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Spirituality in Action March 2019



March 6th Spiritual Outreach Call



We invite you to call in to March's Spiritual Outreach Call of 2019 on Wednesday, March 6th at 11 AM ET. Rev. Gerald E. Murray, Jr, ChM, will discuss the topic, "Why Should I Go to Confession Regularly? And What Is Regularly?". Click here for the dial-in instructions. Members are encouraged to call in for their monthly "dose" of spiritual encouragement. Can't join us live? All of our Spiritual Outreach Calls are recorded and uploaded to the website.

This issue highlights the American Association's local Area celebrations for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick on February 11, 2019

Boston

An Important Note Regarding the 2020 Admissions Application:

The 2020 Admissions
Application is currently in
the process of being
converted to an online
application that will be
available in late April.
Please do not use
the 2019 application for
any potential candidates



The Boston Area gathered together for Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross with Fr. Kevin O'Leary, Msgr. James Moroney, and Rt. Rev. Jack Ahern. Following Mass, Fr. O'Leary took guests on a tour of the extensive and ongoing renovations being made to the Cathedral. Click here to read more about this celebration and the Cathedral's renovation project.

Connecticut and Westchester



Members of the Southern, Northern, and Western Connecticut Area hosted three celebrations in honor of this special day. Local members celebrated Mass and provided dinner for their guests at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Bridgeport. Members served the residents of the Nathaniel Witheral and Parsonage Cottage Nursing Homes in Greenwich at a service for the Anointing of the Sick. The Westchester Area also joined them for Mass at St. Aloysius Parish in New Canaan. Click here to see more photos from these three events.

Green Bay

imormation required going forward.

Mark Your Calendars

All Area Leaders are invited to call in on April 9th at 7:30 PM ET to the next Distance Learning Call, featuring the 2019 Co-Chairs of the Lourdes Pilgrimage, Dr. John and Mrs. Nancy Murphy, who will update Area Leadership on plans for the 2019 Lourdes Pilgrimage. Additional details will be forthcoming.

A Visit to Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem



Mrs. Ellen Shafer, GCMOb, recently visited the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem on a pilgrimage with Knights and Dames of the Order of Malta's Federal Association. "Please, come see for yourselves this modern day manger," Mrs. Shafer said. Click here to read more about her visit to this Catholic teaching hospital, which has a state-of-theart maternity and neonatal critical care center.



Members of the <u>Green Bay Area</u> celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick with Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. Mass was led by Fr. Thomas Regan, CPM, who provided an enlightening and inspiring homily. Pictured above is the perpetual votive candle for those suffering from natural disasters that is sponsored by the Green Bay Area. It is fittingly next to the Shrine's full-size cast replica of the Pieta that will be installed in the new building.

Michigan



Members of the Michigan Area held their annual Anointing of the Sick Mass with Archbishop Allen Vigneron, ChC, on Sunday, February 10th. A total of 21 Knights and Dames, 3 Year of Formation candidates and 12 Auxiliary members were in attendance at this Mass.

Minnesota

You're Invited!



We are excited to announce that online registration for our 4th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help is now open. All Members, Chaplains, Auxiliary Members, Year of Formation Candidates, and your families are invited to join us on August 1st - 4th as we meet in Green Bay, Wisconsin and travel to the only Marian apparition site in the United States approved by the Catholic Church. Please click here to register.

> Upcoming Association Events

TODAY

Online Registration for Pilgrimage to Wisconsin Open

March 1

Last chance to order uniforms for Lourdes

Pilgrimage. A rush charge of \$50 will be added to orders received after

March 1, 2019.

March 6

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Minnesota Area members braved the -20°F wind chill to support the World Day of the Sick Mass for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis at the Church of Saint Joseph. The Area provided Lourdes water for the chaplains to use in blessing the attendees after Holy Mass. Please <u>click here</u> to see more photos from this event.

Missouri



Approximately 40 members of the Missouri Area joined together for Mass at Immacolata Catholic Church, celebrated by local Area Chaplain, Monsignor Gardin. After Mass, members gathered for breakfast at a local restaurant. Click here to see more photos from their local celebration.

New York City

iri-Association Leadership Meeting

Feature Your Area's Event

If you would like us to feature a story about your Area in an upcoming Spirituality in Action: Monthly Update, please email Tiffany Mazza at tmazza@orderofmaltaam erican.org. We encourage all Areas to submit at least one photo and a 2-3 sentence recap of your local Area event/activity. We are excited to see what your Area has been up to!

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On Monday, February 11th, members of the New York City Area gathered with members of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes for Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and commemorating the World Day of the Sick. The Anointing Mass was held at The Church of St. Francis on West 31st Street and was celebrated by Fr. Joseph Cavoto, OFM. Lauren Andree, AUX, assisted as Cantor. After Mass, there was a candlelight procession to the church's Marian altar and recitation of the Litany of Our Lady of Lourdes, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Northeast Florida



Two members of the Northeast Florida Area, James and Melissa Moore, have been working with members of the Federal Association in their Lafayette Area to help repair homes that were damaged by the floods caused by the recent hurricane season.

be updated regularly with new photos, stories, and user friendly improvements to its features such as daily prayers and the member directory. This app is available for Android and iOS devices in the app store when you click on the buttons below.













Local members also gathered together for a 3-day Area Retreat at the Marywood Retreat Center in Jacksonville, Florida. Click here to learn more about this weekend, filled with wonderful spirituality, liturgies, great meals and fellowship.

Northern Indiana



Northern Indiana Area members were invited to attend Bishop Kevin Rhoades's annual visit to Marion High School in Mishawaka, IN, a local high school he dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. Area Chair, Chris Godfrey, KM, spoke to an audience of over 850 students, teachers, parents, priests, and religious, about the American Association's Pilgrimage to Lourdes and the Northern Indiana Area's Lourdes Day event. Click here to read more about the Area's work with this high school.

US Virgin Islands



Knights, Dames, and Auxiliary of the US Virgin Islands Area celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick with a two-day event for the sick and their caregivers, including a movie screening and a Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, Adoration and Benediction. Click here to read more about this Area's event.

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