

# 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 2017  
**A Message from our Director**



Dear Lord, We dedicate our Spring Season to all those who work for the precious gift of life: life which comes from you the Author of all life human and divine. To the one who knows the thoughts of each heart we thank You for those who work in your vineyard. We are the apple of your eye. We pray in thanksgiving for those who work for your people in the daily drama of life and death: life which is most special from the moment of conception to the hour of our death. Help us spread the truth that we are created in the divine image; in the divine image of male and female. We pray for those who do not understand. Be with us and for those brothers and sisters who have been called to a new life. We remember all of our friends and benefactors who work tirelessly in your vineyard. Help us to spread the news of the divine life within each man and woman; in each child born and preborn. Help all young mothers and fathers to choose life that they may be happy and receive a blessing. Christ came that we may have life and live in it to the full. Our Lady of Fatima restore our fortunes that may be pleasing to your Son, the Lord of life. Eve became the mother of all the living. As the new Eve you are our Mother in the realm of grace. Amen!

During this year dedicated to the consecrated life, we thank all of the Lord's modern day apostles for their God given vocations. St. Paul advises us 'Remember who your teachers were.' We do so gratefully and in thanksgiving and for generations yet to follow in the Lord's footsteps.

*Fr. Jeffrey, m.s.  
Chaplain*



IN MEMORY OF FATHER BANIAK— REST IN PEACE.  
**A message from Reverend Walter Baniak when he celebrated his  
50th anniversary of priesthood:**

"I joy in great privilege of having been pastor of the parish of the Most Holy Trinity in Troy, NY, for the past 14 years. As I look forward to celebrating my 50th anniversary of priesthood, I note a striking parallel to Lucia's last vision of the Most Blessed Trinity.

I dare ask your prayer, until God calls, I may continue to serve God's Triune Mystery. Our Father Pope John Paul II's visit to Fatima has renewed interest in its message. May that renewal include renewed interest also in Lucia's last vision of the Divine Trinity."

Father Baniak, thank you. May you rest in peace in the arms of Christ and His Mother Mary. Amen.

*Joanne O'Hara, President*



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Pope Francis at Ground Zero-EWTN

The World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army, is happy to announce:  
**Pope Francis Grants Plenary Indulgence  
for Fatima Centennial**  
(November 27, 2016 –November 26, 2017)  
**Jubilee Year of Fatima**  
**Granting of Plenary Indulgence**

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence opportunity for the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions throughout the centennial year, from the 27th of November 2016 till the 26th of November 2017.

There are three ways to obtain the indulgence, detailed in a statement from the Fatima Shrine in Portugal (see below).

To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must also fulfill the ordinary conditions: go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

**1. Make a pilgrimage to the shrine**

To the faithful who make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration of prayer dedicated to the Virgin. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke the Mother of God.

**2. Pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima**

To the faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October 2017, and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

**3. The elderly and infirm**

To the faithful who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around, may pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October 2017. They must also "offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives."

**Thank you Pope Francis for dedicating your Pontificat to Our Lady of Fatima, asking the bishop of Fatima to pray twice at Her apparition site for Her blessing. In this centennial year, may we pray with you for the salvation of souls and for world peace. Amen.**



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Pilgrim Statue from Fatima Will Be There

# **Bishop Scharfenberger is joining us For Our 100 Anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions 'A Fatima Pilgrimage'**

Sponsored by St Joseph Marian Center of the World  
Apostolate of Fatima, Albany Division

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

**At The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs  
Auriesville, New York**

- 9:00 am.....Check-In
- 9:30 am.....Welcome - Father Montesana, Auriesville
- 10:00 am.....Joyful Mystery
- 11:00 am.....Mass – For Our Lady of Fatima
- 12:00 pm.....Statue Procession - Luminous Mystery
- 12:45 pm.....Lunch in Visitor's Center
- 1:30 pm.....Open Activity/Prayer Time
  - Prayer in Ravine - Fatima DVD - Activities for Kids
  - Stations of the Cross - Sorrowful Mystery
- 2:15 pm.....Importance of Fatima Messages\* with Bishop
- 2:45 pm.....Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Ed \*
- 3:00 pm.....Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3:15 pm.....Glorious Mystery
- 4:00 pm.....Mother's Day Mass (\*Bishop Scharfenberger)

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**IF BOX LUNCH IS NEEDED**

Go online to - <http://bit.ly/2nE9kxr>

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**DEADLINE to order is May 8<sup>th</sup>**



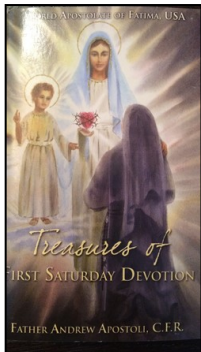
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## Our Lady's Peace Plan and 1st Saturday Devotion

Pope Francis Re-Consecrated all in 2013 dedicating his pontificat to Her.  
Bishop Scharfenberger Consecration of all of us and this diocese in the Year of Divine Mercy.  
During this 100th Anniversary of Grace may we continue to fulfill Our Lady of Fatima's peace plan by spreading The 1st Saturday devotions as Jesus has asked.

Mother Mary announced it on July 13, 1917, "to prevent war, that she would return to ask for Consecration of Russia devotion to her Immaculate Heart, and Reparation Communion on 1st Saturdays." Our Lady returned again to Sr. Lucia on December 10, 1925 saying, "Look at My Heart surrounded by the thorns with which ungrateful men at every moment pierce Me through blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least console me." Let us all console Our Mother's Immaculate Heart by doing and promoting this devotion. The thorns represent our sins around Her Heart. Acts of reparations remove them. In exchange for fulfilling this 1st Saturday true Devotion for five consecutive months, She promises us 'all the graces necessary for salvation.'

Jesus himself appeared twice in the two years following 1925 from Our Lady. On February 15, 1926 and again on February 17, 1917. Jesus insists the spreading of this devotion. Sr. Lucia wrote: 'War or peace in the world depends on the practice of this devotion for the 1st Saturdays, together with the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'



### WHY FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS?

On the night of May 29, 1930, Our Lord revealed to Sr. Lucia why Jesus asked for the Five First Saturdays. "My daughter, the motive is simple: there are five ways in which people offend and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. **The Blasphemies against Her Immaculate Conception.**
2. **Against Her Virginity.**
3. **Against Her divine maternity, refusing at the same time to accept her as the Mother of all mankind.**
5. **Those who try publicly to implant in children's hearts, indifference, contempt and hate against this Immaculate Mother.**
6. **Those who insult her directly in Her sacred images."**

This devotion carries with it the assurance of the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of death. However, derive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed. The stipulations:

1.) Confession, (8 days before or after); 2.) Holy Communion; 3.) Five Decades of the Rosary; 4.) Mediation on one or more of the Rosary Mysteries for 15 minutes; 5.) To do all these things in the spirit of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; 6.) To observe these practices on 1st 5 Saturday on 5 consecutive months. (Source: Messenger of the World Apostolate of Fatima International Magazine. Volume 3/2008)

[May participate in 1st Saturday Devotion @ 8 Am Mass on EWTN TV and 1460 AM Radio.](#)

Our Lady of Fatima asked us to Pray the rosary daily. Consecrate to God through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and wear the brown scapular as a sign of your consecration, offer reparation (sacrifices demanded by our daily duty) through the Morning Offering, Accomplish the devotion of the Five First Saturdays of the month including fifteen minutes of mediation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

The Consecration to Russia was suppose to be fulfilled during the Pontificat of Pope Pius XI. Our Lady said if not done by his time, a worst war (WWII) would come **and Russia would spread her errors throughout the world**. Because of the St. Pope John Paul's successful Consecration in 1984, now, "30,000 churches in Russia; from 22 to now 800 seminaries; from zero to over 100 theological schools. Russia is now restoring its civil law mirroring God's moral ones. One of few developed countries where the importance of Christian faith is still growing." (source: DVD: Wolf in Sheep Clothing, EWTN)



# WELCOME TO FATIMA, PORTUGAL

As we arrived in Portugal, it was like entering another time of a simpler life in a foreign land. We took the Domus Pacis shuttle bus through very narrow curving streets. It seemed we could almost touch the buildings as we travelled by. It was amazing how easily our driver drove through these narrow streets with ease. We arrived at Domus Pacis (The House of Peace) on the edge of the Cova, behind the Basilica. Walking distance to the apparition site. In front of Domus, is a 2 story high white statue of Mary greeting her pilgrims with a rosary in one hand and a scapula in the other. We were honored to come here in 2010 when Pope Benedict XVI visited and we returned for a Fatima Conference in 2011, where we witnessed presentations from the present Bishop of Fatima. Most Reverend Antonio Marto, blessed all our statues, Fatima water and other souvenirs we collected during our trip. The WAF International Secretariat Nuno Prazeres grandfather grew up with Francisco. His grandfather shared many stories about the time of the apparitions and said it was Nuno's mission to keep the memories alive. Ana Reis is also the International Secretariat of WAF. Ana is a direct descendant of Jacinta cousin, Maria Rosa. We were honored to hear Nuno's interview of Lucia's cousin, Maria Dos Anjos. She was 2 years old when the Miracle of the Sun occurred. We enjoyed Ana's interview with her grandmother.



When Pope Benedict XVI came to Fatima in 2010, it was an exciting time. We enjoyed an extraordinary Candlelight vigil and rosary procession with so many people from many countries the night before.

It was a misty rainy day the day of his arrival. Our youth from several countries saved our spot on the Cova at 4:00AM. I asked our daughter Emily to open our rainbow colored umbrella so we knew where they were. The priests had white ones. Deirdre was watching from the infirmed balcony. EWTN caught a view of her on TV. Then a rainbow appeared over the Cova. Shortly after, the rain stopped and the sun began to appear through the clouds. Amazing. Pope Benedict XVI rode down the path among the crowd and stopped at the Apparition site to visit Our Lady and gave Her a gold Rose. Then up to the area near where we sat. To see him so close. During the lengthy Communion time of the Mass, Pope Benedict XVI carried the Monstrance with our Lord. He stopped at the end of our row and blessed us and all the ill along the way, glad to receive his blessing. (Pope is dressed in Gold below.)



During our tours while in Fatima, in 2010, our historian tour guide said, "Pope John Paul II felt his pontificate ended the day he was shot, May 13, 1981. He dedicated the rest of his life fulfilling the requests of Our Lady of Fatima." Our last night in Fatima, we visit an old castle, now a restaurant, with all our new friends we met as apart of our tour. These memories, are a true gift.



Farewell Dinner in Castle

You can walk down to the Cova and visit the apparition site. The small chapel with Our Lady stands protected in glass, with a roof cover built when Pope John Paul II visited. On the left, facing the apparition site, is a fire pit where pilgrims light intentions candles (purchased directly across the site,) where it is believed Blessed Mother opened the Earth and showed the 3 children Hell on July 13, 1917. We lit candles there for all of you in the Albany Diocese, our families, and from the donations given us to light for them. Around the apparition site is a sidewalk

where Our Lady directed Lucia to pray in answer to Lucia's request to heal her mother. Many pilgrims are found crawling upright on their knees or walking along the path praying the rosary. Deirdre helped me do the same.

At the top of the oval shaped Cova area (the ground is all cemented ) is the Basilica that was built in an arch similar to the Vatican with statues on top. Blessed

Mother is center in the Basilica steeple with a beautiful golden crown and cross on the top of the steeple. It is as if it is embracing and inviting us in. The "arms are the balconies where the infirmed sit on the left and on the right is a 24 hour Adoration Chapel and a walk way to the museum and the site where a part of the Berlin wall stands. A white dove was perched in a nearby tree near the Berlin Wall. Inside the Museum are dona-

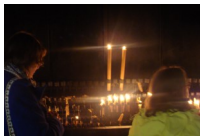
tions of pontiffs robes and miters and gifts these popes have given. The most impressive is the Golden crown that was made of all the jewels thanking Mother Mary for protecting Portugal from WWII. Opposite the Basilica, where the Cova declines then inclines again, is a newly built Holy Trinity Church

which can seat more than 9000 pilgrims.. Outside is a large statue of Pope Saint John Paul II bowing as he holds his staff, facing the apparition site and the Basilica. Inside is a contemporary gold background replicating pilgrims coming to Fatima and its history with the Crucified Christ centered behind the Altar.

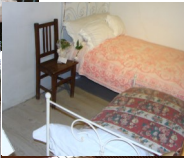
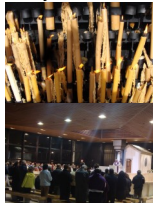
In the center of the Cova is a large pillar. The Sacred Heart of Jesus stands with his arms open wide. At the

base of the pillar is where water faucets are for pilgrims to fill their bottles. There was no water found in the Cova, then miraculously this site produced water.

**We were honored to have Father Apostoli as our tour guide throughout our visits at all the apparition sites.**



Pray for souls



Lucia's Home

Angel Apparition in 1916

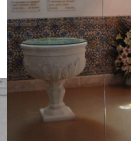


Tombs moved to Basilica

Family 4th decade rosary in English



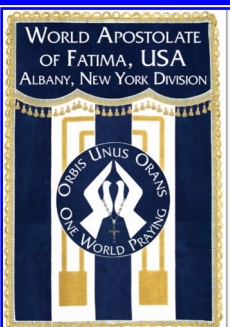
Their Baptismal Font



St. Anthony Cemetery Francisco and Jacinta 1st buried. Moved to Basilica.







## **OUR LADY OF FATIMA 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**WE ARE DEDICATING THIS 100TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR FOR  
OUR BISHOP AND THE PRIESTHOOD IN OUR DIOCESE**

### **Theme: Our Lady's Peace Plan: 1st Saturday Devotion**

- **Saturday, May 13:** 9AM—4PM Mass — **100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT AURIESVILLE SHRINE, 11 AM FATIMA MASS; and 4 PM WITH MOTHER'S DAY MASS WITH BISHOP ED.** Rosaries, activities and processions. ( See Flyer; pg. 3)
- **Tuesday, May 16:** 9:00AM—St. Joseph Church, 35 North Hill St. Greenwich, NY 12834
- **Monday, May 31:** 6-8 PM—St. James Church, 117 Hudson Ave, Chatham, NY 12037
- **Saturday, June 10:** 4PM Mass: **Sunday, 6/11-11AM Mass: Monday, 6/12-9AM Mass at Our Lady Of Hope, Whitehall, 9 Wheeler Ave., Whitehall, NY 12887—(518) 499-1656**
- **Tuesday, June 13:** 9AM Closing Mass with Students, St. Madeleine Sophie Church
- **Thursday, July 13:** Bus trip to National World Apostolate of Fatima
- **July 13:** is open for Our Lady may visit a church
- **Sunday, August 13:** Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and infirm, 600 Wood Road, Germantown, NY 12526 ( time to be determined) Open to the public.
- **September 13:** is open
- **Saturday, September 30:** Catskill—Our Lady of Suffrage (518) 943-5745
- **Saturday, October 14:** 12PM—St. Michael The Archangel Church, 175 Williams Rd, Troy 12180
- **Friday, October 13:** - **Join EWTN with your children/class with the Children of the Eucharistic Holy Hour, see with students about 10 or 11 AM on EWTN Time Warner channel TV 78, or 285 on FIOS. (see contact information below)**

**Mrs. Connie Schneider—[www.childrenoftheeucharist.org](http://www.childrenoftheeucharist.org)**

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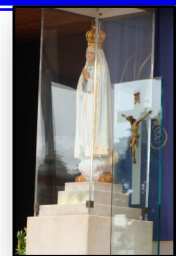


Mgnr. Colgan Blue Army Founder 1947

### FATIMA, A TRUE MESSAGE OF HOPE Jesus, In Your Divine Mercy, Preserve Us WELCOME.WE ARE BRINGING FATIMA, PORTUGAL TO YOU.



### DEDICATING OUR 100TH YEAR TO THE PRIESTHOOD, FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS AND WORLD PEACE.



- Come join our travels, and pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal through this newsletter. We will share our trips from 2010 with Pope Benendict XVI and the Conference in 2011.  
**We are bringing Fatima experience to you.**
  - Join our Pilgrimage in union with our travelling Immaculate Heart of Fatima Pilgrim Image Statue at Auriesville on Saturday, May 13, 2017 concluding with a Mother's Day Mass Celebrated by Bishop Scharfenberger.
  - We will ask of Blessed Mother, as Lucia did, "What do you want of me."
  - Obtain Pope Francis' Plenary Indulgence, from Nov. 27, 2016—Nov. 26, 2017. Our Year of Grace with Mary dedicated to Our Priests, The Blue Army was begun by Monsignor Colgan, (Without priests, there is no peace)
  - see schedule; Our Lady of Fatima pilgrim image is invited in our diocese
- Our Theme is based on Jesus' request for 1st Saturday's Devotions**  
Peace does not come through guns, war, riots or complaining. Peace comes from turning back to God; it comes through prayer, sacrifices, The Eucharist. "Look around us and see; God is calling us. Mother Mary is showing us the way" through her 100 year/centenary years of Grace.. Embrace it.

**"Be not afraid. I come from heaven, to bring peace."**

**Trust in God is stronger (then fear).**

**(YOUR DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED)**

