



# The Marian Messenger

Bi-monthly Newsletter of the Sodality of Our Lady

*“Mary, Our First Disciple, Show Us The Way To Jesus”*

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## Prefect's Perspective

How can it be? May, and with it, the Easter Season, will soon be over. While we will be back to living in ordinary time, our lives will be far from ordinary. After all, how can anyone's life be ordinary when our Savior, Jesus Christ, died and was raised from the dead so that all of us would have the opportunity to live for eternity with God, our Father, in Heaven?

Proof of how extraordinary our lives are can be seen right here in the pages of this newsletter. Through our prayers, our actions and in the very way we choose the things of God over the things of the world, we follow the footsteps of our Blessed Mother Mary. As she did, we too prepare the way for the Lord.

As long as what we do is motivated by our faith in God, our hope in the salvation offered by Jesus' death and resurrection, and our love for God and one another, then everything we do will be extraordinary. So as summer approaches let us pray that all we do will be a beacon to others. Have an extraordinary summer everyone!

Cindy Perry

## Important Dates:

- June 9** EOY Mass & Banquet
- June 19** Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 20** Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary
- June 28** 8:00am Sodality Mass
- July 10** News Articles Due
- July 26** 8:00am Sodality Mass  
July News Published
- Aug 11** EC mtg. @ 7:00pm

## The Year of Paul

As we come to the close of the Year of Paul, I thought I would take time to reflect on some of the new perspectives I learned about this Apostle of the Gentiles.

First, at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sodality Union, I was shown how to think of St. Paul as a spiritual director. His conversion on the road to Damascus resulted in 8 years of formation as a Christian in the Muslim city of Acaba. The guest speaker, Father Paul Mast of St. Gertrude's Monastery, Washington, DC, points out that there is an increasing number of Catholics seeking spiritual direction today. Through prayer and contemplation we can develop our relationship with God, but we must not neglect our need for spiritual direction in community.

At the end of March, I had the good fortune of attending a conference, at Mount St. Mary's College, on the teaching and mission of St. Paul with guest speakers Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. Brant Pitre. Dr. Scott Hahn emphasized that Paul's conversion was not a conversion from one religion to another, but rather, a conversion into a deep relationship with our Lord. In his letters, Paul shows us how the truth of conversion is ever deepening, ever growing, every day, especially through the Eucharist.

To learn more about St. Paul, visit Dr. Hahn's website at [www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com) or [www.SalvationHistory.com](http://www.SalvationHistory.com).

Mary Wade

## Spring Fling Set for June 9th

Make your reservations now to attend the Sodality's end of season Mass and banquet on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Father Tappe will be the celebrant at our Mass, which will begin at 5:00 p.m. Father will induct three new members into our Sodality; **Candace Culhane, Meg Kaplan, and Laurie Njoku**. Our banquet will follow and this year we have chosen the Greenbelt Marriott on Ivy Lane as the site for our spring fling. Cleopatra White, who graciously volunteered to plan this event, is standing by to accept your reservations for the dinner. There will be great food, fantastic friends and lots of fun. Don't miss this opportunity to be pampered and to celebrate our Sodality's accomplishments. The price of the dinner is \$33.00 which covers your meal, iced tea, dessert, taxes and gratuity.

## Sodality Supports Parish & School Fundraisers

During April and May, our members were seen helping with several school fundraisers, to include the Silent Auction, the Mother's Day Bake Sale, the Right to Life Flower Sale and the School Talent Show. At each event, our members had a noticeable presence and contributed in ways big and small.

In June, the Bazaar Committee will be sponsoring a rummage sale. Once again, our Sodalists will be helping with that effort. The St. Hugh's Fundraising committee has announced that it will sponsor a Shrimp Fest on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Sodalists will be providing desserts for that event.

Additional fund raising activities to benefit our parish and school are in the planning stage for the summer months, to include a family fair on July 4th. Sodalists are encouraged to watch the bulletin and their email for more information on how they can help support these efforts.

## Junior Sodality News

We were happy to welcome our two Junior Sodalists at our April 26th General Meeting. Erin and Lisa Donn are both high school students and nieces of Sodalist Beth Osborne.

They were eager to get involved in their new ministry and volunteered to help sell the Right-to-Life carnations on Mothers' Day. We used that time to plan our events for May and June. They even had their own idea for an Apostolic project for next year.

We will be making a pilgrimage to the National Shrine on Sunday, May 24th and will be available to help with the Rummage Sale on Sunday, June 14th.

Our next big goal is to increase our membership. One of their ideas for increasing membership, involves sharing their enthusiasm for the Junior Sodality on Facebook.

## Prayer Corner

Please remember in your prayers all the intentions listed in the Sodality Prayer book found at the entrance of St. Hugh's Church. Also remember to pray for the following people and their families:

**Pat Cantwell**—a past member and officer of the Sodality; may she rest in peace

**Csilla Lucket**—was the mother of our seminarian, Chip Lockett; may she rest in peace

**Margaret Kivlin**—as she recovers from her surgery and cancer

**John Solari**—a member of the St. Hugh's Fundraising Committee who is also battling cancer.

**Richard Winfrey**—may he rest in peace. He was the father of John Winfrey, another member of the St. Hugh's Fundraising Committee

**Peggy Compton**—injured her shoulder in a fall at home.

For our **graduates from St. Hugh school** and for all graduates from high school and college, that they will use the lessons they have learned for the glory and honor of God.

For those who are **newly married or who will be married** soon—that their bond will be a reflection of God's enduring love for them.

**For our school**—that it will flourish and grow so that we can continue to provide our children a quality education that builds strong moral values and teaches them to live their Catholic faith each day.

**“BEAR  
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## The Gift of The Lord's Prayer

Several of our Sodalists attended the recent Palm Sunday weekend retreat at the Washington Retreat House. Rev. Paul Henry was the retreat director. One of the reflections that he shared with the attendees was on the Lord's Prayer. Marti Galvin graciously shared her notes with us.

In thinking about Jesus Christ when he went into the garden to pray...The apostles said "Lord, teach us how to pray...Jesus prayed to "Abba...this means "Father." In Jewish custom this term is used by children until age 10 years. It is an intimate term of a child and yet, Jesus uses this term. He said, "This is how you are to pray to God..."

### **"Our Father, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come..."**

Christ's mission was to bring us the Kingdom of God; the Kingdom comes in little ways—in giving drink to those who are thirsty and in feeding those who are hungry—being God's hands and His feet and doing works of mercy.

### **"...Thy will be done..."**

This is Christ doing the will of "Abba...who sent me."

### **"...on Earth as it is in Heaven..."**

So we are not alone here but there is a "whole army of others, angels whom we are joining, others already adoring God as we begin to pray.

### **"...Give us this day our daily bread..."**

This is not manna or like the bread from the store that was for our bodily nourishment, but rather Spiritual Bread, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Christ the Host. He is saying come, be nourished. "I will give you my Body and Blood." This was blood being shed for us in the Passion. He sweat blood because He loves me and He loves you. Go aside, pray with Jesus whom we can accompany, being with him as He gives himself so completely. Be with Mary as she hears her Son, dying on the Cross, call out the Psalms that she and Joseph taught their beautiful Jewish son as he grew up in age and beauty, "Eloi, Eloi, lemma sabachtani.

### **"...Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..."**

Now here is the HOOK...To say this prayer, you must be merciful to others as our Heavenly Father is when he forgives us. Forgive others, as we make our plea to be forgiven.

### **"...and lead us not into temptation..."**

God, prevent us from being in the wrong places.

Father Henry asked, "Does not this prayer belong to the people; this is the Eucharistic Prayer of the people of God? This is the prayer taught to the Apostles by Jesus Christ, a prayer that we say altogether. How bold it is for us to say this prayer that is a gift from Jesus to me and to you."

## ANYWAY

*People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered,*

**LOVE THEM ANYWAY**

*If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives,*

**DO GOOD ANYWAY**

*If you are successful, you win false and true friends,*

**SUCCEED ANYWAY**

*The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow,*

**DO GOOD ANYWAY**

*Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable,*

**BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY**

*What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight,*

**BUILD ANYWAY**

*People really need help but may attack you if you help them,*

**HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY**

*Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth,*

**GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST**

**YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY.**

--Anonymous

## May, June, and July Birthdays:



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| Margaret Kivlin     | June 6  |
| Mame Ellis          | June 11 |
| Suzanne Lomax       | June 24 |
| Mary Ellen McGovern | July 20 |



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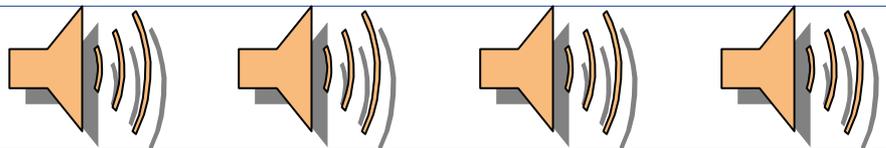
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**Apostolic Life Ideas for the summer:**

1. Go to Mass. If you are away, use [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find a church nearby.
2. Consider volunteering at SOME. The Knights often have trouble finding volunteers to help with serving food.
3. Consider taking the youth protection class and getting finger-printed to volunteer to help out our youth. You need to take a class called "Protecting God's Children for Adults". There are 2 classes in June and another in August. Details at [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org)
4. Consider becoming an EM. There is a workshop Saturday June 27 (Father Tappe is one of the hosts) at Nativity Parish on Georgia Ave in DC.
5. All Shades of Pink is in need of persons willing to donate crocheted (or knitted) pink (all shades) and white comfort blankets which are presented to breast cancer patients at Doctors Community Hospital (Lanham, Maryland). These blankets can be made in the comfort of your home and at your convenience. They will arrange pickup. Details at <http://allshadesofpink.org>
6. Prince George's County Department of Social Services collects school supplies for children in transitional housing and homeless shelters. Details, call 301-909-6319.
7. Maryland National Capital Park and Planning commission is always looking for volunteers. They need volunteers in arts and culture, environment and nature, history and museums, youth development, sports, and working with people with disabilities. Details at [http://www.pgparcs.com/things/volunteer\\_indiv.html](http://www.pgparcs.com/things/volunteer_indiv.html)
8. The Retired Senior and Volunteer Program of Prince George's County recruits volunteers to mentor and tutor students in the schools, support and provide service to community and government agencies, help seniors with computer skills, assist with food preparation in Senior Centers, visit homebound, assist seniors with health insurance claims, act as tax counselors and provide telephone support to the homebound. Details at 301-265-8450.
9. Ask Father Tappe what you can do to help the parish and school.



**Suzanne Lomax**  
**Apostolic Life Committee Chairwoman**



**Reminder:**

Our lector for the **June 28th Mass** will be **Kathleen McFarland**.  
The gift bearers are **Mary Ellen McGovern** and **Joanne Kellaheer**.  
Flowers for the BVM statue will be donated by **Marti Galvin**.

Our lector for the **July 26th Mass** will be **Mary Wade**.  
The gift bearers are **Marguerite Kincius** and **Cathy Holcombe**.  
Flowers for the BVM statue will be donated by **Marguerite and Cathy**.