

# National Shrine Basilica of OUR LADY OF FATIMA NEWSLETTER

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The Barnabite Fathers wish a most healthy and peace-filled New Year to all our Shrine benefactors, volunteers, staff and friends.

## SHRINE RESUMES "REGULAR" HOURS

\* Temporary beginning January 3, 2022 \*

### OFFICE & GIFT SHOP

Monday - Thursday 12Noon-5pm

Friday 11am-7pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm

### CAFETERIA

Friday 11am-7pm



## 3-DAY BAKE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS!!

The Fatima Shrine Bakers Guild's annual 3-Day Christmas Bake Sale was held from Friday, December 3rd through Sunday, December 5th this year. The annual Bake Sale also included its traditional mini Bazaar and Basket Raffle. The Renovation fundraiser was **the MOST** successful **EVER**, raising just over \$4000!! The event was chaired by Barb Hall, and assisted by volunteers: Marie Ciavatta, Francesca Clause, Tina Feibusch, Connie Gonzales, Jen Martin, Charlene Perez, Betty Piernik, Beverly Ponticello, and Knights of Columbus Ermo Cercone and Bob Hall. The Barnabite Fathers and the Committee wish to thank all of our great bakers for their wonderful generosity, as well as to all who supported this fundraiser! Special thanks goes out to The Cookie Cottage, Wilson, NY for their beautiful cookie donation.

- See pg. 4 for photos

## FR. ROY HERBERGER'S INTERNATIONAL NATIVITY SETS

Fr. Roy Herberger's International Nativity Exhibit, featuring over 300 nativity displays from his collection of over 600 sets from around the world, has been on display since the beginning of this year's Festival of Lights. On display in Fatima Hall, and through the help of 29 volunteers, has attracted nearly 1500 guests to-date. The exhibit will be open on January 2, 2022 from 12N-9pm (closed January 1st). There will also be an encore viewing of the display on the same weekend as the Festival of Light Benefit and Basket Auction to coincide with the Basket Preview days. The display will be open for viewing on Friday, January 14, from 11am-7pm, Saturday, January 15, from 9am-6pm, and Sunday, January 16, from 2-5pm. Admission is free. All are most welcome.



(above): Over 300 Nativity sets from Fr. Roy Herberger's collection of over 600 international Nativity scenes are on display in Fatima Hall.

See pg. 4 for news about Renovation Progress, new Digital Street Sign, and new Stain Glass Windows in Pilgrim Center.

## FACEMASKS



are required in all public places regardless of vaccination status until January 15, or until NYS lifts this requirement.

## 2021 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CLOSES JANUARY 2, 2022



The Very Rev. Peter Calabrese, Shrine Rector, blesses the outdoor lighted Nativity scene on Saturday, November 20th, the opening day of the 2021 Festival of Lights following the opening 4pm Mass. The Holy Family features of this Nativity scene were refurbished with new lighting by Brian Brant, in collaboration with Fr. Julio Ciavaglia, Rector Emeritus.

## Festival of Lights Benefit 2022



### 16th Annual FESTIVAL of LIGHTS BENEFIT & AUCTION SUNDAY, JAN. 16, 2022

The 16th annual Festival of Light Benefit and Basket Auction will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2022, in the Shrine dining room.

At 5:00pm, doors open, Basket Auction ticket sales begin and Wine-tasting opens, courtesy of Super Market Liquors of Niagara Falls. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:45pm; remarks and benediction at 6:15pm, and dinner served at 6:30pm. The menu includes: Antipasto, Clams a la Como, Rigatoni w Red Sauce, Chicken Marsala, Breaded Pork Chop, Italian String Beans, Pizza Bread & Roll, Spumoni and Cookies prepared by the Como Restaurant.

Dinner tickets are \$50 each. Tickets are available at the Shrine Office or by calling (716) 754-7489.

The evening features a 300+ Basket Auction, Golden Ticket Raffle, door prizes, 50/50 split, and musical entertainment.

The success of this event has been greatly helped by the generous donation of baskets or basket items. The Benefit Committee is seeking help with high-end basket donations. Any assistance in this regard is most greatly appreciated. Ideas for high-end themed baskets include: family passes to places such as Great Wolf Lodge, Splash Lagoon and Darien Lake; gift certificates and lottery tickets; holiday and travel themes; tools, electronics, household and garden items, toys, sporting goods and memorabilia, to name a few. We like surprises, too.

Please note: NYS no longer permits the raffling off of wine or liquor, but gift certificates for the same are permitted and most welcome!

**Basket Auction Preview:** Friday, January 14th 11am-7pm  
Saturday, January 15th 9am-6pm  
Sunday, January 16th 9am-3pm

The Cafeteria will be open Friday, January 14th for Fish Fry, from 11am-7pm and open Saturday, January 15th, from 10am-6pm, serving Roast Beef dinners, Roast Beef on Kimmelwick, and Chili among other menu items.

## UPCOMING SHRINE CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

### JANUARY 2022

#### Sat., Jan. 1st - FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Masses: 11:30am and 4:00pm Rosary: 11:00am and 3:30pm  
Confessions: 11:00am and 3:30pm Adoration: 12:15pm

#### Fri., Jan. 14th - FESTIVAL OF LIGHT BENEFIT BASKET PREVIEW

11am - 7pm Featuring over 300 Baskets! Fish Fry 11am-7pm

#### Sat., Jan. 15th - FESTIVAL OF LIGHT BENEFIT BASKET PREVIEW

9am - 6pm Cafeteria serving Roast Chicken dinner and more

#### Sun., Jan. 16th - FESTIVAL OF LIGHT BENEFIT BASKET PREVIEW

9am - 3pm Cafeteria closed for service. Masses 9am, 12N & 5pm

#### Sun., Jan. 16th - FESTIVAL OF LIGHT BENEFIT & BASKET AUCTION

5pm Doors open/Wine Tasting 5:45pm Hors d'oeuvres  
6:15pm Remarks & Benediction 6:30pm Dinner Served  
7pm Basket ticket drawing begins

### FEBRUARY 2022

#### Sat., Feb. 5th - FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS (See above schedule)

### MARCH 2022

#### Wed., Mar. 2 - ASH WEDNESDAY Masses: 11:30am, 4pm & 6:30pm

Ashes will be distributed during Mass  
ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY 11am - 8pm



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wed. & Fri. from 12Noon - 4:00pm.

Adorer needed for Wed. and Fri. from 2-3pm

Please call 754-7489 if you can help with this important ministry.

## BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP

Mondays \* 7:30pm \* Fatima Hall

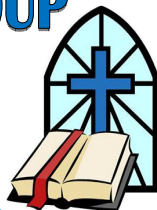
Please bring bibles.

For information, call Fr. Peter at 754-7489.

### VIA ZOOM

To join Zoom Meeting go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 936 8091 2873 Password: 863876



## SHRINE COUNCIL #14622



for information on membership, call Fr. Peter at 754-7489 or e-mail the Council at [office@fatimashrine.com](mailto:office@fatimashrine.com)

### CAFETERIA SERVICE

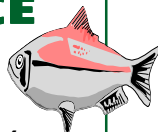
#### FRIDAY FISH FRY \* 11am-7pm

Fried or baked fish **cooked to order.**

"Buy 8, get the next FREE" coupons available w/ purchase.  
No expiration. Good year-round!

**BUFFET & SIT DOWN SERVICE.** Reservations required.

The Barnabite Fathers appreciate your support ! Thank you !



### 49<sup>th</sup> Annual MARCH for LIFE Friday, January 21, 2022

Please call the Diocese of Buffalo Office of Pro-Life Activities at (716) 847-2205 for more information.

## ✠ PRAYER INTENTIONS ✠

Please remember in your prayers:

**The Barnabite Fathers**  
especially

for the health of **Frs. Louis M. Solcia, Richard M. Delzingaro and Julio M. Ciavaglia**

for the men in **Barnabite Formation**, and  
**the Barnabite monthly intentions:**

**January:** May the initiatives of the Ecumenical Council of Christian Churches be fertilized by the spirit of truth, freedom, and charity for the advent of an era of peace in the world. We pray to the Lord.

**February:** May the memory of the approval of the Congregation founded by Saint Anthony Maria Zaccaria awaken in every Barnabite, Angelic, and the Laity of Saint Paul the ardent desire to become a great saint. We pray to the Lord.

### All the faithful departed

Theresa D'Aloise Barbara McDermott  
Boulos "Paul" Gatas Thomas May Paul Jordan  
Stefano Morreale, Rose Morreale's father

All of the sick and healing, especially:  
Fr. Andre "Fr. Pat" Patenaude, MS

Craig Allan	Dr. Megan Johnson	Jackie & Marion
Debbie Baldwin	Barbara Johnson	Pagano
Mary Bucciarelli	Peggy Johnson	Joanne Robbins
Sue Campbell	Kathy Kean	Anne Sauvageau
Ermo Cercone	Camille Kiedrowski	Tim, Jackie, Kathy &
Richard Christy, Jr.	Barbara Krueger	Jeremy Slattery
Julie O'Connor-	Ron Lester	Abigail Schuster
Colvin	Jarod Lombardi	Anthony Villa
Diane Conklin	Gabriella Markie	Tom Wakeman
Carmela Esposto	Bill McKrell	Sarah, Nicki, Sean
Kathy Gallagher	Paul Moran	Baby Adela, Jen
Peter Gatas	Nick Morreale	& Tommy
Gruarin Family	Gene Pacia	
Richard Harden	Elaine & Bob Pagani	

All those who asked the Shrine for prayers.

Living and Deceased US Military Personnel throughout the world.

For an end to abortion and for world peace.

For the Holy Father, Pope Francis and his Monthly Intentions:  
<http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

The Barnabite Fathers remember all visitors & Shrine supporters in their daily Community prayers, and thank you for yours.



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for the latest news & upcoming events.



**WLOF 101.7 FM**  
**Catholic Radio**  
**The Station of the Cross**

### SHRINE FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

1. Recycling of INK-JET CARTRIDGES
2. On-line shopping: [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
3. POP CANS & BOTTLES Drop off daily or call for pickup  
390,000+ bottles / cans for \$19,500+  
collected to-date!



Call 754-7489 for more info. Your support is greatly appreciated!





## A BARNABITE MOMENT January/ February 2022

“Greater love hath no man than this . . .” John 15:13

When searching through the Barnabite Menologio for inspiration for this column, it is always amazing to see the number of accomplished Barnabites in such a vast array of fields of expertise - science, business, architecture, arts, education, administration, theology - to list a few. Fr. Pini is accomplished to be sure, but he is most exceptional in how he endured the Napoleonic suppression of religious congregations and continued suppression under Italian unification.

### FATHER ERMENEGILDO PINI Mathematician, Philosopher, Scientist (1739-1825)

“Father Pini is well known in the world of Mathematics and Science. Parented by Dominic Pini and Domenica Venini, he was born in Milan on June 17, 1739. He studied with the Scolopi and the Jesuits before asking for admission to our Congregation when he was 17. On October 24, 1756, he entered the novitiate in Monza where he changed his name from Carlo to Ermenegildo. He studied philosophy in St. Barnabas, theology in Rome, and was ordained a priest on December 18, 1762. Fr. Colombo describes him, “. . . architect, geologist, creator of new geodetic instruments, mineralogist, scholar in metallurgy, mathematics, sublime philosopher, and scientist. In short Fr. Pini has the honor of being one of the most eminent figures in a century fertile with supreme intellects.”

In 1765 Fr. Pini was selected to succeed Fr. DeRegis as teacher of calculus in St. Alexander. Although very young, he was equal to those who had many years of experience. From 1771 to 1812, he was the first to chair the newly established department of Natural History, and he took charge of the Museum of Natural History which the Empress Mary Therese had entrusted to the Barnabites of St. Alexander. He also provided new and precious minerals for the Museum of the University of Pavia. Together with Father Francis Fontana, he took a sabbatical from teaching to visit the literary and scientific establishment of the State of Vienna in 1773.

In addition to being among the first to be nominated by Napoleon to the National Institute, Fr. Pini was also nominated Secretary of the Public Schools, and he eventually received the medal as a Knight of the Crown. He was a member of many scientific academies.

Fr. Rovida wrote of Fr. Pini, “In 1810, when Napoleon suppressed all the Religious Congregations, Fr. Pini did not want to leave his way of life. So, he obtained permission to keep living in his humble cell in St. Alexander. He continued to serve the parish, he continued to teach, and he served as an example to the new confreres. The deepest longing of his heart was to see the restoration of the Order.”

But the Lord did not grant him his desire. Fr. Pini died on January 3, 1825, at the age of 86.”

<https://www.barnabites.com/january/>

May we find what God is calling us to do, young and old alike - be it a first call, or even a “call within a call.” May we find it so compelling that it be worth living and dying for. May we fervently pray for each other - that when God calls us to that work, that the strength needed to answer “yes” be there when we truly need it most. Amen!

### January Birthdays

1 - Fr. Frank M. Papa, CRSP  
11 - Jeremy Slattery

### February Birthdays

10 - Katie Gojevic  
18 - Gail Hastings

### March Birthdays

2 - Matthew Gojevic



## FROM FATIMA

### THE ANGELS OF THE ANNUNCIATION and FATIMA

A year before Our Lady appeared to the 3 children of Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, the Angel of Peace appeared to prepare the children for Our Lady's visit.

Two millennia before that, the Angel, Gabriel, appeared to a young virgin maiden and invited her to prepare the world for the coming of Our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. This world - changing moment in time we call The Annunciation.

Upon accepting Her Fiat to the Divine Will and Salvific Plan, the Angel's announcement to Mary that she would conceive and bare a son seems incomprehensible, as even Mary, herself, asked how could it be possible as she did not know man.

And yet, bare she did, and a Son was born.

Who was this chosen Virgin that made Her so very special?

In a marvelous way and hidden for centuries from the children of Adam and Eve, the mystery of our salvation unfolded with Mary's arrival to their world. She was born as a daughter of Joachim and Ann but Her conception was unique beyond all imagining.

Our Lady's own conception was immaculate – for how else could the pure Son of God, Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, be born as a Divine Person except from One who had been conceived without sin. (A vessel of pure crystal water is not poured into a dirty glass).

As part of this plan of salvation, Mary takes on the role of Mother but not just to Jesus. By God's Will, She is the Mother of us all. And it is as Mother that Our Lady has continuously visited us, her children, throughout the centuries, instructing us, consoling us, pleading with us to turn away from sin and to follow - not her - but her Son, Jesus.

And so it was at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. How wonderful that a God-Sent Angel in 1916 came first to prepare the children for their Mother's visit. It was in this preparation that the children learned more of Jesus and the beauty of adoration of Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Furthermore, as Gabriel told Our Lady not to fear at the Annunciation, Our Lady offered the same consolation to the 3 children of Portugal: Do not be afraid.

While some of Our Lady's messages, particularly at Fatima are severe, they are not without Hope. She invites us to follow the path to Jesus through prayer and repentance. Our acceptance or rejection of that invitation has its rewards or consequences. We are never forced to believe, but always lovingly invited.

Next time the First Mystery of the Rosary is prayed, may a loving image of Our Lady accepting, with joy and ecstasy, move our hearts to truly accept Our Lady as our Mother and Jesus as our Brother! They will never abandon us. May we never abandon them.

- with gratitude to Fr. Alfred Pehrsson, CM

**First Saturday Devotions at Fatima Shrine:** Rosary and Confession at 11am and 3:30pm, before each Mass. Eucharistic Adoration at 12:15pm. Follow the message of Fatima - wear your Brown Scapular, pray the Rosary, make sacrifices to save souls, and Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Can you commit to an hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Lord on Wednesdays or Fridays between 12Noon and 4:00pm? We also have Rosary and Benediction every Sunday at 3:00pm.

## FATIMA BOOKSTORE: BOOK REVIEW



**MIRACULOUS IMAGES OF OUR LADY:  
100 Famous Catholic Portraits and Statues**

**JOAN CARROLL CRUZ**  
Tan Books, 1993, 458pgs.

Joan Carrol Cruz is a best-selling author of many books about Our Lady and her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In this work she includes many photos, both in color and black and white, of paintings, images and statues of Our Lady. These Church-approved works, from all over the world, spanning 2000 years, tell of the many miraculous appearances of Our Lady and the stories behind the mysteries of these appearances. Joan Carrol Cruz also tells of the many names that Our Lady has been given and how they came to be.

Many of them I had not heard of before. What this book tells us is that, while we know that Mary is very important to us, it also instructs us of her wonders from around the world.

- Review by Judy Kirkpatrick

Other Marian books available include:

John Paul II, The Pope Who Understood Fatima, by Eduardo Siguenza

The Third Secret of Fatima, by Fr. Charles M. Mangan  
What Do You Want of Me? The Apparitions and Message of Fatima, by Fr. Charles M. Mangan

The Shrine's Religious Articles and Bookstore also carries an array of books and DVDs for children of all ages. Topics include the Mass, prayer, lives of the saints, and more.



### 3-DAY BAKE SALE - Dec 3-5



The 3-Day Christmas Bake Sale raised just over \$4000 towards the Shrine's Renovation. (left) Beverly Ponticello, Jen Martin, Tina Feibusch, Barb Hall (chair) Marie Ciavatta, Betty Piernik and Bob Hall. Missing from picture are Francesca Clause, Connie Gonzales and Charlene Perez.



(above) Knights of Columbus Ermo Cercone and Bob Hall ran a very successful Basket Raffle.



(left): Just a sample of the cookie platters that helped to make this event so successful.

### RENOVATION PROGRESS

The Fathers have contracted with Gerald Strickland, architect, working with WSP Engineering, and Vincent Jowdy of American Glass, for design & bid drawings for the next phase of the Renovation Project. Bill Rice and Jerome Bobak have been working with the Fathers and are instrumental in their guidance.



The Barnabite Fathers have entered into an agreement with Cooper Sign Co, Niagara Falls, NY to build an illuminated, digital sign in front of the Shrine property on Swann Road. The Town of Lewiston has granted a variance, and remaining permits are in process. The sign is expected to be installed in early Spring. Donations are being accepted towards the completion of this project.


### MORE STAIN GLASS WINDOWS FROM BETHLEHEM, PA



Brian Brant, Dennis Eagan and Ron Brant prep and install stain glass windows in the lobby windows of the Pilgrim Center. Back lighting is also being installed for illumination after dark. The windows were brought up from the Barnabite Spiritual Center, Bethlehem, PA after its sale last year. Installation is expected to be completed later this month.



### JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FR. ROY HERBERGER's INTERNATIONAL NATIVITY EXHIBIT</b> in Fatima Hall 5pm-9pm every night that the Festival Lights are on except New Year's Eve & Day						<b>1 HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> Masses: 11:30am & 4pm LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED CAFÉ CLOSED
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