

The Scapular

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

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(l.to r.) Bro. Gregg Durham, O. Carm., The Most Rev. Gerardo J. Colacicco, and Bro. Ryan-Joseph Resurreccion, O. Carm.

The Mass of Ordination to the Order of Deacons

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was filled with Carmelites, family, and friends on Saturday, May 4, to participate in a Mass of great importance to Bros. Gregg (SEL Prov.) and Ryan-Joseph (PCM Prov.) as they were ordained to the Order of Deacons. The presence of the Holy Spirit could be felt during a moving ceremony.

The principal concelebrants were Fr. Mario Esposito, O. Carm. (SEL Provincial), Fr. Carl Markelz, O. Carm. (PCM Provincial) and Fr. Nepi Willemsen, O. Carm. (Dir. of Formation).

The Most Rev. Gerardo J. Colacicco, Aux. Bishop of New York, was the celebrant and homilist. His words were wise, warm and filled with a love of God that could be felt by all who were present at the Shrine.



Br. Joseph Trung

Meet Shrine Assistant Brother Joseph Trung Do, O. Carm.

Brother Joseph Trung Do is a remarkable assistant at the National Shrine. He was born in North Vietnam where he pursued a degree in mechanical engineering from Hanoi University of Industry. After a number of years working in his trade, he felt a deeper calling to religious life. After a period of discernment, he entered the Carmelite Order in Saigon. This journey led him to the Carmelite novitiate in Middletown. In July 2023, he took his simple vows in the Order of Carmelites.

During his ten month tenure at the shrine, Brother Joseph said, "I have been blessed with the companionship and support of wonderful Shrine staff. Their guidance has been invaluable, and I have learned a great deal from them in many aspects of ministry. Moreover, I have had the opportunity to meet people from diverse backgrounds, each bringing their unique and touching stories. I made it my goal to ensure that every pilgrim feels welcomed and listened to at the shrine.

"In a few months, I will embark on the next phase of my formation by studying theology. I humbly ask for your prayers as I continue this journey so that I may grow into a devoted Carmelite, faithfully and humbly serving God among His people."

A Grand Gesture for the National Shrine



Anthony Annunziata at the piano



Clara Swee

When the Shrine's Anthony Annunziata saw an ad on Face Book for a grand piano, little did he know the unusual link between the piano's owner and the Shrine. Anthony started connect-

ing the dots when he called Michael Swee to see about acquiring the piano. When Anthony told Michael that he wanted the piano for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Michael told him his late mother, Clara Swee, was devoted to the church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (White Plains). That connection was the clincher. Michael had found the right home for his mother's piano, and Anthony found, not only the right piano for the Shrine, but one made by the Baldwin Piano Company, makers of one of America's finest pianos.

Michael, his brother, Chris, and Anthony arranged for the move. (The Swees contributed to the cost to move the piano where it now resides in the Edith Stein conference room.) Anthony said "it was a case of divine intervention."

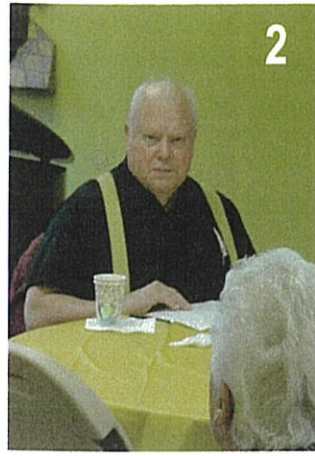


Fr. Gerard presents Lynn Sammon with the winning basket

A Successful Bake Sale at the Shrine

Special thanks to all who contributed and assisted at our Bake Sale. The profit from the bake sale, basket raffle and donations was \$2,275.00. The proceeds will go toward the beautification of the Shrine gardens and grounds.

LOOKING BACK AT MAY SHRINE EVENTS



1) May 7- Fr. Von Erick Maria Sandoval, O. Carm. - Carmelite Series on Prayer 2) May 15 - Fr. Maurice Cummings, O. Carm. - Carmelite Series on Prayer 3) May 8 - Fr. Gerard Choon, O. Carm. - Scapular enrollment of pilgrims from St. Isadore Parish (Quakerstown, PA) 4) A glimpse at the Shrine garden beautification program 5) May 9 - Celebration of the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord 6 and 7) May 5 - La Vang Vietnamese Mass & Blessing of the Vietnamese Martyrs Pavillion 8) May 4 - Br. Robert Chiulli, O. Carm (St. Simon Stock Church) welcomes the Simon Stock confirmation class to the National Shrine.

“Silence is precious; by keeping silence and knowing how to listen to God, the soul grows in wisdom and God teaches it what it cannot learn from men.” *Blessed Anne of Saint Bartholomew*

Carmelite Saints and Blesseds celebrated in June.



The Prophet Elisha - June 14

Cognizant of its origin on Mount Carmel, the Carmelites desired to perpetuate the memory of the great prophets' presence and deeds through liturgical celebration of Sts Elijah and his disciple and protégé Elisha. The General Chapter of 1399 decreed the celebration of the feast of St. Elisha. "Elijah came upon Elisha and threw his cloak over him. Immediately Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah as his attendant." Elisha was filled with the double portion of the spirit of Elijah, literally performing double the miracles attributed to Elijah. He cured Naaman of leprosy and raised a dead child to life, and purified the waters of the spring in Jericho to make it drinkable. He led the sons of the prophets on Mount Carmel and in God's name he frequently intervened in the affairs of the Israelites. Through his fidelity to the true God and by his service to God's people St. Elisha demonstrate the meaning of the prophetic office.



Bl. Anne of St. Bartholomew
June 7

From an early age, Anna was attracted to prayer and wanted to become a nun. One night, having fallen asleep with her rosary she experienced a vision of the BVM showing her the Discalced Carmelites' convent in Ávila.

She made her profession in 1572 and became a nurse. In 1577, St. Theresa suffered a fall and severely broke her arm. From then on, Anna became her nurse and constant travelling companion. Many of Theresa's letters were dictated to Anna, and it is Anna who gives a moving account of St. Theresa's last days. She died in Anna's arms.

Anna was part of a group of Carmelite nuns sent to France in 1604 to spread the reform of St. Theresa. She later made foundations in Tours and Antwerp, where she died on 7 June 1626. She was renowned for her holiness; miracles were attributed to her. She was beatified in 1917 by Pope Benedict XV.



Bl. Alfonso Maria Mazurek
June 12

Józef Mazurek was born in Baranówka, Lubelskie, Poland in 1882. After graduating from the local grammar school and the Small Seminary of the Discalced Carmelites in Wadowice. In 1908 he entered the Discalced Carmelite novitiate in Czerna, taking the name of Alfons Maria of the Holy Spirit. He studied theology and philosophy. He was ordained on July 16, 1916.

Mazurek was a professor and rector of the Carmelite seminary and director of the tertiaryaries at the monastery in Wadowice. In 1930 he was elected prior of the convent in Czerna. In 1936, he became the first visitor of the Carmelite communities in Poland.

Separated from the friars and residents of Czerna, who had been forced to work on the town's fortifications, Mazurek died on August 28, 1944, shot by an SS soldier.

He was beatified by John Paul II on June 13, 1999 along with other Polish martyrs.



Bl. Hilary Januszewski
June 12

Hilary Januszewski was born on June 11, 1907 in Krajenki (Poland). His family went to Cracow where he entered the Order of Carmel. He was ordained priest on in 1934. In 1939 he was appointed prior of the community.

At that time, Poland had already been occupied by the Germans. In September 1940, the Gestapo deported four friars. In December, when other friars were arrested, Fr. Hilary decided to present himself in exchange for an older and sick friar. In April 1941 he was sent to Dachau, where typhus was spreading. To help the sick, Fr. Hilary and 32 priests presented themselves to the authorities.

His apostolate lasted 21 days because he died on March 25, 1945, a few days before the liberation of the concentration camp. His body was cremated in the crematorium of Dachau.

Fr. Hilary Januszewski was beatified by John Paul II on June 13, 1999.



Bl. Maria Candida of the Eucharist - June 14

Maria Barba was born in Catanzaro, Italy. She learned to play the piano and did very well academically. At the age of fifteen, she underwent an interior conversion that turned her heart and mind totally to God. However, her aspiration to religious life was opposed by her family. During this time, she developed a profound love for the Eucharist.

At 36, Maria entered the Discalced Carmelite Order, taking the religious name Maria Candida of the Eucharist. She soon became her convent's prioress. In the 1930s, she wrote a book on the Eucharist.

She died of cancer on June 12th, 1949. Pope John Paul II presented Maria Candida as "an authentic mystic of the Eucharist who was so in love with Jesus in the Eucharist that she felt an ardent desire to be an apostle of the Eucharist."

Pope John Paul II beatified her in Saint Peter's Square on 21 March 2004.

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: 9:00 - 11:25 am



JOIN US FOR 40 HOUR ADORATION

Schedule

Wednesday, June 5

11:30am Mass - adoration begins after Mass

Thursday, June 6

Adoration continues all day;
Spanish Healing Mass - 7:00pm

Friday, June 7

Solemnity of the Sacred
Heart of Jesus - 11:30am Mass

--Adoration ends after this Mass--

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1: Spanish Mass at 4:30 p.m. - Vigil of Corpus Christi

June 2: Solemnity of Corpus Christi
Mass at Noon, followed by procession

June 3: Carmelite Series on Prayer - 10:15 a.m.

Edith Stein Conference Room

Fr. Joseph Nguyen Do, O. Carm.

Creating your own prayer space

June 5 - 7: 40 Hour Adoration beginning after the
11:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday

June 6: Misa de Sanacion Mass at 7:00 p.m.

June 7: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Mass at 11:30 a.m.

June 7-9: Carmelite Come and See Weekend

June 8: Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - Mass at Noon

June 14: St. Elisha the Prophet - Mass at 11:30 a.m.

June 15: Italian Mass at 4:30 p.m.

June 18: Carmelite Series on Prayer - 10:15 a.m.

Edith Stein Conference Room

Fr. Justin Cinnante, O. Carm.

Putting on the Armor of God. How to fight Spiritual Warfare through Prayer

June 24 : Solemnity of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist
Mass at 11:30 a.m.

June 27: Healing Mass (English) at 7:00 p.m.

June 29 : Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul - Mass at Noon

Carmelite Series on Prayer



"Creating your own Prayer Space"

Presenter: Fr. Joseph Nguyen Do, O.Carm.

Wednesday, June 3, 2024 - 10:15am

---Edith Stein Conference Room---

Join us for this very insightful conference- free-will donations accepted

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Tuesday, June 18

10:15 a.m.

Edith Stein Conf. Room

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:10-18



If your church group is interested in hosting a retreat, a day of prayer, a presentation, etc. at the Shrine, please contact Carol Bezak, Shrine Administrator at cbezak@carmelites.com