



# Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

## Marian Messenger



3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July 2022



### Join us for Mass

**First Friday**, July 1st at 7pm  
**First Saturday**, July 2nd at 8am  
**Wednesday, July 13th** at 7pm

**First Friday**, August 5th at 7pm  
**First Saturday**, August 6th at 8am  
**Friday, August 12th** at 7pm (as the 13th falls on a Saturday)

**First Friday**, September 2nd at 7pm  
**First Saturday**, September 3rd at 8am  
**Tuesday, September 13th** at 7pm

**Rosary and Confessions**  
30 minutes before First Friday and First Saturday Masses

**Monthly Mass Schedule**  
First Friday at 7pm and First Saturday at 8am

7pm Mass on the 13th of each month during May-October (no confessions)

### ***The Salvation of Souls***

When the Angel of Peace appeared to the children of Fatima, he startled them by saying: "What are you doing? Pray and make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners!" The children had been playing when they were reminded by the Angel on his second visit that the hearts of Jesus and Mary had 'designs of mercy' on them.

When our Lady came to them on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917, she told them to make of everything they did a sacrifice for the conversion of sinners. The perfect penance is simply the offering our daily duty as a sacrifice for sinners. The mission of the Blue Army is the very mission of the Church... the salvation of souls.

When we signed the "Blue Army Pledge" we promised to wear the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. As we were enrolled in the Scapular, we became associates of the Order of Mount Carmel sharing in the spiritual works of the friars, nuns and tertiaries of the Carmelite Order.

Venerable Lucia dos Santos would become a Carmelite nun herself following the direction of Our Lady to enter her most ancient religious order to whom she made this promise: "Whosoever dies clothed in this garment, shall never suffer eternal fire."

As 'Carmelites' let us learn from "the greatest saint of modern times", St. Therese of the Child Jesus, how to keep the Fatima message by making everything we do a sacrifice for the conversion of sinners. Her 'Little Way' of becoming like children in the Arms of Jesus in order to enter the Kingdom of heaven, is the spirituality taught by the Angel of Peace and by Our Lady herself at Fatima. The 'way' of the Little Flower is the way of Venerable Lucia and Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

What was the secret of the Little Flower, St. Therese? "To love Jesus with passion." Her devotion to His Incarnation, His Holy Name, His Precious Blood, and His Holy Face caused her to write: "**My only joy on earth is to be able to please You.**" She consoled the Good Lord in the simplest gestures: "**...in order to console Jesus, He wants only a look, a sigh, but a look and a sigh that are for Him alone!**" (con't next page)

### St. Joseph Bookstore Hours

**11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
Wednesdays and Saturdays and before and after Masses.

*The Chapel will be open for private prayer during these hours. Come and visit our Lord!*





To be a Carmelite is to be a loving person like St. Therese. Six months before her death, and experiencing incredible suffering, she writes: ***“...for I shall desire in heaven the same thing as I do on earth: To love Jesus and to make Him loved.”*** She now spends her heaven doing good on earth, showering earth with roses, as she expressed it herself. Two words express St. Therese in her entirety: “To live of love.” Every Carmelite can walk her ‘little way’ because it consists in doing small things for the love of Jesus and winning little victories over self-love.

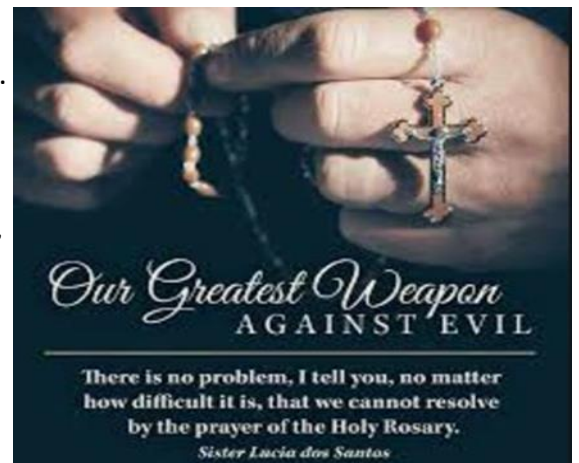
On Christmas Eve, 1886, St. Therese experienced her “conversion”, (every bit as spectacular as the conversion of St. Paul!) which opened her to a deeper intimacy with Jesus. She describes it in her “Story of the Soul”: ***On that ‘night of light’ the third period of my life began, the most beautiful of all, the one in which I received the most graces from heaven...The work I had been unable to do in ten years was done by Jesus in one instant and He even was content just with my good will, which I always had plenty of. Like His apostles I could say to Him: “Master, I fished all night, but caught nothing.” Even more merciful to me than He was to His disciples, He took the net Himself, cast it and drew it in filled with fish...He made me a fisher of souls. I experienced a great desire to work for the conversion of sinners, a desire I hadn’t felt so intensely before...I felt charity enter into my soul, and my need to forget myself and to please others; since then I’ve been happy!”***

When you consider that up to that point St. Therese had suffered from moodiness, sadness, touchiness, and outright depression (being healed on Pentecost Sunday, 1853 by the “Smile of the Virgin!”) This Christmas Eve conversion is no small matter! Shortly after this event, she describes another major event that brought her into a deeper relationship with the Crucified Jesus and a ‘thirst’ for souls: ***One Sunday, looking at a picture of Our Lord on the Cross, I was struck by the blood flowing from one of the Divine Hands. I felt a great pang of sorrow when thinking this blood was falling on the ground in my prayer book, the blood that was flowing from one of His Divine Hands shocked me; I experienced a great pain when I was thinking of the blood dripping on the floor and nobody would rush to collect it and I decided to stay at the foot of the Cross in order to receive the Divine dew which continued to flow. I understood that I needed to distribute it to souls....Jesus’ cry on the Cross resounded continually in my heart: ‘I thirst!’ These words ignited in me an unknown and very living fire..I wanted to give my Beloved to drink, and I felt myself consumed with a ‘thirst for souls.’ As yet, it was not the souls of priests that attracted me, but those of great sinners; I burned with the desire to snatch them from the eternal flames.***

The ultimate work of the Church is the salvation of Souls! It is also the very life of every member of the Church, and especially every member of the Carmel\_\_ to save souls.

For St. Therese, Her God was nothing but Merciful Love. What was important for St. Therese was to be open to receiving Jesus, this “Begggar of love”; to be like those who were unable to see and yet, through the grace of conversion, receive the ability to see like Zechariah, The Samaritan woman, Mary Magdalene, Zaccheas, and the Good Thief.

**As Carmelites in the Blue Army, and living at every moment in the Divine Will, let us offer ourselves to Merciful Love in order to bring souls to Jesus, and to His Kingdom.**





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The new chapel is installed !! Thank you to everyone who prayed, volunteered and gave generously to make this project a success. Join me in offering a special prayer of gratitude to St Joseph whose intercession we relied upon during the entire project. He delivered in amazing ways! We raised over \$75,000 and, with the extra donations, we were able to replace the 'antiquated' PA/sound system.

Thank you to those who donated their time and talents to help on the project. We've included photos of the ceiling and the hard-working volunteers who helped clean, move and rearrange everything to complete the project (see the beautiful "end product" below and all other pictures on following page).

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine's main phone number is (734-281-1445). The Answering machine is always updated with our events and allows a secondary number for you to call if you need more information or assistance.

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA  
SHRINE PHOTOS

Helping volunteers: Flo Biundo, MJ Favot, Mickey Smith, John & Kathy Murray, Members of K of C and others, including; Dean & Michael Nowicki, Steven Kryskalla, Alex Hill, James DeSana III, Dan Boyer, Greg Keller, Tom Ouellette and Jim Piasecki of Piasecki Carpet Cleaning.

## What a Team! Care & Reverence

John & Kathy Murray



Flo Biundo



MJ Favot



Mickey Smith



Members of K of C & others



Good St Joseph, Thank You!