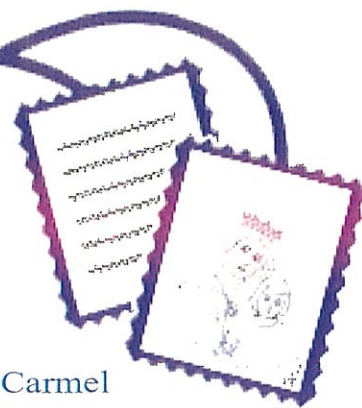


The Scapular

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An April Message from the Shrine's Rector

As we enter the Month of April, with warmer weather (hopefully), we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. In addition to our regularly scheduled Masses and prayer times, we draw your attention to some of our upcoming events.

We have two Jubilee celebrations taking place – a special Mass for the Jubilee of Health Care Workers and their families, (doctors, nurses, EMS, CNA, LPN, technicians, etc.) on Sunday, April 6th at 4:00 p.m. On Tuesday, April 29th the Shrine will also have a special Jubilee Mass for teenagers and young adults to be celebrated by Fr. Justin Maria Cinnante, O.Carm at 7:00 p.m. There will be a special blessing with a relic of the newly canonized St. Carlo Acutis.

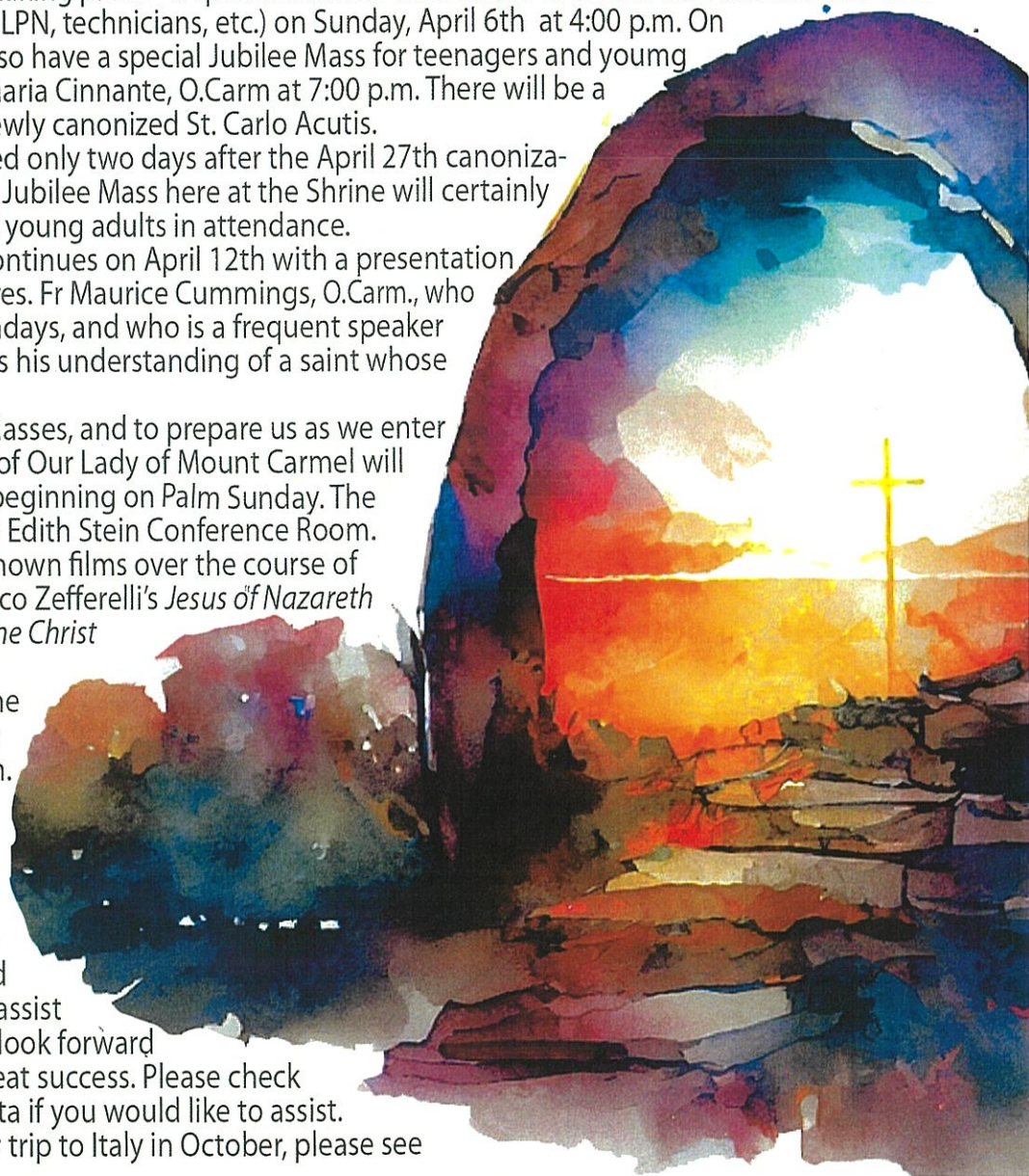
This Jubilee Mass will be celebrated only two days after the April 27th canonization of the First Millennial Saint. This Jubilee Mass here at the Shrine will certainly be a moving event for the teens and young adults in attendance.

Our Carmelite Spirituality Series continues on April 12th with a presentation on the Portuguese Saint, Nuno Alvares. Fr Maurice Cummings, O.Carm., who regularly says the daily Mass on Mondays, and who is a frequent speaker at the Shrine, will again share with us his understanding of a saint whose story is not often told.

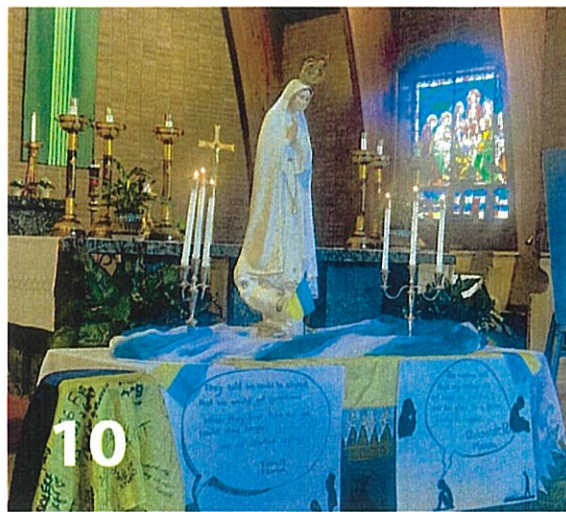
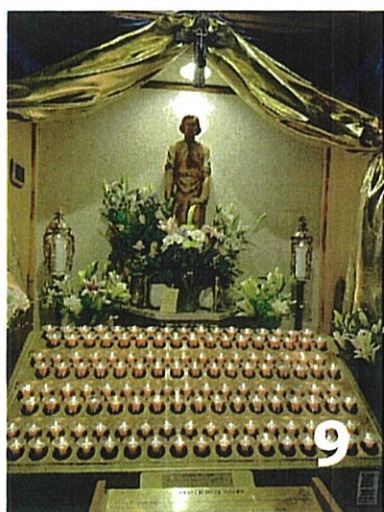
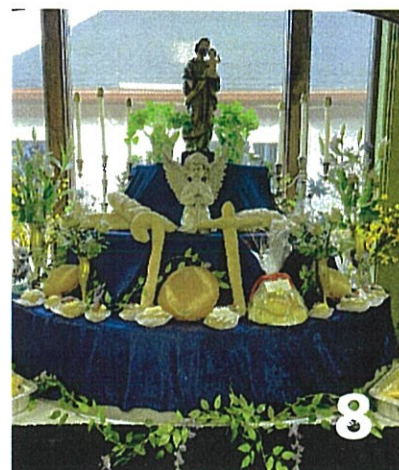
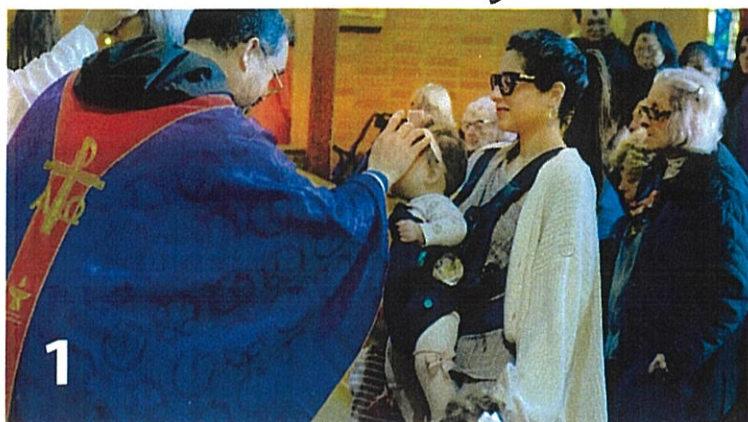
In addition to our Palm Sunday Masses, and to prepare us as we enter into Holy Week, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will host its first *Holy Week Film Festival*. beginning on Palm Sunday. The films will all be shown at 3 pm in the Edith Stein Conference Room. The Festival will feature three well known films over the course of four days – *King of Kings* (1961), Franco Zeffereilli's *Jesus of Nazareth* (1977) and Mel Gibson's *Passion of the Christ* (2004).

We are also sponsoring a visit to the sight and Sound Theatre to see their production of *Noah*, later this month.

Looking ahead to May, our Annual Cake Sale will take place from May 9th to the 11th (Mothers' Day Weekend). We look forward to your participation and support. We particularly ask for help with donating and making baked goods, or helping to assist us at the different cake stations. We look forward to everyone's help to make this a great success. Please check with the Shrine's Anthony Annunziata if you would like to assist. Lastly, we still have openings for our trip to Italy in October, please see Carol Bezak for more information.



A Photo Gallery of some Shrine events in March



1. Ash Wednesday
2. Br. Gregg's talk On St. Teresa of Avila & St. Joseph
3. Brown Scapular enrollment
4. Students from Bishop Kellenberg (LI) visit Shrine
5. Blessing of new Icons of Sts. Anne & Joachim
- 6, 7 & 8 - Feast of St. Joseph with Italian-American community
9. St. Joseph Shrine enhanced
10. Mass in honor of peace in Ukraine

Blessed Carmelites for the month of April



Blessed Baptist Spagnoli of Mantua was born on 17th April 1447 to a family of civil servants to the Dukes of Mantua. He entered the Carmelites of the Congregation of Mantua at Ferrara as a young man and had a stellar rise in academics and administration of his order.

While not a poet of genius, he was a superb Latin stylist, imitating Virgil. His eclogues were used in European schools for a century and a half after his death as a model of style and he was quoted by Shakespeare, Boswell, and Nashe. He was friends with many of the leading Renaissance humanists, including the two Pico della Mirandolas, with whom some correspondence survives.

He made his religious profession in 1464 and served in many positions of responsibility in the community in addition to his literary work. Baptist performed a number of diplomatic missions for the popes; he was vicar general of his congregation six times and in 1513 he was elected Prior General of the whole Order. He was a renowned humanist who brought his richly varied poetry into the service of Christ.

He is the only Carmelite quoted in the works of William Shakespeare: "Vir sapiens qui pauca loquitur" (That man is wise who talks little) from *Love's Labor Lost*, Act IV, scene 2, line 95. He used his friendship with scholars as an opportunity of encouraging them to live a Christian life. He died in Mantua on 20th March 1516. Baptista Mantuanus was beatified in 1890. His beatification is commemorated on April 17th.



Mary of the Incarnation (born Feb. 26, 1566, Paris—died April 18, 1618, Pontoise, Fr.) was a mystic whose activity and influence in religious affairs inspired most of the leading French ecclesiastics of her time.

Although Mary wished to be a nun, her parents insisted that she marry (1582) Pierre Acarie, vicomte de Villemore. With the aid of King Henry IV of France and his wife, Marie de Médicis, she brought the Carmelite nuns to Paris, leading to the introduction into France in 1604 of the Discalced Carmelites, an order of meditative, cloistered nuns. She helped to reform the French Benedictine convents and worked for the expansion of the Ursulines. She encouraged her

cousin Cardinal Pierre de Bérulle to found (1611) the Oratory, a congregation of priests that played an important part in the religious development of France in the 17th century.

After Pierre's death (1613), she entered the Carmelite convent at Amiens, Fr., where she made her vows in 1615, taking the name of Mary of the Incarnation. She was beatified in 1791 by Pope Pius VI, and her traditional beatification is commemorated on April 18th.



Teresa Maria Manetti was born on 3 March 1846 in a small village outside of Florence.

At the age of eighteen, Teresa Maria gathered a group of women who were all teachers; the group soon became exposed to the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, and soon enough a devotion to her grew.

There she founded a congregation. It received approval from Pope Pius X on 27 February 1904 as the Carmelite Sisters of Saint Teresa.

Their mission was to teach children, with an emphasis on orphans. Houses eventually opened in Syria and Palestine after the approval was granted. Teresa Maria of the Cross contracted a grave illness in 1908 which intensified until she died on 23 April 1910.

The cause for beatification commenced in Florence in the 1930s.

Pope Paul VI approved the findings of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and approved the fact that she had lived a life of heroic virtue. As a result, on 23 May 1975, he declared her to be Venerable.

Pope John Paul II approved a miracle attributed to her intercession on 16 November 1985 and beatified her on 19 October 1986. Her beatification is commemorated on April 23rd.

What's in a date? How the day of Easter is determined.

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after 21 March a fixed approximation of the March equinox. Count back 40 days and you will identify the first day of Lent - Ash Wednesday. Determining the Easter date in advance requires a correlation between the lunar months and the solar year, while also accounting for the month, date, and weekday of the Julian or Gregorian calendar. The complexity of the algorithm arises because of the desire to associate the date of Easter to correlate Holy Week as closely as possible with the date of the Jewish feast of Passover.

The word "lent" means "spring" or "the lengthening of days." The word Easter comes from the German word for "east," and an older Latin word meaning "dawn."

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel presents...

THE HOLY WEEK FILM FESTIVAL

Beginning Palm Sunday

King of Kings (1953)
Adapted from the New Testament, the film tells the story of Jesus of Nazareth from his birth and ministry to his crucifixion and resurrection.
Palm Sunday, April 8th

Jesus of Nazareth (1977)
A British and Italian co-produced six-part miniseries, directed by Franco Zeffirelli, tells the story of Jesus' life, from his birth to his crucifixion and resurrection, blending all four New Testament accounts into a single narrative.
Part One - Monday, April 9th
Part Two - Tuesday, April 10th

The Passion of the Christ (2004)
The Passion of the Christ focuses on the last twelve hours of Jesus of Nazareth's life. The film begins in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus has gone to pray after the Last Supper. Directed and co-written by Mel Gibson.
Wednesday, April 10th

All screenings at 2:00 pm in the 16th Stem Conference Room
79 Carmelite Drive, Manhattan, NY 10014

Holy Week

at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Palm Sunday
April 8th at 2:00 pm

Holy Thursday
April 12th at 2:00 pm

Stations of the Cross
April 13th at 2:00 pm
Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm

Tenebrae
Saturday, April 14th at 8:00 am and 10:00 am
and 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 20, 2025

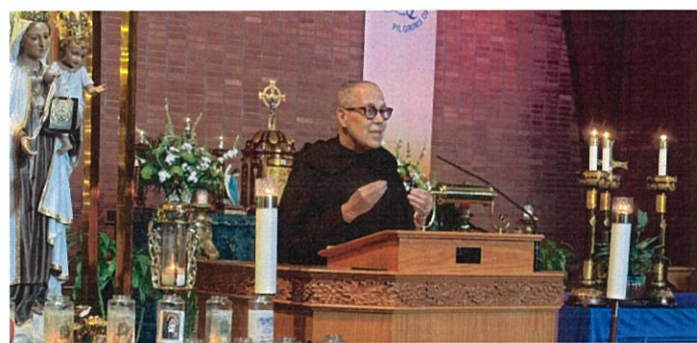
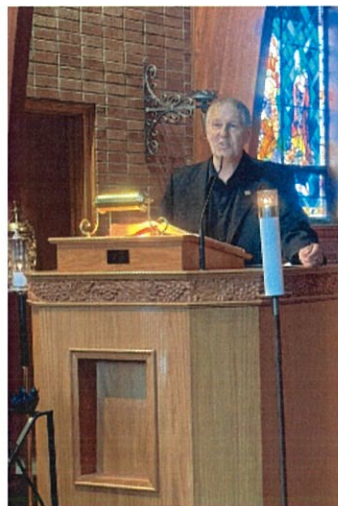
Follow the Bunnies for the Easter Egg Hunt!

The hunt begins in the Shrine after the Noon Mass on Easter Sunday.

Sponsored by the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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Saturday, March, 22nd was a special day at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We welcomed Pilgrims from New York City (Manhattan, Queens, Bronx and Brooklyn) who were part of El Movimiento Juan XXIII. The day included Holy Mass, reconciliation, reflection, eucharistic adoration and fraternity at our National Shrine. We were extremely fortunate to also have a relic of St. Charbel Makhlouf with which our pilgrims were blessed. Special thanks to Fr. Roberto Perez, O. Carm. for his enlightening talk, and for helping together with Fr. Paul Richmond, O. Carm. and Fr. Gerard Tang Choon, O. Carm. with the sacrament of Confession.

The Shrine is also so grateful to Dennis and Angelina Girard of the Marian Devotional Movement for being with us this past weekend and sharing Our Lady of the Cape from Canada's National Shrine! They will bring all of our prayer intentions, along with our Lady, to Rome this May for the Jubilee of Confraternities. Their special devotion to the Rosary Confraternity has inspired us to follow and celebrate this great gift! The blessings shared and graces obtained will be with us forever! God bless their ministry and may Our Lady guide their journey to Rome with her love!





We pray for our brothers Ryan Resurrection O.Carm and Gregg Durham, O.Carm who both helped at the Shrine during their years of formation.

They will be ordained priests next month. Please keep them in your prayers.

Bishop Gerardo Joseph Colacicco · Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York is center in picture on right,

Join us at the
National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Easter Sunday

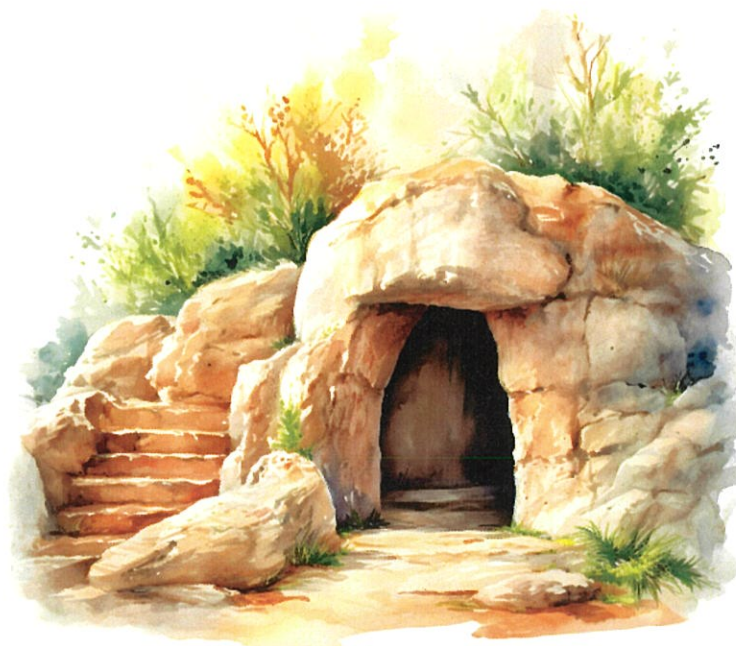
as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord

Jesus Christ

April 20, 2025

Masses at 8:30 am and Noon

(Easter Egg Hunt following the Noon Mass)



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MASSSES

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

APRIL SHRINE EVENTS

Spanish Mass: Sat., April 5 @ 7 pm
Jubilee Mass for Health Care Workers:
Sat., April 6 @ 4 pm
St. Nuno Alverz talk, Sat, April 12 @ 10:15 am
Italian Mass: Sat., April 12 @ 4:30 pm
Spanish Mass, Sat., April 12 @ 7:00 pm
Palm Sunday Mass: April 13 @ noon
HOLY WEEK FILM FESTIVAL @ 3 pm
King of Kings: Sun.: April 13
Jesus of Nazareth (Pt. 1): Mon., April 14
(Pt. 2): Tues., April 15
Passion of the Christ: Wed., April 16
Holy Thursday: April 17 @ 6 pm

Good Friday: April 18
Stations of the cross @ 2 pm
Service @ 3 pm
Tenebrae: Sat., April 19
Service @ 9:30 am
Confessions - 10:45 - 11:45 am
EASTER SUNDAY - April 20
8:30 am and Noon
Easter Egg hunt following Noon Mass
Healing Mass in English, April 24 @ 4:30 pm
Jubilee Mass Teens & YA, Tue., April 29
Stations of the Cross every Friday after Mass during Lent



Grande festa eucarística nel più importante
New Shrine del Santissimo Sacramento
Carmineo e primario altare della casa
della gloria (Shrine of Mount Carmel)

Santa Misa en Español

At the National Shrine of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

SABADO CINCO DE ABRIL 7:00 PM

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THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
A 2025 DESIGNATED JUBILEE SITE
INVITES YOU TO A MASS TO HONOR OUR

HEALTH CARE WORKERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 6
4:00 PM

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Don't forget to donate to the National Shrine
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The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
celebrates our monthly

SANTA MESSA ITALIANA

Saturday - April 12 - 4:30 pm
GLORIA A DIO

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THE CARMELITE
SPIRITUALITY
SERIES PRESENTS:

St. Nuno Alvaes

From Warrior to
Carmelite Saint

At the National Shrine of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

with
Fr. Maurice
Cummings,
O. Carm.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 12th
10:15 am**

The Edith Stein Conf. Rm.

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The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday
April 24th
4:30 pm

Healing Mass

in English

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The National Shrine of
Our Lady of Mount
Carmel welcomes
you to join us for a

Special Jubilee Mass for Teens and Young Adults celebrating St. Carlo Acutis the first millennial saint

**Tuesday
April 29th
at 7:00 pm**

Celebrant:
Fr. Justin Maria
Cinnante, O. Carm.
(with relics of St. Carlo at Mass
for veneration.)

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For complete April schedule, go to <https://www.ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com/>



Egg hunt after the Noon Mass on Easter Sunday