

# St. Joseph Marian Center

The Albany Diocesan Division of  
THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA, U.S.A.

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

## A Call for Our Times

### “Peter, Do You Love Me? Feed My Sheep.”

When the resurrected Christ asked Peter, “Do You Love Me?” He was testing and confirming the faith and willingness of the future head of His Church on earth. Three times the Master asked him, in order to absolve Peter’s denying Him three times the night Christ was arrested. Peter’s answer, “Lord, you know I love,” prompted Jesus’ mandate to the Apostles and to all Catholic priests throughout the ages: “Feed My Sheep.”



The Holy Father, Benedict XVI, has dedicated 2010 The Year of the Priests, for the strengthening of the faith among our priests and seminarians, and for an increase in priestly vocations. For the St. Joseph Marian Center this declaration could not have come at a better time! As the Diocesan Division of The World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, we are committed to supporting the priests of our diocese with the message of Our Lady of Fatima: prayer, penance and reparation for the salvation of the world.

St. Joseph Marian Center is beginning a new era in our long history within the Albany diocese. Many parishes, individuals and priests are still unfamiliar with our mission and the many resources we have available to build a community of faith under the protective mantle of Our Blessed Mother. Since our diocese is dedicated to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, it is particularly fitting to spread the message of Fatima, which is needed more now than ever before.

These are exciting times for this ministry. After meeting with Bishop Howard Hubbard, and receiving his blessing and approval, we were doubly blessed by having Fr. Jeffrey L’Arche, MS, Director of the Shrine of LaSalette in Altamont, named our Spiritual Director. In addition, we are taking full advantage of our formal affiliation with The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF).

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*Above and below, right: The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima joins the procession at the St. Patrick’s Day parade in Albany. Members of St. Joseph Marian Center distributed rosaries to the crowd.*



## St. Joseph Marian Center's Upcoming Calendar

**May 9:** May Crowning & Mass at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville. At 1 p.m.

**May 10:** "Mother's Day with Mary" at LaSalette Shrine, 1 to 5 p.m.

**June 5, 6 & 7:** Mini-seminars by The World Apostolate of Fatima, with guest speaker, Michael LaCorte, WAF Executive Director.

**June 27:** Mass at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs with Father Machado. At 8:30 a.m.

**August 16:** Rosary Rally & Day of Prayer at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs.

**Sept. 24-27:** National Annual Meeting of The World Apostolate of Fatima in Washington, New Jersey.

**Sept. 24-25:** Our Lady of Suffrage, Mother of Mercy Conference. Call 518-943-3431.

*First Sat. devotions every Saturday after 9 a.m.  
Mass at St. Madeline Sophie Church, Guilderland.*

## What's Happening at LaSalette Shrine

**May 10:** "Mother's Day with Mary," 1 to 5 p.m.

**May 20:** Feast of the Ascension, Mass at 5:30 p.m.

**July 11:** Blue Knights & Little Flowers Field Day. Mass at 4 p.m.

**August 15:** Altamont Fair. Mass at 5:30 p.m. at the Fair chapel.

**Sept. 8:** Celebration of the Birthday of Our Blessed Mother. 3:00 p.m. Blue Knights/Little Flowers

**Sept. 19:** Feast of LaSalette. Begins at 3 p.m.; Mass and devotions at 4 p.m.

**Nov. 2:** Mass for the Faithful Departed at 5:30 p.m.

**Dec. 8:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

*Mass for friends and benefactors every Wed. at 5:30 p.m. / 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. Mass at 7 p.m. / 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Mass at Noon (extraordinary form). For information, call the Shrine at 518-861-8159.*

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## 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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**Newsletter** - Doreen M. Truesdell

## Our Lady of Grace Shop

Have you heard the news? Our Lady of Grace Gift Shop has moved, and is better than ever! The new location is 3637 Carman Road (Route 146), about a quarter mile from St. Madeline Sophie Church and School. Although the address has changed, the phone number is the same: 518.355.0139.

At Our Lady of Grace shop you'll find solutions for all of your springtime gift-giving needs, including weddings, baptisms, graduations, birthdays, anniversaries and more. Choose from Catholic bibles, books, rosaries, statues and many more spiritual and gift items. Celebrate life's important occasions with faith and give a gift that inspires and strengthens the faith of your loved ones!

# “Feed My Sheep” with the Message of Fatima

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WAF is recognized as an official Pontifical Council for the Laity by the Holy See and reports directly to the Holy Father. It was Pope John Paul II who charged the WAF with spreading the messages of Fatima; Pope Benedict XVI

signed the formal decree in 2006. As an affiliate of WAF, the St. Joseph Marian Center can take advantage of WAF’s leadership, training, materials, and fellowship while doing our best to be an active and faithful ministry in the service of Our Lady of Fatima. This is great news for our members and for our diocese because it means we can bring new resources to people of all ages, including an inspirational DVD presentation, family rosary program and other expanded efforts to evangelize and instruct.

Starting in June St. Joseph Marian Center will launch a series of presentations by WAF National Director Mike LaCorte, featuring “sneak previews” of a newly-released DVD on Fatima. The full-length movie, which includes the history and messages of Our Lady, is a wonderful springboard for parish and individual evangelization. Two seminars are already set: June 5 at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park, and June 7 at St. Madeline Sophie Church in Guilderland (see flyer on page 4). Additional dates will be announced on our website at [www.stjosephmariancenter.org](http://www.stjosephmariancenter.org).

Now is Our Lady’s time in the world and in our diocese. The St. Joseph Marian Center has been spiritually renewed and uplifted by our participation in the WAF and we are committed to providing exciting outreach programs. We are

working hard to maintain the Center that Ed and Millie Breitenbach founded and gave so many years of faithful service to, while embracing new paths that will open the doors of conversion for more people and answer Our Lady of Fatima’s call to spread Her message.

We are so blessed to have our wonderful Pilgrim Virgin Statue for this ministry! We must make Her known far and wide throughout the diocese, so that She may intercede on our behalf at this dark time in our nation and in the world. Please consider inviting Her to your parish, school, community group, or home. Now, more than ever, we need conversion, and Our Lady--our Mother--points the way. Call the St. Joseph Marian Center today at 355-3897 and welcome Her into your heart!

Let us confide our diocese and our parishes to the protection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us join together in the Eucharist prayer of the Angel at Fatima: “*Most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, My God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament. My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee! I ask pardon for all of those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.*”

May God Bless us as we turn to Him through Our Lady of Fatima.



*Members of St. Joseph Marian Center’s Board of Trustees at a recent meeting.*

# World Apostolate of Fatima, U.S.A

## The St. Joseph Marian Center, Altamont, NY

### Free Seminar on Fatima and Growing Your Faith

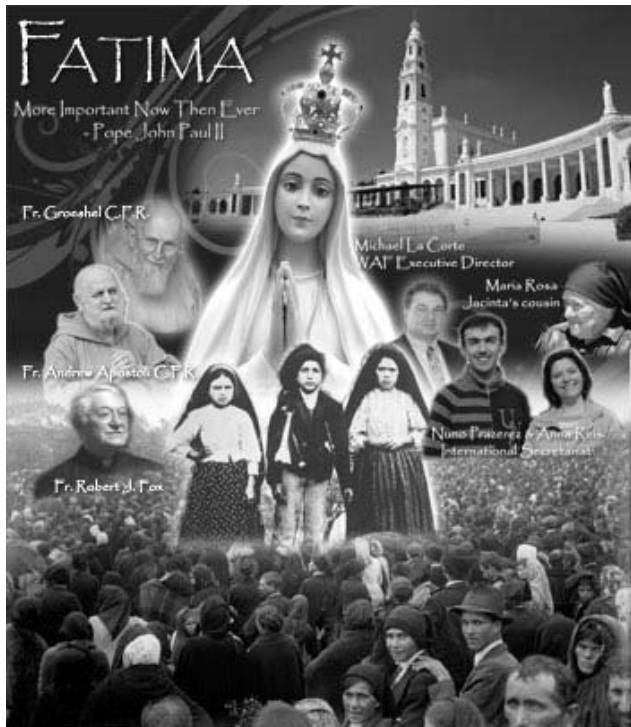
Friday, June 5 at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 6 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, June 7 at St. Madeline Sophie Church, Guilderland, 2 to 5:30 p.m.

Check our wesbite at [www.stjosephmariancenter.org](http://www.stjosephmariancenter.org) for June 6 seminar info.

### *Free Sneak Preview*

New unreleased full length film. . . .Fatima!



Fatima...the Story...the Secrets...  
the Message...Why Fatima is so  
Important Today

Learn about: Dominic Reis, Witness to the Miracle of the Sun...Pope John Paul II...Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR – Spiritual Advisor World Apostolate of Fatima...Father Kondor – **Sister Lucia's Confessor**...Relatives of the Three Shepherd Children...Bishop Serafim – Bishop Emeritus Fatima, Portugal and many others.

Don't miss this opportunity to see the compelling movie that will help you understand why the world is in serious trouble and help you understand.

Featured Speaker – Michael LaCorte,  
Executive Director - World Apostolate of Fatima U.S.A.

Register by May 31 - *By Mailing* your name, phone number and location of which free seminar you plan to attend to: St. Joseph Marian Center, P.O. Box 472, Altamont, NY 12009. *Or E-mail* the same info to [stjosephmariancenter@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephmariancenter@gmail.com).

Parental Guidance: brief war scenes.



# Come, Your Mother is Calling

CAPITAL DISTRICT ROSARY RALLY

Sunday, May 10, 2009

“Mother’s Day with Mary”

at the

SHRINE of LaSALETTE

in Altamont, N.Y.

1 p.m. - Consecration of America &  
ROSARY PROCESSION

3 p.m. - Speaker, Rev. Jeffrey M. L’Arche, MS

4 p.m. - HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS &  
BENEDICTION

Celebrant: Rev. Jeffrey M. L’Arche

The St. Joseph Marian Center’s 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 in 1917.

The CAPITAL DISTRICT ROSARY RALLY is sponsored by the St. Joseph Marian Center, The Albany Diocesan Division of The World Apostolate of Fatima, U.S.A.

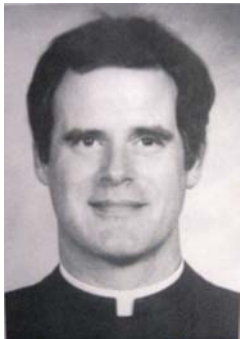
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AS WE HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER ON MOTHER’S DAY AND UNITE OUR PRAYERS FOR HER INTERCESSION.



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for a history of our ministry, newsletters, events and updates



## Words of Wisdom & Truth A Message from our Spiritual Director Fr. Jeffrey L'Arche, MS

### “EASTER THOUGHTS”

The long winter in the Northeast is gone and we all are looking forward to warmer climes, planting gardens and being outside in God's creation. I love the spring as it matches the new life that we commemorate in the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. When we think of the gifts of God we are aware that they are not only natural but supernatural as well. The GOSPEL OF LIFE calls us to celebrate gifts that are God given. They are presented to us to lead us on our way. That WAY IS TO ETERNAL LIFE, for which we all long at the end of our earthly journey. We begin this 'Eternal life' on the day of our baptism. The Holy Spirit leads and guides us constantly as members of the Church.

Our Blessed Mother in Her merciful apparitions beacons us on to victory; the same victory won for us by Her Son. She wishes us to be saved from the fires of hell. She is a messenger from God in Christ. Mary's message is always the same, with some variations as to particulars. As St. Paul tells us, 'all this is done for YOUR BENEFIT!' As you live the Paschal mystery this year, continue your growth in faith and your 'new life' in Christ. May the Virgin of Fatima spur us on to victory!

Blessings, Fr. Jeffrey, M.S.

