



# 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

Dear Sodalists,

I was shocked after returning from a wonderful, sunny, family filled, week at the beach in Oregon, and a news free weekend to hear of the two mass killings in Dayton and El Paso. But I was appalled and horrified at the name calling, venomous rhetoric, and baseless accusations all over the media in the wake of the killings. Where were the prayers and concern for the victims, their families and our society? Where was the serious discussion of the breakdown of families, taking God out of our culture, the lack of respect for every human life that underly our society's problems?

As Sodalists, our goals are to 1) sanctify ourselves, 2) serve and sanctify our neighbors, and 3) to defend the Church against the attacks of the wicked. What can and should we do?

The following from *In Conversation with God*, by Francis Fernandez, Vol. 4, 45.2, is worth considering:

“...For there is a silence which can collaborate with lying, a silence which can cooperate with cowardice, a silence which springs from the love of comfort and the fear of complicating one's life. You can close your eyes to what is disagreeable. You can put off making a fraternal correction that ought to be made at home or at work. These are forms of silence too....

“...Our Lord will not allow our words to be wasted. It is important that we say what has to be said, without worrying ourselves about the immediate consequences. If each Christian were to speak in conformity with the Faith, we would surely change the world. We cannot sit by silently in the face of such crimes as abortion and the degradation of marriage and the family. Nor can we surrender to those forces that would seek to remove God from the formation of the young. We cannot be silent at attacks upon the Pope and Our Lady, or upon institutions of the Church. To be silent when we should be speaking out can be a way of collaborating with evil, because others may think that our silence implies consent. If Catholics were to speak out when there is need, if they were to boycott anti-Catholic publications or literature, it would be more difficult for those enterprises to prosper.”

We can speak out with a group of our friends, at work, at school. We can write a letter to the editor, praise a good article. *We should always act with charity.* We should always act with good manners, and with the intention of bringing our family, friends, neighbors and community to God. Many, when seeing that we practice what we preach, will be attracted to the Faith.

Let us ask our Blessed Mother to teach us when to be silent and when to speak out, and to give us the courage to do so.

To Jesus through Mary,

Rita Radich

## RESOURCES IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Our Lady's Center**, 3301 S. Rogers Avenue, Ellicott City, MD; 410-461-5066; [www.ourladycenter.net](http://www.ourladycenter.net)

Catholic book and gift store, meeting rooms, speakers. Beautiful chapel upstairs. Marian shrine. Masses at noon, M-F; confessions following Mass; adoration Fri. afternoon and evening. Special Masses; adoration on other occasions including election day.

**Taste**, Mass at St. Mary of the Mills, Laurel, MD; Program across the street in the Pallotti High School Chapel; [www.tasteprogram.com](http://www.tasteprogram.com)

A program for women who want to learn more about their faith and the Catholic Church. The group meets every Thursday, after the 9am Mass. Speakers for this year include Fr. Dan Leary and Fr. Larry Swink. This year's topics can be found on the website.

Children welcome. Brown bag lunch. \$5

## BOOKS, APPS, AND WEB SITES FOR THE SOUL

**Rome Sweet Rome** by Scott and Kimberly Hahn

This is the story of Scott and Kimberly's journey to Catholicism and we get to journey right along with them. It encourages the reader to take their faith more seriously, as well as letting them rediscover, from a scripture base, the reasons why the Catholic Church believes, teaches and practices its doctrines; all in an enjoyable read.

**The Screwtape Letters** by C.S. Lewis

These letters of the devil to his youthful helper, Wormwood, are instructive on how to deal with human beings, to persuade them to do his bidding. We are warned at the beginning that the devil lies a lot. This book is worth reading for its insights on how the devil leads us into temptation by taking the truth and twisting it. The author, C.S. Lewis, is humorous, thought provoking, and always amazing to read.

**Lord of the World** by Hugh Benson

Set in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, *Lord of the World* sees socialists, humanists, and Freemasons taking over a society where euthanasia is obligatory for the ill, and religion has been suppressed. The antichrist returns, becoming the president of the world before going to war with the Catholic Church, thereby precipitating the end of the world. The author of this novel is a Catholic priest. Though he wrote it in 1907, this book will keep your attention as you find yourself comparing the story to what is happening all around us today. It helps us see the place of the Catholic Church in the world.

**[lighthousecatholicmedia.org](http://lighthousecatholicmedia.org)**

This website offers a great selection of books, CDs, recorded talks, and more. "*Winning the Culture War*" by Dr. Peter Kreeft, a talk on CD that was played at one of our meetings, was purchased here. Also, you may access a FREE Catholic Study Bible App-Ignatius Lighthouse Edition- here, and an audio for this Bible is also available. This website is well worth a look.

## **OUR ACTIVITIES**

Sodality Activities from December, 2018 to June, 2019

### **Children's Party with Knights of Columbus**

Treats, crafts, and games entertained the children while their parents chose gifts for them. A number of parents and grandparents stayed at the party and all seemed to have a good time. A grandfather followed his toddler grandchild all over the hall and pulled him back when he wanted to leave with a family of four or five children. An expectant father lovingly attended to his three year old stepson. Mary and Ken Bitter did most of the organizing with a little help from a few Sodalists. Thanks to them for the success.

### **St. Joseph's Principal at Our Bake Sale and Coffee Social in February**

What a great fundraiser, social, and a good opportunity to have the principal of our regional school present to speak to families in a relaxed setting. Father also asked her to speak at all the Sunday Masses. She did meet at least eight families that may not have gone to see her at the school. Thanks to her, to Father, and to all who baked goodies and sold them.

### **Taste of Home: Dinner for Students at UMD Catholic Student Center**

We provided dinner on a beautiful spring evening to about 150 students. Thanks to Cindy Perry for heading up the project and to all who donated food and those who were able to go to the Center to serve. It is so great to see these students involved in their faith.

### **Tour of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.**

About ten of us toured the shrine, attended Mass in the crypt church, checked out the gift shop, and had lunch. It was an enjoyable day. Thanks to Donna Peterson and Patty Moore for arranging it.



Pictured from left to right: Mary Ann Tretler, Marti Galvin, Rita Radich, Betty Triplett, Peggy Compton, Donna Peterson, JoEllen Sarff, Barbara Ford, and Ellen Hanyok.

### **Beth Osborne's Presentation on Trauma and Abuse and How to Recognize It**

As part of our effort not to ignore the sexual abuse in our church and community Beth gave an evening presentation open to the parish. We learned the signs to be aware of, how to talk to a victim, and to whom to report, both church and secular. Her handouts were very useful. Thank you, Beth.

### **Adoration**

We were called on unexpectedly to sign up for adoration on two occasions within 10 days of each other. Thanks to all of you who could participate.

**May Procession**

We provided flowers and representation at the May Procession. Because it rained, the procession and crowning of Mary were held indoors and less was needed from the Sodality this year. Thank you to those who helped.

**Tea in Memory of Bridget McDermott**

Under the guidance of Mary Bitter, Donna Peterson, Janet Berard, and a few others the hall was decorated and tea and tea foods provided to a great turnout. Just looking at the dainty tea offerings was almost better than eating them. Thanks to all who helped, donated, gave the spiritual talk, and entertained.

**June Dinner**

After Mass at St. Hugh's we went to a catered dinner at the American Legion in Greenbelt. We had a good time socializing, receiving door prizes, and getting our picture taken. The president of Sodality Union and the past president of ACCW were present, as well as our moderator, Father Tappe. Thanks especially to Cindy Perry, Marti Galvin, and Beth Osborne for a successful evening.



**Group Photo Above:** Front Row; Sharon O'Brien (past president ACCW), Marguerite Kincius, Kathleen McFarland, Solange Hess, Betty Triplett, Judith Davino, Barbara Ford, Margaret Zanin; Back Row; Cindy Perry, Janet Berard, Peggy Hool, Mary Bitter, Lisa Abellano, Mary Moien, Monica Huber, Ellen Hanyok, Cleopatra White, Margaret Johnson (President/ADW Sodality Union), JoAnn McCarthy, Rita Radich, Beth Osborne, Suzanne Lomax, Donna Peterson, JoEllen Sarff, Fr. Tappe, Mary Wade, and Veronica Penick.



Cindy Perry, Marti Galvin and Beth Osborne; the hands, hearts, and smiles behind the delicious food and delightful program. Thank you!

**Religion Awards Presented at St. Joseph's Regional School**

Our Prefect presented religion awards to one boy and one girl, selected by their teachers from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class at their graduation. The award is based on their religion grades, acting their faith, and community service. Mary Wade worked with the teachers and made up the certificates to accompany the award of a statue of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, to the girl and Jesus, Divine Mercy, to the boy. This year's awards went to Isabel Szczepanski and Joseph Conaty (St. Hugh Parishioner).

**In addition:** Sodalists were lectors and gift bearers at our monthly Mass and led the rosary after that Mass, provided flowers to the Blessed Mother in church on the first Sunday of each month, published the Marian Messenger newsletter, acted on pro-life alerts to our elected officials, sold tickets for the Cardinal Hickey Scholarship Raffle, and provided rosaries for the students receiving their First Communion and Confirmation. Thanks so much to everyone.

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*Let us remember to pray...*

- for all our deceased Sodalists, parishioners and their family members who have died, especially for Joe Flick and Tom Lonsbury
- for those who are ill, especially for Dalisay Lopez, JoAnn Kellaher, and Lois Gorman

...and for all those intentions written in the Sodality Prayer Book.

<b>Autumn Birthdays</b>	<b>Calendar of Events</b>
<b>Sept.4 Candy Culhane</b>	Sept.1 Mass&Rosary@8am
<b>Sept.9 Judith Davino</b>	Sept.7 SU Meeting
<b>Sept.11 Rohanie Bacchus</b>	Sept.8 Meeting@9am
<b>Sept. 15 Janet Berard</b>	Sept.15 Coffee Social & Bake Sale
<b>Sept.27 Mary Bitter</b>	Oct.5 SU Meeting
<b>Oct.6 Vicki Focht</b>	Oct.6 Mass@8am&Meeting@9am
<b>Oct. 13 Martha Galvin</b>	Rosary Celebration@12:30-6pm
<b>Oct. 28 Mary Wade</b>	Oct.19 Day of Recollection:9am-2pm
<b>Nov.14 Cleopatra White</b>	Nov.2 SU Meeting
<b>Nov.15 Franca Onunkwo</b>	Nov.3 Mass&Rosary@8am
<b>Nov.21 Vickie Claffin</b>	Nov.10 Meeting@9am

**Sodality Prayer: To Jesus through Mary**

O Mother Mary, may you continue to bless our lives as we journey in faith, hope, and love. Be our model and guide as we live in the grace won by your Son, Jesus, by his suffering and resurrection. May your motherly intercession for us bring healing, strength, and renewal.

O Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners. Help us to bring all people to your Son, especially those in most need of his mercy. May our Sodality help us grow in your image as disciples of Jesus. We pray this in his name.  
Amen.

**Reminder: Our lector for...**

- Sept.1: Rita Radich
- Oct.6: Suzanne Lomax
- Nov.3: JoEllen Sarff



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visiting our webpage:  
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