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Spirituality in Action

April 2019



April 3rd Spiritual Outreach Call



We invite you to call in to April's Spiritual Outreach Call on Wednesday, April 3rd at 11 AM ET. Father Owen Moran, ChM, of the New Jersey Area, will discuss the topic, "Why Is Easter Considered the Most Important Feast in the Liturgical Year?". [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](#).

From those of us who work on Spirituality in Action:

**"We would like to extend our blessings to all members throughout the Lenten Season and we wish you all a very blessed Easter!
Thank you for all you do for Our Lords, the Sick and the Poor."**

Boston

**News from the
Prison
Ministry**





The Boston Area hosted Frà Alessandro de Franciscis, MD, ScM., who presented ["Cures and Miracles in Lourdes"](#) at St. Paul Parish. Frà Alessandro, President of the Lourdes Office of Medical Observations and President of the Lourdes International Medical Association, spoke about his experiences with healing, miracles and whole-person care.



Members joined together with the always grateful residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor for the First Friday Liturgy and lunch. [Click here](#) to read more about this event, which had over 60 members, residents, friends, and Little Sisters in attendance.



to highlight the great work done by all members working with the North American Prison Ministry Apostolate, a spotlight work of our Association. Please [click here](#) to read more about the latest Prison Ministry updates including the [semi-annual meeting](#) and how [7,500 copies of A Minute in the Church](#) were sent to over 800 prisons and jails across the country.

2020 Order of Malta Cruise to Icon of Our Lady of Philermo



Dr. Peter J. Kelly, MD, GCM, you to join the American Association on a cruise of a lifetime to the Mediterranean August 21 - 31, 2020 with our Principal Chaplain, Cardinal Timothy Dolan and President Kelly. One of the highlights will be to view the original icon of Our Lady of Philermo, our patroness of our Order. [Click here](#) to view the brochure.

Wisconsin Pilgrimage: You're Invited!

who were in attendance enjoyed a warm meal of chicken, vegetable soup, pork over rice, and tea and coffee.

Dallas



On Sunday, March 24, [Dallas Area Members provided a dinner and a discussion](#) on the Order of Malta for Catholic students at Southern Methodist University (SMU), after their Sunday 5:00 pm Mass. Knight and Dames brought food for the dinner and led the discussion for these Catholic students, the largest identified religious group on SMU's campus.

New Jersey



Knights, Dames, and Auxiliary members in [the New Jersey Area](#) commemorated the International Day of the Unborn on Sunday, March 24. Members joined together to attend Mass, participate in a public Eucharistic Procession on a major thoroughfare, hear Benediction and pray at the Memorial to the Unborn in Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington New Jersey.



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.

Winter Hospitallers Newsletter



Did you receive your copy of the Winter 2019 Hospitallers Newsletter? If you haven't seen it yet, [click here](#) to download your copy. This edition includes a message from the 2019 Lourdes Pilgrimage Co-Chairs, a Member Spotlight on Beth Gutman, DM, from the Northeast Florida Area, and more.

Upcoming



Members of the Order of Malta from Monmouth County (NJ) cooked and [served a festive Valentine dinner for clients at The Center](#) in Asbury Park in February. The volunteer not-for-profit service organization provides support for people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers.



New Jersey Area members gather at Christ the King Church, New Vernon, once a month to fill 240 backpacks of non-perishable food items for three-to-five-year-old youngsters. The bags are then transported to a Catholic Charities daycare center in Paterson where they are distributed to the children at the end of the month when family food stamp benefits may run out and supplemental nutrition is required. [Click here](#) to learn more about local Area activities.

Philadelphia

March 27 - 28
Tri-Association Leadership Meeting

April 3
[Spiritual Outreach Call: Why Is Easter Considered the Most Important Feast in the Liturgical Year?](#)

April 9
Distance Learning Call:
Lourdes Pilgrimage Update

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@orderofmaltaamerican.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!

Update Your Contact Information

Auxiliary Members:
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Philadelphia's Area Chair, David Ermine, JD, KM, had the privilege of viewing the original 1783 letter (shown below) from the Order's Grand Master to Benjamin Franklin. He wrote to communicate his acceptance of the "Libertas Americana" medal, awarded to him for the Order of Malta's contribution to American independence. [Click here](#) to read more.

Upstate New York



[Local members and their families in the Upstate New York Area](#) prepared and served lunch to approximately 100 residents of the South end neighborhood of Albany at the Welcome Table Soup Kitchen on Saturday, March 2nd. Members welcome luncheon guests on their arrival, set tables, inform guests of the day's menu choices, take the guests orders for lunch, serve lunch items that have been purchased or made by members. After lunch, members clean tables and chairs, wash dishes, and otherwise handle clean up.

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