



The Marian Messenger

Newsletter of the Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation
 St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church
 Greenbelt, Maryland

“Come Holy Spirit! Help us to give ourselves entirely to Jesus through Mary.”

Prefect's Perspective

Dearest Sister and Brother Sodalists,

As I write this perspective, it is the month of May, which symbolizes the beginning of new life and a start of new growth known as spring. The rain nourishes the soil and the sun produces warmth from the sunlight, increasing growth, leaving flowers blooming, trees sprouting new leaves and birds chirping. For us, May represents a more profound meaning. The Church honors Mary in the month of May. Tradition has it that thirty days were specifically set aside for devotions to Mary called “Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary” and “Lady Month” which is thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary. There are several ways we can honor our Blessed Mother. As mentioned in our meeting, my devotions and prayer to Mary are with CARE: Confession, Adoration, Rosary and Eucharist.

The message Mary gave to the three shepherd children are simple. As Fr. Sass mentioned in the May Sodality Union President’s letter, “The message of Fatima is not complicated. Its requests are for prayer, reparation, repentance, sacrifice and the abandonment of sin. In addition, the Blessed Virgin Mary requested a special devotion to her Immaculate Heart on every first Saturday of the month.”

Mary comforts us in time of need with her maternal care, love and protection for which we are grateful. We all have our own special connection with the Blessed Mother. Each new day, I wake up saying “Good morning, God. Good morning, Jesus. Good morning, Mary. Good morning all God’s angels and saints. Have mercy on me. Forgive me of my sins. Thank you for this new day”. May your hearts be filled with the love of Mary and may she bring you great peace.

Rohanie Bacchus

Calendar of Events

- May 28 Sodality Tea/Fashion Show
- June 1 End of Year Mass & Dinner
- June 4 Sodality Mass/No Meeting
- June 17 Executive Council Meeting
- June 23 Happy Birthday, Fr. Tappe
- July 3 Sodality Mass/No Meeting
- July 15 Executive Council Meeting
- Aug 6 Sodality Mass & Meeting
- Aug 15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary
- Aug 19 Executive Council Meeting
- Sept 1-4 Labor Day Festival BINGO
- Sept 2 Sodality Union Meeting
- Sept 3 Sodality Mass & Meeting



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Fr. Tappe, our Moderator, posing next to the Fatima statue following the May Procession on Sunday, May 14, 2017.

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima

May 13, 2017 marked the 100th anniversary of our Blessed Virgin Mother’s appearance to three young shepherds in Fatima, Portugal. She requested, in each of her six apparitions, that we pray the rosary daily for world peace.

The Sodality Union of the Archdiocese of Washington is encouraging local Sodalities to instruct and support their parish youth in making this prayer a daily practice. At their meeting on June 3rd, each attendee received a brochure from “America Needs Fatima” explaining how you can receive a free 100 year Fatima rosary. Call 888-317-5571 or go to www.ANF.org to order yours.

Sodality HospitaliTEA

Who would have thought that finding spray painted gold pineapples as centerpieces on Pinterest this time last year would be the beginning of an eye-opening spiritual journey? I knew right away that I wanted to use the gold pineapples as centerpieces for our annual tea, but what would our theme be? Pineapples are a welcome symbol. Welcome implies hospitality. My curiosity led me to look up the biblical meaning of hospitality. I quickly realized that God was leading me to read his word because examples of hospitality can be found throughout the Old and New Testaments. He knew that I would dust off my bible, begin to look up each of these references, and come to realize what it really means to love God as much as He loves us and to love our neighbor as ourselves. When we love and serve one another we love and serve Christ. “No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us. (1 John 4:12)”

Christian hospitality is about making ourselves present to our guests, listening and opening our heart to them. Sometimes all that is needed is a simple hello, a genuine smile, or a warm hug.

- Reflections on the May 28, 2017 Sodality Tea by Mary Bitter

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel.”

-Maya Angelou

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.”

- Hebrews 13:1-2

Cupcakes by
Donna Peterson



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Let us remember to pray...

- for all our deceased Sodalists, parishioners and their family members who have died, especially for Melissa Bowman’s husband, Robert Turner
 - for those who are ill, especially for Tom Lonsbury, Bridget McDermott, Dalisay Lopez
- ...and for all those intentions written in the Sodality Prayer Book.

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Prayer to the Immaculate Conception

Allow me to praise Thee, O most holy Virgin Mary,
with my personal commitment and sacrifice.

Allow me to live, work, suffer, be consumed
and die for Thee, just for Thee.

Allow me to bring the whole world to Thee,
Allow me to contribute to your ever greater exaltation,
to Thine greatest possible exaltation,

Allow me to give Thee such glory that no one
else has ever given up to now.

Allow others to surpass me in zeal for Thine
exaltation, and me to surpass them,
so that by means of such noble rivalry,
your glory may increase ever more profoundly,
ever more rapidly, ever more intensely,
as He Who has exalted Thee so indescribably,
above all other beings, Himself desires.

Amen.

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe (1894-1941)



Happy Summer Birthdays



June 6 Kathy Labukas

June 10 Rita Radich

June 11 Mame Ellis

June 12 Susan Mathis

June 24 Suzanne Lomax

July 2 Juliana Mbanusi

July 10 Tom Lonsbury

July 16 Beatrice Baning

July 20 MaryEllen McGovern

July 25 Joseph Flick

July 30 Jeanne Delaney

July 31 Ellen Hanyok

Aug 02 JoAnn McCarthy

Aug 09 Marlene Vikor

Aug 11 Kathy Sciannella

Aug 14 Donna Peterson

Aug 15 Beth Osborne

Reminder: Our lector for..



June 4: Mary Wade
July 2: Melissa Bowman
August 6: Cindy Perry