



# The Baltimore Beacon

The Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province

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## Provincial Ponderings



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In October of 1864, President Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring the fourth Thursday of November Thanksgiving Day. In his original proclamation he wrote:

“...I do further recommend to my fellow-citizens aforesaid that on that occasion they do reverently humble themselves in the dust and from thence offer up penitent and fervent prayers and supplications to the Great Disposer of Events for a return of the inestimable blessings of peace, union, and harmony throughout the land which it has pleased Him to assign as a dwelling place for ourselves and for our posterity throughout all generations.”

In March of the previous year, President Lincoln also declared a national day of prayer and fasting. In that proclamation, he wrote: “And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made

us! It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”

During the terrible plague of our country’s Civil War, President Lincoln urged our country never to forget the God who created us, the God who bestowed his blessings upon us, and the God who should always be deserving of our thanks. Lincoln challenged the nation to remember that God was with us during times of peace and blessings but also with us during times of struggle and war. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with our family and friends may we never forget the “gracious hand which preserved us ...” and may we never be “too proud to pray to the God that made us!” From all the Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province, may this Thanksgiving Day be a blessing to all of you and may we take time in the midst of our celebrating to give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow. Happy Thanksgiving (and a Blessed Advent in advance!)

*In the Spirit of the Redeemer,  
Paul J. Borowski, C.Ss.R.*

### Upcoming 2022/2023 Dates

**Tuesday, November 29 – Thursday, December 1, 2022:** Province Convocation at San Alfonso Retreat House; Long Branch, NJ [Thursday, December 1, 2022 will be Provincial Candidates Day].

**Monday, February 13 - Wednesday, February 15, 2023:** Province Retreat (Southeast Region) at St. Alphonsus Villa; New Smyrna Beach, FL. Anthony Gittins, CSSp, is the retreat director and the theme will be: “Missionary Discipleship.”

**Thursday, February 16, 2023:** Province Jubilee Celebration (Southeast Region).

**Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 17, 2023 and if necessary Monday, March 20 – Friday, March 24, 2023:** XVIII Baltimore Provincial Chapter at San Alfonso Retreat House; Long Branch, NJ.

**Tuesday, May 30 - Thursday, June 1, 2023:** Province Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House; Long Branch, NJ Anthony Gittins, CSSp, is the

retreat director and the theme will be: “Missionary Discipleship.”

**Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 11 a.m.** Province Jubilee Celebration: Mass & Luncheon at Sacred Heart of Jesus; Baltimore, MD.

**Tuesday, October 17 - Thursday, October 19, 2023:** Province Convocation at San Alfonso Retreat House; Long Branch, NJ. Anthony Gittins, CSSp is the presenter and the theme will be: “Intercultural Living.”

## Communications Updates

- Daily Audio Podcasts on the readings of the day may be found, in either Spanish or English, at [redemptorists.net](http://redemptorists.net).
- Weekly Video reflections on the upcoming Sunday readings (Cycle A) may be found on Facebook: [facebook.com/RedemptoristsBaltimore](https://facebook.com/RedemptoristsBaltimore) or YouTube: [youtube.com/BaltRedemptorists](https://youtube.com/BaltRedemptorists). These videos are released each Wednesday.
- Saturday, November 19th and December 17th: Online video service “Praying with the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.”

## Upcoming EPC Meetings

- Future EPC meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM until further notice:
- December 2nd (San Alfonso; Long Branch, NJ)
  - January 18th – 19th
  - February 8th – 9th

## Parish Mission Schedule

- Dec. 1-8, 2022: St. Michael in Long Branch, NJ
- Dec. 3-7, 2022: St. Joseph Catholic Church, Vinton, LA
- Dec. 8-15, 2022: Sacred Heart in South Plainfield, NJ
- Dec. 10-14, 2022: Holy Name Catholic Church, Nashville, TN
- Jan. 19-26, 2023: Sacred Heart in New Smyrna Beach, FL
- Jan. 21-25, 2023: St. Patrick Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL
- Feb. 2 -9, 2023: St. Vincent de Paul in Holiday, FL
- Feb. 9-16, 2023: St. Martha in Sarasota, FL
- Feb. 11-15, 2023: Resurrection Catholic Church, Allenton, WI
- Feb. 23-Mar. 2, 2023: St. Columba in Hopewell Junction, NY
- Feb. 25-March 1, 2023: St. Edmund Catholic Church, Lafayette, LA
- Mar. 2-9, 2023: St. Mary in Dumont, NJ
- March 4-8, 2023: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Lafayette, LA
- March 11-15, 2023: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Shrub Oak, NY
- Mar. 23-30, 2023: St. Bede in Williamsburg, VA
- March 25-29, 2023: St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, The Villages, FL
- April 1-4, 2023: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Rock Lake, ND
- April 15-19, 2023: Holy Name Catholic Church, Nashville, TN
- April 29-May 3, 2023: Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Landsdale, PA
- May 13-16, 2023: Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Johnsonburg, PA
- June 3-7, 2023: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staten Island, NY
- June 11-17, 2023: Sisters of Saint Joseph Conference Retreat, Erie, PA
- June 14-27, 2023, Our Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Ephrata, PA
- July 15-19, 2023, Our Lady of the Cape Catholic Church, Sandwich, MA
- July 22-26, 2023, St. Pius X Catholic Church, Yarmouth, MA

## A Carolina Recovery

Post-Covid Pandemic say “Hello” to Fr. Fabio Marin Morales, C.Ss.R, from the Province of Bogota, Columbia,

who is stationed in the Baltimore Province in the Redemptorist

community of St. James the Greater/ St. Joseph in Concord/Kannapolis, NC. Fr. Fabio has lived and served



Fabio Marin Morales, C.Ss.R.

here for 8 years and has helped our communities to navigate the challenges of Covid and the hard work of helping different cultures build bridges of trust and faith. We still treat Covid as a serious problem, but we have “opened up our doors” for pastoral ministry, and the rebirth of important pastoral and communal projects and programs that build community and foster faith and volunteerism. We have moved beyond the pandemic strategies of Zoom and distancing, to “hands on” ministry with the help of Parish Councils, staff (C.Ss.R. and laity), and faithful parishioners who are willing to be generous stewards and volunteers.



BBQ preparation

Many good and faithful people have helped us “reset” after the pandemic. The English-speaking members of our community have responded to the call of “reengagement” and renewed volunteerism. We have resurrected parish events like our barbecue as a

fundraiser and community builder. We have learned through the years that we can evangelize even with the simplest of means like barbecue!

And with that in mind, I intentionally mention and cite the ministry of Fr. Fabio. Fr. Fabio has impressed us with his expertise in working with and guiding our Hispanic brothers and sisters in both of our parishes.

The summer of 2022 began with our Parish Festival at St. James in early June. This event has been one of our largest and most successful gatherings for years. Largely directed and staffed by our Hispanic members, hundreds gathered to celebrate with food, games, shows, and cultural folklore. Singers, dancers, and theatre moved our spirits. Fr. Fabio is always the Master of Ceremonies and reminds us of a seasoned game-show host.

At St. Joseph parish in Kannapolis, under the direction of Fr. Fabio, there has been an almost unbelievable physical renewal of all the buildings. Fr. Fabio understands that culturally the issue of stewardship is unique among the Hispanics. Many of the

countries and cultures that our people come from do not have the “envelope, internet giving programs” that we are so used to here. Rather, they focus more on time and talent as their preferred means of stewardship. Food sales, raffles, festivals, and special charitable collections raise an amazing amount of support. And with Fr. Fabio’s special gift for fostering benefactors (Padrinos), the people of our parishes gladly volunteer their time and talents for maintenance projects and the renewal of our buildings. All the buildings at St. Joseph parish have undergone major renovations and

the labor to do the work was donated completely by parishioners. The only cost was materials, and some of those were donated as well. The hands-on approach of Fr. Fabio, combined with the call to volunteerism has produced an amazing “face lift” of St. Joseph parish. The spirit of the parish and the sense of ownership has truly grown and improved during Fr. Fabio’s ministry. A wonderful spirit of generosity has been elicited from the members that would not have happened if we had just continued in our historical approach of “paternalism.” It reminds us of the teaching, “You can give a man a fish or you can teach him how to fish.” Ownership leads to commitment and service.

A fun event and fundraiser is being held at the time of the writing of this article. Today, we celebrate the annual Tamale Festival. Tamales, from almost all our Hispanic cultures, have been prepared at home and brought to the Church for sale. Again, it is not just a fundraiser, but a community event that fosters volunteerism and stewardship.

As our parishes have weathered the storms of Covid, we have also grown in our commitment to stewardship and our call to serve the poor, the sick, and the needy. St. James has developed a terrific ministry of gathering and giving out food for the hungry by way of offerings and a food bank. Parishioners, no matter their native tongue, regularly donate food and volunteer their time to running the food bank. We also collect new and used clothing for a clothing bank that we have here at St. James. Both parishes have volunteers who go regularly to local food chains to gather food that would be thrown out. This food is given out after Masses in both parishes so that our people who have food insecurities



## A Carolina Recovery, Continued



Construction repairs

might find relief. Both parishes have restarted their sacramental outreach to the homebound and the sick shut-ins. Many of our parishioners have commented that it is nice to be back — back to liturgy, back to ministry, back to faith formation, back to social outreach and volunteerism, back to living out the Gospel that sends us on mission. Carolina is in the midst

of recovery, and we thank God for His healing power and Spirit which empowers us anew.

*Jerome Chevarria, C.Ss.R.*

## Marriage Retreat at Immaculate Conception, Clinton, NC



Participants of Marriage Retreat

On the weekend of October 15-16, Immaculate Conception Church in Clinton, NC, offered to our parishioners and those of San Juan Mission in Ingold its first Retreat for Married Couples (whether by canonical, civil, and even “common-

law” marriages). The retreat experience was directed by one of the apostolic groups within the Hispanic Ministry, aptly called Misioneros, that also direct our bi-annual Taller Pre-Matrimonial for those who are engaged to be married or merely contemplating that possibility.

The retreat was developed by our sister Redemptorist parish, Saint James the Greater in Concord, NC, where I served as Pastor prior to this present assignment. It arose out of the common retreat experience

that both parishes now share, Cristo Renueva Su Parroquia (which is the Hispanic version of ChRP—Christ Renews His Parish). The Misioneros made a journey one weekend some months ago to receive formation in the particular mystique and exercises of this retreat, closely modeled on the type of spiritual practices and activities which characterize Cristo Renueva Su Parroquia. This they faithfully reproduced, and to great effect. At the closing Mass at midday in the Parish the testimonies that the experience elicited were powerful and moving. Although only twelve couples ventured forth on this occasion into the unknown, we are now confident that many more will dispose themselves of its blessings and graces in the months and years ahead.

*Joseph Dionne, C.Ss.R.*

## Halloween at Immaculate Conception, NC

Halloween weekend was a busy time at Immaculate Conception Church in Clinton, NC, and our Mission in nearby Ingold. On Saturday afternoon, October 29, the First Communion students staged a Trunk O’ Treat activity with biblical scenes in the parking lot of ICC. The creativity

and enthusiasm of the students and their parents was on full display. It made for a fun and entertaining day, and a fitting homage to our Heroes of the Faith.

On the following day, October 30, the Familia Misionera: Apóstoles

de la Palabra from Immaculate Conception in Clinton journeyed to our Mission church of San Juan in Ingold to initiate a new group that has been formed there. This Institute of Apostolic Life, with roots in Mexico from the latter part of last century, is devoted to apologetics achieved

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*Halloween Weekend, Immaculate Conception, Continued*



Scenes from Trunk or Treat

through the Scriptures. There are about 40 members in the chapter in the mother church and now another 12 in the Mission. The Diocesan Director is a parishioner at ICC.

Finally, on Halloween itself, Children's Rosary devoted the evening to a recitation of the Rosary with the Saints. Each of the participants was dressed as a Saint or an Angel with the appropriate costume. A short, animated film of the life of the Saints was broadcasted on a screen set up in the church parking lot. And, of course, there was an abundance of candy for all child participants!

*Joseph Dionne, C.Ss.R.*



Children's Rosary (above), Apóstoles de la Palabra (below)



**Updates from Sacred Heart, New Smyrna Beach, FL**



Jim McCabe with "John Lennon and Yoko Ono"

The structures on the campus survived with minimal damage from the storm. Several of our parishioners' homes were flooded by Hurricane Ian, but our parishioners remain ever resilient.

Cleanup was not easy but our staff and volunteers are outstanding! Without their help, cleanup would still be ongoing. They worked well as a team and the property is clean and safe. School was out for several days. Up north they have snow days –

down here in sunny Florida we have hurricane days!

The faculty and students at Sacred Heart School returned to the classroom with the spirit of the risen Jesus. The school mascot is the eagle, and our faculty and students are soaring to great success.

For Halloween the Parent Teacher Organization organized a "trunk or treat." Parents volunteered to decorate their vehicle trunk in a Halloween theme and distribute candy to the trick or treaters. John Lennon and Yoko Ono made an appearance as did ghouls and

ghosts, and many more.

Sacred Heart School celebrated All Saints Day with each grade. Pre-k through eighth grade exhibited saints. The eighth-grade students acted as living saints – that is they memorize a brief history of a Saint, including Redemptorist Saints. On their hands they had green and red stick-on buttons. You pressed the green button, and they recited a brief history of the



All Saints Day Celebration



Saint. A truly uplifting experience.

Saint Vincent de Paul society continues to serve the needs of over 140 people a week by delivering food and other essentials to people requiring assistance. Our volunteers are noteworthy in their dedication. The Saint Vincent de Paul society is based at our mission church – St. Gerard.

Now that snowbirds are returning, bingo is once again gaining momentum. Bingo is an important source of funds for the parish and provides an evening of fun for around 100 people during snowbird season. Our volunteers who run bingo are dedicated, and without them there would no bingo.

Overall Sacred Heart and St. Gerard provide a Christ-filled environment of care and concern for the poor and most abandoned. Our school and parishioners also exemplify plentiful redemption.

*Jim McCabe, C.Ss.R.*

## Redemptorist Hospitality at Our Lady of the Hills, SC

As Redemptorists we recognize that we are called to cooperate wholeheartedly with the Local Church as its pastoral program requires (GS 04). Here at Our Lady of the Hills we are involved in a ministry of hospitality to several groups and ministries of the Charleston Diocese. Our location makes our parish ideal for diocesan gatherings. We are a half of a mile from the intersection of I-20 and I-26. We are an hour from Rock Hill in the north and Aiken in the south. We are an hour and a half from Charleston and about the same distance as Greenville in the northwest. People have been appreciative that we have been so welcoming.



Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

Each third weekend of the month we host the Permanent Deacon Formation Program for the Diocese.

We are not directly involved in the program and classes, but many of the men in formation attend our Saturday evening Mass and come to us for confession. We also assist some of the local men in the formation program with spiritual direction. On October 15th in our church, the new Bishop of Charleston, Bishop Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS, celebrated the rites of admission to candidacy, installation of lectors and acolytes for those called to be permanent deacons in the Charleston Diocese.

We also host four Cursillo weekends a year. Our parish center becomes the “Our Lady of the Hills Hilton” for the weekend. We assist by celebrating Mass for the team and candidates and by offering reconciliation during the three-day retreat. Fr. Sousa who has been involved with the Cursillo movement for the past 10 years regularly offers the talk on the Sacraments. It has been a tremendous help to the Cursillo movement to have us minister to them as we fulfill our Redemptorist call to help people in their ongoing conversion, to intensify their apostolic activity, and to inspire them to live their special vocation more fully in the Church.



Fr. Peter Sousa offering spiritual direction to David Shinn, a deacon candidate from a neighboring parish.

Our parish recently had the one-day Diocesan Prison Ministry conference, which Fr. Mike Koncik actively participated in. We host the quarterly Hispanic Ministry meeting of the diocese in which Fr. Peter Sousa and Fr. Blas Caceres participate in with the laity, sisters, deacons, and priests involved in this ministry. We will soon be hosting the Emmaus retreat leadership group from the diocese as well as the Advent retreat for the Hispanic young adult community from various parishes.

Hosting these and other groups, in addition to our parish ministry, does keep us busy. Our hospitality has given people in the diocese a sense of who the Redemptorists are and allowed us to let our charism be a

positive influence on the diocese. Because of what we have contributed to the diocese for the past ninety-eight years and especially in these past seven years at Our Lady of the Hills, many are deeply saddened by our upcoming departure. Redemptorists have made an impact on the Diocese of Charleston by promoting “plentiful redemption for all.”

***Our Lady of the Hills evangelization team goes out to evangelize.***

In October, the Spanish-speaking evangelization team from our Lady of the Hills went out on two weekends to lead evangelization retreats in two South Carolina parishes — St. James in Conway and St. Mark’s in Newberry, South Carolina. Both Fathers Caceres and Sousa helped at the evangelization retreat in Newberry.

Our Lady of the Hills Spanish-speaking parishioners have been involved in evangelization programs for many years under the guidance of a team from Atlanta and Father Gustavo Corredor, a Charleston priest who previously led the Hispanic ministry at Our Lady of the Hills. Now that the Hispanic community at Our Lady of the Hills has matured and developed as disciples, they are called to evangelize others. For the past three years, under the leadership of Fr. Blas Caceres and the parish lay leaders, they have continued the evangelization process in the parish and have begun reaching out



The evangelization team with Fr. Blas prior to the St. Mark’s Newberry retreat

to other parishes. It is amazing how this missionary activity is growing and bringing lapsed Catholics or those on the margins to a fuller life of faith.

*Peter Sousa, C.Ss.R.*

## Updates from St. Vincent and the Grenadines

On May 23, 1965, the cornerstone of the original Catholic Church in Sandy Bay was laid. Overlooking the vast waters beyond its perch, the church opened under the patronage of Mary, Star of the Sea. Some years later, after having served the community well, but battered significantly by the elements, the church site was moved to a newly built two-story structure. The ground floor serves as a gathering space, while the upper room serves as the worshipping space. With the move, the church retained the same name.

As many readers will recall, the present church structure was severely damaged by the La Soufriere volcanic eruptions of April 2021. For the better part of the past year, Mass and services have been held in the original church building and in the outside pavilion on the premises. The site was restored

with funds from the Redemptorist (Baltimore Province) Mission Foundation, and now serves as a market for the community. A change of venue for worship was necessitated by the destruction of the church roof.

Previous articles have told the story of the extensive damage there and the work of reconstruction. The raising of the new roof has now been accomplished, as illustrated in earlier issues of this newsletter. Dedicated members of the community and beyond, who have risen to the task of rebuilding, have been highlighted and commended. Many hands have



“Before” image of the destruction of the Church structure

brought new life to the project as restoration of the church has progressed during the past year. The process has been long and somewhat arduous. But with the grace of God and good people involved, and again with the support of the Province Mission Foundation, the labor has been one of love.





“After” images of repairs done to the Church structure

figuratively, as there are none in place yet – a new name will be given to the Church. After some reflection and prayer, discussion by the Redemptorist community, consultation with unanimous consent by parishioners, and the gracious approval of Bishop Gerard County, C.S.Sp., the Sandy Bay Roman Catholic Church will henceforth be known as, and under the patronage of, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Persons familiar with the Redemptorists will know that Mary, under that title, is an integral part of the mission. Where Redemptorists go, the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help goes. Her image is venerated in major cities across the world and in the remotest of villages; she is enshrined in magnificent Basilicas and in the humblest of chapels; she is the face of novena prayer booklets in countless languages of the tongue and the heart.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is known to saints and sinners, paupers, princes, and peasants, the urbane and unlettered. Wherever the Icon is found, so are many blessings for those who, whomever they may be, call upon her most powerful name. Now, in one more corner of the world – simple and small as it may be – Our Lady of Perpetual Help will continue to be made known. And, as she is, her profound impact on the lives of parishioners and pilgrims will know no bounds.

*Kevin R. Murray, C.Ss.R.*

One person who has been with the efforts every day, indeed every moment, is Mary, the mother of God. Known in a special way through devotion fostered by Redemptorists, Mary is indeed Our Lady of Perpetual Help. She has been a constant source of encouragement, inspiration, and strength as the work of rebuilding – not only a structure, but faith and hope – has progressed. She has been and continues to be a channel of grace from her Son, leading the way to the reopening of the church.

A date has been set for that long-anticipated day: December 8; the Feast

of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The interior restoration is nearly complete. Bright new lights are ready to illuminate the sacred space. The altar and ambo have been meticulously constructed and mahogany-stained by a local parishioner and are ready for installment; they will be blessed at the opening Mass. A tabernacle is in the works, as will be a new presider’s chair for liturgies. New doors will be hung this month and the floor cleaned and polished. All leading up to a fitting celebration slated for the Solemnity mentioned above.

When the bells ring that day – at least

## Redemptorist Associate Enrollment, St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage, NY

Presented as an opportunity to positively stimulate and revitalize the Congregation, restructuring for mission was first formally recommended at the 21st General

Chapter. The realities of the world and of our Congregation reinforced the importance of this initiative and to that end, years of prayerful discernment, discussion, preparation

and planning have resulted in the difficult decisions of withdrawing from ministry at structures where the Redemptorists have served. After 33 years of loving service, the Baltimore

Province returned the pastoral care of the Parish of St. Martin of Tours [St. Martin], Bethpage, New York, to the Diocese of Rockville Centre in August 2019. Of course, we grieved the loss of the Redemptorists from our parish, but we were also so grateful to have received countless blessings and graces from the experience of being in parish and mission with the Redemptorists.

Recognizing that we embodied the richness of Redemptorist spirituality and charism, nurtured over decades of Redemptorist ministry in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, we prayed for a way to creatively repurpose the value and importance of these fruits.

I had the honor of joining Fr. Francis Gargani, CSsR, at the North American Secretariat for Partners in Mission [PIM] Workshop at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in November 2019. As I interacted with the various professed Redemptorists, Lay Missionaries of the Most Holy Redeemer, and Redemptorist Associates, I recognized myself and my fellow parishioners. With creative fidelity, I realized that Partners in Mission could be the way for a transitioned parish to maintain a modified, but continued relationship with the Redemptorists, despite the absence of daily interactions with the Redemptorists to which we were accustomed. Grateful for the approval and support of our new Diocesan pastor, I began the process of promoting and organizing a post-transition PIM circle at St. Martin. The PIM circle at St. Martin has been meeting monthly for just short of



Redemptorist Associate Enrollees from Bethpage, NY, pictured above

three years. I continue to work with Fr. Francis as the Baltimore Province PIM Committee Lay Co-coordinator and our Province Lay Coordinator to the North American Secretariat for PIM, which led to the unique opportunity of my participation as one of three lay vocals at Phase I of the 26th General Chapter and our Conference Assembly.

Our post-transition involvement with the Redemptorists has been an organically unfolding experience as we continue to share Redemptorist spirituality at St. Martin. Our monthly PIM meetings are opportunities for faith sharing and prayer as we reflect on Redemptorist Saints and Blesseds or an aspect of Redemptorist Spirituality. Our PIM group spent the day in community with the Redemptorists at Immaculate Conception in the Bronx, New York, assisting the Missionary Sisters of Charity at their shelter and soup kitchen, concluding the day with a Mass back at the church. We collaborate with the Vocation Directors to create a vocation prayer ritual where each member of our PIM circle prays for and has the opportunity to correspond with a

particular Redemptorist student. During Covid lockdown, we initiated two different movements to collect electronic devices so that hospitalized and isolated Covid-19 patients could communicate virtually with their loved ones – this initiative had the support of our Diocese as it was promoted in its newsletter as well. During Advent and Lent, PIM members facilitate Morning Prayer for the parish and always incorporate aspects of His plentiful redemption when offering brief reflections on the readings. Three evenings of Novena prayers and a feast day Mass continue to be hosted for the Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. The tradition of an annual Mass and individual blessings with relic for the Feast Day of St. Gerard has also continued; we advertise our St. Gerard Mass in the local paper so we reach a broader community and the Mass is always well attended. To learn more about our PIM circle and to view my witness video, please go to <https://www.smtbethpage.org/parish-life/partners-in-mission>

We credit the Holy Spirit for all of the blessings that helped foster our continued presence in the Redemptorist Family. Grace finds



many ways to be present, regardless of circumstances. There is so much gratitude that needs to be expressed as the PIM at St. Martin did not accomplish our work in isolation. We are thankful that in all of our interactions, a loop of grace exists with our Redemptorist Family – what God has given, and has been received, was passed forward to others. We treasure that an extended and global Redemptorist Family so generously offered its support, encouragement and prayers as we created and continue to grow the PIM circle here at St. Martin. Thank you, all.

On Sunday, October 16, 2022, the Feast of St. Gerard Majella, our Redemptorist Associate Enrollment Ceremony was celebrated by Fr. Francis at the 12 noon St. Martin of Tours Parish Sunday Mass. Fr.

Francis enrolled 14 new Redemptorist Associates who spent several years preparing for this moment; each received a Certificate of Enrollment and a Redemptorist mission cross. At the conclusion of Mass, Fr. Francis blessed the St. Gerard Majella/OLPH medals and literature that were distributed as part of the ritual of the individual blessings with the relic of St. Gerard Majella for those seeking pregnancy, adoption, or a safe delivery. Our Enrollment Ceremony Mass can be viewed at [https://youtu.be/lxN9\\_jNq6fE](https://youtu.be/lxN9_jNq6fE) [Fr. Francis' homily begins at 19:10 and the enrollment ceremony begins at 36:27.] A luncheon followed at our St. Alphonsus Hall to celebrate the enrollment of our Redemptorist Associates. St. Martin's pastor and associate priests joined us for the luncheon and our pastor led us in prayer before the meal.

In his message for the Feast of St. Gerard Majella, our new Superior General, Fr. Rogério Gomes, CSsR, wrote: "In the Congregation, there is space and mission for the Religious Priest, Brother, and laity. We are a missionary body with an incredible force of evangelization if we unite our strengths with the necessary creativity to announce the "copiosa apud eum redemptio" in this historical moment that God has given us." As the newest Redemptorist Associates in the Congregation, this is our prayer. May Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Saint Alphonsus, our Redemptorist Saints and Blesseds accompany us forward on this journey.

*Lucy Burich McNamara  
Baltimore Province PIM Co-coordinator*

## Healing Ministry Returns In Person, Boston, MA

THE HEALING & RESTORATION MINISTRY

# IN PERSON HEALING SERVICE

Celebrant Fr. Anthony Michalik, CSsR  
Director, The Healing & Restoration Ministry

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26  
2:00PM  
(THANKSGIVING WEEKEND)**

Our Lady Of Perpetual Help - Mission Church  
1545 Tremont St  
Boston, MA. 02120  
(Accessible to all)  
617-516-0371  
[healingministry@bostonsbasilica.com](mailto:healingministry@bostonsbasilica.com)

## WE WELCOME YOU!

BE STRONG AND LET YOUR HEART TAKE COURAGE  
-PSALM 27-

- Meditations
- The Word of God and Reflection
- Co- Apostles Prayer
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Salutaris Hostia
- Tantum Ergo
- Divine Praises
- Anointing/Laying of Hands
- Music
- Final Blessing

Kindly visit [bostonsbasilica.com](http://bostonsbasilica.com) for more information on how to attend. Contact Julia at (617) 516 0371 or [healingministry@bostonsbasilica.com](mailto:healingministry@bostonsbasilica.com) for any questions or concerns.

**We have returned!**

The Healing and Restoration Ministries new Director Fr. Anthony Michalik, C.Ss.R., and Coordinator Julia Collins welcome all to the historic Healing Service. Our first post-pandemic in-person Healing Service! Please join us on Thanksgiving weekend, Saturday November 26 at 2 p.m. in the Basilica in Boston, MA.



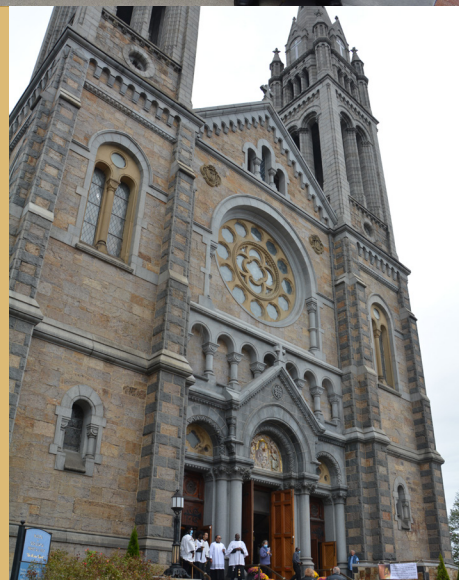
## Redemptorist Celebrations



Fr. Tom celebrated his 79th birthday on October 30, 2022 in Ephrata, PA.



Mission Church in Boston celebrated 150 years on October 2, 2022, with a special Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley. The celebration was originally planned to be held in 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic.



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