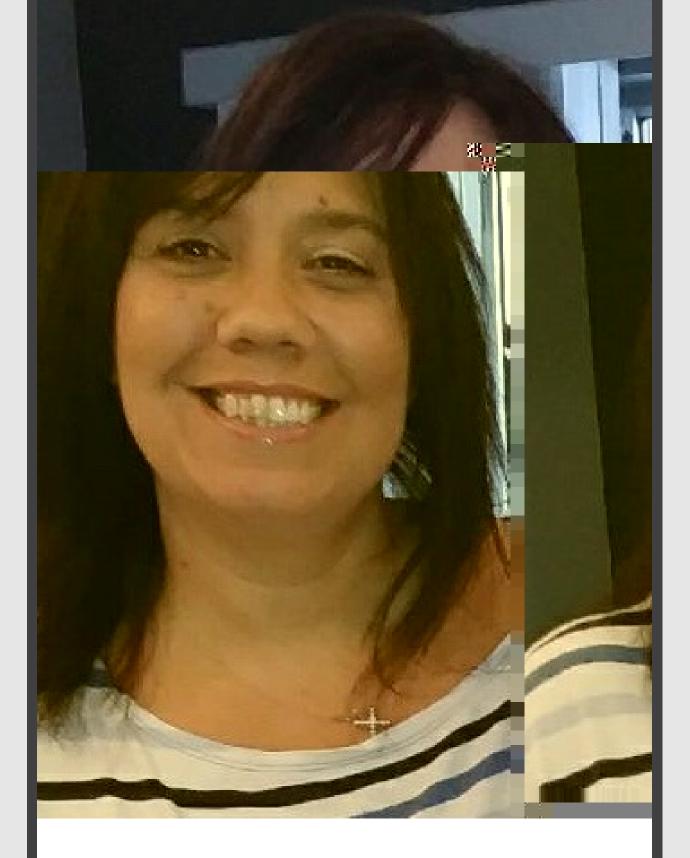
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU





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SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

James 1:23-25 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says us like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he heard, but doing it, he will be blessed in what he does.

We have been talking lately about our natural and spiritual lives and how we all identify with our natural lives very easily and assume that's just the way we are or the way we were born because we've been like this our whole life. The interesting thing is, we can hear a lie about ourselves in the natural and hold onto it as a truth but when it comes to our spiritual life, our true life, who we really are, it's seems hard to believe, because it's so good we end up denying or dismissing it based on our

thinking because we feel we don't measure up. God knows our weaknesses, failures, shortcomings call them whatever you like we were created with them. They are not a concern for God but they are for us. Thank God for the cross; it was the love of God for all of us and the forgiveness we all needed. The cross allows us to accept His love and forgiveness, anytime we don't accept His forgiveness we deny our true self. The same if we hold back forgiveness, we were created in the image of Christ as He is in this world so are we. What does He do with our failures; He forgave them which gives us permission to do the same.

When we look into the natural world we see both good and bad, right and wrong and that's how we divide all day long in our minds whether we speak it or not. God said in scripture, let them be one as we are one. The oneness will be seen on the outside when we accept our natural self on the inside. It's such a beautiful picture of the two becoming one, and only God can do this for us and has through the cross. He removed all separation between Heaven and Earth. God is healing our land where there is peace on both sides. We need to remember our enemy is not outside of us, it's inside and God will use it to mature us until He's ready to take it out, which is usually when we don't see it or talk about it anymore. We are now blind to the natural realm, what we can see, feel, and touch, and believe the word of God no matter what's





Hello From Helen

Hello again family,

I don't know if you were here or not but we had an absolutely wonderful Easter Service. To start with, there were 48 Easter Lily plants adorning our sanctuary this year. Wow it was truly a sight to see. Our Easter service was wonderful, as it always is. Sister Tric and Brother Carlos played some old Hymns and we had a good, old fashioned "Hymn Sing" before the service and it was so much fun. The Hymn Sing was a bonus because at the usual time, they also played the beautiful worship songs that we are used to. We had some visitors and some family members that we don't get to see all the time. It was a wonderful Easter Service!

Have you taken a good look around the church lately? There are all kinds of beautiful additions; for example; the front of the church, look closely at the Pillars, wow they are just beautiful. Look toward the road and see all the new little plants/trees that will grow up big and strong. Just keep your eyes open because I'm sure that Pastor Michael and his crew will keep making more and more improvements as time goes on. I personally can't wait to see them. I think that we already have a beautiful church inside and outside and of course that includes all of you.

Please don't forget to visit the Book Store, Elder Sandra Roman is always putting new things in there and even if you've been in there recently or not you are bound to see some new, beautiful and unique items at amazing prices.

Don't forget that we have Communion Dinner on the first Sunday of each month.

Until Next time may The Good Lord continue to bless you.

With all my love,

Deacon Helen J. Caliendo



WHO AM I?

I was born in Chicago Illinois Beside Florida, I also lived in The Carolina's My favorite thing to do is to hang out with friend I have been a cook and have worked in retail I enjoy cooking My favorite food is spaghetti My favorite author is Stephen King My favorite singer is Randy Travis My favorite actress is Whoopi Goldberg I love to watch Dancing with the Stars Do I like to travel? That would be Yes and No My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving The best part of waking up is waking up with The Lord I would love to lose weight I collect Porcelain Figurines

If I came with a warning label it would day "Don't cross me." The song that best sums me up is "Material Girl" by Madonna An autobiography of my life would be called "Many Faces Have I" My favorite cologne is Tabu



WHO AM I? Meet Malissa Carter

My favorite color is blue

I love to read I love puppies Once I moved with the circus My favorite memory is the birth of my children, they are my best gift and they make me laugh I have 2 children I worked as an apartment complex manager I do not like to cook I love French fries & hamburgers and I would eat them forever if I could Listen to R & B music My favorite author is Terry McMillan My favorite all time singer is Luther Vandross I love Comedies, movies and T.V. My favorite actor is Denzel Washington My favorite actress is Cicely Tyson My favorite show as a kid was Different Strokes I love to travel and I have gone to the Bahamas and Washington D.C. I really like to eat my meals out I like night time. My favorite holiday is Christmas I love the smell of Charlie cologne The name of my autobiography would be "The Imperfect Kid" The best part of waking up is eating breakfast If I could have one superpower, I would like to be perfect My bucket list includes a trip to Africa I don't think that anyone realizes that I'm older than I look I went to Westchester State University I collect books If I ruled my own country I would make a law that everyone has to get along My warning label would say "Don't Touch Me Because I'm Close to the Edge"

If you think you know who I am, contact Helen in the