

SPIRITUALITY IN ACTION

What's going on throughout the Areas of the American Association of the Order of Malta

July 2017

INSPIRATION FROM THE AREAS AND THE ORDER OF MALTA WORLDWIDE:

BOSTON AREA: On behalf of the residents, Gina Curley and all the Little Sisters, many thanks to all who were able to join us on Friday for the First Friday Mass and serving lunch at the Jeanne Jugan Residence, Little Sisters of the Poor!



Harvey Rowe served as lector and did a beautiful job proclaiming the first reading, responsorial psalm, and the prayers of the faithful. In his homily, Fr. Pat reminded us that being a follower of Christ is not easy. We each struggle with our own trials, temptations and failures as disciples. He provided encouragement to turn to the sacraments and prayer to find the strength to persevere on our journey.

He also shared a bit about St. Marcellinus and St. Peter. Marcellinus was a priest and Peter assisted Marcellinus in his ministry. Both very bravely practiced their Christian

faith. They served the Christian community fearlessly and with great self-sacrifice even though they knew that their lives were in danger. When Emperor Diocletian began punishing Christians for their faith, many Christians were killed. St. Marcellinus and Peter were also killed along with many others. They were beheaded.

Just before splitting off to the two dining rooms, we paused for a moment for updates from Gina Curley and Mother Maureen, and then group prayer, with David Solimine leading us in The Daily Prayer of the Order.

NJ AREA: More than 90 Dames and Knights congregated on Sunday, June 25th at a special Mass honoring the patron saint of the Order, St. John the Baptist, for his feast day. The Mass was held at St. Margaret's Church in Spring Lake and celebrated by Rev. Owen B. Moran, ChD, with concelebrants Rev. Msgr. Sylvester J. Cronin, ChD, Rev. Msgr. William J. Fadrowski, ChM, Rev. Msgr. Michael Mannion, STL, ChM and Rev. Salvatore DiStefano, ChD. Music was provided by a chamber music group and a guest vocalist under the direction of St. Catherine's musical director Jarred Tafaro.



Attendees convened for a dinner at the Spring Lake Country Club following the Mass where members, who celebrated 5, 10, 15 and 20 years membership in the Order, were awarded a citation for their service.



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