



The Fatima Shrine NEWSLETTER

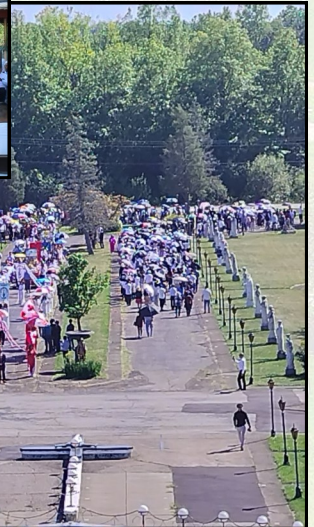


October 2025

Directed by the Barnabite Fathers

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Vietnamese Day Celebration - Draws Huge Crowd! - Packs New Altar Dedication for Special Mass -



Barnabite Seminarian Brother Sean McFarland has Headed back to Seminar in Italy



Picture: Brother Sean and his Mom,
Kimberly McFarland.



We were so blessed to have Brother Sean spend his Summer Break with us here at the Fatima Shrine.

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FEATURE ARTICLE: The Ladies of... Our Lady's Rosary Makers of The Fatima Shrine



Lynne, Fr Albino, Kenia

June 20, 2023 was the beginning of our Rosary Makers Ministry here at The Fatima Shrine! With Fr. Peter's unwavering guidance and heartfelt support, we launched our first Fundraising Rosary Table in the dome. This ignited our Marian Mission that would touch countless lives. Our ministry continued to flourish as we established our second Rosary Table in the Pilgrim Center. It was an incredible milestone! Even as we blossomed, Fr. Peter's loving wisdom reminded us to build strong foundations for our growing ministry. Though we started small, only a faithful few, we were already filled with anticipation, eagerly seeking many more who would answer the call to join our blessed Rosary Makers Ministry.

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2025 Healing Mass Schedule



Oct 5 - 6:30pm

Fr. Dan Young



Nov 2 - 6:30pm

Fr. Bill Quilvan

October ~ Dedicated to The Holy Rosary

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UPCOMING SHRINE CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

October 2025

(Dedicated to The Holy Rosary)

Sat. Oct 4 - Czestochowa Polish Day

11:00 am to 3:00 pm Polish food in the Cafeteria / 3:15 pm Rosary and Crowning Ceremony / 4:00 pm Polish Mass

Sat. Oct. 4 - 1st Saturday Devotions

Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass - Rosary Procession
Mass 8am & 11:30am & 4:00pm - 12:15 Adoration & Benediction

Sat. Oct. 4 - Men's Breakfast

9am Breakfast in the Cafeteria then from 9:30 to 10:30

Guest Speaker, followed by Rosary in the Basilica,
then 11:30am Mass - 12:15 Adoration & Benediction.

Sun. Oct. 5 - Healing Mass with Fr. Dan Young (6:30 pm in the Basilica)

Mon. Oct. 13 - Anniversary of The Miracle of the Sun (7:00 pm Mass followed by Candlelight Rosary Procession.)

Sat. Oct. 18- Annual Knights of Columbus

4:00 pm Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction
Main Celebrant: Fr. Mike Johnson

Sun. Oct. 26 - Tagalog Mass with Fr. Albino Vecina at 1:30 pm (Basilica)

Sun. Oct. 26 - Blessings of the Cars at 4:00 pm after 3:00 Rosary / Benediction

November 2025

(Dedicated to The Holy Souls in Purgatory)

Sat. Nov. 1 - 1st Saturday Devotions (same as above KCO, Men's B'fast)

Sat. Nov. 22 to Sun. Jan. 4, 2026 - 35th Annual Festival of Lights

- Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner / Bake Sale (3:00 to 7:00 pm)
- 2nd Annual Rosary Gala (Fatima Hall)

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Let us know by emailing us at: fatimashrinecommunications@gmail.com

The QR Code simplifies the email direct to our offices. Thank You.



40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration

Adorers Needed

Friday October 10, 2025, 5 pm (after 4 pm Mass) until 11 pm;
Saturday October 11, 2025 - 7 am to 11 pm,
Sunday October 12, 2025 - 7 am to 11 pm,
Monday October 13, 2025 - 6 am to 7 pm.

Then on Monday, October 13

7:00 pm Mass - Followed by Candlelight Rosary

GO TO THE OFFICE AND SIGN UP... Thank you !!

Leading up to The Anniversary of The Miracle of the Sun

Miracle of the Sun

JOIN US !!!

Monday

October 13

7:00 pm Mass

Followed by a Candlelight

Rosary Procession

NATIONAL SHRINE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
1023 Swann Road, Lewiston, NY 14174

FATIMA BOOKSTORE:

BOOK REVIEW

by James Dacey Jr.

FATIMA

100 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

About The Marian Apparitions

by Paul Senz

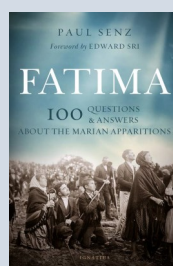
This remarkable book is exactly what both newcomers and devoted students of Fatima need. Paul Senz has created an accessible, comprehensive guide that transforms what could be an overwhelming topic into a clear, engaging journey through one of the most significant Marian apparitions in Church history.

The question-and-answer format is brilliant—readers can easily find specific information while still getting the full story. In just 120 pages, Senz covers not only the six apparitions from May to October 1917, but also provides crucial context

about the visionaries' lives, Portugal's historical background, and Fatima's lasting impact. The writing is clear enough for beginners yet provides deeper insights that even knowledgeable readers will appreciate.

Beyond historical interest, the book helps readers understand why Fatima remains relevant today. The messages and prayers are explained in context, making them meaningful for contemporary Catholics. Whether you're preparing for a pilgrimage, leading a study group, or simply want to understand this pivotal moment in Church history, this book fills a real gap in Catholic literature.

Highly recommended for anyone seeking to understand the profound messages and enduring significance of Our Lady of Fatima. It deserves a place in every Catholic home library.



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Brother Sean McFarland's Journey Continues (cont. from front page)

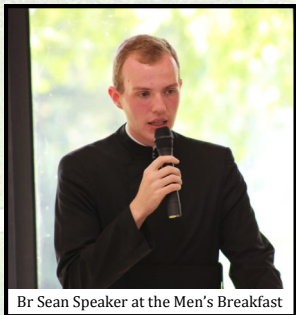
Brother Sean Patrick Maria McFarland was born in Niagara Falls, New York, United States of America. His parents Keith Evan Janicki and Kimberly Sue McFarland. Brother Sean has one blood related sibling, Zachary Jon McFarland.

Brother Sean had his call at the age of seven years old. St. Leo's parish on Military road in Niagara Falls, where the Holy Mass was being celebrated. This was the place where Brother Sean first heard the call to the priesthood. During the Mass Brother Sean felt a strong sense of peace and love that was being radiated from the Eucharist during the consecration. When the priest lifted up the Host, Brother Sean heard a quiet whisper from the Host asking him if He would give himself to the Lord, Brother Sean's answer was "Yes, Lord, I am yours." From that time on Brother Sean



Br. Sean, Fr Bill Quinlivan, Fr Richard, Jim Dacey

continued to go to Mass, first with his grandmother, Dorthy Janicki. Then he started to go to Mass with his Aunt, Katrina McDonnell at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Youngstown, New York.



Br Sean Speaker at the Men's Breakfast

At the age 14 in the year 2014, Brother Sean entered the RCIA program at St. Peter's parish in Lewiston New York and on April 4, 2015, at the Easter Vigil, Brother Sean received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

In the spring of 2015, Brother Sean started to volunteer with the Barnabites at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine first during the Liturgies and then at events/fundraisers that occurred.

Brother Sean finished his basic studies in the Grand Island Central School District. In the year 2017.

Brother Sean moved in with his Grandmother in Ransomville, New York where he attended College at Niagara County Community College, where he studied Liberal Arts and Social Sciences for two years. During his college years, Brother Sean worked as a Deli Clerk at Tops Market in Lewiston, New York. On January 1, 2019, Brother Sean entered the seminary at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. His Father Master during his postulancy was Fr. Frank Papa, .C.R.S.P.



Br Sean & Fr. Albino Vecina

Brother Sean finished his time of college at Buffalo State College which is where he received his Bachelor's Degree of Liberal Arts and Sciences in the spring of 2022. In the month of August of 2022, Brother Sean left for St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria Seminary in Marikina, Philippines where he started his novitiate on September 8, 2022, which ended and where he made his first profession on September 8, 2023, which is the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



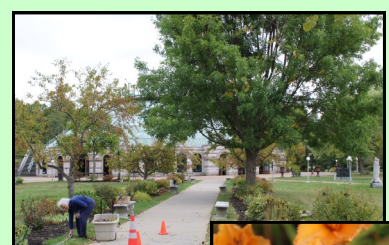
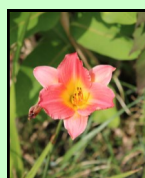
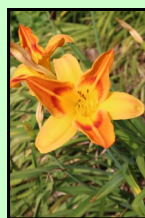
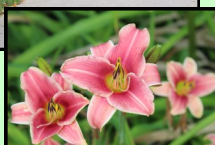
Farewell Party: (L-R) Bill, Bernadette, Kim, Br Sean, Al, Doug, Jeremy, Bob, Kenia

After Noviate, Brother Sean and his companions left the Philippines and started their studies in Rome. Brother Sean had to continue his Philosophical studies at the Pontifical University of Urbaniana. There Brother Sean faced difficulties with the Italian language barrier. The year after, Brother Sean's superiors decided it would be better that he would continue his studies at the Pontifical University of Angelicum in Rome (Dominicans) where he is today continuing studying philosophy and where he will study theology.

Written by Brother Sean McFarland

Special Thank You to our Gardners

Throughout the year the flowers and garden pathways have looked absolutely amazing. Thank you to all those who dedicated their time and talent to keep the shrine looking so beautiful.



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A BARNABITE MOMENT October 2025

Fr. Subash Sebastian, CRSP



You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name Jn.15:16

The Lord gives each one of us a particular mission in life. As we grow and life progresses, God reveals it to us through life experiences and people, usually in indirect ways, more as an invitation than an imposition. Discovering and ultimately following our vocation brings us true joy that comes from a sense of fulfillment and meaning that derives from answering his call.

Right from childhood, growing up in a devoted family, I have always felt a call within and after my High School, I joined a congregation and completed my study of philosophy. Due to some personal reasons, I had to discontinue my seminary life. As I came back home, I continued my studies and completed my masters in English and Psychology and taught in a school and then in a college for almost ten years. I enrolled myself for the doctoral program in psychology at this time and as a part of the program visited few seminaries and convents. It was a homecoming for me entering the seminary campus and I felt an inner joy every time I visited them. I started spending more time in their chapel and joined them in the evening adorations. Something that was unsettled deep within and forgotten for a decade began to draw me into it. The call felt deep within began to change my priorities and perspectives in life!

I had to make a choice between my dearly loved profession of teaching and priesthood. Some suggested me take a long leave from the job, so that if things do not work well, I could return to my job. What came to my mind was the story of Elisha following Elijah. He killed the oxen and prepared a meal for the family and followed Elijah never to turn back to his old profession! I resigned from my job and entered the Barnabite order in India in 2008 and was ordained in the year 2014 in my home Diocese in India. I conduct spiritual retreats for priests and nuns in different parts of India and continue teaching in various religious institutions. I am happy and content. Experiencing the joy of following the Lord in community living and serving the Barnabite order in all the way that I can.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Bear Clause Paving

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Bear Clause Paving donated over 120+ heavy labor hours to the shrine. We sincerely appreciate all they do for us. And there work was very professional and well-done.

Thank you so much. & God Bless you.

From Fatima:

Our Lady of The Rosary

Our Lady of Fatima holds a profound and intimate connection to the Holy Rosary, revealing herself as the "Lady of the Rosary" in her final apparition to the three shepherd children on October 13, 1917. This title wasn't merely incidental—it was central to her entire message and mission at Fatima.

Throughout the six apparitions, Our Lady consistently emphasized the power and necessity of the Rosary. At each encounter, she urged the children to "pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." This wasn't simply a devotional suggestion but a divine prescription for healing a world torn by conflict and sin. The Blessed Mother presented the Rosary as a spiritual weapon of extraordinary power, capable of converting sinners, bringing peace to nations, and drawing souls closer to her Divine Son.

The Fatima message reveals the Rosary as Mary's chosen instrument of intercession. When she identified herself as "the Lady of the Rosary," she was claiming this prayer as uniquely her own—not merely a prayer to Mary, but Mary's own prayer given to the Church. Through the mysteries of the Rosary, we contemplate the life, death, and resurrection of Christ alongside His Mother, allowing her to lead us deeper into the heart of Jesus.

The urgency of Mary's Rosary request at Fatima reflects the gravity of our times and humanity's desperate need for conversion. She promised that devotion to her Immaculate Heart, expressed particularly through the daily Rosary, would lead to the triumph of her Heart and an era of peace. The Lady of the Rosary at Fatima thus calls every Catholic to take up this spiritual weapon with confidence, knowing that through these beads and prayers, we unite ourselves to Mary's own intercession for the salvation of souls and the peace of the world.

by James Dacey Jr. OFS

Have you ever considered becoming a:
Rosary Maker

Join us!

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers
of The Fatima Shrine**

Fatima Shrine's Famous FISH FRY

Haddock Fish (deep fried or baked)
French Fries or Baked Potato, Cole Slaw
and a Roll & Butter



\$14.50

Cafeteria is Open Friday's 11am - 7pm

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FEATURE ARTICLE: The Ladies of Our Lady's Rosary Makers (continued..)

Our Lady's Rosary Makers is blessed with a long list of extraordinarily dedicated rosary makers serving at the Fatima Shrine here in Lewiston, NY, with additional locations, our Annexes, in Bemus Point, NY, as well as in Toronto, Canada, and Branch, Arkansas. We are currently looking to add; Erie, PA and Milford, PA. Recently, I reached out to all 35 of our Rosary Makers, inviting them to share their joy, their photos, and their personal stories for a feature article. Sadly, only two ladies responded. But here's the joyful part, when I followed up to understand why so many declined, I discovered something beautiful: the vast majority of private responses revealed that these ladies simply didn't want recognition because they don't seek validation or credit for their work. They have made and we have distributed over 23,000 rosaries since we began on June 20, 2023. These remarkable women deserve our deepest respect for laboring so faithfully behind the scenes, ensuring that countless people receive beautiful handmade rosaries. Their humble spirit takes me back to how I started this ministry in 1989 in Staten Island, NY - my name never appeared on anything given away. I would always say that the "Rosary Makers" asked me to drop this off. That philosophy still guides my heart today. It's not as easy since we have such an amazing outreach now, but when we can, my wife Kenia and I practice anonymity whenever possible.



Our outreach continues to grow in amazing ways, touching countless lives throughout our communities. We regularly distribute rosaries to numerous local hospitals, including Roswell and St. Mary's, and work diligently to reach CCD students in our area and throughout the southtowns. When religious orders or ministry leaders visit the shrine requesting rosaries, if I have the requested amount available in my office, I gladly provide them at no cost. We have never asked for compensation from any ministry we serve, nor will we ever do so. Our mission is sustained entirely through the generous donations we receive at our tables at the shrine and when we set up Rosary Tables at various community events.



See More on Page 10,11 &12 in the Bonus Section at our website.

AND THE BEADS GO ON, AND THE BEADS GO ON...

Beads revolve in many expressions be it size, color or substance. As a child plays with a ball, the child becomes fascinated and drawn to it because the object rolls where it will and it can soar through the air without distraction unless acted upon. It becomes simply fun.

Consider the significance of roundness and what that implies---there is no beginning and there is no end. This is a contradiction to the human mind since we express everything in a finite manner with a beginning and an end. Nevertheless, beads are not new. In fact, the first discovery of a string of prayer beads was found around the 17 th century BC in Greece by a sect called the Adorants. Continuing on a tangible level, our home Mother Earth, shaped is in the form of roundness and adorned with close relatives called the Sun and the Moon which also boasts roundness.

What about the abacus one might propose. That instrument consisted of beads protracted on a wire within a frame and was used for counting and deeper mathematical calculations.

Yes, the roundness of the bead has been and continues to be a fascination for mankind.

Never to be outdone by mankind, Our Lady presented St. Dominic in 1350 with a series of beads strung together in decades with an interrupter bead between each decade--- the Holy Rosary. Each bead is significant because it has no beginning and no end. It is continuous! What is it that Our Blessed Lady said to St. Dominic and to all devotees of the Rosary throughout the centuries? Yes---pray without ceasing!

Besides the Roman Catholics, there are multiple religious expressions that pride themselves with beads as prayer objects. These include and are not limited to the Eastern Orthodox Churches, the Oriental Orthodox Churches, the Lutherans, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and many others.

The Holy Rosary is beyond powerful because it originates from God through Jesus Christ in His creative mind to attract all mankind to Himself by the use of a simple round object called a bead.

And the beads go on...



written by Alfred J. Picogna, OFS

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wed. & Fri. 12:00noon - 4:00pm
In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Adorers are always needed... inquire at the shrine office or call 716-754-7489

St. Padre Pio had an extraordinary devotion to Eucharistic Adoration.

The Legion of Mary at The Fatima Shrine

Our Praesidium -
Our Lady Mother of Divine Providence,
meets at 1:15 pm in Fatima Hall every Sunday, with the exception of the 4th Sunday when there's a Filipino Mass - on those days we meet at 10:00 am. We pray the rosary and structured prayer.
JOIN US!!



October Birthday's

- 4 - Al Picogna
- 5 - Fr. Peter Calabrese
- 6 - Barbara Hall
- 6 - Al Frosolone
- 7 - Nick Morreale
- 10 - Fr. Richard Delzingaro



November Birthday's

- 9 - Brian Brant
- 9 - Rose Morreale
- 14 - Bob Hall



BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP

In my heart I treasure your promise

Psalm 119:11

Mondays at 7:30pm in Fatima Hall

Discussion to focus on the Readings from the upcoming Sunday Liturgy.

PLEASE BRING A BIBLE

For info call:

Fr. Peter Calabrese at 754-7489

Would you like to JOIN US

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✠ PRAYER INTENTIONS ✠

Please remember in your prayers:

The Barnabite Fathers

especially

for the health and well-being of

Frs. Richard Delzingaro,

Peter Calabrese and Albino Vecina

and for the men around the world in **Barnabite Formation**, and

the Barnabite monthly intentions:

October: May our clerics in formation following the example of St. Alexander Sauli and following the way of Christ, prepare themselves to enter the ecclesial and pastoral life, leaving behind personal interests and projects in order to be disciples according to the heart of the Good Shepherd, we pray.

November: May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Divine Providence, and all our Confreres who have concluded their pilgrimage here on earth, be for all of us intercessors before God, our Father, so that we can become models of faithfulness, hope and service to those most in need, we pray.

Let Us Pray For

All those who asked the shrine for prayers.

For an end of abortion and for world peace
and for solidarity and victims of war.

Craig Allan	Dr. Megan Johnson	Elaine & Bob Pagani
Debbie Baldwin	Barbara Johnson	Joanne Robbins
Mary Bucciarelli	Peggy Johnson	Anne Sauvageau
Sue Campbell	Kathy Kean	Jackie, Kathy &
Ermo Cercone	Camille Kiedrowski	Jeremy Slattery
Julie O'Connor-	Barbara Krueger	Abigail Schuster
Colvin	Ron Lester	Anthony Villa
Carmela Esposto	Jarod Lombardi	Jim Kirkpatrick
Kathy Gallagher	Gabriella Markle	Lisa Sfrangio
Dr. Talitha Arndt	Bill McKrell	Jacob Beanblossom
Pat Morreale	Paul Moran	JoAnn Sniatecki
Dorothy Janicki	Edward Grant	Jackie Jones
Wendy Sullivan	Anne Forrestel	Doug & Paula Grant
	James W. Kirkpatrick Sr.	

For the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV 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.

Fatima Shrine Council #14622



..for information on membership to join,
Call Fr. Peter Calabrese at 754-7489 .
or you can e-mail the Council through .
the Shrine: office@fatimashrine.com .

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October's Issue of The Fatima Shrine's Newsletter

Bonus Pages Includes:

- Beautification Projects Pictures (extensive)
- Rosary Makers Pictures (ministry work)
- Festival of Lights Schedule and so much more...

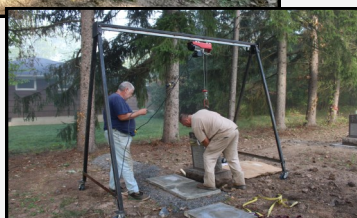
Beautification Projects IN PROGRESS !!

Beautification of the Barnabite Cemetery



This year has brought us an exceptionally fruitful season on the property, and as we prepare to move into the next season, we're turning our attention to some meaningful projects that honor our heritage. The Barnabite Cemetery had long called out for restoration, and we've finally answered that call with some remarkable results. What once presented challenges: sinking headstones, persistent drainage issues, and overgrown foliage, has now become an opportunity for renewal and reverence. Brian and Ronnie have done a fantastic job in this task with extraordinary dedication, carefully repositioning each headstone with both physical strength and precision. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Jim, whose generous loan of professional lifting equipment elevated both the quality and efficiency of their

work, allowing them to continue this restoration with the dignity and professionalism these sacred grounds deserve. Through this project, we've not only restored a cemetery but renewed our connection to the history of the Barnabite Fathers and the community they serve.



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Tree Removal to widen Picnic Area...



This exciting project dramatically expanded the picnic area by strategically removing trees that crowded the pavilion, creating a breathtaking spacious view that opens up the entire space! It is now a spacious, inviting gathering picnic area that's both visually stunning and incredibly functional. By clearing all these trees, we've also unleashed the full potential of the drainage system, allowing the channel to flow freely without root interference. It's a brilliant win-win renovation that combines smart environmental engineering with spectacular visual impact, now area surrounding the pavilion will feel even larger for many years to come!



Our Lady of the World Building...



Exciting progress is underway as the exciting beautification projects continue. And this is going to look absolutely stunning when complete! The first major milestone has been achieved with all the overgrown foliage successfully cleared away, opening up for a better visual moving forward. Next up, Brian and Ronnie will tackle clearing the collapsed cement around Our Lady of the World statue, bringing this cherished building and statue the care and restoration it truly deserves.



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Building a bridge & walkway behind the Gazebo..

This is wonderful, once completed you will be able to completely around the back pond past the Gazebo.



NOVEMBER 22, 2025

**Opening Day of the 35th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner and Bake Sale (3:00 to 7:00 pm)
and the 2nd ANNUAL FAMILY ROSARY GALA**

2nd Annual Family Rosary Gala 2025



Save The DATE

**Nov. 22
Fatima
Hall**



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Our Lady's Rosary Makers of The Fatima Shrine

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Branch, Arkansas Annex



Shanthy Giving Rosaries away in Vi-



Kenia Giving Rosaries away in the Philippines

Jimmy teaching Dan to make rosaries...



Rosary Coordinator:
 Jim Dacey Jr (Rosary Man Jim)
 Making Rosaries since 1989

We will help you get started, and be part of one of the most exciting and creatively inspiring ministries in our Catholic Faith:
 Rosary Making



JOIN OUR MINISTRY

Consider Becoming a Rosary Maker here at The Fatima Shrine or even at your parish. We will help you get started either way.

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**Praying The Rosary with
the Residence of
Heritage Assistant Living
Facility with Shanthi in
Bemus Point, NY**



Toronto, Canada Annex

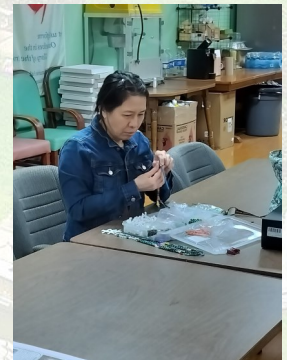


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Fatima Shrine - Fatima Hall—Our Local Group



Kathy wanted to share: Her Favorite Rosary - I made a blue rosary for my sister-in-law Linda, I took great care to make it perfect in her favorite color. Despite living with dementia for four years, Linda treasured it and carried it everywhere, proudly showing it to everyone she met. Linda had been devoted to her faith - singing in the choir, teaching catechism, and working as an elementary school teacher. She and my brother Mike said the rosary together every morning. After Linda was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, she continued to find comfort in that simple rosary. When she passed away, she was holding it in her hands.
**Please keep Mike in your prayers, and pray for the repose of Linda's soul.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

To all our Rosary Makers: for your commitment, your dedication, your creativity and your desire to work so hard for our Lady in this ministry. We love you.



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A Call to Serve

The Clerics Regular of Saint Paul (Barnabites)

In an age where the world desperately needs witnesses to Christ's love, the Clerics Regular of Saint Paul, known as the Barnabites, offer a profound path of priestly service rooted in apostolic zeal and pastoral charity. Founded in 1530 in Milan by Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria and two companions during the tumultuous years of the Reformation, this religious order dedicated itself to revitalizing the Church through preaching, education, and the sacraments. Named after Saint Paul, whose missionary fervor and theological depth inspired their charism, the Barnabites envisioned priests who would be both contemplatives and active apostles, combining deep prayer with dynamic service to souls. Their spirituality centers on passionate love for Christ Crucified and devotion to the Eucharist, with their motto "Not to us, O Lord, but to Your name give glory" capturing their commitment to humility and God-centeredness in all apostolic work. This balance of rich interior life and radical outward focus makes the order particularly suited for men who desire both contemplative depth and active ministry.



The apostolic works of the Barnabites reflect their founder's vision of meeting the Church's most pressing needs with flexibility and zeal. Throughout their history, they have excelled in education, establishing schools and universities that form young people intellectually and spiritually, while also serving in parish ministry as pastors, confessors, and preachers. Barnabite priests staff retreat houses, engage in spiritual direction, and serve in missions across Asia, Africa, and the Americas. What distinguishes their approach is attentiveness to the signs of the times, Barnabite priests might find themselves teaching in universities, counseling troubled youth, celebrating Mass in remote missions, or leading Bible studies in parishes and shrines. Community life is essential to this vocation, with Barnabite priests sharing common prayer, recreation, and apostolic planning that creates bonds of brotherhood sustaining them through challenges.

If you feel drawn to the Priesthood characterized by Pauline zeal, Eucharistic devotion, and apostolic flexibility, the Barnabites may be calling you. This path demands complete surrender to Jesus Christ and availability for mission wherever souls need shepherding, yet offers profound fulfillment: the joy of celebrating the sacraments daily, the privilege of forming young minds and hearts, the consolation of bringing Christ's mercy to sinners, and the support of brothers who share your vision. The Church today needs priests who are both holy and zealous, contemplative and active, learned and pastoral, precisely what Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria envisioned for his sons. Perhaps the Holy Spirit is stirring your heart toward this ancient yet ever-relevant charism. If you are interested in learning more about the Barnabites and exploring whether God is calling you to this vocation, please contact Fr. Albino Vecina, CRSP at (716) 754-7489. Take that first step in faith and discover whether the Lord is inviting you to join these servants of the Lord who are bringing Saint Paul's fire to today's world.

Looking & Planning Ahead

Buffalo Wind Symphony
Christmas Concert



Wednesday, December 10, 2025
7:30 - 9:30 pm in the Basilica

Come to see this Amazing Event!
Admission is FREE

St. John Paul II
Schola Cantorum
Christmas Concert



Saturday, January 3, 2026
5:00 pm in the Basilica

Admission is FREE




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34th Annual Festival of Lights Schedule

Festival of Lights Calendar NOVEMBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22  Bake Sale 3-7:00 34th Annual Festival Lights & Pasta Dinner Store & Office 9-9 pm Cafe 11-7 pm
23 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9p CAFÉ 10-7PM	24 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	25 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	26 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	27  MASS @ 11:30am Blessing of Food Baskets	28 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 11am-8pm	29 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 4-7pm

Festival of Lights Calendar DECEMBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 10am-7pm	1 LIGHTS OFF STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	2 LIGHTS OFF STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	3 LIGHTS OFF STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	4 LIGHTS OFF STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	5 Bake Sale 12-8pm LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 11am-8pm	6 Bake Sale 9-8pm LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 9am-8pm
7 Bake Sale 9-6pm LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 10am-7pm	8 LIGHTS OFF STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	9 LIGHTS OFF STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	10 CHRISTMAS CONCERT Buffalo Wind Symphony 7:30PM - 9:30 PM LIGHTS 5-9 PM STORE & OFFICE 9-7:30PM CAFÉ 4-7:30PM	11 LIGHTS OFF STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	12 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 11am-8pm	13 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ CLOSED
14 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 10am-7pm	15 LIGHTS OFF STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	16 LIGHTS OFF STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	17 LIGHTS OFF STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	18 LIGHTS OFF STORE 9am-5pm OFFICE 9am-5pm CAFÉ CLOSED	19 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 11am-8pm	20 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ CLOSED
21 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 10am-8pm	22 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ CLOSED	23 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ CLOSED	24 LIGHTS 5pm-3AM STORE 9am-2pm OFFICE 9am-2pm CAFÉ CLOSED	25  LIGHTS 5pm-9pm CLOSED	26 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 11am-8pm	27 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 12pm-8pm
28 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 10am-7pm	29 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ CLOSED	30 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ CLOSED	31 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-2pm OFFICE 9am-2pm CAFÉ CLOSED			

Festival of Lights Calendar JANUARY 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  LIGHTS 5pm-9pm CLOSED	2 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 11am-8pm	3 CHRISTMAS CONCERT Schola Cantorum Concert 5pm-6:30PM LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm
4 LIGHTS 5pm-9pm STORE 9am-9pm OFFICE 9am-9pm CAFÉ 10am-7pm						