tues. 10:15 - 11:00 am - **CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY SERIES** - "St. Therese of the Child Jesus" Presenter: Fr. Marlon Beharry, O.Carm - Edith Stein Conference Room

11:30 am - **FEAST DAY MASS - ST. THERESE** - Fr. Mario Esposito, O. Carm., Prior Provincial

7:00 pm - **FEAST DAY MASS - ST. THERESE** with procession  
Fr. Gerard Tang Choon, O. Carm. - Rector

4 - Fri. 6:30 pm **MASS - FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** - with blessing of animals - Outdoor Cloister

5 - Sat. 11:00 am - **DONOR MASS - No Confessions or 12 noon Mass**  
Sat. 7:00 pm - **SPANISH MASS**

7 - Mon. 7:00 pm - **WORLD ROSARY DAY** (Shrine)

**BAKE SALE & "JUNK IN THE TRUNK"** - Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
Fri. 11 - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm - **RETREAT** - Church of the Annunciation/OL of Fatima, Crestwood, NY

11:00 am - 6:00 pm - **"JUNK IN THE TRUNK" FLEA MARKET** - park. lot  
11:00 - 6:00 pm **BAKE SALE** - begins after Mass

12 Sat. - 11:00 - 6:00pm **"JUNK IN THE TRUNK" FLEA MARKET** - parking lot. **BAKE SALE** continues

4:30pm - **ITALIAN MASS**

13 Sun. 11:00 am - 6:00 pm - **"JUNK THE TRUNK" FLEA MARKET** - parking lot. **BAKE SALE** continues

**FALL FESTIVAL BEGINS AFTER NOON MASS - \$15pp**

Victorian Carriage rides, pony rides, petting zoo, bouncy house, games - food will be available for purchase



Please join us at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for our monthly Mass in Spanish

## Santa Misa en Español

Saturday - Oct. 5th  
7:00 pm  
"Todos son bienvenidos"

70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY 10940 - (845) 343-1879

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel invites you to cut into something delicious during our

## Cake Sale

October 11 - 13  
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

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Find your treasure at  
The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel's

## JUNK IN THE TRUNK Flea Market

Fri. Oct. 11 - Sat. Oct. 12 & Sun. Oct. 13  
9:00 am - 5:30 pm

One Day: \$35  
Two Days: \$50  
Three Days: \$75

Interested in parking your trunk at the Shrine and selling your treasures? Let us know by giving us a call at (845) 343-1879 to reserve your space (first come, first served!)

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Join us at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for our monthly Mass in Italian

Saturday, October 12th  
4:30 pm

## Santa Messa Italiana

Gloria a Dio

70 Carmelite Drive - Middletown, NY 10940  
845-343-1879



THE FIRST...EVER

## Mount Carmel Fall Festival

AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13  
After Noon Mass

Victorian Carriage Rides...with Unicorn!  
Pony Rides - Petting Zoo  
Bouncy Houses - Assorted Games and much more!  
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Beverages will be for sale!

\$25 per person

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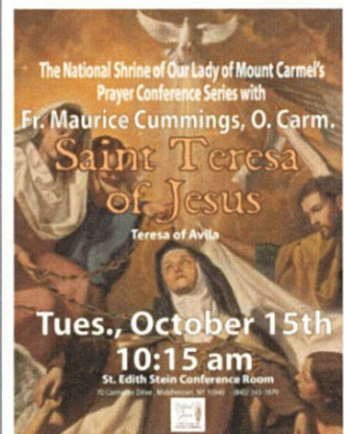
The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Prayer Conference Series with Fr. Maurice Cummings, O. Carm.

## Saint Teresa of Jesus

Teresa of Avila

Tues., October 15th  
10:15 am

St. Edith Stein Conference Room  
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THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

## Santa Misa de Sanación


Our monthly Spanish Healing Service

Sábado  
October 19th  
7:00 pm

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The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Prayer Conference Series with Sr. Peggy Murphy, O.P.



## The Rosary

Tuesday, October 22nd - 10:15 am  
The Edith Stein Conference Room