

St. Joseph Marian Center

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*“Holy Family of
Nazareth, Pray for Us”*

Our Lady of Suffrage, Mother of Mercy

presents its 2007

“Marian Eucharistic Conference”

Saturday, September 15 & Sunday, September 16

This Year’s Theme:

“Coming Closer to Jesus Through the Sorrowful Heart of Mary”

Guest Speakers:

Fr. Jerry Logan - Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Silvis, Illinois

Fr. William Casey of the Fathers of Mercy, Auburn, Kentucky

Fr. William McCarthy - “My Father’s House,” Moodus, CT

Fr. John Paul Joyce of the Intercessors of the Lamb, Omaha, NE

Fr. Gio Belanich - Croatian Relief Services, Fairview, New Jersey

Fr. Brian List, SOLT, from Amsterdam, New York

For Veneration: The Pilgrim State of Our Lady of Fatima, with the Holm oak relic, provided by the St. Joseph Marian Center, Altamont, New York.

Location: 45 North Jefferson Avenue, Catskill, N.Y. 12414

Hours: Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. / Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per person. Please mail checks to

Our Lady of Suffrage, 81 New Street, Catskill, NY 12414

Be sure to include the name and address of every person coming--you will be mailed back a paid ticket for each person. *No one will be admitted without their ticket.* Conference schedule and food menu will be given out on Saturday, September 15 at the door. There will be hot food for sale, as well as religious articles. Music will be provided by Emcee Al Barbarino.

Accommodations: The Best Western, Exit 21a in Coxsackie is providing a conference rate of \$89.90. Call 1-800-731-8100.

Grateful Thanks to Donors

We extend a sincere thank you to everyone who has donated to our newsletter and supported the St. Joseph's Marian Center. Your generous contributions make our ongoing mission possible. All donations of \$20 or more receive a copy of "**Mary, the 21st Century Woman**," written by Mildred Breitenbach, co-founder of the St. Joseph Marian Center. If you would like to purchase this inspirational book for \$8.50, including shipping, please contact Ed Breitenbach at 518-861-6979.

Add Us to Your Will

When you are writing or updating your will, please remember the St. Joseph Marian Center and its mission to spread the Gospel of Christ and the messages of Our Lady of Fatima. A bequest made to this non-profit organization is a "lasting treasure."

Rosary for Peacy & Unity

St. Francis de Sales parish in Loudonville will host our Pilgrim Virgin Statue on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. with a Rosary for Peace and Unity. Everyone is invited.

Do You Live in the Catskill/Coxsackie area?

Our Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be traveling to the Marian Eucharistic Conference on September 15-16 in Catskill. Ed Breitenbach will bring the statue with its Holm oak relic for veneration, providing visitors with a unique spiritual opportunity for healing and conversion. Ed is looking for a "Good Samaritan" in the Catskill/Coxsackie area to provide him with accommodations for one night. Can you help? If so, contact Ed at 861-6979. Your hospitality will be appreciated!

Faith-filled Shopping

Support Our Lady of Grace Gift Shop at 2568 Western Ave. in Guilderland! This wonderful shop is the perfect destination for all of your gift-giving, including Catholic bibles, books, rosaries, statues and many more spiritual and gift items. Celebrate Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, as well as birthdays, anniversaries and more, with gifts that inspire and strengthen the faith of your loved ones.

Our Mission

St. Joseph Marian Center represents the Albany Diocesan Division of The Blue Army, the worldwide apostolate of the faithful, responding to the requests of Our Lady of Fatima. The Mother of Jesus appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917 and asked for prayers, penance and reparation for sins, giving us the means to change the world and to turn the hearts of men and women back to God, particularly through daily recitation of the rosary, Eucharistic adoration and a generous acceptance of the duties of our state in life.

St. Joseph Marian Center promotes the lessons of Fatima and the spread of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary through home enthronements, family consecrations and visitations of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to homes, schools and parishes.

Contact Us

For information, to make a donation, or to request a visit from the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, please contact us:

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Come, Your Mother is Calling

CAPITAL DISTRICT
ROSARY RALLY
Saturday, October 13, 2007

at the
SHRINE of LaSALETTE
in Altamont, N.Y.
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the
90th Anniversary of the
Fatima Apparitions

MAIN CELEBRANT
& SPEAKER

Rev. Jeffrey M. L'Arche, MS
Director, LaSalette Shrine

*Please help us to encourage
attendance by photocopying this
flyer and distributing it wherever
possible. Thank you!*

CAPITAL DISTRICT ROSARY RALLY in Honor of
the 90th Anniversary of Our Lady's Appearances at Fatima
Saturday, October 13, 2007 at the Shrine of LaSalette

Program

1:00 p.m. - Consecration of America and ROSARY PROCESSION

3:00 p.m. - Speaker, Rev. Jeffrey M. L'Arche, MS

4:00 p.m. - HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS & BENEDICTION
Celebrant: Rev. Jeffrey M. L'Arche

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The St. Joseph Marian Center's beautiful Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima will be available for veneration. The statue contains a reliquary with fragments of the holm oak tree over which Our Lady appeared at Fatima.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AS WE HONOR OUR
BLESSED MOTHER AND UNITE OUR PRAYERS FOR
HER INTERCESSION.

God Made Flesh: Our Privilege at Every Mass

I recently watched on DVD the movie “The Nativity Story,” that was released in theatres last Christmas. Beautiful in its presentation and musical score and certainly worth seeing, the movie, however, made the general mistake of portraying Mary as only a sweet young girl caught up in events she didn’t understand. As Catholics we know that Mary wasn’t just another girl and certainly wasn’t chosen for unknown reasons by God to be His Mother. We know that She wasn’t merely a “highly favored” person, but that She was “full of grace,” a statement that made clear Her role in salvation. But while “The Nativity Story” stumbles in its portrayal of the Blessed Mother, it also succeeds in its clear message of the significance of the Christ Child’s birth. Emmanuel, “God Among Us,” He is called throughout the film. The palpable and anxious waiting of the Jews for their Messiah echoes throughout the storyline. Then He comes and despite His ignomy, the cold cave-like stable and the lack of comforts, He is recognized by all the witnesses who see Him to be King, Savior and Deliverer. He is worshipped by Jewish shepherds and by Magi who represent the gentiles of all the nations of the world. His reign will be universal and encompass all mankind. *“He is God, Made Flesh!”* exclaims one of the Magi, and it started me thinking about the awesome plan of God to become flesh out of His deep and longing love to be with us.

God made Flesh. The Flesh that laid on the coarse straw in the animal’s trough would be the same Flesh found 12 years later in the temple by His searching parents. It was the same Flesh that was baptized in the Jordan River, and the same Flesh that would be footsore with walking the countryside to spread the Gospel. The Flesh of Emmanuel often had no where

to rest during His ministry and was once anointed with scented perfume in an outpouring of repentance and love. The Flesh of God, in a neverending act of love, would go on to be beaten, scourged into ribbons, spat at, misshapened, crowned with thorns, and finally nailed to a cross to die. In accordance

with the Divine plan, the Flesh of Emmanuel would conquer death and be gloriously resurrected. His Flesh would return to those who loved Him and His very wounds would be touched in order to strengthen our faith in Him. Then, the Flesh of the Christmas Infant, would ascend to heaven to take His place at the Father’s right hand.

For Catholics, this story has no end. God Made Flesh is present to us at every Mass, the very same Flesh Who was born in the stable, Who grew up under the care of St. Joseph and the Virgin Mary, Who preached, suffered, died and

was resurrected. For Catholics, we can tangibly hold the Precious Baby, enjoy the company of the Christ Child, offer a place of rest to the Rabbi, and even touch the wounds of the resurrected Savior with every Holy Eucharist. If only we could do so with the fervor of the first witnesses who declared, “It is God Made Flesh!” If only we could recognize our own deliverance from sin in every reception. Fr. Angelus Shaunessey, a Capuchin Franciscan, often extols the wonders of our God Made Flesh: *“What kind of love is this that makes the God of all creation deign to live in the form of a tiny wafer? It is a passionate love that seeks to be with us so intimately. He makes Himself edible, eatable and even digestable, in order to be in union with us... That’s how I know Christianity must be true. It is the only instance in which God pursues man, instead of the other way around.”*





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Words of Wisdom & Truth

A Message from Fr. Walter F. Baniak, Spiritual Director, St. Joseph Marian Center

“In The End, My Immaculate Heart Will Conquer.”

Our Blessed Mother’s words, spoken at the end of Her apparitions of July 1917, deserve the world’s most rapt and hopeful attention. Reflecting on the 90th anniversary of the apparitions and messages of Our Lady of Fatima - which we celebrate this year - it is clear that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is destined to play a most important and decisive role in these fearsome times of moral, physical, and spiritual self-destruction. No matter what, She will conquer! Jesus chose to come to us through Mary and He is arranging that we return to Him necessarily through Her. How appropriate that God has arranged for Mary, the “new Eve,” to finally conquer, to return mankind to his Maker in final, loving surrender. Although evil festers all around us, we have this shining hope. Rev. Robert A. McDonald, CSSR, once wrote that



despite the World Wars, the horrors of Nazism, Communism and abortion, we live in the happiest of centuries because Mary is with us here on Earth. *“Never, since the days that She taught the Infant Jesus to pray, has the Mother of God been closer to the earth. We are living in the Age of Mary! Countless signs show us that She has come down from the Galilean Hills of Heaven to give us a new Bethlehem, a reborn Christ in the hearts of men. She is walking upon the Earth!”*

The timing of the final conquering remains a perplexing enigma. It depends on when we, the Church, and the world finally respond to the implorings of Mary’s Immaculate Heart. How relevant Her messages! How important the Rosary! How decisive our faith or lack of it! Mary will give us all assistance if we turn to Her.

“In The End, My Immaculate Heart Will Conquer!”