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A Prayer for Healing

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, you care for us with all that we need. You shower us with your love and send people into our lives to help care for us, especially in time of sickness or pain.

I pray for healing for myself and for all who suffer because of illness or advanced age. I pray especially for (mention your loved ones by name).

In the midst of our pain and weakness, strengthen our faith that we might be filled with hope in you. In the midst of our frustration and discouragement, give us patience that we might accept our own limitations. In the midst of our loneliness and fears, help us know we are not alone, that you walk with us each moment of our lives.

Be with us, Lord, in our time of need. Heal us in body, soul and spirit that we may rejoice in your grace and blessings in this world and come to enjoy the fullness of your presence in the life to come.

We make this prayer in your name, for you are our risen Lord. Amen.

~Apostles of the Holy Spirit - Bulletin



GK Keith Venturella presenting Joan from life choices with a check from the proceeds of our rose drive.

The Councils wish to thank the parishioners who contributed to the drive.

St. Charles Borromeo Vocations Committee would like to thank Grand Knight, Keith Venturella and the Commodore John Barry Council #2544 of the Knights of Columbus for their generous contribution for vocations.



Stewardship Prayer for March

Heavenly Father, Thank you for this new day, and another opportunity to give the traditions of Lent genuine meaning in my life.

Help me to be a good steward of this day; to use it wisely to reflect on my words and deeds, review my habits and correct my faults.

Inspire me to live as Jesus did, to embrace his cross, and live the great paschal mystery in a way that gives hope to others.

Be merciful to me this day. Forgive me my failings and weaknesses. Cultivate in me a humble and repentant heart.

Prepare me for the renewal of my baptismal vows, today and throughout the season of Lent; so that at Easter I may truly rejoice in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever, Amen.

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The Visit of the Pilgrim Statue of The Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima



On Monday, February twentieth, the feast day of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta Marto, our parish received a visit by the pilgrim statue of the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima. This statue was blessed by Pope Francis and is on tour throughout the USA this year, celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima. The Fatima children were portrayed by parishioners **Jessica Fernandes** (Lucia dos Santos,) **Angelica Fernandes** (Jacinta Marto,) and **Joel Pulikkan** (Francisco Marto.) **Father Paul** welcomed **Father Dennis Kaelin** as guest celebrant of the Mass which took place after the coronation ceremony and offering of flowers by the faithful.

In his homily, Father Kaelin spoke of Mary's humility and about living the Beatitudes during our life. He asked the faithful to "ponder why Mary spoke with the Fatima children?" He encouraged those present to "open their hearts to God's grace and Mary's call to conversion."

We can participate in bringing about our own conversion through the daily recitation of the Rosary, which was requested at all six of Mary's apparitions to the children of Fatima. Our Lady said that "The Most Holy Rosary can stop wars, convert sinners and bring world peace.

Mary calls us to sacrifice our daily trials and tribulations, and to carry our crosses."

The Sacrifice prayer calls on us to pray for the conversion of sinners, in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The First Saturday devotion and the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by wearing the brown scapular are signs of our consecration.

Following the Mass, there was a talk on the message of Our Lady of Fatima and the works of the Blue Army Apostolate. Prayer cards with the Angel of Peace prayer were distributed. The International Holy Rosary was recited under the leadership of **Cora Verdadero**. The prayers for each mystery were read by **Luz Lopez** (Spanish,) **Aurora Sardo** (Portuguese,) **Susan Ragucci** (Italian,) **Marga Bowers** (German,) and **Marie Reilly** (English.)

Following the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was recited. The blessing and investiture with Miraculous Medals and the enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel also took place. The official Commemorative Rosary of the Centennial Anniversary of the apparitions was made available for purchase by the parish. The *Farewell to Fatima* was sung as the Pilgrim Statue left our church to continue on her journey of love, peace and evangelization.



ST. JOHN OF GOD

March 8

St. John of God was nothing if not enthusiastic. Moved by a sermon of St. John of Avila, he ran through the streets of Granada, beating his breast and crying for God's mercy. Unimpressed, the townsfolk threw him in an insane asylum. It was only after John of Avila admonished him to start doing something constructive for the poor that John of God calmed down. Earning money by selling firewood, he rented a house to care for the sick and destitute.

John of God's enthusiasm got him started, but it was his hard work chopping wood that saw him through.

If enthusiasm were a racehorse, it would be a good starter but a poor finisher. We all know what it's like to become excited by a project. Let's say we find an antique table that would be just perfect for the living room, if it were refinished. Chances are, by the time we've stripped, sanded, and stained, we aren't quite as excited by the job as we were when we began. If we relied on enthusiasm alone, the table would probably never get finished. It's only when we add hard work to the mix that we are able to keep going. After all, it isn't always the first out of the starting gate, who wins the prize, and it isn't always the person who is the most enthusiastic at the beginning who ultimately completes the job.

Do I start things I don't finish? What do I do with projects I know I'm never going to complete?''

TODAY I WILL FINISH WHAT I START

~365 Saints—Woodeene Koenig-Bricker



Adoration Chapel

Guardians are needed for the following hours:

Tuesday 11:00 AM

Wednesday 8:00 AM, 3:00 PM, 7:00pm & Saturday 12 NOON

Please call Gerry 732-266-4145 or Pat 732-752-4479

O heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, burning with love for us, inflame our hearts with love

VOCATION INTERCESSION FOR MARCH

*That we may share each other's burdens and celebrate each other's joys
in our journey from Lent to Easter, we pray to the Lord.*

