



# National Shrine Basilica of OUR LADY OF FATIMA NEWSLETTER

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+ WE WORK AND PRAY TO END THE SIN OF RACISM AND WHITE SUPREMACY +

## SHRINE'S RENOVATION FEATURED IN "THE BUFFALO NEWS"

The Buffalo News, on Monday, May 9, 2022 featured in a front page article in their "City & Region" section, the progress underway regarding the renovation of the Basilica. Reporter, Mark Sommer, interviewed the Very Rev. Peter Calabrese and Buffalo architect, Gerald Strickland who elaborated on the need to replace the glass on the dome Basilica, and the technical aspects of the project, respectively. The article also included the need for a capital campaign. The project will cost \$3.7 million, of which the Shrine has already raised \$1.5 million. Fr. Peter has since begun a search for an experienced fundraiser.

## GARDEN PARTY & FLOWER SHOW

**Saturday, June 18th**  
**3:00-7:30pm**

Appetizer Platters 4:00-5:00pm  
Gourmet Buffet 6:00pm

**Buffet Tickets: \$30**  
**Paid for by June 15th**  
**No At Door Tickets this year.**

Floral Basket Auction • Hanging Basket Sale  
Cash Wine & Beer Tent • Free Fried Dough  
Ladies' & Gents' Garden Hat Contest

### MENU

Honey Mustard Glazed  
Chicken Breast

Pork Tenderloin Shish Kabob  
w/ Hawaiian Glaze

Mozzarella-stuffed Meatballs  
in Marinara Sauce

Salads & Pastas

Roasted Veggies

Dessert Table

Hot & Cold Beverages

## PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

On Friday, March 25, 2022, on the Feast of the Annunciation, the Barnabite Fathers and members of the Shrine's family of staff, friends, benefactors and visitors gathered in the National Shrine Basilica to join in praying with Pope Francis for an end to the war in Ukraine, and to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



above: The Very Rev. Peter Calabrese and Fr. Frank Papa lead the assembled in praying for an end to the war in Ukraine.

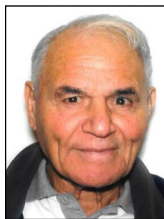
## IN MEMORIAM

### ROSE MARY SPOTH

Rose Mary Spoth, long-time friend of the Barnabite Fathers and Fatima Shrine, passed away on March 21, 2022. Rose Mary and the Spoth family have been donating flowers for the Shrine gardens and fundraising events for decades, the beauty of which has made Shrine pilgrims' visits all the more memorable. Our heartfelt condolences to Rose's children, Donald, Jr., Daniel, Michael, Alan and Dulce, and her dear friend, Fr. Dan Young.



### ROSARIO O. MALFA



Rosario O. Malfa, long-time friend of the Barnabite Fathers, and Fatima Shrine, passed away on April 15, 2022, Good Friday. Rosario was a bricklayer and stone mason. Many of the pedestals on the Shrine's grounds were lovingly built by him. Fr. Julio dubbed Rosario the "Michelangelo of Bricklayers." Our heartfelt condolences to Rosario's wife of 67 years, Rose Marie, and to his children MaryAnn, Riccardo (Rick), and Antoinette, and his 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Eternal rest grant until Rose Mary and Rosario's souls, O Lord and perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Your peace. Amen.

### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Celestine Chaney, Roberta Drury, Andre Mackniel, Katherine Massey, Margus Morrison, Heyward Patterson, Aaron Salter, Geraldine Talley, Ruth Whitfield and Pearl Young, the innocent victims of racial hatred in the mass shooting in Buffalo on May 14, 2022, and for their grieving families and community.

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

### RESCHEDULED FoFL BENEFIT & AUCTION



The rescheduled Festival of Lights Benefit & Basket Auction, annually held in January, will be held on Saturday, July 23rd. Dinner tickets are \$50. Doors will open at 5pm, Wine-Tasting and Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30pm, and Dinner at 6:15pm. All proceeds benefit the Shrine Basilica's Renovation Project.

### BASKET PREVIEW DAYS & TIMES:

Thurs., July 21: 11am-7pm / Fri., July 22: 9am-7pm / Sat., 9am-3pm

## PALM SUNDAY TAKE-OUT HAM DINNER & EASTER BAKE SALE A SUCCESS

The Shrine's annual Palm Sunday fundraiser looked, once again, remarkably different this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. Instead of the annual Brunch, the event, held on Sunday, April 10th, featured a take-out ham dinner from 12N-4pm, and an Easter Bake Sale from

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## UPCOMING SHRINE CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

### JUNE 2022

Sat., June 4th - FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS (See above for schedule.)

Sun., June 5th - MOTORCYCLE BLESSING 1:00pm

Sun., June 5th - HEALING MASS in dome Basilica - 6:30pm

Fr. Rick Poblocki Music ministry: Mary Palmer

Sat., June 18th - GARDEN PARTY & FLOWER SHOW 3-7:30pm

Sun., June 19th - FATHER'S DAY NOVENA begins

Sun., June 19th - FATHER'S DAY STEAK & EGGS BREAKFAST 10-2

### JULY 2022

Sat., July 2nd - FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS (See above for schedule.)

Sat., July 2nd - HEALING MASS in dome Basilica - 4:00pm

Fr. Andre "Fr. Pat" Patenaude, MS

Sun., July 3rd - HEALING MASS in dome Basilica - 6:30pm

Fr. Andre "Fr. Pat" Patenaude, MS

Sat., July 23rd **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS BENEFIT & BASKET AUCTION: "Christmas in July"**

See page 1 for details.

Sat., July 30th - ST LORENZO / FILIPINO DAY 10am-3pm



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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  
(716) 754-7489 or e-mail the Council at  
[office@fatimashrine.com](mailto:office@fatimashrine.com)

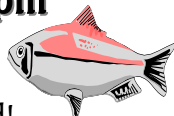
## CAFETERIA SERVICE

**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!

The Barnabite Fathers appreciate your support ! Thank you !



## ✠ 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**:

**June:** May the contemplation of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
arouse in each one of us and in a particular way in the confreres of  
the newly unified provinces feelings of piety and adoration, repent-  
ance, compassion, and the desire for the reparation of the sins that  
tear apart the Mystical Body of Christ. We pray to the Lord.

**July:** May Barnabites, Angelics, and the Laity of Saint Paul, together  
with our affiliates, following in the footsteps of St. Anthony Mary Zac-  
caria renew the gift of their consecration for the greater glory of God,  
and for their own sanctification and that of their neighbor. We pray to  
the Lord.

All the faithful departed, especially:

**Ed Simon, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy** **Rosario D. Malfa**  
**Rose Mary Spoth** **Evelyn "Mary" Ball, Gail Hasting's sister**

All of the sick and healing, especially:

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

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.

## 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  
401,000+ bottles / cans for \$20,050 + collected to-date!

Call (716) 754-7489 for more information.  
Your support is so greatly appreciated!





## A BARNABITE MOMENT

June 2022

**"He who regards himself to be charitable must be prepared to suffer for the well-being of others."**

- St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

In light of the tragic events happening around the world, within our own country, and within our communities, it seemed apropos to reexamine, according to St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Holy Founder of the Barnabite Order, what true charity is. Drawn from St. Paul's discourse on Charity (1 Cor 13: 1-13), St. Anthony's "lessons" are designed to provoke deep thought and real self-examination.

**"If you want to know if you have charity in you, understand that it is patient and kind. If you are hard and impatient with others, you are far from charitable."** - How often do we rush through the day only to be stalled in a line at the store or in traffic. Are our thoughts centered on God and the welfare of those before us, or are we in need of reconciliation? How many times have we been impatient with a family member, neighbor, schoolmate or teacher, co-worker or boss because they didn't measure up to our expectations or needs? - **"Charity does not get angry. It does not think negatively nor does it judge harshly. Instead, it excuses every fault and overlooks the defects of others."**

We often see ourselves as being charitable on account of the good we do for others. - **"Many think of loving their neighbor based solely on natural affection and not on charity. This perception does not have any merit."** - Yet, do we help only those we like or those easy to please, or do we go the extra mile for those whom we find difficult to love? Do we seek to understand the terror and desperation refugees experience in their flight to safety and survival? Are we fully present and attentive to those experiencing hatred due to race, religion or sexual orientation? Do we even recognize that all God's people are precious and unique creations worthy of our respect and, by Jesus' command to love our neighbors, entitled to our assistance in times of need? Charity demands we be courageous in the face of hatred. - **"He who regards himself to be charitable must be prepared to suffer for the well-being of others."**

Many of St. Anthony's "lessons" offer exhortations to persevere - **"Charity does not get cold with time, nor does it become lukewarm in tribulation. It does not tire from toil, but returns with greater vigor to the work already started."** **"Charity becomes inactive and sluggish if it does not do great things."** - True charity is not something we instantly gain. It is a virtue we grow into, for true charity **"surpasses all things, because charity is God, Himself."**

Charity is not always easy, but worth every effort - for those receiving it and for those striving to live it. Not sure where to begin? Simply ask this question: "What do you need?"

- Rosaire R. Johnson, OSP

**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 courage and strength needed to answer "yes" be there when we truly need it most. Amen!**



## ... VOLUNTEERS ...

for helping with the Mothers/Fathers Day Novena mailing:

**Frances Havens, Irene Krzyscin,  
Mary Massaro, MaryAnn Schieffelin,  
Rosalie Proietti, Emily Walker  
and Elva Webb**

## FROM FATIMA

### THE INCARNATION

The movie, "The Nativity Story," (2005) recounts Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem to fulfill the requirements of Caesar Augustus' ordered census. In one particular scene, Joseph is forced to pause along the way due to his blistered and battered feet. The scene unfolds with Mary, due to give birth any moment, gently tending to her husband's pain. The camera zooming in on Mary's hands reveals, not only the gentleness with which she renders aid, but also reveals the authenticity of the moment - Mary's hands and fingernails are dirty from the journey. When do we EVER think of Mary with dirty hands and fingernails?

The images of Our Lady are almost always of a pristine statue or painting - neat, clean, a vision of grace and beauty. The reality is Mary valiantly, painfully, suffered many of the same trials and tribulations that women have endured from the beginning of humankind - and yes, often with soiled hands and dirty fingernails. She is real!

When we meditate on the Mystery of the Incarnation, do we envision the Christmas card version of the Nativity scene, or do we recognize the long, cold misery of that night? Do we **hear** Mary's moans? Do we **feel** Joseph's anxiety in his struggle to find a place for Mary to deliver a baby not his own? The mystery of the Incarnation is not just about the birth of Jesus - God become man. It is **also** the Mystery of Mary - the Mother of God, the First Tabernacle, **and** a **real** flesh-and-blood mother! The Third Mystery of the Rosary cannot be just about Jesus, for it takes two in birthing a baby - a mother and a child. The role of Mary in this mystery is an ongoing one, that plays throughout our Salvation History - a role that sees her visiting her children across the centuries, offering direction, comfort, hope and, at times, warnings and admonitions.

When Our Lady appeared to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal for the first time, on May 13, 1917, her first words were, "Do not be afraid. I will not harm you." - the words of a mother, caring deeply for her children. Her message, to the children throughout her series of visits, was to "Pray, pray, pray." She specifically asked them to "Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."

Peace for the world . . . Let that sink in for a moment. . . Peace for the world.

When Our Lady asked us to pray the Rosary for World Peace was it just for the end of WWII, or an end to only military conflicts? There are all sorts of "wars" around us every day - domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, loneliness, suicide, and so much more. Praying for world peace necessitates praying for the invisible, the marginalized, the discriminated, the abandoned, the hated, **and** the haters.

When we pray the Rosary for world peace do we dare include the unwed teenage mother, at war within herself, struggling to decide who to tell, or what to do? Where is her peace? Do we care to pray for the impoverished refugee mother, fleeing the tyranny within her country, whose breasts are now too dehydrated to feed her hungry, inconsolable infant? Where is their peace? Do we remember to pray for the innocent victims of hate and violence - for the mother whose child has been brutally murdered? Can we even imagine the pain within the depths of her devastated heart?

Our Blessed Mother endured all of this and more, beginning with her pregnancy. (Try explaining **THAT** to the neighbors!) She is a mother who washed clothes by hand, prepared meals over a hearth fire, cleaned house, tended the garden, spun yarn and made clothes, breast-fed Jesus and changed His dirty diapers. (Yes, Jesus had "poopy" diapers, and the reality of **HIS** life is a meditation for another column.) Mary endured "The Flight Into Egypt" - a refugee from the murderous Herod - only to suffer the stares and murmurings, from the mothers who lost their sons in "The Slaughter of the Innocents," upon her return. Years later, her child would go missing for three whole frantic days. Still later, she watched as her son was brutally beaten and then murdered upon a cross. If ever there was a woman who understands **ALL** of our needs, **ALL** of our pains, it surely is Our Lady - yes, the lady with the soiled hands and dirty fingernails.

Can there be peace where there is hurt, bitter disappointment, difficulty forgiving? Yes! Easy? No. Peace is not freedom from the "wars" in our lives, it is peace **AMID** these wars. Prayer, coupled with true charitable action, cultivates this peace. Mary is ever present to guide and comfort her children. Follow her example.

May Mary, in union with her son, Jesus, be our comfort, our beacon of hope.

- Rosaire R. Johnson, OSP

**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. Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays and Fridays 12N-4pm? **Rosary and Benediction every Sunday at 3:00pm.**





## FATIMA BOOKSTORE: BOOK REVIEW

### Our Lady's Message to Three Shepherd Children and the World

by Donna-Marie Cooper-O'Boyle  
(Sophia Press, Hardcover)

Noted Catholic author, Donna-Marie Cooper-O'Boyle's delightful new book, "Our Lady's Message" tells the true story of how Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Francesco and Jacinta at the beginnings of the horrors of World War I. This beautifully illustrated book will enchant readers from seven through adulthood as the story is presented in the manner of a page-turning novel. A master storyteller, Cooper-O'Boyle will guide readers through the experiences of the Three Shepherd Children, and lead them to consider Our Lady's

message and how it can apply to their own prayer lives today.

- Review by Judy Kirkpatrick

Other books for adults about the Fatima message available at Fatima Shrine:

#### Vision of Fatima

by Fr. Thomas McGlynn

#### Fatima for Today: The Urgent

#### Marian Message of Hope

by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR

The Shrine's Religious Articles and Bookstore also carries an array of children's books and DVDs.

The store is open daily

Mon-Thur 12N-5pm

Fri 11am-7pm, Sat & Sun 9am-5pm.

## PALM SUNDAY FUNDRAISER

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9am-6pm, which was responsible for a huge part of the success of this event. Kudos to Barb Hall and Marie Ciavatta, our Queens of the Bake Sale.

The event, scaled down immensely from previous years, still managed to raise \$9000 for the Shrine's general fund.

The Palm Sunday Brunch Committee, moderated by the Very Rev. Peter Calabrese and Fr. Julio Ciavaglia, includes MaryAnn Buchan, Maria Ciavatta, Barbara and Bob Hall, Rosaire Johnson (Chair), Mia Laurri, Dolores Laurrie, Karen Lewandowski, Sean McFarland, Charlene Perez, and Al Picogna.

The Barnabite Fathers and the Palm Sunday Brunch Committee wish to thank all those who volunteered their time and energy in preparation for, and on the day of, this event. Our wonderful volunteers include Christopher Clause, Francesca Clause, Connie Gonzales, Gabriella Gonzales, Tom Laurrie, Patty Roberts and Kathy Ryer. A special and most grateful shout-out and thanks go to our faithful Knights of Columbus Fatima Shrine Council #14622, their Grand Knight Riley O'Brien, and members Christopher Clause, Bob Hall, John O'Brien, and Al Picogna.

Our thanks go out to Dr. Frank and Mrs. Mia Laurri for their most generous donation! and to Marie Ciavatta for all the fine chocolates.

Lastly, and most importantly, our deepest thanks to all those who supported this fundraiser, especially in light of the concerns regarding Covid 19. Without your support this Shrine would not be able to continue its mission of serving all those who wish to visit.

## AID FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

A Shrine benefactor, who annually supports the Shrine's Palm Sunday fundraiser, offered to donate 50 cents, as aid to the Ukrainian refugees, for every \$1 raised for the PS Donor Directory. Our Directory donors donated \$ 5050, thus helping to raise \$2025 for Ukrainian refugees. Huge thanks to all!



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

## FIRST SATURDAY KofC FOOD COLLECTION



The KofC Fatima Shrine Council #14662, on the First Saturday of each month, are collecting non-perishable food items before the 11:30am and 4:00pm Masses. Donations support Niagara-area food pantries, such as "Heart, Love and Soul" and St. Vincent de Paul pantries. No drop-offs except before these Masses please. Thank you.

### June Birthdays

5 - MaryAnn Buchan  
12 - Debbie O'Laughlin  
14 - Timothy Slattery

### July Birthdays

10 - Anne Helfeldt  
17 - Jim Burns  
23 - Allie Gojevic

### August Birthdays

10th - Patty Roberts  
16th - Fr. Louis Lenssen, CRSP  
Bill Rice & Bernie Jones



## FATIMA SHRINE's 2022 - HEALING MASS SCHEDULE



May 1 - 6:30pm

Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun

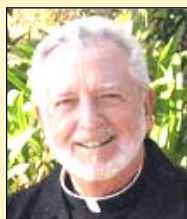
Music Ministry:  
Pat & Dan Johnson



June 5 - 6:30pm

Fr. Rick Poblocki

Music Ministry:  
Mary Palmer

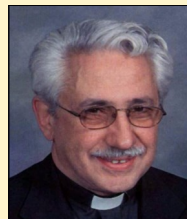


July 2 - 4:00pm

July 3 - 6:30pm

Fr. Andre Patenaude, MS

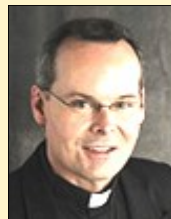
Music Ministry: "Fr. Pat"



Aug 7 - 6:30pm

Fr. Richard DiGiulio

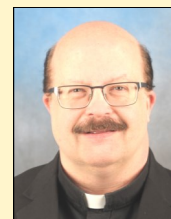
Music Ministry:  
Mary Palmer



Sept 4 - 6:30pm

Fr. David Tourville

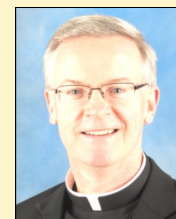
Music Ministry:  
"Fiat"



Oct 2 - 6:30pm

Fr. Dan Young

Music Ministry:  
Bobak Family



Nov 6 - 6:30pm

Fr. Bill Quinlivan

Music Ministry:  
Deacon Bill Walkowiak