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Inspiration from the Areas and the Order of Malta Worldwide

March 2018



Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick

Southern, Western, & Northern Connecticut and Westchester



The Southern, Northern, and Western Connecticut

Area teamed up with the Westchester Area on
February 10th for an inspirational afternoon to
celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Sick and the
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, at St. Aloysius Parish in
New Canaan, CT.

On February 11th, the Connecticut Area hosted a second World Day of Prayer for the sick and Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Bridgeport, CT. Accompanied by Blessed Sacrament's Gospel choir, the Mass and Anointing were a joyous and loving celebration of the miraculous wonders of our Lord. Click here to read more.

Tune In to March's Spiritual Outreach Call



Reverend David V. Skoblow, Ch.M. will speak about the Annunciation on Wednesday, March 7th at 11AM ET. We hope you can join us. <u>Click</u> here for dial-in instructions.

10-Day
Pilgrimage to the
Holy Land
Planned



Msgr. William Fadrowski,

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On Saturday, February 10th, <u>Illinois Area Knights and Dames</u> convened at Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Mary's Home for a Mass and Anointing of the Sick in observance of the World Day of the Sick and Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Msgr. Robert Dempsey, Principal Chaplain of the Illinois Area of the Order of Malta, was homilist and celebrant.

Following the Mass, Knights, Dames and their families joined the residents for lunch and were so pleased and honored to be among the residents of the Home, and among the Little Sisters themselves, who dedicate their lives to serving the elderly poor. <u>Click here</u> to see more photos.

Michigan



On February 11, 2018, members of the <u>Michigan Area</u> joined together for the Mass for the Anointing, celebrated by Archbishop Allen Vigneron at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. Local

Tours have organized a special pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Jesus", will travel to Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ein Karem, and Emmaus from October 8th - 17th, 2018.

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All members of the Association are invited to participate. Click here to download the brochure for this pilgrimage.

Upcoming Association Events

March 2 - 4
Spring 2018 Retreat

March 7
Spiritual Outreach Call

March 13
Distance Learning Call

2018 Communications Survey

Have you completed the 2018 Communications
Survey? The Communications
Committee is seeking your input on their plans for 2018. Click here to fill out this survey.

Featured Areas

If you would like us to feature your Area in an upcoming Spirituality in Action: Monthly Update, and Eucharistic Minister duties.

This Mass is co-sponsored by the Michigan Area of the American Association every year.

New York City



The <u>New York City Area</u>, in cooperation with the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes, held its annual Mass to commemorate the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Mass, celebrated by Fr. Joseph Cavoto, OFM, included an anointing of the sick in recognition of the upcoming World Day of the Sick, and was attended by more than 80 Members, candidates in preparation, and Auxiliary as well as malades and caregivers from previous Lourdes pilgrimages. Click here to read more about the New York City Area.

Northeast Florida



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community at San Jose Catholic Church. Hundreds were in attendance to witness and obtain Anointing and blessing with Lourdes water. The Jacksonville University Choir provided the music at Mass in addition to a concert preceding Mass consisting of the repertoire recently performed at the Vatican for the Holy Father.

It was a splendid day and the Knights and Dames from the Federal And American Associations worked together cheerfully to make sure the guests and Malades had the best experience possible. <u>Click here</u> to see more photos.

Vero Beach



Members of the <u>Vero Beach Area</u> celebrated the Marian Apparition sites of both Our Lady of Good Help (Wisconsin) and Our Lady of Lourdes (France) with a Mass of the Anointing of the Sick. Mass was celebrated by Very Reverend David G. Caron, OP, ChM, of New Orleans, Louisiana.

A testimonial of healing was given by Donnie Marrs, who joined us as a Special Pilgrim on the American Association's 2017 Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin. Mr. Marrs is currently in his Year of Preparation and will soon be joining the Order of Malta as a member. More information about the Pilgrimage to Wisconsin was distributed to all who attended this day of celebration.

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