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# Spirituality in Action

June 2019



## What Should We Know About the Holy Spirit?



June's Spiritual Outreach Call will be hosted by Deacon Jack Shea, of the Westchester Area. He will pose the question "**What Should We Know About the Holy Spirit?**" on Wednesday, June 5th at 11 AM ET. We invite you to call in and listen to Deacon Shea discuss this question. [Click here](#) for the dial-in instructions. Can't join us live? All of our Spiritual Outreach Calls are recorded and uploaded to [the website](#).

The **Feast of St. John the Baptist** is only a few weeks away. Each Area should be celebrating this day with a Mass on or near June 24th. We encourage you to add your Area's event to the website calendar and share photos and a brief recap of your event with the New York Office.

Additionally, November 17th is the **World Day of the Poor**. It is not too early to think about activities for your Area to engage with and assist the poor in your Area. Please consider sharing your plans with the New York office so that they can be added to the website's calendar and featured in this email newsletter. Every Area, large or small, can do something to live the charism of helping the sick and the poor while uniting with the Catholic Church around the world to recognize Christ in the faces of the poor.

**2019 Wisconsin Pilgrimage: We  
Hope You Can Join Us!**

**Fall Retreat  
2019**



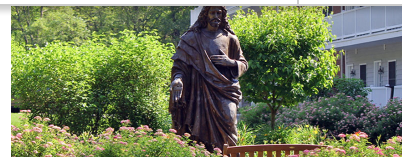
Will you be joining us on our 4th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help? All Members, Chaplains, Auxiliary Members, Year of Formation Candidates, and your families are invited to join us this August as we meet in Green Bay, Wisconsin and travel to the only Marian apparition site in the United States approved by the Catholic Church. The Wisconsin Pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to share in the experience of a Marian Shrine pilgrimage in a peaceful, retreat-like atmosphere. If you would like to join us, please [click here](#) to register online. Families are welcome!

### Cardinal Dolan in Lourdes



Cardinal Timothy Dolan joined the Association for its 34th annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, and he documented his journey with a series of videos. [Click here](#) to watch his daily video updates and an interview with the 2019 Pilgrimage Co-President and Vice Hospitaller of the American Association, Ken Craig, filmed the day before the 2019 Lourdes Pilgrimage.

### Malade Joins 2019 Lourdes Pilgrimage with Sister



The next Spiritual Retreat will take place at the New England Retreat Center at Betania II in Massachusetts from September 6th - 8th. Our retreat master, Bishop William F. Murphy, has announced the theme of the retreat: Witness Today: Steadfast; Holy; Humble. [Click here](#) to register online today.

### 2020 Admissions Application Now Available Online



The Admissions Committee and the New York Office are excited to announce the launch of the 2020 Admissions Application, which is now hosted online through SurveyMonkey Apply.

Please note that this year's application process requires computer access, as all forms and necessary documentation must be submitted using the online application. To learn more about how to sponsor someone as a candidate, please [click here](#) to log into the Members Only section of the website and visit the Membership tab.



Kelly Irish-Jones joined us on this year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes as a malade on the Red Team, bringing along her sister, Abby Arnold, on this journey of spiritual healing. Kelly's story was recently featured in an article on the *Blade*. [Click here](#) to read her story.

## Peggy Stanton's Power from the Pews in Lourdes



Peggy Stanton, DM, recorded two powerful episodes of her radio series, Power From the Pews, while in Lourdes this year. [Click here](#) to listen to her talk with Archbishop Allen Vigneron and Candace Rodriguez and Jillian Donovan, two student nurses on the pilgrimage. They discussed the problems, the solutions and the future of the Catholic Church. [Click here](#) to listen to her discussion with malade, Zoe Nguyen, pictured above. Zoe, an 11 year old classical violinist, tells Peggy how Lourdes changed her and plays a stunning rendition of Ave Maria.

## Maureen Gibbons, DM, Honored at UN International Nurses Day Celebration

## Lourdes Pilgrimage



Please [click here](#) to view the photos from the 2019 Lourdes Pilgrimage. A special thank you to our photographer, Michelle Babyak, YOF, and our other pilgrims for contributing their photos of the pilgrimage.

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



There is still time to register for the 2020 Order of Malta Cruise to the Icon of Our Lady of Philermo. President Peter J. Kelly, MD, GCM, invites you to join the American Association on a cruise of a lifetime to the Mediterranean August 21 - 31, 2020. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Upcoming Association Events





Maureen Gallagher Gibbons, DM, was honored with the 2019 Inspiring Global Nurse Award at the Third Annual International Nurses Day Celebration in the Delegates Dining Room at the United Nations. A longtime critical care nurse, she was one of 21 nurses honored Friday, May 10, 2019. [Click here](#) to read her story.

## Boston



During Holy Week, members of the Order took part in the 2019 Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. The Annual Chrism Mass is held in Boston each year during Holy Week, a significant liturgy in the life of the Church. [Click here](#) to read more about the Boston Area's celebration.

## Florida - Naples

June 5

[Spiritual Outreach Call:  
What Should We Know  
About the Holy Spirit?](#)

June 13 - 14

[Area Leadership Meeting](#)

June 24

[Feast of Saint John the  
Baptist](#)

## Area Stories

Do you have a story from a recent event in your Area? Please email Tiffany Mazza at [tmazza@orderofmaltaamERICAN.org](mailto:tmazza@orderofmaltaamERICAN.org) with your photo(s) and a 2-3 sentence recap of your time in Lourdes.

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[Click here](#) to read about the Naples Area's latest activities including their First Friday Mass, Defense of the Faith Symposium, and a recap of their local members' experience in Lourdes with their malade and caregiver.

## New Jersey



Knights, Dames, Auxiliary, and volunteers served 143 meals to the residents at St. Ann's Soup Kitchen in Newark, NJ. They also assisted those in need in obtaining official ID cards through their ID program. [Click here](#) to read more about this day of service.

Since its redesign in 2017, the Order of Malta, American Association mobile app continues to 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.



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