

## Mass in Honor of Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes



More than 50 Knights, Dames, Candidates in Prep, Auxiliary and Malades braved the extreme cold on Tuesday February 11, 2014 to gather at St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich Village for Mass honoring Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. Mass was celebrated by our Chaplain Fr. John McGuire, pastor of St. Joseph's. Our homilist was Chaplain Fr. Gerry Murray who spoke about the significance of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the mandate of membership in the Order of Malta: to serve the sick and the poor.

A reception followed the Mass. Our thanks to Fr. McGuire for providing his church, his parish hall, and wonderful hospitality; to Fr. Murray, our homilist and Paul Durnan,KMob, our lector; and to Ed Sweeney, KM, our bar tender extraordinaire.



## Auxiliary-led Team Participates in Don't Walk By





On Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>, a number of Auxiliary and Young Knights and Dames participated in our first partnership with the annual outreach campaign for homeless New Yorkers: *Don't Walk By*.

Malta's Street Engagement Team offered compassion, and more importantly, new supplies and information, to more than 15 of NYC's homeless. They provided information on where to get a hot meal; find safe and warm place to rest; obtain new clothing; and get the services of a trained medical professional.

Many thanks to Tom O'Rourke, KM, and Dr. Michael Espiritu, Prep, for coordinating this successful event.



## Serving Dinner at The Dwelling Place



On Wednesday, Feb19, a nice number of SMOM volunteers participated in the monthly Wednesday dinner at The Dwelling Place, a transitional residence for women. Nice to see some familiar faces attending as the visit made for some nice conversations for all.

We look forward to putting on a nice St Patrick's Day celebration when we return March12th. Contact Tom O'Rourke if you would like more information on participating (tee319@gmail.com)