

The Rosarian



St. Philip the Apostle Rosary Society Newsletter

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Rosarians bring Christmas Warmth to Youth Haven

Each year, the Rosarians support a charitable cause at Christmas.

This year, with the very generous donations we received, we were able to purchase and donate bathrobes, pajama bottoms, tee-shirts, alarm clocks and shower caddies filled with bath items to 20 teenagers living at Project Youth Haven.

Rosarian Marlene Holzli, who currently works at the Father English Center put us in touch with Maria Malave or Mrs. Claus as she is fondly called!



Rosarians Elaine Gleason, Marlene Holzli and Rodney from the Father English Center pack the sled!



Holiday bags each containing a bath robe, snugli and pajama bottoms.

Project Youth Haven was founded to provide short-term, emergency residential services to youths in crisis. They currently offer counseling services for runaway, homeless and abused youth, ages 11 to 17 and their families.

In November, Paul Doviak, Chris Scott and Beth Crocker visited the Father English Center in Paterson on behalf of the Rosary Society.

In addition to seeing firsthand many of the pre-school and family programs run by the Father English Center, Maria Malave gave them a tour of one of the group homes. They were moved by the plight of the young women and reported the information at the November meeting.



Shower caddies with soap, shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, washcloths and several other items.

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Msgr. Flanagan leading the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.



Families holding their candles up to the Blessed Mother.

CANDLELIGHT FAMILY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. In order to celebrate this practice of honoring our Blessed Mother, the Rosary Society together with the school families of St. Philip's hosted a Candlelight Family Rosary on October 15, 2011.

The Rosary was held outside the Church in front of the Bell Tower after the 5:30 Mass amidst horn-honking and traffic noise. During the service, each family was asked to hold a bead of a giant rosary and offer a prayer for their families or other special intention. Led by Msgr. Kevin Flanagan, the rosary was attended by over 100 people.

Families were also invited to bring a jack-o-lantern with a religious image that they brought with them to the church. The pumpkins were all different shapes and sizes and were carved with religious themes. Some of the symbols included a cross, the face of Jesus and Noah's Ark. All the pumpkins were lit and displayed during the rosary, enhancing the prayerful atmosphere of the evening.

The five mysteries of light or Luminous Mysteries were used which seemed fitting, since it was almost nine years to the day after Pope John Paul II first formally introduced them on October 16, 2002.

A SAINT OF OUR OWN

Servant of God Sister Miriam Teresa (1901-1927)

"The Church does not MAKE saints;

GOD DOES...

The Church only RECOGNIZES them."

Teresa Demjanovich, born in Bayonne, New Jersey in 1901, was the youngest of eleven children. She received Baptism, Confirmation and her First Holy Communion in the Byzantine-Ruthenian rite of her parents.

Teresa became a Sister of Charity in 1925 and died shortly after in 1927 at 26 years of age. Because of her saintly life, the Sisters of Charity petitioned Rome for permission to open her Cause for Beatification and Canonization.

Hear her remarkable story on Saturday morning, February 18, 2012 at our next Rosary Society meeting!

Our guest speakers will be Sr. Marion Jose, SC, Sr. Jane Teresa Culligan, SC and Mary Mazarella, MD who will speak about Sr. Miriam Teresa and her journey towards Canonization and the first saint from New Jersey.

Please join us on Saturday, February 18th for the 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Rosary and refreshments afterwards.



IDEA CORNER

Send us your ideas for events for our Rosary Society! Some suggestions that we have so far are:

Rosary Shower—a special Rosary for expectant mothers.

Rosary Novena for those suffering with Cancer

Rosary Novena to St. Joseph for the Unemployed

Every Prayer Counts—a special program designed to encourage prayer in our parish.

If you see an idea that you like, or have one to share — please let us know! We need new ideas to keep prayer alive in our parish!



HOLLY LAWMASTER — CASA GUADALUPE

We were honored to have Holly Lawmaster from Casa Guadalupe speak at our November meeting.

Casa Guadalupe is a house of discernment for eight women on Valley Road in Clifton. At Casa Guadalupe, these women live in community and share a life of prayer and service to others while discerning the will of God in their lives. Holly and several of the young women joined us for Mass and

the Rosary and, afterwards, shared stories of their life in community.

During her talk, Holly told the story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. She reminded us that the Blessed Mother always points to Jesus and is always interested in the small details of our lives! It was an inspiring presentation and we all were moved by her talk and hope that she will join us again soon.

“When Juan Diego unfolded his tilma, roses cascaded from his cloak and the image of the Blessed Mother was miraculously impressed on the cloth, bringing the bishop to his knees.”

2012 Social Tea!

Mark your calendars!!

May 6, 2012 is the date of our 2012 Social Tea! Bring your friends and neighbors and join us for an elegant afternoon of warmth, friendship and fun.. This year, our party, catered by Chef Todd will feature delicious sandwiches, desserts, and other treats. .

The Social Tea will host a Mother-Daughter table. We are also having a Tricky-Tray and 50/50 Raffle with lots of

great prizes! Bring your teacup, stories and, of course, hats for a memorable afternoon!

This year, tickets are \$20.00. Please buy your tickets in advance. They are on sale now. Call Elaine at 973-472-9019 today!

Hats are a Plus!



Join us for the Social Tea on May 6, 2012.

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Coming in March!

Learn more about Divine Mercy!

The Sunday after Easter is traditionally known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

We have invited our own Debbie Harley as our guest speaker in March. She will introduce a movie called "Divine Mercy in My Soul" and explain the origins of St. Faustina and Divine Mercy.

March 24, 2012 is the Divine Mercy Conference in the Bronx, New York. A bus will be leaving from St. Philip the Apostle's lower parking lot (on St. Philip's Drive). First, make your reservation with the Divine Mercy Conference by either calling 1-800-462-7426 or register online at

www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx, Then, call Elaine at 973-472-9019 if you would like to register for the Clifton bus.

ALSO, SAVE THE DATE to go to St. Philip's on **Wednesday, April 11th**. For the 4th year, we are participating in the Marian's Divine Mercy Novena featuring EWTN's **Father Benedict Groeschel** as the guest speaker!

This will be Day 6 of the Novena, "Today bring to Me **The Meek and Humble Souls and the Souls of Little Children**". Please tell your friends, relatives and fellow parishioners of this wonderful opportunity to hear Father Groeschel.