

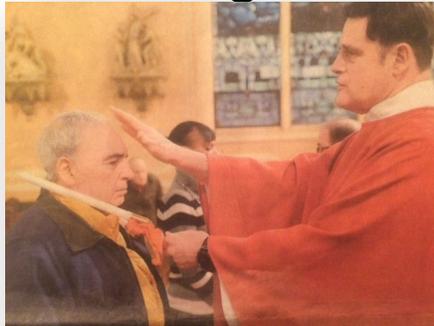
# St. Joseph Marian Center

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



*"Family of Nazareth,"*

## Father Jeffrey L'Arche, MS      SPRING 2016 A Message from our Spiritual Director



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Spring is a beautiful time here in the Helderberg Mountains overlooking Altamont. As we contemplate the glory of God's world we appreciate our families and friends who are also gifts to us. The Springtime allows us to enjoy the beauty of our environment. It beacons us to prayer and thanksgiving. The gift of new life echoes in nature the reality of our faith in the newly resurrected Lord. We take God's creation so much for granted that we forget the God whose idea it was in the first place. As a priest dedicated to the blessed Mother under her title of Our Lady of La Salette I see many parallels between

La Salette in 1846 and Fatima in 1917. The common bond is prayer. Mary spoke about prayer at La Salette and also at Fatima, especially the need to pray the Rosary. The merciful apparition of Our Lady at Fatima was and is a reminder to us that we cannot live without God. The Fatima Apparitions took place in 1917 and were preceded by the appearances of the Angel of Fatima to prepare the children who would be the seers of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother the following year. 2017 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of these blessed events in Portugal. The Holy Father will be making a pilgrimage to Fatima to mark that event in the life of the church. Let us heed Mary's plea for peace at Fatima. Realize that peace begins first of all in our hearts.

As PARTNERS IN PRAYER with us we assure you of our continuing support and spiritual solidarity. Your intentions are honored by us at the St. Joseph Marian Center. We are fortunate to have the **International Pilgrim Virgin Statue** in our midst in the Albany Diocese. We welcome all to pay her homage on the eve of this important centennial. May God bless you abundantly at this beautiful time of the year.

*Happy Springtime !*

*Fr. Jeffrey, M.S.  
Spiritual Director*

**SEE 4TH PAGE FOR  
THE INTERNATIONAL  
STATUE VISIT**

**Join us for Annual Board meeting:  
Saturday, June 11, 2016  
9:30-10:30 am  
St. Madeleine Sophie Church  
3500 Carman Road, Schen. 12303  
All donors received the 1st Saturday  
booklet as our gift. Thank you.**

### **WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE:**

**Bishop Scharfenberger of the Diocese of Albany  
has appointed Father Jeffrey L'Arche, M.S., Pastor of  
St. Mary's Church in Amsterdam, NY.  
Effective Monday, February 1, 2016.**

### **The information for contacting Fr. Jeff as follows:**

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## WHY FATIMA? WHY IS SHE IMPORTANT FOR TODAY?

Pope Francis asked all religions to unite where we all agree, and respect where we are different. Where are our faiths similar? Then, Why Fatima? Will the messages of Fatima be the answer to our Moslim brothers and sister? Lucia said to a Cardinal in the Vatican, "The final battle will be over marriage and family." We are living in interesting times where important decisions will be made. Will we unite and renew the message of the Gospel message as children of God in the Church Jesus started? Will we choose good, and be the face of God's love in this environment of division? As Pope Francis asks us in his Year of Mercy, may we be followers of the Divine Sower of love and to be a witness the messages Jesus showed us while on this earth following the WORD OF GOD inspired by the Holy Spirit. Through Mary's messages in Fatima and Father Gaitley's books of Morning Glory and 33 Days to Merciful Love, we learn how to surrender to God's will to Jesus through Mary. This is the time of mercy. By following the messages of Fatima and do everything we do in our daily duties as a mercy of our love to provide for our families, in our churches, in our community. To transform all suffering into God's healing merciful love. Thank you Bishop Ed and all who participated in the Diocesan wide 33 Day Consecration on April 4th at our Cathedral. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I Trust In You.



4TH OF July Parade, Pittsfield

Will the Moslems embrace Christianity? And in ways missionaries would never suspect? Arche Bishop Fulton Sheen writes, "It is our belief that this will happen not through a summoning of the Moslems to a veneration of the Mother of God," but what he describes is in the Moslem bible, the Koran and the many passages in it concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary. "The Koran believes in her Immaculate Conception and in her Virgin birth. The third chapter in the Koran places the history in a genealogy that goes back through Abraham, Noah, and Adam." I couldn't write it better than Bishop Fulton Sheen. He continued, "When one compares the Koran description of the birth of Mary with the apocryphal gospel of the birth of Mary, one is tempted to believe that Mohammad very much depended upon the latter." He writes, "When Mary was conceived by the old woman and sterile mother, the mother of Mary is made to say in the Koran, 'O Lord, I vow and I consecrate to you what is already within me. Accept it from me.' When Mary was born, the mother said, " And I consecrate her with all of her prosperity under thy protection, O Lord, against Satan." When Joseph inquired how Mary conceived Jesus without a father, Mary answered, "Do you not know that God, when He created the wheat, had no seed, and that God by His power made the trees grow without rain?" All that God had to do was to say, 'So be it', and it was done."



When his daughter Fatima died, Mohammad wrote, "Thou shalt be the most blessed of all the women in Paradise, after Mary." Fatima, Portugal is the place where Blessed Mother Mary chose to reveal herself to us for the salvation of souls and world peace. Why? In conclusion, Bishop Sheen shared the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was enthusiastically received in Africa and in India by Moslems. He shared, " Moslems attended church services in her honor; they allowed religious processions and even prayers before their mosques. Who were unconverted began to convert as soon as her statue was erected." (from Sheen's book THE WORLD'S FIRST LOVE MARY, MOTHER OF GOD)

**" In the end My Immaculate Heart will Triumph"**



## LET US PRAY WITH MARY

At a conference, a priest shared with us, Lucia told a cardinal in the Vatican, "We will know that the end of times are near when there is a disintegration of the sanctity of marriage and the family." Our Lady's peace plan taught us how to overcome. Let's pray:

Make everything you can a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country. (ANGEL OF PEACE 1916)

### Morning Offering Prayer

Oh my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, (Here kiss your Brown Scapular as a sign of your consecration. This carries a partial indulgence.) I offer thee the Precious Blood of Jesus present on all the altars of the world, joining with It the offering of my every thought, word and action of this day. O my Jesus, I desire today to gain every indulgence and merit I can, and I offer them, together with myself, to Mary Immaculate -that she may best apply them to the interests of thy most Sacred Heart. Precious Blood of Jesus, save us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Amen.

O my Jesus, I accept and bear with submission whatever suffering God will send me today, for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. ( Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917)

**Join us @St. Joseph Marian Center Annual Board Meeting**  
**Albany Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima,**  
**Our Lady's Blue Army**

**Saturday, June 11, 2016**  
**from 9:30 am - 11:00 am**

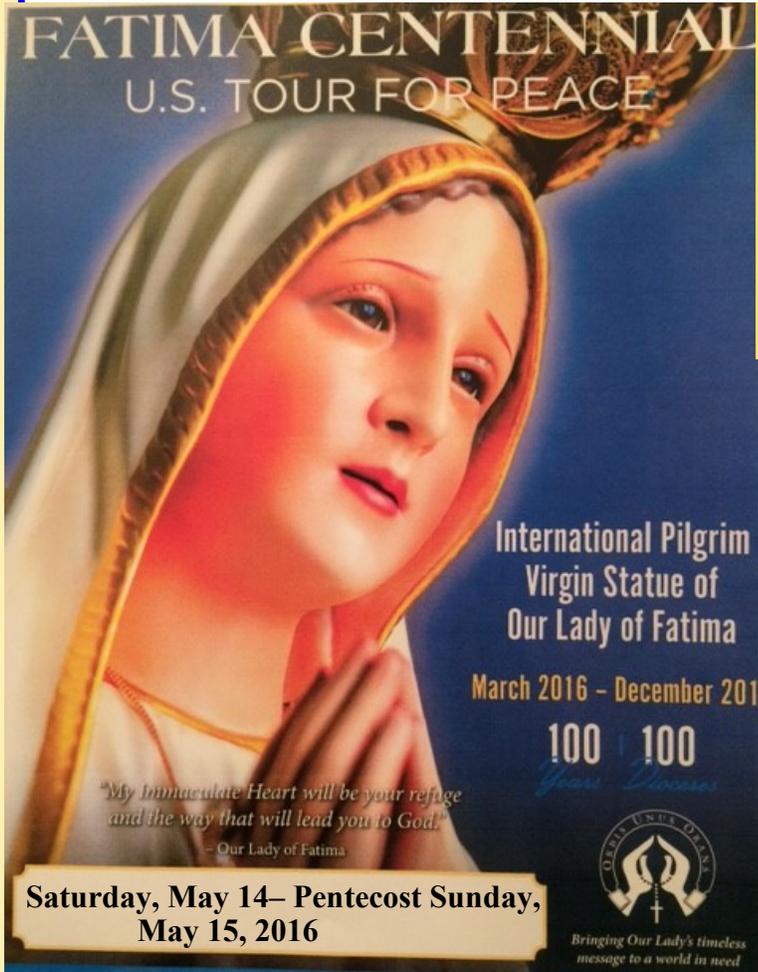
**At St. Madeleine Sophie Church**  
**3500 Carman Road**  
**Schenectady, NY 12303**

**Call Joanne O'Hara for further information at (518) 355-3897**

**Thank you for all your donations and support**

**During this celebration of Fatima's 100th anniversary,**  
**Let's Help Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Triumph**

## INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE IMAGE OF ON May 14 & 15, 2016



The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima sculpted in 1947 by famous sculptor Jose' Thedim. The purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue tours was and still is to bring the graces of Fatima and Our Lady's message of hope, peace, and salvation to those many millions of pilgrim who may never have an opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Fatima itself.

### SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR PARISHES

1. Procession of Statue into the Church.
2. Holy Mass (@ St. Luke's and St. Mary's)
3. Talk by Custodian.
4. Scapular Enrollment.
5. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6. Rosary—five decades.
7. Consecration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
8. Litany of Our Lady.
9. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
10. Private Prayers—the faithful may come before the statue, individually, until closing.
11. ALL NIGHT VIGIL—if pastor wishes.

### ON SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016:

**CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING**  
**Prayer and Talk** : 20 SUMPTER AVE.

ALBANY, NY 12203 (Guilderland)

**12-2:30PM**

Contact: **Lynne Roor** @ (518) 456-5005

**ST. LUKE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
1241 STATE STREET

SCHENECTADY, NY 12304

(3:30 ) **4 PM MASS— 7PM**

Contact: **REVEREND ISOPO** @  
(518) 346-3405

### ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

156 E. MAIN STREET  
AMSTERDAM, NY 12010

**10AM—4PM**

**10 AM MASS &**

**12:15 SPANISH MASS**

**THROUGH 4 PM**

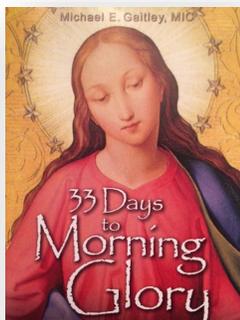
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Contact: **REVEREND L'ARCHE**

## CONSECRATION To Her Immaculate Heart TO JESUS THROUGH MARY For her 100th Anniversary 2016-2017

To Assist the Promise of the Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart; Say everyday, “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love,” Pope Francis.

*“Jesus take the wheel,! Take it from my hands, because I am on my own. I’m going to let it go, so give me one more chance; I’m sorry for the way I have been living my life. I know I’ve got to change, save me from this road I’m on... Jesus, take the wheel.”* In this song, Carrie Underwood’s lyrics describes how a young mother low on faith and low on gas, travelling to her parents house with her baby in the back seat. On a snowy white Christmas Eve, spins on a sheet of black ice and sees both their lives flash before her eyes and her promise to God. Are we in control of our lives? We realize not; when your child comes down with AML



Leukemia, when 9/11/2001 hits our nation, when tornados, hurricane winds blows, etc. We only have God to turn to. We know our lives on earth is like a blink of an eye. Live life because life is eternal when we die. So as my Dad would say, “So what are going to do about it? “ How can we help ourselves and our loved ones to also enter eternal life with us? Has Michael Gaitley’s books, MORNING GLORY; MERCIFUL LOVE, DO-IT-YOURSELF RETREAT consecrations help us? Did we give Jesus, through Mary ,the steering wheel of our lives so we can feel His peace with the positive understanding that all is possible with God? Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary truly is “the surest, easiest, shortest, and the most perfect means” to becoming a saint. **With Jesus all things are possible.**



What did the Fatima’s Angel of Peace and Our Lady of Fatima say? BE NOT AFRAID. As we continue our journey toward sainthood, the Holy Spirit will guide us. In the Bible, it states at least 365 times, BE NOT AFRAID/ DO NOT FEAR. How? The Gifts of the Holy Spirit received at the sacrament of Confirmation gives us the same strength and grace to go forward and serve the Lord as the Apostles received. Are we taught or do we remember the “spirit” of our faith? To understand the “Spirit” of our Catholic /Christian faith, can we love our Lord without the gift of the “Fear of the Lord”? By understanding the **Holy Spirit’s Gift** of the “**Fear of The Lord**”, we would understand how much we love God and when we love someone so much we fear of offending them, we would do anything to honor and love them back as much. We would be the one who would want to love God with all our heart, mind and soul. We will not be afraid of anything on this earth. As a result, this wanting to love our Lord Our God so much, gives us the clarity to understand **the next three gifts of; Piety and Fortitude** to obtain strength to persevere to fulfill God’s plan for us, receive His **Gift of Counsel** to Discern God’s will for us. To Discern has us ask, “are we offending God?” (Mother Angelica said this is the grace of her success.)

These four Gifts described above of the Holy Spirit are considered “Working Gifts” to open ourselves to the next **Gifts of Understanding and Knowledge**. The **last gift is the greatest of all is the Gift of Wisdom** we receive from God. When we unite ourselves to the whole truth allowing us detachment of this material world and embrace the eternal spiritual world. **We are called to be saints**, to use the weapons of goodness, compassion and love that don’t destroy. Do not be paralyzed with fear but embrace our anointing of the Holy Spirit!

So why through the Blessed Mother Mary? The answer came when Marcus Grodi asked Mother Angelica about Mary, during The Journey Home’s 4th Anniversary classic, who explained, through Mary’s Fiat. Blessed Mother said yes at the Annunciation. Jesus came through a family. Also Blessed Mother’s Fiat at the Wedding Feast at Cana when she asked Jesus to help with the needing more wine. Jesus was not reprimanding Mary, he was asking, “do you know what are you asking?” By Mary asking, she is giving her yes, her fiat for Jesus to start his ministry. Saying, “do whatever he tells you.” Lastly, Mother Angelica said scripture said, Mary STOOD at the Cross. She suffered crucifixion of love. Mary journeyed through our Savior’s life to the cross and is sometimes referred to as co-redemptrix. STOOD has two meanings,; one she physically STOOD at the foot of the cross, and two, she STOOD as the Mother of God. Wow. Jesus gave her to us from the cross, John behold your mother, woman behold your son. When we kneel in front of Mary’s image, we reflect Jesus’ life journey with Mary, and what better intercessor for us then she. VICTORY OF THE CROSS. Jesus! We empty ourselves of our worldly self and embrace our eternal life with joy, filled with and living the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Our Suffering is a gift to embrace our cross. (Mother Angelica rest in peace with God) **St. Joseph Marian Center donated 500 Morning Glory Books for Bishop Ed’s Diocesan Consecration.**  
**Thank You** [www.stjosephmariancenter.org](http://www.stjosephmariancenter.org) email: [stjosephmariancenter@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephmariancenter@gmail.com)

## What does Blessed Mother come to teach us

WE are privileged to have in our Albany Diocese the EWTN Radio Channel 1460 AM and WOPG-FM 89.9. Owners Tom and Laura Thelkeld started it in their retirement. (pax-et-bonum-radio.org) During our April 28 radio interview, (available on our website stjosephmariancenter.org) Tom and I shared Blessed Mother's calling since before birth. We discussed how our Lady came from God to teach us, her children, given to her/us from Jesus, from the cross. Our Mother.



Dr. Ray Guarendi asked us on EWTN Why discipline a child? He said, "You can't establish morals and character without it. Without discipline now, the world will judge our children later through judges, army sergeants, landlords, a police officer, an employer, ...a wife. Parents are the kindest most gentle teachers that a child is ever going to have about life. If we don't do it, it will be done by the world. Discipline without love will be harsh. Love without discipline is called, child abuse." Dr. Ray, a psychologist made me think.

We are God's children He sent Our Lady of Fatima who came down from heaven for the love for us. To protect us from the atheism entering into the world at the same time in 1917 giving us tools to overcome its effects and to save souls and bring peace into the world. If we do not consecrate Russia under the Pontificat of Pope Pius XI, there will be a sign in the sky (happened on Jan. 25, 1938), Russia will spread her errors (she did) throughout the world (now we have to also consecrate the world (done), provoking wars and persecutions of the Church; the good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer (pray for pope), and various entire nations will be annihilated. If my requests are fulfilled, Russia will be converted.. Finally my Immaculate Heart will Triumph... an era of peace will be granted to mankind." **Annihilation of nations prophesy happened as Russia took over all the countries around her.** Today, A third of our children's generation who hasn't seen the light of day has been annihilated that could be here. Also in other countries loss of population more than through wars. Will this annihilation continue for generations to come? Choose Life. In 2010 Russia made Abortions illegal and re-instated religious freedom. Lucia shared in their vision on July 13th, 1917, "We saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire;" He cried out in a loud voice: "Penance, Penance, Penance!" To Jesus through Mary, God gave us hope, His love and the answer.

We hear the predictions, the storms, the signs? etc. we are experiencing today. Our Blessed Mother gave us HOPE and her PEACE PLAN. (See also page 3.) Loving discipline. Honor God our Father and The Sacred Heart of Jesus His son, and venerate His Mother's Immaculate Heart for the Salvation of Souls and World Peace. We can overcome all the world sends us. **Thank you for your donations. God Bless you.**

## JOIN US IN OUR ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, NJ

**FRIDAY, May 13, 2016 6:00AM—8:30 PM**

- Bus leaves:
- 6:00AM—Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church  
1255 Pleasant St. Schenectady, 12303
  - 6:15AM—St. Madeleine Sophie Church  
3500 Carman Rd., Schenectady, 12303( back lot)
  - 6:45AM—Crossgates Commons, Washington Ave. Ext.  
(Park near Pet Smart behind Wal-Mart)
  - 7:15AM—Catskill Exit—NYS Thruway Lot



**COST—\$40.00.** Suggest bring own lunch and snacks for yourself. The bus will make rest stops to and from shrine. Wear comfortable shoes and bring jacket or sweater.

**Reservations—Call (518) 355-3897. We have 12 seats left. Make checks payable to: St. Joseph Marian Center, and mail to : SJMC, 112 Drahos Drive, Altamont, NY 12009**

## **JOIN OUR ROSARY GARDEN PRAYER ON THE 13TH**

This is the time of Year of Mercy; also the Year of the 100th Anniversary of the Angel in Fatima. Scripture describes angels as messengers. Here are the plans for the Victories for today. In the Book of Revelation 14:6 describes The Three Angels.

First Angel: Rev 14:6

*“Then I saw another angel flying high overhead, with everlasting good news to announce to those who dwell on the earth, to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.*

**LET US PRAY FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA’S VICTORY AT THE ROSARY GARDEN**



**WHERE:**

**Join us as we pray the rosary in front of the School of St. Madeleine Sophie Church  
3500 Carman Road  
Schenectady, NY 12303  
(Guilderland)**

**DATES & TIMES: all at 6:30pm**

**Friday, May 13, 2016**

**Monday, June 13**

**Wednesday, July 13**

**Saturday, August 13**

**Tuesday, September, 13**

**Thursday, October 13, 2016**

**For more information, contact us at:** St. Joseph Marian Center

Joanne O’Hara, President

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Altamont, NY 12009

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### **DURING THE EUCHARIST IS WHERE HEAVEN AND EARTH UNITE = MERCY**

#### **VICTORY OF THE CROSS**

May the joy of Easter be with us throughout the year. We relived Jesus' love and sacrifice dying for our sins to open the gates of heaven so we may obtain eternal life. This gives us a new beginning again. This year is a time of miracles, time of prayer and offering up our daily duties, saying our daily rosary, doing five 1st Saturday devotions, making our reconciliation, receiving Communion, for the Salvation of souls for world peace the Angel and Mary taught us in Fatima. Continue to follow and live Mary's 1917 Peace Plan.



#### **YEAR OF THE FATIMA ANGEL**

Truly during mass we are at Calvary. Appreciating the Eucharist unites Heaven with earth. All the angels and saints are present during the sacrifice of the mass. Offer up all your concerns and ask for His forgiveness. Jesus crosses all barriers. During the sacrifice of the mass allows us to enter the eternal heavenly liturgy. Pope Benedict XVI said, "(The Eucharist) It actually embraces heaven and earth, present and future." Continue to say God's messenger's Angel's prayers.

#### **POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMED AN EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY 12/8/15-11/20/16**

Cathedrals around the world in each diocese opened Holy Doors as Pope Francis has on Dec. 8, 2015, Our Lady's Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is a time for the church. This is our time where our witness as believers may grow stronger and be more effective to be the light of the Lord's words, BE MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER as a sign of pardon, charity and love. "to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters." Also, "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters. Then, "touched by (God's) compassion..." Become compassionate toward others." Console the Heart of Jesus.

(Inspired by the Misericordiae Vultus 3, 13, 25 in Magnificat Mercy Companion pg. 193) in MV 10,(MV 14) (MV 15) (Father Fox book Eucharist: Heaven & Earth Unite

Bishop Scharfenberger opened the designated Holy Door in the front entrance, on the right side marked door, as our Albany Diocese Holy Door, during full year of Mercy. As we enter through this Holy Door, as our designated door with yellow ribbons/fabric, to enter during our journey of faith. This offers the ability to gain the plenary or partial indulgence (according to para.1471). You may gain for the poor a soul in purgatory or oneself, giving us a complete release from the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven (as far as their guilt is concerned). Walk through the Holy Door in a state of grace, then go to Confession, receive Communion, pray for the Pope's intentions. **This is what our Lady's request in Fatima. To pray for poor souls, to go forth and serve our Lord.** [www.stjosephmariancenter.org](http://www.stjosephmariancenter.org) email: [stjosephmariancenter@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephmariancenter@gmail.com)

