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July 2026 Fatima Shrine Newsletter



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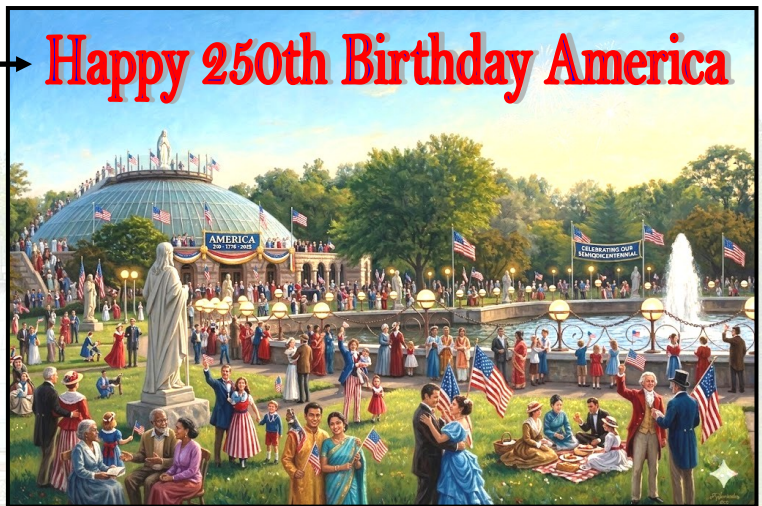
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Let's start this edition off with a ...

Thank You to Mary Ann and her team for serving so many delicious choices of food, for the Garden Party we just had on June 20, 2026.

Happy 250th Birthday America



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Special Thank You to our Knights of Columbus and the ladies who joined in to help clean some of the



Saints statues. We appreciate your time. God Bless You. More pictures on page 12.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus were selling the Hanging Plants,

And Barb did an amazing job with the Baskets.



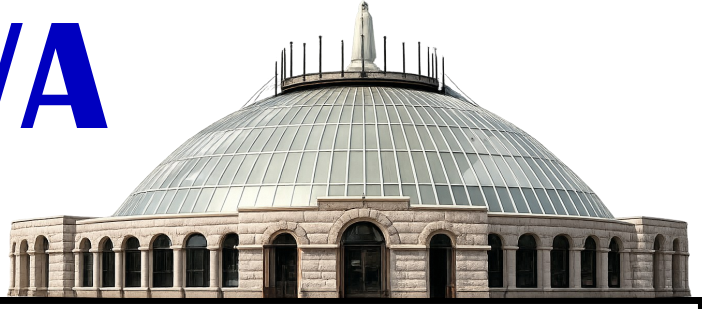
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*"The grace of God
will be your comfort."
Our Lady of Fatima*



CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS July 2026

Saturday, July 4 - FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Confessions: 30 Min before Mass Rosary Procession 11:00 & 3:00
Mass 8 am & 11:30 am & 4:00 pm 12:15 Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, July 4 - Knights of Columbus Food Collection

Collecting food before and after the 11:30 & 4:00 Mass.

Sunday, July 5 - Healing Mass with Fr. John Adams

Mass begins at 6:30 pm in the Basilica

Sunday, July 5, 12, 19 - Legion of Mary

Fatima Hall 1:15 pm

Thurs, July 2,9,16,23,30 - Aquinas School of Philosophy

Dr. Dennis Bonnette (Foundations of Philosophy of Human Nature)
In Fatima Hall at 7:00 pm. **Open to the Public.**

Saturday, July 11 - 20th Annual Christmas In July (Festival of Lights Benefit)

Get your Tickets in the office Doors Open 5:00 pm
\$50 Per Person * Reservation Must be made by July 1st
Only 200 Tickets Available

Saturday, July 25 - 40th Annual Filipino Day Pilgrimage

10:00 am Rosary Procession / 11:30 am Filipino Mass / 12:30 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Entertainment (Open to the Public) Showcase your talent.

Sunday, July 26 - Legion of Mary (Fatima Hall 10:00 am)

OUR REGULAR HOURS

OFFICE & GIFT SHOP

Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 9am-7pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm

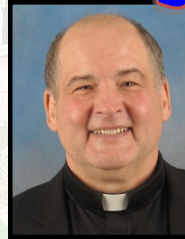
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Fridays 11am-7pm
1st Saturdays 9am-3pm
Sundays 10am - 4pm

Healing Masses

July

August

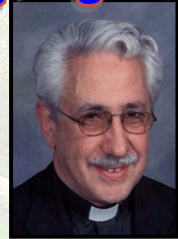


July 5 - 6:30pm

Fr. John Adams

Music Ministry:

Sr. Joanna



Aug 2 - 6:30pm

Fr. Richard DiGiulio

Music Ministry: Mary

Palmer

September

October



Sept 6 - 6:30pm

Fr. David Tourville

Music Ministry:

FIAT



Oct 4 - 6:30pm

Fr. Dan Young

Music Ministry:

Bobak Family

July 4 - 1st Saturday Devotions

Knights of Columbus collect nonperishable food items and donations for local food pantries.

11:00 AM - Rosary & Confession

11:30 AM - MASS

12:15 PM Adoration & Benediction

3:30 PM Rosary Procession

3:45 PM Confession

4:00 PM MASS

Why do we have 1st Saturday Devotions?

First Saturday Devotions is Our Lady of Fatima's personal request, on five consecutive first Saturdays: We are to go to Confession, receive Communion, Pray the Rosary, and spend 15 minutes meditating on the mysteries, this is to console and make reparation to her Immaculate Heart.

In return, she promised her assistance at the hour of your death.



Fatima Shrine's Famous FISH FRY



\$16.00

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

Cafeteria is Open Friday's 11am - 7pm



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*"I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue to pray the Rosary every day."
Our Lady of Fatima*



Generous to God's



Every human existence begins in a family. Families contribute to populate the world or the society.

Jesus belonged to a human family so did also John the baptizer his cousin. We could say that Jesus and John are from their family. They served the people of God through their labor to promote God and His Kingdom. Working for God and promote his kingdom here on earth was not exclusive for John and Jesus but it is open to all families especially to those who love doing or working it for the love of God.

The Author of Divine Calling still continue inviting members of a human family to work for His vineyard according to the type of mission He assign them to do.

One of the families who give generous acceptance to work the works of Jesus in the Church is the Zaccarian Family. This family was founder by Saint Anthony Ma. Zaccaria in Milan Italy. Anthony Ma. Zaccaria was a noble Son, a noble family, a medical profession but he chose to work in the Vineyard of the Lord in a simple lifestyle, in Poverty, Chastity and Obedience to concentrate his time to work for God and his Kingdom.

He formed three groups as a Zaccarian family to work with him and to continue the works he started and promoted. These groups are the Men the Clerics Regular of Saint Paul (*Barnabite Fathers and Brothers*), the women (*Angelic Sisters of St. Paul*) the married and none married men and women (*The Laity of St. Paul*)

The Zaccarian Family is not perfect and may not be qualified according to the standard /preference of the individual person, but they are so grateful to the people who are generous to answer God's Divine Call to be one of this family, and also, they are so thankful to God for choosing from His own people for their family in His Church.

These groups work hand in hand to continue the work of Jesus that he handed to the early Church down to the time of Saint Anthony Ma. Zaccaria until the present time and will be continued in the future as long as there are families who will be and willingly be generous to God's Kingdom and His Vineyard in this field of mission.

The Barnabite Fathers and Brothers at Fatima Shrine.



Fr. Albino

Fr. Albino M. Vecina, CRSP

Barnabite Vocations Priest at The Fatima Shrine

To Jesus Through Mary

Saturdays Evenings
@ 5:30 pm in the Basilica.



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!!



Vietnamese Altar

Walkways are in place at the Vietnamese altar, making it much nicer for a procession.

September 7 - Vietnamese Day





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"Pray, pray much, and sacrifice for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to sacrifice and pray for them." Our Lady



✠ 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**:

July: That through the intercession of St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, physician and priest, who loved Christ above all else, we may live with ardent faith and a heart open to the renewal of the Spirit, so as to serve our brothers and sisters with sincere love.

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.



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

MASSES SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 11:30 am & 4:00 pm
Saturdays 8:00 am, 11:30 am & 4:00 pm
Sundays 9:00 am, 12:00 Noon & 5:00 pm

Confessions 15 minutes before each Mass.

BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP

Mondays at 7:30pm in Fatima Hall

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

PLEASE BRING A BIBLE

For info call:

Fr. Peter Calabrese at 754-7489

**Would you like to JOIN US
You can Remotely? on ZOOM
Meeting ID: 936 8091 2873
Password: 863876**



**St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria
Up Close and Personal**



Author: Father Richard M. Delzingaro,
CRSP

The story of Anthony M. Zaccaria, a holy man of God, is a paradigm of a providential mission in the Catholic Church of the 21st century, as well as in the 16th century when the Clerics Regular (the Barnabites) were first established as a religious order. In an era of Reformation frenzy and profound confusion in both European society and the Church, the evangelical activity of the Catholic Church had lost its vigor. Moreover, many situations of that period are surprisingly familiar in today's global village, an aggregate of societal entities that are seriously lacking leaders like Anthony. With characteristic zeal, the charismatic visionary Anthony demonstrated a capability of rebuilding the fire of faith, hope, and love. It is for this reason that the life of this saint, though he lived five centuries ago, is of relevant, religious-cultural interest for today's world and is an eminent source of inspiration for modern Christianity. Anthony's insight is a clarion call to modernity, who once wrote, "Modern humanity seems intentionally made to distance us from God." But he countered this statement to clarify...

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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



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"I promise salvation to those who embrace devotion to my Immaculate Heart." Our Lady



Coming Back: A Knight's Reflection

I pay my dues every year. I always have. But if you asked most of the men in my Knights of Columbus council whether I was an active member, they would probably laugh, kindly, because they are good men and dear friends, and tell you that I show up about as often as a solar eclipse.



They would not be wrong.

I have been telling myself the same story for a while now. I am too busy. The drive is fifteen miles. And somewhere in the middle of all of that busyness, all of it genuinely good and genuinely real, the meetings kept happening on the first Tuesday of the month and I kept not being there. Month after month. Year after year. Until not showing up just became the quiet habit I never intended to form.

But here is what I have been knowing and not quite saying out loud until now. Paying your dues does not make you a Knight. Showing up makes you a Knight. And I have not been showing up.

Check this out... This July I am walking back through that door. Yep you read that correctly

Not because everything is suddenly perfect or my calendar has magically cleared. But because the men who are there, and Al my dear friend who leads them as Grand Knight, have never stopped inviting me back. Over and over and over again they have said come back Jim and over and over again I have said maybe I'll try and then I didn't. That ends now.

What I have realized is that I do not need to arrive with a grand plan or take on a role I cannot fulfill. What I want, and what I am genuinely enjoy, is the service. The garden parties. The shrine grounds work. The events. Being physically present and contributing my hands and my energy to the work these men do for Our Lady and for the Fatima Shrine. That is my re-entry point and I am taking it.

To any other Catholic man reading this who has drifted from their council the way I have, I am not going to pretend I have all the answers because I am literally in the same boat you are. But I will say this. One night a month is not that much to ask. And the service work, showing up, rolling up your sleeves, being counted, that is available to you without an overwhelming commitment. Start there. That is exactly what I am doing.

I joined the Knights to serve Our Lady. That has not changed. It just got buried under everything else for a while. But she has a way of calling you back, and I am listening.

See you in July, brothers.

3rd Degree Knight - James Dacey, Jr. OFS

Save These Dates

July 5 - St. Anthony Zaccaria Feast Day

July 11 - Christmas in July
(Festival of Lights Fundraiser)

July 25 - Filipino Day

August 9 - Coronation Sunday

August 23 - Family Day

August 29 - Hispanic Day

September 7 - Vietnamese Day

September 19 - Korean Day

October 3 - Polish Day

October 25 - Blessing of the Cars

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS at The Fatima Shrine

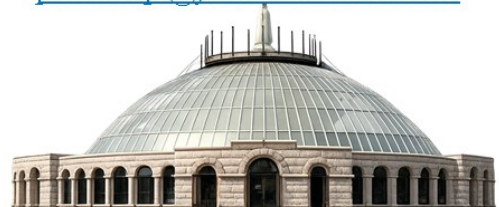


Council #14622

Catholic Men 18 & over are eligible to join!

Call: Fr. Peter Calabrese
at (716) 523-9114 or

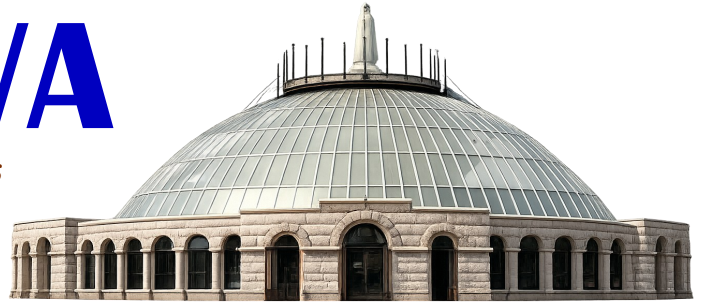
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BARNABITE SAINTS



St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

Founder - 1502 to 1539 - Feast Day: July 5

Anthony Mary Zaccaria is a learned and charitable medical doctor who believed souls were more in need of healing than bodies, he left medicine for the priesthood and founded the Barnabite Order in 1530. He was 37 years old when he died, having been a priest for only eleven years and a founder for nine. In that short span he built an order, wrote a constitution, inspired hundreds, and left behind a motto that still defines everything the Barnabites do: We run like mad for God and neighbor. He was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1897. His feast day is July 5th, which means the Barnabite Fathers here at The Fatima Shrine celebrate their founder's day this very month.

St. Alexander Sauli

The Apostle of Corsica - 1534 to 1592 - Feast Day: October 11

Alexander Sauli was born in Milan into a noble family and from a young age showed a love for study and holiness, eventually he joined the Barnabite Order. He was known as a gifted teacher and preacher, he became a professor of theology and later a spiritual director to St. Charles Borromeo. Alexander dedicated himself almost single-handedly to the religious renewal of clergy and laity in Corsica through preaching, catechesis, synods, and pastoral visits. He placated vendettas and hatreds, and he also eradicated abuses and superstitions. Because of his heroic charity, especially during times of famine and pestilence, he was called the Guardian Angel and Apostle of Corsica. He said that he wanted to leave his bones in Corsica. He nearly did. Canonized in 1904.

St. Francis Xavier Bianchi

The Apostle of Naples - 1743 to 1815 - Feast Day: January 31

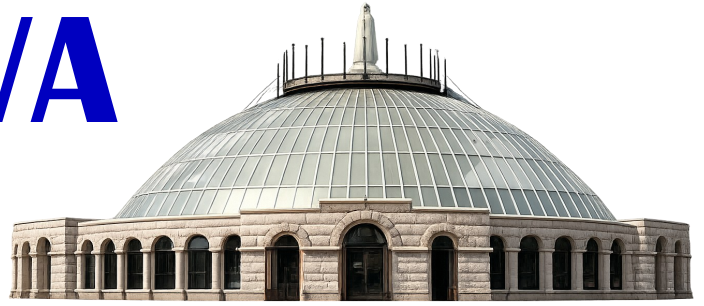
Francis Xavier Bianchi joined the Barnabites at age 14 over the objections of his family. He was noted for his ministry to the poor and neglected, his work to prevent girls from turning to prostitution, his personal austerities, his gift of prophecy, and being a miracle worker. He predicted Napoleon's defeat in Russia and the return of Pope Pius VII to Rome. He stopped the flow of lava when Vesuvius erupted. For years he endured fire and thorns in his legs. Because of his apostolic zeal he was called another Philip Neri and the Apostle of Naples. Napoleon closed his monastery in 1809. He stayed in the city anyway and kept serving the poor until his last breath in 1815. Canonized in 1951.

James Dacey Jr, OFS



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"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." Our Lady



A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR QUEEN

Loving means giving, sharing, embracing and sensing the captivating enamel of some special soul.

God gave us that special soul, that pristine individual, our special and esteemed Lady in Mary, the Mother of God. Therefore, to love her is to know Jesus; to pray for her intercession is to embrace Jesus; to use her Rosary is heavenly.

For so great a gift we children of God oftentimes search through tomes of prayers, the internet, antiquated prayer books while seeking to honor Our Lady with the hyper dulia she so rightly deserves.

In the Franciscan tradition there is a prescription to render that praise, that love and that honor to our Queen. It is simply called The Franciscan Crown Rosary. Crowning Our Lady with such prayer surmounts any floral offering, any statue so delicately fashioned along with countless renderings in paint concerning the Mother of God.

The Crown Rosary is relatively simple in its structure, consisting solely of the Our Father and the Hail Mary. Even though it consists of seven decades, a commonly used Rosary can be used.

After the usual introduction of the Sign of the Cross the first joy is mentioned--the Annunciation. This is followed by the Our Father and ten Hail Mary's. The second joy is announced---the Visitation. This is followed once again by the Our Father and ten Hail Mary's. The next five joys follow the same pattern. These include the third joy--the birth of Our Lord, Jesus; the fourth joy--the visit of the Magi; the fifth joy--the finding of Jesus in the Temple; sixth joy--the Resurrection; and the seventh joy--the Assumption and Coronation of Our Lady as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Keeping with a Franciscan tradition it is believed that the Mother of God lived for 72 years on earth. Therefore, to honor that tradition two more Hail Mary's are recited. Following this, the prayers for the Pope are recited namely the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory be.

The Crown has now been fashioned and sent to Heaven as your special gift to our heavenly Mother. Pray often but especially during the precious months of May and October.

Alfred J. Picogna OFS



Our Lady's Rosary Makers of The Fatima Shrine UPDATE

Shipments sent to Connecticut, Fr. Dominic who will ship our 180 rosaries to Uganda and to our Arkansas Annex who will give our 400 rosaries to the Stengel family, a Mission Family who are going to Honduras. Plus we hand delivered 500 of our rosaries to Fr. Thaddeus, who is bringing them to Ghana when he returns home.

Thank you everyone for your continued support. Your support is what makes all this possible.



There is always so much to share, our ministry is constantly growing.

Kenia Dacey, Fr. Thaddeus, Kate Washington, Jim Dacey Jr



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"The message of Fatima is more relevant and more urgent than ever." Pope St. John Paul II



From Page 4 - **St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria Up Close and Personal** Author: Fr. Richard M. Delzingaro,

"The way to love God is to love our neighbor." Thus, to ignite the flaming fire of faith is both a love for God and a love of neighbor.

Anthony Zaccaria engaged in a constant struggle against the spiritual lukewarmness and mediocrity that so prevailed among his contemporaries. Anthony incessantly invited all to whom he spoke or wrote, "Run like men not only to God but toward our neighbor as well." This quote alone epitomizes Anthony's purpose-driven ideal to seek God as God seeks us.

In order to understand more the life and work of Anthony Zaccaria: he was born toward the end of 1502 and died July 5, 1539, at the age of 37. His father died when Anthony was not a year old. His mother, Antonietta, an 18-year-old widow, never remarried. Anthony and his older, illegitimate half-brother were lovingly raised by Antonietta. Although Anthony was not raised in an aristocratic society, he enjoyed a privileged lifestyle as one entitled to the amenities of wealth. His mother was very religious and raised him to be devout. He was educated in his hometown of Cremona, and around 18 years old he went to Padua to study there at the renowned university. There he studied philosophy and medicine. He obtained a degree in medicine and may have practiced briefly. As a graduated collegian, Anthony recognized that people were in need of spiritual healing as well as physical. Thus, he bequeathed his inheritance to his mother and went to Milan to study for the diocesan priesthood. He was ordained on February 20, 1529.

In time the first Barnabite community of nine members came into existence. The youngest was 20, the oldest 31. The Founder himself was 32. Seven clerics, as they were now known, became acknowledged as outstanding preachers. In 1545 the small order acquired the St. Barnabas church and residence, and this locale in Milan became the historical mother-house. As a result of being based at St. Barnabas and Paul, the Clerics Regular of St. Paul were soon known as the "Barnabites." As a new and active religious order, Anthony's group was officially granted Papal approbation as the Clerics Regular of St. Paul and were canonically recognized as members of the secular clergy, bound together in community under a rule and the profession of vows.

Anthony Zaccaria and his community were visibly active in northern Italy, in and around the city of Milan. Even though there are many ministerial activities attesting to the Barnabite sphere of influence in northern Italy, their official headquarters moved from Milan to Rome. From there the Barnabite apostolate flourished throughout all of Italy.

Early on, the Barnabites were invited to teach in the various Catholic schools. This invitation was extended by Charles Borromeo, the Archbishop of Milan. Establishing and maintaining many educational sites, the Barnabites were applauded for their teaching expertise. Many of their schools are still operating. The Order, over the 500 years of their existence, have maintained a continuing tradition of spirituality, education, and pastoral care and ministry.

While never committed to a missionary charism, down through the ages history has borne witness to a Barnabite spirit everywhere in the world where they have made a positive presence. Today, the Barnabites live and work in a Pauline framework of proclaiming the pivotal import of the ultimate goal: to proclaim Jesus Christ our advocate. "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain." And so we Barnabites owe a debt of gratitude to the Apostle Paul, who sees Jesus as the power and wisdom of God. We only have a few writings from our Founder - 7 sermons, 12 letters. Nevertheless, Anthony's writings, especially in the First Constitution which was implemented after his death, demonstrate a Pauline insight and spirituality.

So even though our Founder died relatively young, the Church has been left with a legacy of hope - a hope epitomized in the writings of Paul, i.e., the Eucharistic Lord, the Crucified One, the undying reliance on the Incarnation, and the overriding power of sanctification of an inherent metanoia of being in Christ.

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Garden Party - Just a few more pictures taken by William Carpenter.





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*"Fatima is without doubt the most prophetic of modern apparitions."
Pope St. Paul VI*



Marian Saints of July

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati * Feast: July 4

He began every day with Mass and the Rosary, then carried both with him into the mountains he loved, gathering friends on alpine trails to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries together before the climb. To the young saint of "Verso l'Alto," Our Lady wasn't a devotion squeezed into a busy life. She was the path itself.

*"Our Lady is worth a whole lot to the church, and we owe everything to her."
— St. Pier Giorgio Frassati*



St. Bonaventure * Feast: July 15

The Franciscan "Seraphic Doctor" wrote his own Psalter in Mary's honor, a hundred-and-fifty-verse devotion modeled on the Psalms and built for praying bead by bead. To Bonaventure, turning to Mary wasn't optional piety, it was the surest road back when a soul had wandered.

"No one can be saved without the protection of Mary." - St. Bonaventure



Our Lady of Mount Carmel * Feast: July 16

On this very date in 1251, Our Lady appeared to the Carmelite St. Simon Stock at Aylesford, England, placing the Brown Scapular in his hands and promising her protection to all who wore it faithfully. What began as a private vision became one of the most widespread Marian devotions in the Church, two small squares of wool carried by millions as a daily sign of belonging to her.

St. Bridget of Sweden * Feast: July 23

A wife, mother of eight, and one of the great mystics of the Middle Ages, her visions of Christ's Passion and Our Lady's sorrows shaped centuries of devotion after her. To Bridget, Mary wasn't distant royalty. She was the surest, gentlest road back to her Son.

*"O Mary, you give assistance to everyone endeavoring to rise to God!"
- St. Bridget of Sweden*



Sts. Joachim and Anne * Feast: July 26

Mary's own parents, the household where her devotion to God first took root. Scripture never names them, so there's no quote to pull, but the Church has long honored them as proof that holiness often begins quietly, in an ordinary home raising an extraordinary child.

St. Ignatius of Loyola * Feast: July 31

A cannonball shattered his leg and his career as a soldier, and somewhere in that long recovery Ignatius found his way to Our Lady of Montserrat, laying his sword at her feet and never picking it back up. Every retreat he later designed in the Spiritual Exercises begins the same way, with the soul turning first to Mary before it dares approach her Son.



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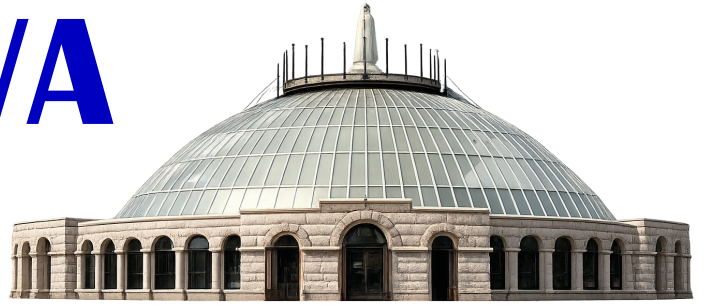
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*"Do not offend the Lord our God anymore, because He is already so much offended."
Our Lady of Fatima*



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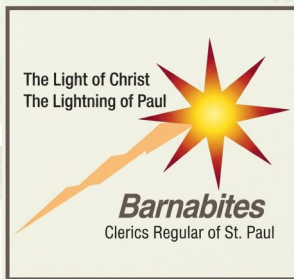
Every saint is a by-product of his or her time, although there is also something essentially different from the ordinary about him, especially with regard to his somewhat unique testimony and the richness of his charism. A saint is one who is able to leave an indelible mark that endures throughout the course of history. Anthony Zaccaria is definitely one who understood the early 16th century and who initiated a latent energy. Moreover, Anthony is one of those who brought to Christianity, during his time, a series of innovations and intuitive prophetic vision. He was a catalyst whose innovative ideas brought about transformative change in the following centuries. And he did this in a spirit of loving vitality and hope to stem the tide of the Protestant Revolt, which could be stopped and counteracted by ecclesial reform. Moreover, as a reaction to the Church's crises, "antibodies" arose just about everywhere, as oratories, societies, other clerics regular, and various confraternities sprang into action to pursue a reforming spirit of positive reaction in order to bring about reform from inside the Church.

This essay doesn't do justice to the life and ministry of Anthony Zaccaria, but he was a man under the power of grace who was determined to do battle with what he truly believed to be the pernicious enemy of the Christian faith — lukewarmness. By word and example, Anthony Zaccaria recognized the passive acquiescence and countered it in a spiritual battle. Wherever he went, whatever he saw, he would not lose sight of the need to confront and oppose lukewarmness or indifference with an engaging fiery force of zeal. Jesus, the Crucified, the Eucharistic One, was the epitome of the transforming power of the "real presence" that radiates holiness and hope.

Anthony Zaccaria died young, probably from exhaustion, in the heat of a July summer day, surrounded by a few conferees and in the arms of his mother. He died and went home to God. But he left behind a powerful legacy:

"I desire greatly that you become great saints, since you are well equipped to reach this goal, if you will it."

(Letter XI)



Within the relic room here at The Fatima Shrine visitors are invited to venerate a **relic of St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria**, founder of the Barnabite Fathers, who has continued his mission here at the shrine. Enshrined in a beautifully crafted gilded reliquary, this sacred fragment offers pilgrims a tangible connection to a saint whose life was devoted to renewing the Church through Eucharistic devotion and spiritual reform. All who visit are welcome to pause in prayer before this relic, joining centuries of the faithful who have sought the intercession of this remarkable saint.

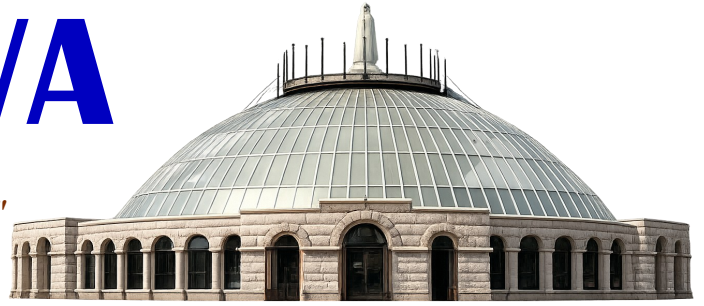
On the day of the Garden Party, June 20, and everyone began to eat this is what appeared in the sky. You could see it from the parking lot. Thank you Jesus.





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Pope Pius XII*



The Story of Our Lady of Fatima

JULY 13, 1917

The Third Apparition - The Day Heaven Showed the Children What Was at Stake

It was the height of summer in Portugal. A little grayish cloud hovered over the holm oak, the sunlight diminished, and a cool breeze blew over the mountain range even though it was the height of summer. Word about the mysterious appearance of the Holy Virgin had become widespread around Fatima and a crowd of about four thousand people came to witness the supernatural events for themselves.

For the third time Our Lady appeared above the holm oak. And this time she came with something the children would carry for the rest of their lives.



She Opened Her Hands

Our Lady had opened her hands before, in May and in June, and rays of light had poured from them into the earth. This time was different. While saying the last words of the sacrifice prayer she had just taught them, Our Lady opened her hands and the children beheld the Vision of Hell.

Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in a huge fire, without weight or equilibrium, and amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair which horrified the children and made them tremble with fear. The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repulsive likeness to frightful and unknown animals, all black and transparent.

The vision lasted only a moment during which Lucia let out a gasp. She later remarked that if it were not for Our Lady's promise to take them to heaven, the seers would have died of fright and terror.

The children looked up at her. And Our Lady said with kindness and sadness.

You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart.

The Three Secrets

This apparition contained the famous Three Secrets of Fatima, one message in three parts.

The First Secret was the vision of hell they had just witnessed. A merciful warning. A mother showing her children what she was working so hard to help them avoid.

The Second Secret was Our Lady's request for devotion to her Immaculate Heart, the Communion of reparation on the First Saturdays for five consecutive months, and the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. She warned that if her requests went unheeded, World War II would break out and Communism would spread its errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church.

The Third Secret was only communicated later to the bishop, who sent it unread to Pope Pius XII. Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal it in the year 2000. It spoke of a bishop in white who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. John Paul II believed that vision referred to the assassination attempt on his own life on May 13, 1981, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima.



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She Also Gave Them Two Prayers

Before she left that day Our Lady taught the children two prayers that Catholics still pray today.

The O My Jesus prayer after each decade of the Rosary:

O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those most in need of your mercy.

And the sacrifice prayer:

O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

She also said — Continue to pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war; for only She can help you.

What the Crowd Witnessed

Four thousand people were there that day and most of them saw nothing of what the children saw. But they saw enough. The light. The rustling of the holm oak bending as she departed. Lucia's face while the vision was happening. The possession of the secret proved to be a very great trial for the three young ones. Family, neighbors, followers of the apparitions, even the clergy tried unsuccessfully to get them to reveal it. They never did. Not until God asked them to.

Why This Matters for July

This is the apparition that changes everything. May introduced her. June showed her heart. July showed what was at stake. She did not come to frighten the children. She came because she loves every soul in that vision of hell and she needed three shepherd children to help her reach them.

That is the heart of the July Cova. The Barnabites who run the Fatima Shrine have been answering that same call for nearly 500 years. Running like mad for God and neighbor. One soul at a time.

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Special Thank You to our Knights of Columbus and the ladies who joined in to help clean some of the Saints statues.



If you would like to Volunteer here at The Fatima Shrine.

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We greatly appreciate your time and talent. God Bless you and Thank You.



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THE BARNABITE FATHERS

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Nearly 500 Years of the Fire, Light and the Spirit of St. Paul

The story doesn't actually begin in Lewiston, New York, or in Rome, and not even in the church of San Barnaba in Milan where the Barnabites received their name, rather it was in a small oratory in one of the most turbulent cities in 16th century Europe, where three men gathered around a common fire and decided the world needed a change.

The year was 1530. Milan was emerging from decades of war, political chaos, and spiritual neglect. Dioceses sat without bishops. Priests wandered without formation. The faithful drifted without shepherds. The Counter-Reformation had not yet fully taken shape, the Council of Trent had not yet convened, and the Church in Lombardy was, by any honest measure, in crisis.

Into that crisis stepped a young physician from Cremona named Antonio Maria Zaccaria. He had already done the remarkable thing of trading a successful medical career for the priesthood, convinced that souls needed healing more desperately than bodies. He joined an oratory called the Eternal Wisdom in Milan, and there he found two like-minded men: James Anthony Morigia, a nobleman with a mathematician's mind and a mystic's heart, and Bartholomew Ferrari, a scholar who had walked away from wealth and influence to pursue something money could never provide. Together these three men formed what they called, simply and boldly, the Sons of Paul.

Their motto said everything about who they were:

We run like mad for God and neighbor.

On February 18, 1533, Pope Clement VII gave his formal approval to their new congregation, the Clerics Regular of St. Paul (CRSP). It was an unusual moment in Church history. There was no house or community or even a formal name yet. Just a papal document and three men on fire. The Vicar of Christ, as one historian noted, acted prophetically.

The popular name Barnabites came later, in the 1550s, when the congregation made its home in the church of San Barnabas in Milan. The people began calling them by that name and it stuck. Today, nearly five centuries later, it still does.

Built on the Apostle of the Gentiles

Everything about the Barnabites flows from their devotion to St. Paul. Their full canonical name: Clerics Regular of St. Paul, was a deliberate choice. Their spirituality, their preaching, their constitutional framework, their entire apostolic identity is saturated with Pauline thought. Every Barnabite house and church has at least one image or altar dedicated to the Apostle. Novices memorized long passages from his letters. The Sunday preaching tradition of the early congregation favored the explanation of Paul's epistles above all others.

And like Paul himself, knocked off his horse, redirected, set on fire, the Barnabites have always been drawn to the most difficult assignments. To the neglected dioceses. To the missionary frontier. To the places where the Church needed someone to show up and stay.

St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria asked his friends once: Come, Brothers! Let us cast off all negligence and run like madmen not only toward God but toward our neighbor. It is our neighbor alone who can receive what we cannot give to God who needs nothing from us.

He wrote that letter in 1531. Its spirit is still alive here at the Fatima Shrine on Swann Road in Lewiston, New York.

A Family of Three

From the beginning the Barnabites were conceived not as a single congregation but as a family of three. The priests: the Clerics Regular of St. Paul. The women religious, the Angelic Sisters of St. Paul, co-founded with the remarkable noblewoman Countess Ludovica Torelli of Guastalla. And the laity, the Lay People of St. Paul, ordinary men and women invited into the same apostolic fire.

St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria understood something that would not be formally ratified by the Church until the Second Vatican Council four centuries later, that the reform of the Church required the participation of everyone. Clergy, religious, and laity working together side by side. He built that into the DNA of the order from its very first days.

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Through Every Storm

The history of the Barnabites is not a quiet one, not. They sent missionaries to Burma in the 18th century who died in shipwrecks and were beheaded for their faith. They survived the plague of 1630 that decimated their houses in Milan, Cremona, and Pavia. They also survived Napoleon's suppression of religious orders in 1810, which scattered their communities and nearly ended the congregation entirely, only to rebuild in Rome by 1814 and in Milan by 1825.

They survived because they always had men willing to run like mad.

Today the Barnabites are present in 15 countries on four continents, with approximately 335 members including 279 priests. Their charism remains what it has always been, centered on the Crucified and Eucharistic Lord, animated by the spirit of St. Paul, devoted to Our Lady under her title of Mother of Divine Providence. And in the United States, their devotion to Our Lady of Fatima has found its fullest expression in this Shrine, on these ground, and in this community, which the Barnabites have called home for decades.

The fire that three men lit in Milan in 1530 is still burning.

We run like mad for God and neighbor.

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Art and The Fatima Shrine always work together in harmony. Fr. Julio knew it and now we know it.

