



RAYS OF CARMEL

Community of Our Mother of Good Counsel Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

Meetings and Events

September 13, 2020

October 11, 2020

October 15, 2020 at 6pm at
Emmanuel – Holy Mass –
St. Teresa of Jesus

November 8, 2020

November 14, 2020 – Holy Mass
with Promises and Vows

December 13, 2020

January 10, 2021

February 14, 2021

March 21, 2021 (3rd Sunday)

April 11, 2021 (Divine Mercy)

May 2, 2021 (1st Sunday)

June 13, 2021

Upcoming Feast Days

9/1 St. Teresa Margaret Redi
of the Sacred Heart,
virgin (Memorial)

9/12 Bl. Mary of Jesus, virgin
(Memorial)

9/17 St. Albert of Jerusalem,
bishop and lawgiver of
Carmel (Feast)

9/30 Fast day for OCDS for
Solemnity of St. Thérèse
of the Child Jesus

10/1 St. Thérèse of the Child
Jesus and the Holy Face,
virgin and doctor
(Solemnity)

Prayer Intentions for September

In September our Community will be praying for **St. Paul Church** (Englewood) and Fr. James C. Seibert C.P.P.S.

Pope Francis' intention for the month of September is for **Respect for the Planet's Resources**: We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Monthly Devotion: Exaltation of the Cross



An excerpt from the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, September 14, 1939, written by St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, OCD: "More than ever the cross is a sign of contradiction. The followers of the Antichrist show it far more dishonor than did the Persians who stole it. They desecrate the images of the cross, and they make every effort to tear the cross out of the hearts of Christians. All too often they have succeeded even with

those who, like us, once vowed to bear Christ's cross after him.... Therefore, the Savior today looks at us, solemnly probing us, and asks each one of us: Will you remain faithful to the Crucified? Consider carefully! The world is in flames, the battle between Christ and the Antichrist has broken into the open. If you decide for Christ, it could cost you your life. Carefully consider what you promise. ... The world is in flames. The conflagration can also reach our house. But high above the flames towers the cross. They cannot consume it. It is the path from earth to heaven. It will lift one who embraces it in faith, love, and hope into the bosom of the Trinity."

September 22-29 St. Thérèse Novena

This nine day novena is an excellent way to prepare for the feast day of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus. There are many variations – some long, some short – you may have a favorite.

September 17: St. Albert of Jerusalem, Bishop & Lawgiver of Carmel

The Carmelite Rule of St. Albert of Jerusalem was given to the Brothers of the Most Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel between 1206 and 1214, and approved on January 30, 1226 by Pope Honorius III.

Prayer to St. Albert for Carmelites

Saint Albert, you have given us a Rule of Life according to the Gospel to guide us on our journey towards perfect love. Help us always to keep watch at our prayers, to live in allegiance to Jesus Christ, and to serve him faithfully until death. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Recommended You Tube video – ***The Rule of Carmel*** – like a musical composition presented by our O.Carm brothers and sisters: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wW6z1y_2gnc

From our Council President Marika

ON ATTENDANCE: Please remember, dear little Carmelites, attendance is very important. A little homework: please reread Statute # 10 if you have not done so recently in the past couple months. If you have an emergency and cannot make the meeting for health reasons or other family emergencies you must contact either the council president or your formation leader who will then let me know.

ADORATION CLUSTERS: We do need to pray together as Carmelites. In Mathew's Gospel 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." I know at Saint Joseph (downtown Dayton) for the noon Holy Mass on any given day we have 2-3 OCDS members present. I believe the same can be said of daily Mass at Saint Peter's in Huber Heights and some of the other parishes in our area. If possible consider attending adoration in groups of 2 or 3 (socially distanced of course).

St. Luke the Evangelist (Beavercreek)

Tuesdays in St. Dominic Chapel:

Exposition and Adoration begins after the Tuesday 8:30am Mass and continues all day until Benediction at 6:45pm.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm

Divine Office Evening Prayer (Vespers) and evening Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:00 -6:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday in the Main Church:

Communal Rosary at 8:00am before the 8:30am Mass in the main church.

Emmanuel Church (Dayton) – Tuesdays

Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction at 7pm every Tuesday

Holy Angels Church (Sidney) – Thursdays

Exposition and Adoration begins after the Thursday 8:00am. Mass and continues all day until Benediction at 8:00pm. Confessions 7-8pm every Thursday.

Saint Peter Catholic Church (Huber Heights) – Fridays in Main Church

Exposition and Adoration begins after the Friday 8:30am Mass and continues all day until 4:00pm (note: in the case of a funeral adoration will be moved to the side chapel).